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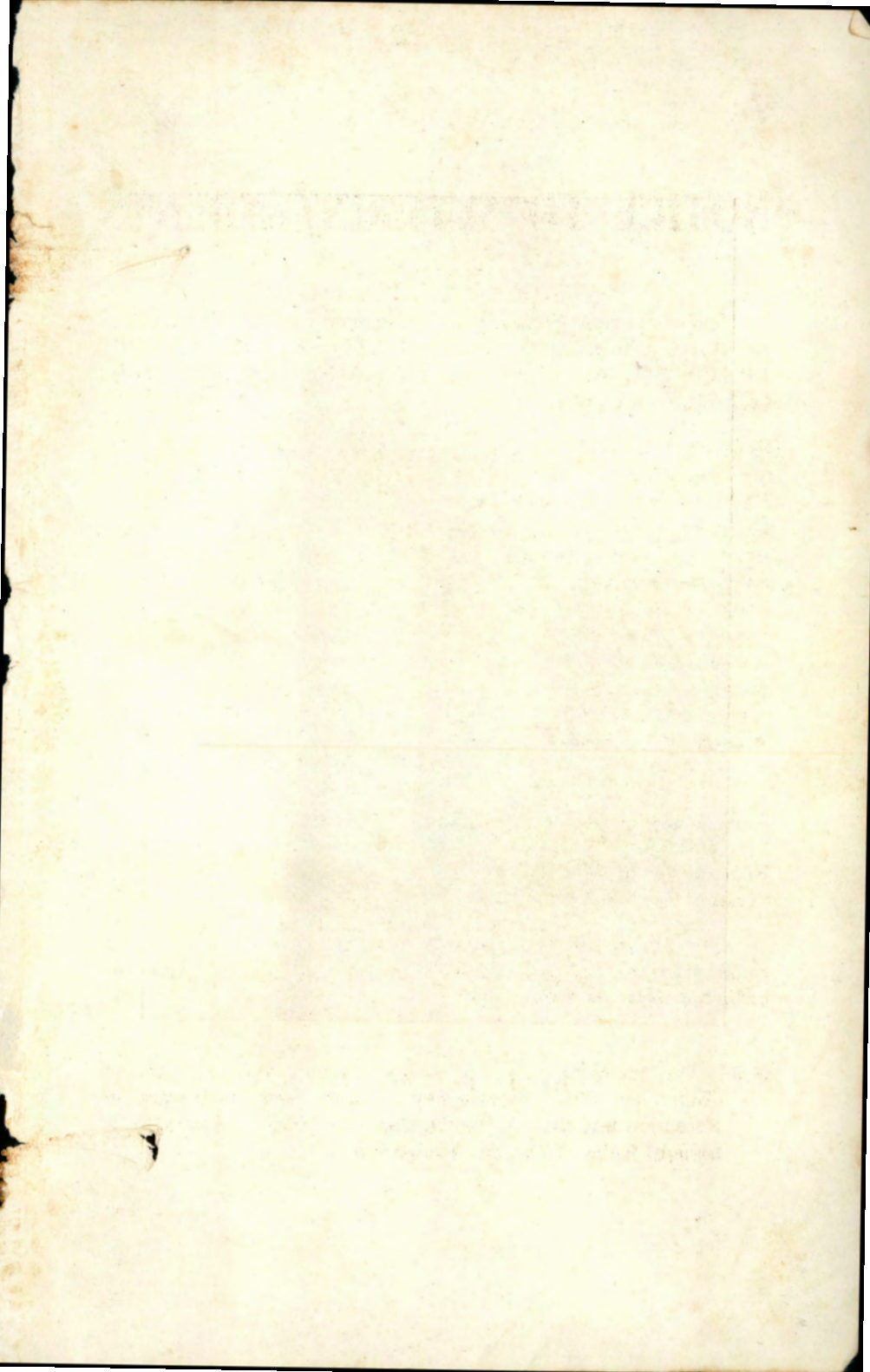
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"The Missions in Australia, Van Diemen's Land, the Friendly Islands and Feejee" were constituted by the British Conference of 1854 "a distinct Connexion, to be denominated 'The Australasian Wesleyan-Methodist Connexion,' with an Annual Conference, 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

of the Australasian Wesleyan Methodist Church was held in 1874.

THE TWENTY-FOURTH NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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

THE FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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THE FIRST CONFERENCE

of the Methodist Church of New Zealand was held in 1913, separation from the General Conference of Australasia having become operative on January 1st of that year by declaration of the President of the General Conference.

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The Session was opened by the Rev. L. B. Neale, B.A., F.R.G.S., Retiring President, after which the Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A., was inducted to the Presidency.

Mr. Frank Penn was elected Vice-President, and was welcomed to that office by Mr. David J. Wesney, retiring Vice-President.

The Secretary, the Rev. W. G. Slade, M.A., was introduced, and took up his duties.

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 Robert Thornley, M.A., Dip.Soc.Sc.
 Arthur R. Witheford
 George E. Beckingsale
 H. Ian K. Hopper*
 Bert M. Tasker, B.A., Dip.Soc.Sc.*
 James S. Willoughby*
Maori Ministers—
 Eruera Te Tuhi
 Rakena P. Rakena
 Matarae Tauroa
 Matene Keepa

2.—LAY REPRESENTATIVES.

- (a) Vice-President of Conference, 1940, David J. Wesney.
 (b) Representatives of Circuits.

Auckland District.

Auckland Central	....	....	....	L. E. Rhodes
"	....	....	....	S. A. Bennett
"	....	....	....	H. B. Halstead
"	....	....	....	J. W. Shackelford

Auckland Central Mission	....	....	E. J. Hutson
Auckland West	....	....	H. Moses
Auckland East	....	....	J. F. Roberts
"	....	....	W. E. Burley, B.A.
"	....	....	W. Ambury
Auckland (Avondale)	....	....	G. W. Turley
"	....	....	J. E. Astley
Auckland (Devonport)	....	....	J. W. Cocks
Auckland (Takapuna)	....	....	J. C. Lewis
Auckland (Birkenhead)	....	....	A. Wilson
Onehunga	....	....	A. J. Pople
Otahuhu	....	....	A. Trenwith
Papakura	....	....	S. Evans
Pukekohe	....	....	R. C. Clark, M.A.
Waiuku	....	....	Miss E. Hosking
Helensville	....	....	J. B. Copeland
Mahurangi	....	....	F. D. Miller
Paparoa	....	....
Dargaville	....	....	F. Wordsworth
Ruawai	....	....
Whangarei	....	....	W. J. Court
Whangaroa	....	....	Mrs. A. E. Clow
Port Albert	....	....	H. Neal
Hikurangi	....	....
Kawakawa-Ohaeawai	....	....	Mrs. Clifford
Mangonui	....	....	J. Walton
Hokianga	....	....	Mrs. T. P. Lane

South Auckland District.

Thames	....	....
Hauraki Plains	....	....	Mrs. M. Shilton
Paeroa	....	....	G. H. Hill
Waihi	....	....	J. B. Beeche
Te Aroha	....	....	A. Zeigler
Morrinsville	....	....	P. K. Hight
Cambridge	....	....	R. J. Melville
Hamilton	....	....	Mrs. D. Bradley
Hamilton	....	....	C. Paterson
Hamilton East	....	....	W. Wheatley
Huntly	....	....	S. A. Clarke
Matamata	....	....	J. Woodcock
Putaruru	....	....	A. R. Vosper
Rotorua	....	....
Tauranga	....	....	W. P. Styles
Whakatane	....	....
Opotiki	....	....
Te Awamutu	....	....	G. R. Lawry
Otorohanga	....	....	W. F. Walters
Te Kuiti	....	....
Taumarunui	....	....	G. W. Sherson

Taranaki-Wanganui District.

New Plymouth	....	....	....	C. E. Bellringer
New Plymouth	....	....	....
Waitara	....	....	....	—, Christien
Stratford	....	....	....	A. L. Fox
Eltham-Kaponga	....	....	....
Hawera	....	....	....	S. J. Bennett
Manaia	....	....	....	H. J. Berry
Opunake	....	....	....	T. P. Hughson, Senr.
Wanganui	....	....	....
Wanganui North	....	....	....	Mrs. M. J. Harris
Gonville	....	....	....	B. S. Spurdle
Marton	....	....	....
Taihape	....	....	....

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District.

Napier	....	....	....	L. A. Davis,
				J. B. Finnemore
Napier	....	....	....
Hastings	....	....	....	P. E. Loach,
				W. H. Greenwood
Gisborne	....	....	....
Wairoa	....	....	....
Dannevirke	....	....	....	L. D. Bell
Woodville	....	....	....
Pahiatua	....	....	....	J. J. Boagey
Palmerston North (St. Paul's)	....	....	....
Palmerston North (Cuba Street)	....	....	....	F. Collis
Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe	....	....	....
Feilding	....	....	....	G. J. McVicar
Sanson-Rongotea	....	....	....	Mrs. M. E. Smith

Wellington District.

Wellington Central	H. E. Pacey
"	....	....	....	P. E. Pattrick
Wellington (Webb St.)	....	....	....	A. C. Barrington
Wellington (Thorndon)	....	....	....	W. A. Heath
"	....	....	....	R. E. Flaws
Wellington South	....	....	....	H. Smith
Wellington East	....	....	....	N. R. Seddon,
				Mrs. D. R. Williams
Wellington East	....	....	....
Johnsonville-Ngaio	....	....	....	W. J. Carman
Hutt	....	....	....	W. H. Johnston
				A. Swift
Petone	....	....	....	F. Lockwood
Greytown-Featherston	....	....	....
Carterton	....	....	....	W. Vaughan
Masterton	....	....	....	Mrs. H. Speight
Eketahuna	....	....	....
Levin	....	....	....	P. W. Goldsmith
Otaki	....	....	....

Nelson District.

Nelson	H. J. Savage
Richmond	....	....	....	R. Marshall
Wakefield-Dovedale	....	....	....
Motueka	....	....	....	E. S. Wratt
Blenheim	....	....	....	H. Oldham
"	....	....	....	Mrs. J. Millen
Reefton	....	....	....	Mrs. L. T. Norwell
Westport	....	....	....
Greymouth	....	....	....	R. J. Williams
Hokitika	....	....	....

North Canterbury District.

Christchurch (Durham Street)	....	....	J. E. Purchase
"	....	....	H. Bosomworth
Christchurch East	....	....	H. J. S. Harrington
"	....	....	Mrs. W. C. Francis
"	....	....	H. Harrington
Christchurch (Cambridge Terrace)	....	....
Christchurch (Woolston)	....	....	H. Jackson
Christchurch (Sydenham)	....	....
Christchurch (Addington)	....	....	J. H. Jones
Christchurch (Riccarton)	....	....	H. B. Moore
Christchurch (St. Albans)	....	....
"	....	....	R. Todhunter
Christchurch (Papanui)	....	....	C. Manhire
Lyttelton	....	....
Springston	....	....
Tai Tapu	....	....
Leeston	....	....	Miss N. Doak
Kaiapoi	....	....
Ohoka	....	....	F. A. Sheat
Rangiora	....	....	C. S. Ayers
Woodend-Sefton	....	....
Greendale	....	....
Oxford	....	....

South Canterbury District.

Timaru (Banks Street)	....	....
Timaru (Woodland Street)	....	....	C. W. Keinan
Timaru South	....	....
Waimate	....	....	M. E. Hayman
Temuka	....	....
Geraldine	....	....	Mrs. F. O. Prosser
Ashburton	....	....
Willowby	....	....	G. H. B. Lill
Oamaru	....	....

Otago-Southland District.

Dunedin (Trinity)	....	....	G. S. Gapper
Dunedin Central Mission	....	....	H. H. Johnson
Dunedin (Dundas Street)	....	....
Dunedin (Cargill Road)	....	....
Dunedin (St. Kilda)	....	....	I. Winton
Dunedin (Caversham)	....	....
Dunedin (Morningside)	....	....	A. E. Whyte
Dunedin (Roslyn)	....	....

Port Chalmers	....	....	....
Balclutha *	....	....	....
Milton	....	....	....
Roxburgh	....	....	....
Invercargill (Central)	....	....	....	Mrs. D. J. Wesney
Invercargill (St. Peter's)	....	....	....
Bluff	....	....	....
Gore	....	....	....

Solomon Islands District.

Dr. A. G. Rutter.

(c) Representatives of Departments, Committees and Funds—

Theological College	J. Tyler
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"	W. S. Mackay
Home Missionaries' Representative	R. Coombridge
"	F. O. Prosser
Foreign Mission Department	T. L. Hames
Youth Department	Mrs. H. J. Steptoe
"	Mrs. E. Masters
"	Miss L. Hodder
"	
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Church Building and Loan Fund	H. de R. Flesher
Fire Insurance Fund	W. Chas. Francis
Children's Fund	....	....	....	E. W. A. Kellow
Wesley Training College	....	....	....	J. Stanton
Removal Expenses Fund	....	....	....	H. Chapman
Deaconess Institution	....	....	....	Sister Mabel Morley
Methodist Women's Missionary Union	Mrs. C. E. Taylor
Local Preachers' Association	J. E. Horrell

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Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	C. E. Taylor
Wellington	S. T. S. Martin*
Nelson	W. D. Pike*
North Canterbury	J. W. Hillary*
South Canterbury	A. L. Hudson*
Otago-Southland	J. McIndoe*

Maori Missions.

Taranaki	....	....	....
Waikato	....	....	....	N. K. Kukutai
Auckland	....	....	....	Sister Atawhai, H. Ratete, P. Moke

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

John Churchill

William R. Francis, B.A.

Robert W. Mayson, B.A.

Leslie T. Norwell

Who have travelled four years.

Robert Thornley, M.A., Dip.Soc.Sc., received into full connexion in 1939, is received for ordination.

QUESTION III.—What Preachers remain on Probation?

Howard E. Harkness, M.A.

Ernest S. Hoddinott

William R. Laws, B.A.

Wesley L. Long

Ashleigh K. Petch

John Silvester, B.A.

Harris Whitfield

Who have travelled three 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, B.A.

Who have travelled two years.

John B. Dawson

Haddon C. Dixon

Leslie R. M. Gilmore (Honours)

Lawrence Greenslade

Alan O. Jones

Maharaia Winiata

Who have travelled one year.

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

Charles H. Bell

Harold K. Brown

Harold W. Burley

Harold A. Darvill

Gordon V. Thomas

J. Henry Woolford

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

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

Who are continued for a third year.

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

Who are continued for a second year.

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

Robert Henry Allen
Ronald Graham Bell
Leslie Frank Bycroft
Wesley Albert Chambers
George William Crammond
Albert Jolly

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

Ngatete Kerei Kukutai

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

Nathan Kera

Who has travelled five years.

John Afu

Who has travelled four 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?

Fourth Year:

K. A. Robinson.

Third Year:

N. R. Hooper.

Second Year:

H. M. Brasell
A. A. L. Hutching
C. S. L. Oliver
W. G. Peate
T. A. Winn.

First Year:

W. J. Anderson
W. J. Bryant
J. S. Clark
A. H. Ivory
W. M. Jones
B. H. Riseley
D. I. Robertson
T. Shepherd
W. T. Withers.

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

Thomas Fee
Albert C. Lawry.

Also

Wm. McDonald (Home Missionary)
Hamiora Kingi
Hautou Hapimana
Remi H. Kukutai
(Maori Home Missionaries)

Also

Sister Lenna Button (Deaconess)

THOMAS FEE.

Thomas Fee was born in County Down, Ireland, on May 1st, 1850, and was brought up in a Christian home. When a lad he was sent to Belfast. Here he entered upon a business career, but after a few years turned his attention to the teaching profession. For some time he held the post of second master in a national school at Belfast. He arrived in Canterbury on November 1st, 1873, and was welcomed by the Rev. James Buller through whose good offices he received the position of second master in the St. Albans District School. He held this post with credit until 1876, when he was received by the Wesleyan Conference as a candidate for the ministry and sent for theological training to Wesley College, Three Kings. During the second year of his stay at the Institution he was sent to Nelson to supply for the Rev. G. S. Harper. At the ensuing Conference he was received as a probationer, and for thirty-six years he continued in the active work, serving with fidelity in important circuits. He was superannuated in 1913, and for the last 27 years has served the Church and other good causes to the limit of his capacity.

Mr. Fee was an earnest evangelistic preacher. He had a passion for social righteousness and was an outstanding advocate of temperance reform. He published a book of temperance songs which had considerable influence in promoting enthusiasm in the early campaigning days. More recently he privately issued a book of religious poems.

In 1909, Mr. Fee became President of the Conference. His mental alertness, fluent speech, ready wit, geniality, and his grasp of Methodist Law and policy enabled him to fill the Presidential office with success and distinction. He was a fine gift to New Zealand Methodism, and the driving power of his life was a deep consciousness of the call of God to him to guard the spiritual and moral welfare of his fellows.

We thank God for Thomas Fee and his work.

ALBERT CHARLES LAWRY.

Albert Charles Lawry occupied a unique position in our Ministry, which linked our modern Church work with the heroic days of early mission enterprise in New Zealand and the South Seas. He was the son of Rev. H. H. Lawry of Auckland and the grandson of Rev. Walter Lawry, the first Wesleyan Missionary to Tonga and the second Wesleyan Missionary to Australia. His death has thus terminated a continuous family ministry exercised over an unbroken period of 123 years, his grandfather having commenced his ministry in 1817. The three generations aggregate 158 years, as their work was contemporaneous for a third of a century. He was born in Auckland in 1862; the formative years of his life being influenced by association with such heroes of the missionary days as Rev. J. Hobbs, Thomas Buddle, Alexander Reid, and others. Under the teaching of a Godly home, and the ministry of Revs. W. J. Williams, G. Bond, and W. C. Oliver, his spiritual faculties developed.

He was educated at the Auckland Grammar School and the University College, and began to preach in 1880. After three years in commercial life he was accepted as a candidate for the ministry in 1882 and entered the Three Kings Theological College. In 1885 he commenced Circuit work, being sent as supply for Rev. W. Worker of Marton. His first Conference appointment, in the following year, was to Papanui, then part of the St. Albans Circuit. After a fruitful ministry of 46 years, he superannuated in 1931. Since then he continued preaching as supply at Geraldine and Bryndwr. His service at the latter place was relinquished only two months before his death. In the general work of the ministry he had charge of important Circuits in almost all of the districts in the Dominion and proved himself an outstanding preacher, and successful administrator. In 1913 he represented New Zealand at the British and Irish Conferences, that being the year of the Centenary of Missions in England. In 1922 he was appointed organiser of the movement commemorating the Centenary of Methodism in New Zealand, and was largely instrumental in raising the sum of nearly £42,000 for church extension work. In 1916 he was elected President of Conference, and several times served as Chairman of District. For some years he acted as Associate Editor of the "Methodist Times." He had a large fund of general knowledge and readily made contact with various types of men and won their esteem. He had a deep and ever increasing loyalty to his Church and its Lord. He was an attractive, thoughtful preacher, a diligent pastor and a generous friend to all. He was one of Nature's gentlemen, courteous, considerate of others, rich in sympathy and insight. His cheerful optimism and keen sense of humour combined to make him a delightful companion. By a short period he predeceased his wife, who was a sister of the late Rev. G. W. J. Spence. They are survived by one daughter and four sons. It may be said that, in many ways, "we shall not look upon his like again."

HOME MISSIONARY.

WILLIAM McDONALD was born in Rai's Junction, Central Otago, in 1886. He came to Edendale in 1909 where at the age of 22, he was converted. He immediately commenced teaching in the Sunday School, and work in the Christian Endeavour. Soon he started preaching and became Sunday School Superintendent and Circuit Steward.

He entered the Home Missionary ranks in 1923, and served for six years, when, for domestic reasons, he returned to farming, coming back again in 1937.

Brother McDonald served in many Home Mission Stations and Circuits. He passed away on October 27th, 1940, at Waikouaiti. His death has removed from our Home Mission ranks one who was beloved by his brethren, and held in the highest esteem. The dominant passion of his life was to lead men to our Lord. He did a noble work in all the stations where he laboured.

His ministry was enriched by the loyal support of Mrs. McDonald to whom our hearts go out in deepest Christian sympathy.

MAORI HOME MISSIONARIES.

HAUOTU HAPIMANA.

Hauotu Hapimana was received as a Home Missionary by the Conference of 1928. His ministry was spent principally in the Waikato and King Country Districts. He proved himself one of our outstanding Maori Home Missionaries, and won the esteem and affection of his people. On several occasions, he accompanied other Maori Workers on extended tours of other Districts, when his messages made a profound impression. As a close relative of King Koroki, he took a prominent part in maintaining the ideals of Christian Religion in the Maori King movement. His attractive personality, and convincing utterance of the Gospel, made a deep impression upon his hearers. He possessed outstanding knowledge of Maori genealogies and ancient cults; but we appreciate him most of all as a Christian gentleman, and a brother beloved. His death in late middle age on July 14th, 1940, was deeply regretted.

HAMIORA KINGI.

Hamiora Kingi received theological training at Three Kings College, Auckland, prior to his acceptance as a probationer by the Conference of 1894. While a probationer, Hamiora Kingi was appointed to Taheke, Hokianga, and later to Te Kopua, King Country. In 1898 he was admitted to the full status of the Maori Ministry in which he continued to do signal work among the Maori people until 1907, when he superannuated. In 1909, having recovered from his physical disability he was readmitted into the work, and engaged as a Home Missionary. He exerted a great influence for the Kingdom of God in the minds and hearts of the people. Hamiora Kingi had great gifts which enabled him to win his way among the people at a very difficult time. He died on June the 13th, 1940, at the advanced age of 83 years.

TE REMI KUKUTAI.

Te Remi Kukutai was a grandson of the late Major Hori Kukutai. After a few years at the St. Stephen's School, Auckland, he settled among his people at Te Kohanga, Waikato. There he took up farming and showed qualities of good citizenship. Te Remi Kukutai proved himself worthy of a place on our Native Home Mission Staff, and was accordingly given status as a part-time Home Missionary in 1935. Since his appointment and until his death in November, 1940, at the age of 59, Te Remi Kukutai gave sincere and faithful Christian service to the Maori people.

LENNA BUTTON.

Lenna Button was born into a Christian home in Scottsdale, Tasmania. Converted at an early age she began at once to witness for Christ and to give evidence of those gifts of personality and grace which were to find rich employ in the service of the Kingdom of God. For a time she worked in the office of her father, who was Town Clerk of Scottsdale. Feeling the call to wider service, on going to Melbourne, she joined one of our Missions, where for six years she served as a Sister. Coming to Christchurch in 1927 she entered Deaconess House for training and afterwards was appointed to St. Albans Church. Then followed six years of outstanding service in connection with the Dunedin Central Mission. In 1937 she was transferred to the Auckland Central Mission, where she laboured for two years. In these centres she has left a fragrant memory. In 1939 she resigned in order to visit England to take further studies with a view to increasing her usefulness. The outbreak of War changed this plan—as her friends hoped temporarily, but as events proved—permanently. Desiring to be of service to the Nation she offered for the Women's Auxiliary Air Force, was accepted, and posted to the South of England as a medical orderly. She was killed during an air raid on August 30th, 1940. Hers is now the larger life for which, on earth, she sought to prepare herself.

QUESTION XIII.—What Ministers continue to be Supernumeraries?

John Nixon	Arthur Ashcroft
T. Francis Jones	Thomas R. Richards
T. Jackson Wallis	Arthur Hopper
George Clement	Edward Drake
Thomas A. Joughin	Harold E. Bellhouse
Samuel H. D. Peryman	Thomas R. B. Woolloxall
Arthur Mitchell	Ben Dudley, F.R.A.S.
Charles H. Laws, B.A., D.D.	T. Arthur Pybus
Henry L. Blamires	William Wills
George S. Cook	Walter J. Oxbrow
Jacob Featherston	Arthur J. Seamer
William Grigg	William H. Speer
John Olphert	Charles A. Foston
Robert Raine	G. Knowles Smith
William A. Sinclair	R. Purcell Keall
William J. Elliott	Jonathan H. Haslam
George Frost	George P. Hunt
Colin C. Harrison	Frank E. Leadley
Samuel Henderson	Arthur Liversedge
Thomas W. Vealie	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Fred. Greenwood	Benjamin J. James.
Percy N. Knight, B.A.	

QUESTION XIV.—What Ministers now become Supernumeraries?

- (a) Harry Ranston, M.A., Litt.D.
Albert H. Fowles
- (b) Moses Ayrton (for one year)

REV. HARRY RANSTON, M.A., Litt.D.

Rev. Harry Ranston, M.A., Litt.D., was born at Keighley, Yorkshire, in 1878. At the age of ten, necessity compelled him to work as a half-timed in the Worsted Mills, and at 13 on full time for 56 hours a week. He had a keen desire for knowledge, so after working 10 hours a day, he attended classes in the evenings. He obtained a Scholarship to attend a Secondary School, and later another for Ruskin Hall, Oxford University. In consequence of necessitous family circumstances, both had to be refused.

He was received as a Local Preacher by Rev. G. Knowles Smith and his qualities were soon recognised. In 1900 he entered Hartley College, Manchester, for training under Dr. A. S. Peake to whom he owes a debt he ever delights to acknowledge. Being unable to pay the fees for the second year, he was appointed to Canning Town, East London. In 1902 he came to New Zealand and served in Alexandra Street, Auckland, Temuka, St. Kilda, Blenheim, Hokitika, Tai Tapu, and Kingsland. During his ministry at Kingsland advantage was taken of his scholarship on behalf of the Theological College.

Great credit is due for the manner in which he advanced in his studies. Whilst in full Circuit work and without attendance at College lectures, he gained in 1913, the B.A. Degree and Senior University Scholarship in Greek. The following year he graduated M.A. with honours in Greek and Semitic languages.

He gained recognition in Britain, America and on the Continent for a Thesis in Biblical and Greek Scholarship, for which in 1923 he was granted the degree of Doctor of Literature, with high commendation from Professor Margoliouth of Oxford.

In 1930 his book on "The Old Testament Wisdom Books" was published and received high praise. Professor J. M. P. Smith considers it to be the best Introduction to the Old Testament Wisdom Books. For nearly 20 years, the University Senate appointed him one of its degree examiners, and for several years as Lecturer in Auckland University College. For eight years, he served as a member of the Auckland University College Council, and for a time on the University Senate. In 1927, he was elected President of Conference.

The best years of his ministry have been devoted to the training of Students for the Ministry. He has served on the staff of the Theological College for 22 years, ten of them being as Principal. He hoped to continue his office for another two years, but ill-health has necessitated his retirement after 40 years' ministry.

He retires with the goodwill and deep affection of the whole Church, and we wish for him renewed health and continued service.

ALBERT H. FOWLES.

Albert H. Fowles is a product of Cheshire Methodism. He was born at Davenham, and brought up in the Primitive Methodist Church of the Village. At the early age of sixteen he began to preach in the Northwich Circuit. After passing the Local Preachers' examinations he was engaged by the Circuit as a Hired Local Preacher. Our brother arrived in Wellington in 1909, and began his work as a Probationary Minister of the Primitive Methodist Church. His ministry has been characterised by faithfulness, ability and devotion. To the regret of the Church and of himself it has been much broken by frequently recurring sickness and nerve trouble, and this has necessitated his early retirement. Nearly twenty years of his ministry has been spent in the North Canterbury District. At Riccarton our brother was placed in charge of a new Circuit, and during

his four years' ministry he laid the solid foundations which ensured the future prosperity of the Circuit. Mr. Fowles has served with ability and distinction on the secretarial staffs of Synods and Conference, was for four years a tutor at Deaconess House, and served also as a tutor in the Local Preachers' Training Course. He has for several years been a member of the Board of Examiners. Mr. Fowles has always been a thinker and a keen student of Theology, especially on its philosophical side, and has proved himself an able and thoughtful preacher of the Word of God. We pray for him in his retirement a goodly measure of health and strength and trust that during the years he may be fruitful in every good word and work.

QUESTION XV.—What Supernumeraries return to Regular Work?

None.

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	C. Duncan.

(b) Placed on the Retired List?

H. J. Malcolm.

HENRY JOHN MALCOLM was born at Bendigo, Victoria, on June 28th, 1876. Brought up in a Christian home and nurtured in a live Church, he was converted at the age of 14. The Class Meeting and the Christian Endeavour Society greatly enriched his experience, and at an early age he commenced to preach.

For health reasons he came to New Zealand in 1903 and continued in his loyal service to the Church; for 11 years he occupied the office of Sunday School Superintendent.

In 1925 the call came to offer for Home Mission work, and he served with distinction in many H.M. Stations. His consistent life, certain faith, and love for Christ and His Church, have secured a place for him in the hearts of all to whom he ministered.

We wish for our brother a very happy and useful retirement.

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 a third year.

John John, on the grounds of ill-health.

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

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

Frank H. Hayman.

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?

None.

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

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

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

None.

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

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F. Copeland, H. L. Richards, J. D. McArthur,
E. B. Chambers, A. McBean, G. F. Stockwell,
and W. G. Slade, M.A.,

(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. C. B. Jordan, M.A., B.D., F.R.E.S.
Greek (1st and 2nd years)	....	....	....	Rev. R. Dudley, M.A.
Greek (3rd and 4th years)	....	....	....	Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D.
English Bible (Old Testament) 1st and 2nd years	....	....	....	Rev. W. Walker
English Bible (Old Testament) 3rd and 4th years	....	....	....	Rev. W. Rowe
English Bible (New Testament) 1st and 2nd years	....	....	....	Rev. B. Metson

English Bible (New Testament) 3rd and 4th years	....	....	....	....	Rev. N. P. Larsen
Theology:					
1st year	....	....	....	....	Rev. A. H. Fowles
2nd year	....	....	....	....	Rev. A. M. Costain,
					Dip. Soc. Sc.
3rd year	....	....	....	....	Rev. E. S. Emmitt, M.C.
4th year	....	....	....	....	Rev. C. H. Olds, B.A.
Church History	....	....	....	....	Rev. E. E. Sage
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

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Biblical Theology—					
Old Testament	Rev. H. Ryan
New Testament	Rev. B. M. Chrystall, B.A.
Old Test. Intro. and Exegesis	....	....	....	....	Rev. F. J. Parker
New Test. Intro.	....	....	....	....	Rev. A. R. Penn
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. H. Hayman
					Mr. K. J. Dellow, M.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. Clyde Harris

(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) Examiners for Local Preachers.

Bible Knowledge	....	....	....	Rev. H. S. Kings
Theology	....	....	....	Rev. J. F. Jack
Homiletics	....	....	....	Rev. J. C. Draper

(G) Correspondence Tutors in Greek.

First Year	....	....	....	Rev. G. R. H. Peterson
Second Year	....	....	....	Rev. R. Thornley, M.A., Dip. Soc. Sc.
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. L. A. G. Brooks
Fourth Year	....	....	....	Rev. L. C. Horwood

N.B.—For Rules and Regulations relating to Examinations, Trial Sermons and Book 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—
Salvation by Faith.
The Way to the Kingdom.
Wandering Thoughts.
The New Birth.
Self Denial.
On Sin in Believers.
The Repentance of Believers.
The Lord our Righteousness.
- 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—
The Almost Christian.
Justification by Faith.
The Original, Nature, Property, and Use of the Law.
The Law Established through Faith I.
The Law Established through Faith II.
Original Sin.
The Scripture Way of Salvation.
- 3rd Year: The Holy Spirit.
The Christian Experience of the Holy Spirit (Wheeler Robinson).
The Holy Spirit in the New Testament (Swete).
Wesley's Sermons—
The Almost Christian.
Scriptural Christianity.
The First Fruits of the Spirit.
The Spirit of Bondage and of Adoption.
The Witness of the Spirit. I.
The Witness of Our Own Spirit.
The Means of Grace.
The Circumcision of the Heart.
- 4th Year: The Doctrine of the Future.
The World to Come and Final Destiny (Leckie).
And the Life-Everlasting (J. Baillie).
Wesley's Sermons—
The Marks of the New Birth.
The Great Privilege of Those that are Born of God.
The Nature of Enthusiasm.
The Catholic Spirit.
Christian Perfection.
Heavenness Through manifold Temptations.
The Use of Money.
The Witness of the Spirit. II.

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"

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. A. Farley.
3. Homiletics—"A Primer of Homiletics"—Edwards.

Note.—The Text-book for Theology will be Hunter's "What a Christian Believes and Why," as from 1942.

Regulation (a) The Examination may be taken in sections, provided that the full course be completed within two years. (b) See also Question LV.

DATES OF EXAMINATIONS.

The examinations for 1941 shall commence on the following dates:
Probationers:—Tuesday, 22nd July, and Tuesday, 2nd December.

Candidates for the Ministry:—Tuesday, 16th September.

Home Missionary Probationers:—Tuesday, 2nd 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 John Silvester and John K. Watson be congratulated on completing the B.A. Degree and that this be printed in the Minutes.
2. That the Correspondence Course in the Theological subjects for Candidates be re-instituted, and that the Rev. W. T. Blight act as Tutor.
3. That the Oral Examiner for 1942 be the Rev. O. Burnet.
4. That Text Books be specified on Probationers' Book Lists.
5. That arrangements be made for the ordination of John Churchill in Christchurch and that the North Canterbury members of the Examination Committee be a sub-committee to put to him the usual oral tests.
6. **Commission on Ministerial Training.**
 - (a) That the Report of the Commission be received and considered at the Examination Committee and Conference of 1942.
 - (b) That members of the Examination Committee be requested to forward further suggestions to the Convener during the year.
 - (c) That appreciation be expressed of the work of the Convener, the Rev. B. M. Chrystall.
 - (d) That the Commission be re-appointed. Convener, Rev. B. M. Chrystall.
 - (e) That the Commission consider the following matters during the year and report to next Conference:—
 1. The method to be adopted in marking Theses presented by Fourth Year Probationers.
 2. The question of Greek being necessary as one of the four subjects for Honours.

7. Probationers and Students with the Forces.

(a) That all Probationers and Students serving with the Forces shall be credited with the same years of service as they would have had if they had not enlisted, subject to all necessary safeguards governing course of study and examinations.

(b) That the Board of Studies consider during the year the course of study to be followed by men serving with the Forces, the President and Secretary of the Conference and the Secretary of the Board of Examiners to co-operate. That consideration also be given to Students who may be affected by this situation.

(c) That provision be made for Probationers serving with the Forces by supplying as far as possible typed notes of the work they would normally be doing, and literature likely to be of value, and co-opting, if possible, the services of one or more Overseas Chaplains.

8. That the Rev. H. L. Fiebig, B.A., be thanked for his services as Secretary of the Board of Examiners and be re-appointed.

QUESTION XXIV.—(a) Do we sanction the Alteration or Division of any District, Circuit or Home Mission Station?

AUCKLAND.

Whangarei and Hikurangi.—That with a view to the better supervision of the Hikurangi Circuit and the more equitable division of labour between the two circuits the following is recommended:

- (1) That the circuits be amalgamated under the name of Whangarei-Hikurangi Circuit.
- (2) That the staffing be one ordained minister and one Probationer. The Superintendent is to be stationed at Whangarei and the Probationer at Hikurangi.
- (3) That the above be for two years only, at the end of which period the whole position be reviewed.

Auckland City.—That Conference set up a Commission to review the work of our Churches in the City and Suburban area of Auckland; in co-operation with the Q.M.'s concerned, to explore the possibilities of more efficient co-ordination and to report through Synods to Conference of 1942. The members of the Commission to be the Ministers and Circuit Stewards of the Auckland and Suburban Circuits, three members of the Pitt Street Trust, with power to add. Convener, Rev. E. T. Olds.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.

Tauranga and Te Puke.—That Tauranga Circuit and Te Puke H.M. Station be amalgamated to form the Tauranga Circuit, the staffing of the Circuit to consist of one married ordained minister to reside at Tauranga, and a home missionary to reside at Te Puke—a suitable grant to be given from the Home Mission Fund.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.

That the three Wanganui Circuits be recommended to amalgamate and that the Quarterly Meetings concerned consider during the year the advisability of amalgamation, and report through the Synod of 1941 to the Conference of 1942, and that in the meantime they co-operate in supplying services.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.

Waipawa.—That we re-affirm the desirability of the appointment of a separate agent for each centre in the Waipawa-Waipukurau H.M. Station.

NELSON.

Nelson.—That the Committee be re-appointed to meet during the year.

NORTH CANTERBURY.

The Commission appointed to consider the re-adjustment of boundaries in Christchurch and Suburbs met on two occasions. At its second meeting it made the following recommendations to the Circuits concerned:—

- (a) That Durham Street Church be constituted a Circuit.
- (b) That Sydenham Circuit consist of Sydenham, Lower High Street, Beckenham, and Cashmere. The staffing to be two Married Ministers. Alternatively that Cashmere and Beckenham be a Circuit with an ordained minister.
- (c) That Addington Circuit consist of Union Church, Lincoln Road, and Somerfield Street. The staffing to be one Married Minister and a Probationer.

That the Report be received and referred back to the Commission for further consideration, and report to Synod and Conference of 1942, and that an influential deputation from the Commission present its findings to the Quarterly Meetings concerned.

QUESTION XXIV.—(b) Do we sanction any change in the Status or Staffing of any Circuit or Home Mission Station?

AUCKLAND.

Kawakawa-Ohaeawai.—That the name of the Circuit be Kawakawa-Kaikohe Circuit.

Helensville.—That the Station be reduced to that of a Home Mission Station.

NELSON.

Wakefield-Dovedale.—That Wakefield-Dovedale Circuit be reduced to a Home Mission Station.

Blenheim.—That the second agent continue to reside at Picton.

Reefton.—That the staffing of Reefton Circuit be a married ordained minister.

NORTH CANTERBURY.

Christchurch (Woolston).—The staffing to be a married ordained Minister and a Probationer to reside at Opawa.

Tai Tapu.—That Tai Tapu Circuit be constituted a Home Mission Station.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.

Bluff.—That the Bluff Circuit be reduced in status to that of a Home Mission Station.

QUESTION XXV.—(a) To what Circuits are Additional Preachers to be Appointed?

Johnsonville-Ngaio.—That a Probationer be appointed to Johnsonville-Ngaio, to reside at Ngaio.

QUESTION XXV.—(b) From what Circuits are Preachers to be Withdrawn?

None.

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 an eighth year.

Kawakawa-Kaikohe is due, but is relieved for a second year.

Morrinsville (2nd) is due, but is relieved for an eighth year.

Huntly is due, but is relieved for a ninth year.

Hauraki Plains is due, but is relieved for a sixth year.

Whakatane is due, but is relieved for a sixth year.

Taihape is due, but is relieved for a sixth year.

Napier (2nd) is due, but is relieved for a fifth year.

Wairoa (H.B.) is due, but is relieved for a twelfth year.

Hutt is due, but is relieved for a seventh year.

Durham Street (2nd) is due, but is relieved for a fourteenth year.

Woolston (2nd) is due, but is relieved for a thirteenth year.

Timaru South is due, but is relieved for a seventh year.

QUESTION XXVIII.—How are the Ministers and Probationers of the Conference Stationed for the ensuing year?

Copy for Ministers, Home Missionaries and Circuit Stewards

LIST OF STATIONS

OF THE

Methodist Church of New Zealand

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

Vice-President: MR. FRANK PENN, N.D.H.(N.Z.).

Secretary: REV. WILLIAM G. SLADE, M.A.

STATIONS OF MINISTERS, 1941.

(N.B.—Each of the places mentioned in these Stations and numbered consecutively 1 to 131 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 and to the existing Laws and Regulations of the Conference.)

I.—AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

1. **Auckland Central.**—E. Thomas Olds, F. Gardner Brown (C.F. on Active Service) (Supply: Harold K. Brown), Ernest S. Emmitt, M.C., Howard C. Matthews; 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. Laurensen, 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.**—Alfred E. Waite, A Home Missionary (Grey Lynn), John John (Resting), Percy N. Knight, B.A. (Supernumerary).
4. **Auckland East.**—Fred Copeland, J. Francis Jack (Mount Eden), William Walker (Remuera), Lawrence Greenslade (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.—Acting-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, Harry Ranston, M.A., Litt.D., Fellow of Trinity College (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).—Andrew J. Johnston (Dominion Organiser Centennial Fund), George H. Goodman (Travelling Organiser Centennial Fund), Howard H. Jeffreys (C.F. on Active Service).
 9. Onehunga.—D. J. Donald Hickman; Frank E. Leadley (Supernumerary).
 10. Otahuhu.—Percy I. Cooke. One Wanted.
 11. Papakura.—Wallace S. Neal.
 12. Pukekohe.—William G. Slade, M.A. (Secretary of the Conference) (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. Mahurangi.—Harry V. Utting (Warkworth); A Home Missionary.
 15. Paparoa.—One Wanted.
 16. Dargaville.—Ivo M. Raynor, V. Roy Jamieson (C.F. on Active Service); A Home Missionary (Te Kopuru).
 17. Ruawai.—Robert W. Mayson, B.A.
 18. Whangarei-Hikurangi.—George E. Brown. One Wanted.
 19. Whangaroa.—Herbert A. Cochrane (Kaeo).
 20. Port Albert.—One Wanted.
 21. Kakakawa-Kaikohe.—One Wanted.
 22. Mangonui.—Harris Whitfield.
 23. Hokianga.—Charles B. Oldfield.
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.
HELENSVILLE.—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.

24. Thames.—Francis J. Handy.
 25. Hauraki Plains.—One Wanted.
 26. Paeroa.—John R. Nelson (who shall supervise the Hauraki Plains Circuit).
 27. Waihi.—One Wanted. Reginald Day (C.F., on Active Service).
 28. Te Aroha.—Leslie A. G. Brooks.
 29. Morrinsville.—John L. Mitchell, John B. Dawson (Waitoa).
 30. Cambridge.—Henry Ryan.
 31. Hamilton.—Robert B. Tinsley, James W. Parker (who shall supervise the Huntly Circuit and Ngaruawahia H.M. Station).
 32. Hamilton East.—William Gatman.
 33. Huntly.—Campbell P. Lucas.
 34. Matamata.—Arthur R. Witheford (who shall supervise the Putaruru Circuit).
 35. Putaruru.—Harold A. Darvill.
 36. Rotorua.—William B. Pickering; Walter J. Oxbrow and William H. Speer (Supernumeraries); Frank H. Hayman (without pastoral charge).
 37. Tauranga.—Hedley White (who shall supervise the Whakatane and Opotiki Circuits). A Home Missionary.
 38. Whakatane.—Gordon V. Thomas.
 39. Opotiki.—Reginald Grice.
 40. Te Awamutu.—Herbert Spencer.
 41. Otorohanga.—Vincent le C. Binet (who shall supervise the Te Kuiti Circuit).
 42. Te Kuiti.—Alan O. Jones.
 43. Taumarunui.—Clifford L. Duder.
 - (2) Waikato—
Matene Keepa (Ngaruawahia).
Maharaia Winiata.
10 Home Missionaries.
3 Deaconesses.
 - (3) King Country—
Ngatete K. Kukutai.
12 Home Missionaries.
2 Deaconesses.
- NGARUAWAHIA.—A Home Missionary.
KAWHIA.—A Home Missionary.
COROMANDEL.—A Home Missionary.

ROBERT B. TINSLEY, Chairman of the District.

III.—TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

44. New Plymouth.—Ernest D. Patchett, Ivan S. Williamson. A Home Missionary; John Nixon, Samuel Henderson (Supernumeraries).
45. Waitara.—William C. Jenkin.
46. Stratford.—Gordon R. H. Peterson.
47. Eltham-Kaponga.—Edwin S. Harkness.
48. Hawera.—George F. Stockwell.
49. Manaia.—One Wanted.
50. Opunake.—John H. Bailey. A Home Missionary.
51. Wanganui.—Ernest B. Chambers (who shall supervise the Rae-tihi-Ohakune Home Mission Station).
52. Wanganui North.—J. Frederick Martin. A Home Missionary.
53. Gonville.—Charles E. Dickens.
54. Marton.—Charles B. Jordan, M.A., B.D., F.R.E.S.
55. 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.

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

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

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

V.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

68. **Wellington Central.**—Percy R. Paris, Thomas Skuse (Brooklyn); 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.
69. **Wellington (Webb Street).**—Ormond E. Burton, M.A..
70. **Wellington (Thorndon).**—Robert B. Gosnell, Frank Bateup (Karori).
71. **Wellington South.**—Walter Parker.
72. **Wellington East.**—Oswald Burnet, Robert Thornley, M.A., Dip. Soc.Sc. (Island Bay), Ernest S. Hoddinott; Colin C. Harrison, Fred. Greenwood (Supernumeraries).
73. **Johnsonville-Ngaio.**—Norman P. Larsen, Wesley L. Long (Porirua), William R. Laws, B.A. (Ngaio); Samuel H. D. Peryman (Supernumerary).
74. **Hutt.**—Frederick J. Parker (who shall supervise the Upper Hutt Home Mission Station), Haddon C. Dixon; Thomas W. Vealie, R. Purcell Keall (Supernumeraries).
75. **Petone.**—Henry J. Tozer, M.A.
76. **Greytown-Featherston.**—Leslie A. D. Hayman, B.Sc. (Agr.); G. Knowles Smith (Supernumerary).
77. **Carterton.**—J. Ainsley Daglish (who shall supervise the Greytown-Featherston Circuit).
78. **Masterton.**—Harry S. Kings; A Home Missionary.
 Masterton Children's Home.—Chaplain, Harry S. Kings.
79. **Eketahuna.**—H. Ian K. Hopper.
80. **Levin.**—G. Raymond Harris; Charles A. Foston (Supernumerary).
81. **Otaki.**—Victor Mead, L.Th. (who shall supervise Paraparaumu Home Mission Station); 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.

82. Nelson.—William Rowe, Howard E. Harkness, M.A. (Nelson South).
83. Richmond.—John D. Grocott; Moses Ayrton (Supernumerary).
84. Motueka.—Thomas Coatsworth (who shall supervise the Wakefield-Dovedale Home Mission Station).
85. Blenheim.—John D. McArthur, Thomas H. Carr (Picton).
86. Reefton.—Leslie T. Norwell.
87. Westport.—Charles H. Kendon (who shall supervise the Granity Home Mission Station).
88. Greymouth.—Arthur A. Bensley.
89. Hokitika.—L. Gordon Hanna.

WAKEFIELD-DOVEDALE.—A Home Missionary.

HAVELOCK.—A Home Missionary.

MURCHISON.—A Home Missionary.

GRANITY.—A Home Missionary.

JOHN D. McARTHUR, Chairman of the District.

VII.—NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

90. Christchurch (Durham Street).—Raymond Dudley, M.A., F.R.E.S., One Wanted (Cashmere Hills); William A. Mills (on Active Service), John Churchill (on Service with Y.M.C.A.), 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.

91. Christchurch East.—J. Henry Allen, Cecil R. Taylor, W. E. Allon Carr, Charles H. Bell, John K. Watson, B.A. (on Active Service), Jacob Featherston, Albert H. Fowles (Supernumeraries).
92. Christchurch (Cambridge Terrace).—Frederick B. Lawrence.
93. Christchurch (Woolston).—Ernest E. Sage, John Silvester (Opawa). Harold E. Bellhouse (Supernumerary), Connexional Editor.
94. Christchurch (Sydenham).—Wesley Parker, M.A.
95. Christchurch (Addington).—John Dennis; T. Jackson Wallis (Supernumerary).
96. Christchurch (Riccarton).—Archer O. Harris.
97. Christchurch (St. Albans).—William A. Burley, M.A. (President of the Conference), Charlie O. Hailwood; Harold W. Burley (on Active Service), Edward Drake, Arthur Liversedge (Supernumeraries).
98. Christchurch (Papanui).—James Richards.
SOUTH ISLAND ORPHANAGE CHAPLAIN.—James Richards.
99. Lyttelton.—Walter J. Enticott.

100. Springston.—Harry Cottom.
101. Leeston.—Herbert W. Payne.
102. Kaiapoi.—H. Leslie Richards.
103. Ohoka.—Henry Benny.
104. Rangiora.—Alfred M. Costain, Dip.Soc.Sc.
105. Woodend-Sefton.—James H. Hall (who shall supervise the Hawarden H.M. Station).
106. Greendale.—Robert McGregor.
107. Oxford.—One Wanted.
 TAI TAPU.—A Home Missionary.
 HAWARDEN.—A Home Missionary.
 WADDINGTON.—A Home Missionary.

WILLIAM A. BURLEY, M.A., Chairman of the District
 (President of the Conference).

VIII.—SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

108. Timaru (Banks St.).—Hector C. Orchard.
109. Timaru (Woodland St.).—Charles Blair.
110. Timaru South.—J. Stanley Waite.
111. Waimate.—Arthur T. Kent.
112. Temuka.—Hubert G. Brown.
113. Geraldine.—One Wanted.
114. Ashburton.—Angus McBean; A Deaconess.
115. Willowby.—William W. Avery.
116. Oamaru.—William R. Francis, B.A.

RAKAIA-METHVEN.—A Home Missionary.

ANGUS McBEAN, Chairman of the District.

IX.—OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

117. Dunedin (Trinity).—Basil Metson; A Home Missionary; George Clement (Supernumerary).
118. Dunedin Central Mission.—Leslie B. Neale, B.A., F.R.G.S., J. Henry Woolford; Harold T. Peat, C.F. (on Active Service); Two Deaconesses.
119. Dunedin (Dundas Street).—Alfred E. Jefferson.
120. Dunedin (Cargill Road).—Bert M. Tasker, B.A., Dip.Soc.Sc.; A Home Missionary (St. Clair).
121. Dunedin (St. Kilda).—Leonard C. Horwood.
122. Dunedin (Caversham).—Ralph E. Patchett.
123. Dunedin (Morningson).—David O. Williams, M.A.
124. Dunedin (Roslyn).—James S. Willoughby.
125. Port Chalmers.—Samuel Bailey.
126. Balclutha.—Robert E. Fordyce.

127. **Milton.**—Gordon Parker, B.A. (who shall supervise the Lawrence H.M. Station).
128. **Roxburgh.**—George E. Beckingsale (who shall supervise the Cromwell H.M. Station).
129. **Invercargill (Central).**—William W. H. Greenslade (who shall supervise the Riverton Home Mission Station).
130. **Invercargill (St. Peter's).**—George B. Hinton (who shall supervise the Otautau-Tuatapere and Nightcaps Home Mission Stations).
131. **Gore.**—J. Montgomery Blight (who shall supervise the Edendale Home Mission Station).
BLUFF.—A Home Missionary.
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-TUATAPER.—A Home Missionary.
NIGHTCAPS.—A Home Missionary.
RIVERTON.—A Home Missionary.
LESLIE B. NEALE, B.A., F.R.G.S.,
Chairman of the District.
DAVID O. WILLIAMS, M.A., Financial Secretary.

X.—SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT.

(5) Roviana Circuit—

John Francis Goldie
 E. Clarence Leadley
 One Wanted
 Two Missionary Sisters
 One Nursing Sister
 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.

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

HOME MISSION APPOINTMENTS, 1941.

Auckland District—

Youth Director.—Arthur E. Bate, employed by the Youth Department.

Auckland Methodist Central Mission (Franklin Road).—One Wanted.

Auckland West (Grey Lynn).—Supply (Rev. G. P. Hunt).

Auckland East (Mission Bay).—Supply.
Bombay-Tuakau.—R. Coombridge.
Kaukapakapa-Silverdale.—W. M. Jones.
Port Albert.—L. E. G. Sharp.
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).
Whangarei-Hikurangi (Hikurangi).—T. Shepherd.
Paparua.—W. G. Peate.
Helensville.—One Wanted.
Kawakawa-Kaikohe.—N. R. Hooper.

Home Mission Department—

Colporteur Work.—Supply (Sister Rita Snowden).

Maori Mission—

Matauri Bay, Kaeo.—Supply.
Batley.—Supply.
Kawakawa.—Te Riri Kawiti.
Taumarere.—Hone Tamati.
Punakitere.—Te Hira Ratete.
Waimate North.—Rangi Rogers.
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—

Hauraki Plains.—Warren Green.
Ngaruawahia.—Owen L. Christian.
Tauranga-Te Puke (Te Puke).—A. A. L. Hutching.
Coromandel.—C. Aker.
Kawhia.—Supply (Rev. M. Winiata).

Maori Mission—

Te Kuiti.—John Nicholls.
Pukeatua.—Heemi Rihimona.
Ohiapopoko.—Te Aho Pihama.
Cambridge.—Supply.
Mokau.—Supply.
Raglan.—Honehone Kereopa.
Kawhia Central.—Supply.
Kinohaku.—Aihe Huirama.
Otorohanga.—Hikuroa Te Maaha.
Otorohanga (Otewa).—Hoani Tonga.
Whatawhata.—Poo Kingi.
Hangatiki.—Wetini Hotu.
Taharoa.—Supply.
Huntly.—Hori Awa.
Rangiriri.—Supply.
Tuakau.—Ngaweke Tuhimata.
Te Kohanga.—Supply.
Hauraki Plains.—Supply.
Thames (Puru).—Supply.
Aotea, Kawhia.—Roi Moke.
Maketu Pa, Kawhia.—Supply.
Te Kopua, Te Awamutu.—Supply.
Te Waitere.—Te Paki Kinita.
Manunui—King Country.—Huru Wi Peri.
Raglan Rural.—Tuteao Manihera.

Taranaki-Wanganui District—

New Plymouth (St. Aubyn's).—Supply (H. Ashworth).
Opunake (Okato).—J. C. R. Ashworth.
Patea.—W. J. Henderson.
Raetihi-Ohakune.—One Wanted.
Wanganui North (Second).—One Wanted.
Manaia.—C. Robinson.
Douglas (under Stratford Superintendent).—Vacant.
Inglewood.—C. S. L. Oliver.
Ohura.—W. J. Anderson.

Maori Mission—

New Plymouth.—Supply.
Rahotu.—Supply.
Nukumarū.—Supply.
Urenui.—Supply.
Hawera.—Paikea H. Toka (on Active Service).

Pariroa Pa.—Tupito Maruera.
Whenuakura.—Rangiira Tumahuki.
Kai Iwi.—Hoani Hakaraia Te Uawiri.
Wanganui.—Supply.
Rankitikei.—Supply.
Raetihi.—Supply.
Wanganui River.—Supply.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District—

Napier (Greenmeadows).—One Wanted.
Feilding (Halcombe).—K. A. Robinson.
Foxton-Shannon.—Supply (Rev. C. A. Foston).
Apti.—J. H. Thompson.
Norsewood (under Dannevirke Superintendent).—Vacant.
Waipawa.—R. C. Patchett.
Gisborne (Second).—Vacant.
Wairoa.—Supply.

Wellington District—

Upper Hutt.—A. H. Ivory.
Paraparaumu.—R. T. Alexander.
Masterton (Kuripuni).—One Wanted.

Nelson District—

Havelock.—J. S. Clark.
Murchison.—A. Handyside.
Granity.—W. T. Withers.
Wakefield-Dovedale.—L. Shapcott.

North Canterbury District—

Christchurch—St. Albans (Bryndwr).—Supply (Rev. A. Liversedge).
Christchurch—Woolston (Sumner).—Supply (Rev. H. E. Bellhouse).
Christchurch—Durham Street (Second).—Supply (Rev. A. N. Scotter).
Christchurch—Durham Street (Somerfield Street).—Supply (Rev. B. Dudley).
Christchurch—Addington (Lincoln Rd.).—Supply (H. J. Malcolm).
Waddington.—H. Moore.
Tai Tapu.—F. Sanderson.
Hawarden (under Woodend Superintendent).—Vacant.
Oxford.—Green Hall.

South Canterbury District—

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

Otago-Southland District—

- Waikouaiti-Palmerston.—Supply (H. Skuse).
Ravensbourne-Broad Bay.—W. L. Divers.
Dunedin-Trinity (North East Valley).—Supply (J. W. Bayliss).
Cargill Road (St. Clair).—T. Steele.
Dunedin (Maori Hill).—T. A. Winn.
Mosgiel.—G. Densem.
Lawrence.—Supply (J. Holland).
Cromwell.—B. H. Riseley.
Edendale.—D. I. Robertson.
Otatau-Tuatapere.—W. J. Bryant.
Nightcaps.—H. M. Brasell.
Riverton.—H. R. Wright.
Bluff.—N. Challenger.
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DEACONESS APPOINTMENTS, 1941.

I.—Home Work.

- 1908—Sister Ruth Fawcett, Central Mission, Dunedin (resting).
1920—Sister Mildred West, Ashburton.
1928—Sister Rita Snowden, Home Mission Dept., 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, Te Kuiti.
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, Rangiatea College, New Ply.
1936—Sister Heeni Te Teira, Hamilton and Lower Waikato.
1939—Sister Evelyn Marriott, New Plymouth.
1939—Sister Dorothy Pointon, Okaiawa.
1940—Probationer Violet Kruse, Hamilton and Upper Waikato.
1941—Probationer Marara Kawiti, Auckland.
1941—Probationer Jean Miller, Hawera.

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.—Retired for Special Service—

- 1914—Sister Annie Tocker, Government Service, Wellington.

V.—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.
- 1936—Sister Edna White, retired.

VI.—Students in Training—

- Miss Annie Wilson.
- Miss Annie Davidson.

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. (President of the Conference)
- South Canterbury—Angus McBean.
- Otago-Southland—Leslie B. Neale, B.A., F.R.G.S.
- Solomon Islands—John F. Goldie.

2. DISTRICT AND STATISTICAL SECRETARIES.

General Statistical Secretary—Ernest B. Chambers.

Auckland—Joseph C. Draper.

South Auckland—John L. Mitchell.

Taranaki-Wanganui—George F. Stockwell.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Albert Blakemore.

Wellington—Frederick J. Parker.

Nelson—John D. Grocott.

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 1942?

President: William Walker.

Secretary: William G. Slade, M.A.

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

REPORT FOR 1940.

General Returns.

- a. Properties and Preaching Places.

This section of the report calls for no comment.

- b. Staffing.

Here we report losses of 31 Local Preachers and 19 Class Leaders for the year.

- c. Membership.

While there is a loss of 85 Senior and 281 Junior members, it is gratifying to note that our gains in Infant Members are being maintained. After an increase of 378 last year we have a further increase of 259 Infant members this year. A remarkable coincidence is seen in the number of Communicants, where last year's total and this year's are the same.

Sunday School Returns.

Here again there is reason for thankfulness to God for the Cradle Roll shows a further increase of 345. Although there is a drop of 107 Juniors on the Sunday School roll, there is a nett increase in Sunday School Scholars of 256. Furthermore the average attendance at Sunday School has increased by 572. War conditions doubtless will account in some measure for the fact that we have 10 fewer men teachers, but this is more than compensated for by a gain of 41 women on the staff.

Bible Class Returns.

Young Women's Classes. This section of the report is most disturbing. It reveals, I am afraid, part of the heavy price the Church is being called upon to pay for the war. There is a decrease of 63 in the number of Y.W. Classes, losses of 48 Junior, 71 Intermediate, and 226 Senior members from our classes, a total of 345 Young women.

Young Men's Classes. As one might expect, under present conditions, there are decreases here also. A total of 412 members, made up of 17 Juniors, 125 Intermediates, and 270 Seniors, has been lost to our Y.M.'s Classes.

For the two Movements to suffer a total loss of over 600 members in one year is a severe set-back to the Church. Furthermore there is a drop of 232 Senior Church members in our Bible Classes.

On account of faulty returns it is not possible to state what is the position with regard to Junior Church membership. However, the position as disclosed by the above figures is such as to give us grave concern. It may be that Bible Class work is also suffering to some extent in the process of putting into effect the new policy of the Youth Department; but whatever the cause, the matter requires the prayerful consideration of the Conference.

Maori Returns.

At the time of preparing this report there are no statistics on Maori work, except from one District, so that no comparisons can be made.

E. B. CHAMBERS,
General Statistical Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. The report be received and adopted.
2. Conference expresses its thankfulness to God for the continued increase in Infant Members, and also in the number on our Sunday School rolls, and calls upon Ministers and laymen to sustain the efforts which are now showing such encouraging results.
3. That Superintendent Ministers and B.C. Leaders be urged to maintain contact with all men from our Churches serving with the Forces, with a view to making it easy for them, when they return, to come again into the fellowship of our Churches.
That all members of the Church serving with the Forces be furnished with their membership cards, and that their names be retained on our rolls.
4. That a letter be sent to all Methodists serving with the Forces, to be signed by the officers of the Conference, and that the letter be forwarded to the individuals through their Circuit Ministers.
5. That Circuit Superintendents and Youth Secretaries be required to use greater care in making returns, especially in connection with Junior Membership.
6. That Conference again urges District Statistical Secretaries to obtain and present to Synods the District Maori Returns.
7. That in the Statistical Returns Form a column should be placed for the return of members received during the year.
8. That the Rev. E. B. Chambers be thanked for his services and that he be re-appointed.

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

A.—REPORT FOR 1940.

The Committee presented a comprehensive report on the conduct of Conference business and observance of Conference regulations. (See Agenda pages 52-57). The report was received but did not secure adoption.

The following were appointed as the Committee for the next Connexional year: The Chairman of District, the Supts. of the Trinity, Cargill Road, Roslyn, Mornington, Caversham, Dundas Street, and St. Kilda Circuits, with Messrs C. F. Roberts, G. Henderson, E. J. King, A. H. Harman, H. H. Johnson, G. S. Gapper, C. Chirnside, C. Jones, and E. C. J. Foot. Convener: Rev. L. C. Horwood.

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

Annual Report, 1940.

During the year the work of the Association has proceeded steadily along usual lines. Owing to the greatly increased cost of postage and stationery, the Executive decided that this year only one letter be sent out to all Local Preachers. This will be sent out in November, which will enable any queries or replies to be returned to the Executive before the annual meeting in February.

Book Scheme. Although a slight increase is noticed in the orders for books this year the Executive is disappointed that more of our local preachers have not taken advantage of a very generous offer. This year we are delighted to find the Home Missionaries, through their elected representative, making use of the scheme. The offer is that two pounds worth of theological books may be purchased by any accredited Local Preacher or Home Missionary at half the English published price and we pay postage. Any theological work published by the Epworth Press may be selected. Catalogues will be forwarded by our Secretary on application.

Six copies of Whittomes excellent "Efficiency Course" have been presented to Local Preachers at their reception on full plan, and five Long Service Diplomas have also been presented during the year.

Local Preachers' Examinations. During the year requests have been received asking that the time of the Examination be altered and if possible that the examination be held quarterly instead of half-yearly. Also that Candidates be allowed to take one only of the three subjects if they so desire at each examination period. At present it is necessary to take all three subjects at the one examination.

The matter has been referred to the Conference Examination Secretary and will be brought to the Conference through our Annual Meeting.

An Appeal. It seems certain that one effect of the war will be that there will be a shortage of preachers—both Ministers and Laymen. We appeal to all our Local Preachers for a very definite act of Consecration and a willingness to thoroughly prepare and be ready to take services whenever the call comes. God will supply all needed Grace if we do our part.

We appeal also to our Ministers to be on the look out for likely young men for the ranks of the Local Preachers and to give them all the assistance they can in their studies.

Conclusion. With gratitude we thank God for the opportunity of another year of service and pray that it may still be our joy to proclaim the wonderful Gospel of the Lord Jesus.

W. CHAS. FRANCIS, President.

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

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the report and a supplementary report be received and adopted together with various financial statements.

2. That the following be the Executive for 1941:—Messrs. J. E. Horrell (President), A. G. Williams, H. B. Moore (Vice-Presidents), A. E. Lawry (Secretary), J. H. Pugh (Treasurer), W. Charles Francis, W. G. Wright, C. H. Colechin, G. Armitage, F. Olds.

C.—METHODIST MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

Annual Report, 1940.

In submitting this report the Dominion Executive feels that the movement will never accomplish its full aim unless first of all more assistance and effort is rendered by the District Committees, and further that the Branches show greater enthusiasm. Replies to correspondence have been received from only three out of the nine District Committees this year.

The Executive notes with pleasure good progress in North Canterbury and Auckland Districts, due to the good work of their executives, and trusts that in the coming year this splendid activity will be maintained. The work of the various Branches as noted in the Fellowship Column of the "Methodist Times" gives us cause for encouragement, but many more Branches could send in reports of their meetings and special gatherings, from which ideas could be gained. The Editor of the column, Mr. J. Letcher, 37 Ellerton Road, Mount Eden, Auckland, S.2., would be happy to hear from the secretaries.

Opportunity for service by men of older years in the Sunday School, and its kindred Youth Organisations of Boys' Brigades, Life Boys, and other boys' work opens to us a field of usefulness to carry on in the absence of our younger men on active service. Wonderful work is being done with special men's services both on Sundays and week nights and the men of the Church and of no Church are being brought together to their mutual benefit spiritually, mentally, and socially.

District and Group Rallies have proved very successful, enabling, as they do, men of our various Churches to get together and know one another better. Our Empire is going through deep water at present and we need to be reminded that "Freedom is the birthright only of those who will defend it." Organised religion is faced with a fight against materialism and worse, and the Christian Church, especially the men of the Christian Church, must catch the "Vision Splendid." As men realise the value of the training of the spirit, so will they zealously work to bring it about.

"Follow the Christ the King
With loyalty supreme.
Go work and daily nearer bring
The kingdom that you dream."

LEONARD E. RHODES, President.

ALBERT D. WHITEHEAD, Secretary.

Auckland.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the following be the 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, J. Letcher, W. Gibson. L. E. Rhodes (Convener).

SOUTH AUCKLAND.—The Minister and Members of the Matamata 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.—The District Executive.

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

NORTH CANTERBURY.—Appointed by the District Executive (Mr. H. W. Heslop, Convener).

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

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—Appointed by the District Executive.

3. That the Dominion Executive be located in Auckland.

4. That the raising of £120 for a hospital at Bilua be one of the objectives for the ensuing year.

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

YOUTH DEPARTMENT.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1940.

1.—HEADQUARTERS REPORT.

This year has seen the intensification of the work of the three Youth Directors. After spending their first year largely in surveying and becoming acquainted with their respective fields, this year the Directors have been able in a real sense to commence their work of assisting in building throughout the Dominion a Youth Leadership capable of welding and unifying in each local Church a Youth Fellowship.

The Senior Director has been present at meetings of the Board throughout the year and close contact has been kept with the other two Directors by correspondence.

In September the three Directors met in Conference with the Board, when the work of the year was reviewed and plans made for the future work.

The housing of the two married Directors which has caused the Board some anxiety has been satisfactorily dealt with. The Board purchased a section and built a house in Palmerston North for the Senior Director and is now able to report that it has been completed, furnished, and duly occupied by the Rev. C. T. Symons since last

April. In regard to the Southern Area satisfactory arrangements have been made whereby Rev. M. A. McDowell has been suitably housed at Heathcote, Christchurch.

Through its Literature Manager, the Board has been able to provide adequate literature for the Sunday Schools and Bible Classes throughout the Dominion, this notwithstanding the fact that its Sunday School literature is subject to Import License control. The Board, this year, will be represented at the Triennial Meeting of the Lessons Committee of the Graded Lessons of Australia and New Zealand by its Senior Director, Rev. C. T. Symons, M.A., B.D.

The response of the circuits to the Annual Financial Appeal of the Youth Department has been very gratifying, and the Board is confident that it is due largely to an increasing appreciation of the work of the Directors and takes this opportunity of thanking circuits for their fine and encouraging support.

The Board has given serious consideration to the question as to what assistance should be given to the Methodist Young Men desiring to appeal against Military Service on religious grounds and by resolution has approached the President of the Conference to set up in the four main centres Committees of Advice for those members of the Church who may on religious grounds appeal against Military Service.

Although this year the main work of the Department has been the work of the Directors in the Field the Board has given consideration to such important matters as Co-ordination and Organisation in the Districts, Temperance Education, Church Membership and Worship, the first three of which will be the subjects of special reports. A permanent Temperance Education Committee has been set up and a definite programme of activity has been formulated for the consideration of Conference.

The Sunday School Executive Council and the Young Women's and Young Men's Bible Class Executives have each in their respective spheres done valuable work studying and reporting to the Board on matters of particular interest to their sections of the general work.

The Correspondence Sunday School, under the Superintendency of Mrs W. A. Smith, Hamilton, is continuing to fill a very great need; the efficiency of this work has been greatly increased during the last year or two, due to:

- (1) the supplying free of charge by the Board of the best available Lesson Helps for both teachers and scholars.
- (2) the enthusiasm and devotion of the Superintendent and her band of teachers.

The Board regrets that owing to enlistment as a Y.M.C.A. Secretary its secretary, Mr. H. J. Steptoe, found it necessary to tender his resignation. Mr. Steptoe served the Department well, first as a member, then as Secretary, and the Board desires to place on record its high appreciation of his valuable services rendered to the Youth Department in particular, and to the Church in general. It was the Board's privilege to meet Mr. Steptoe in a social function, when the official farewells were said before he sailed with the Third Echelon.

In concluding this section of the Department's report we would point out that much of the effective work done is made possible by the efficient and devoted service rendered to the Board by the Youth Office Secretary, Miss A. Firth, and her office assistant. The Board desires to place on record its high appreciation of their work.

2.—DIRECTORS' REPORT.

GENERAL.

Lecture Programme.

The Youth Directors began this year a definite programme of lectures to Sunday School Teachers and Bible Class Leaders, particularly emphasising the subjects of Worship, Teaching, and Leading. There has been a good response to this work in all parts of the Dominion. Interest and enthusiasm have been quickened and more consecrated effort has been given to the practical work of our Sunday Schools and Bible Classes. Books, pictures, etc., have been displayed at meetings, thus making known what aids are available. The Directors have also made contact where possible with all sections of the work. Much of the success of the work has been due to the ready co-operation of ministers and local leaders to whom is tendered the deep appreciation of the Directors and Youth Board.

Local Youth Councils have increased in number and their value is being increasingly felt. Where the full organisation is not possible, the appointment of a Local Youth Secretary has aided co-ordination.

The Dominion Leader and Teacher Training Course has been established by the combination of the Bible Class and Sunday School Training Courses, and it is hoped that full advantage will be taken of the opportunities it provides. In some places it has been made the basis for training classes conducted by the minister.

Christian Endeavour.

Junior and Senior Christian Endeavour Societies are functioning in some areas. Pleasing features of their work are their encouragement of vital spiritual experience and active service on the part of members. Under the new Youth Policy they should increasingly recognise that they are a definite part of the Youth Department.

At the Centennial Exhibition a Sunday School and Bible Class display was arranged by the Youth Department. This aroused considerable interest among visiting youth workers.

A greater sense of spiritual need has caused a number of teachers and leaders to give more attention to Bible Reading and Prayer. Guidance in this direction has been sought by some. The publications of the Bible Reading Fellowship have been examined by the Directors and are warmly commended by them. Information concerning these may be obtained from the Youth Office.

Depletion of Leadership.

The war has made inroads upon the leadership of Sunday Schools and Bible Classes. Religious Education is of primary importance and its continuance is vital for the life of the Church. It is to be hoped that our young women and other capable persons will respond to this challenge.

Definite Instruction is needed amongst our young people in regard to the beliefs of the Methodist Church and greater effort should be made to win their allegiance to Jesus Christ through vital Christian experience. In these days it is necessary to give proper instruction in regard to Prophecy. Times of crisis are days of opportunity and full advantage should be taken of the responsive spirit so noticeable amongst many of our youth, teachers and leaders. Through richer religious experience and greater efficiency in method much progress in all Youth work will be assured.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The work of the Directors in the Sunday School Department has followed broadly two lines—

- (1) observing schools at work followed by helpful suggestions to staffs, and
- (2) giving lectures to teachers on fundamental aspects of the work.

This scheme of work has commended itself to our staffs who, on the whole, have shown an eagerness to learn and try out new methods. In addition there have been several successful teachers' and leaders' Rallies for instruction and inspiration.

Sunday School work, generally speaking, is on the up-grade. There are evidences of a quickened interest, and signs are not lacking of a growing recognition of the importance of linking up the children to the Church. Experiments along this line, some under the title "Junior Church," are being watched with interest, and the Board would welcome reports on these.

Where the children attend the Morning Worship adequate provision should be made for them in the form of worship and instruction. The Youth Board has under consideration the compilation of a book of suggestions for children's worship and a list of subjects that might be treated in the morning service.

Grading is still a weakness in some schools and needs to be attended to if worship and instruction are to be carried out effectively. In some schools graduation services have been successfully carried out. Information is being collected by the Department with a view to giving guidance to schools on the conducting of these services.

The Sunday School Anniversary occupies too prominent a place in some school programmes, the preparation seriously interfering with the normal working of the school. New methods are under investigation by the Department, the findings to be made available in due course.

It is pleasing to note that the advice of the Directors has been followed in regard to the renovation of the interior of schools and in the introduction of pictures and posters. Teachers' Libraries have also been started.

This year saw the release of the first two of the Youth Workers' Booklets for the Sunday School. These have been well received though the financial response has not been all that was desired.

There has been an advance in week-night activities. Special mention is made of the Boys' Brigade and Girls' Life Brigade, which are having a marked effect upon the attendance and interest of the young people concerned.

BIBLE CLASS MOVEMENT.

The main work of the Directors in respect to our Senior Youth sections was with the Leadership of the Bible Class Movements.

The three Directors were present at the Fellowship Conference of the Young Women's Movement and the Annual Convention of the Young Men's Movement, and were given opportunities of making contributions to the fellowship and discussions at each. Whenever possible Union Executive Meetings and meetings of Combined Committees have been attended and reports given on the work in the outlying areas. Perhaps of greater importance—because nearer to the real work of the Bible Class Movements, have been the

lectures given to leaders as referred to earlier in this report. In addition, pamphlets on the "Leader's Devotional Life" and "How to Study the Bible" were made available to leaders and they were urged to take advantage of the Leadership Training Course—now combined with the Teacher Training Course. In addition, Directors attended National Leadership Schools organised by the Movements.

Contact with the rank and file has been maintained through the attendance of Directors at Camps, Retreats, and Rallies of various kinds. Three Young Men's Camps and one Young Women's camp were visited by the Directors and these were all found to be up to the usual high standard in purpose and organisation. There was a serious decline in the number attending the Young Men's Camp this year—of which there were 13 attended by 1043 campers. The figure is 325 less than in the previous year which was, however, the record year since 1934. The major loss was among the Seniors. Possible causes were: The War, the Exhibition, and the early Easter. The Young Women's Camps also recorded a drop in attendance—the figure being 250. The total number of campers was 675 in 18 camps. The Exhibition and the early Easter were considered as being among the contributing causes.

To meet the needs of many older Bible Class members, who after a time lose interest in the usual Easter Camps, an experiment was made with a new form of camp in 1940. This camp, which was a mixed one, was successful in many respects, although the average age of those attending was higher than was originally intended. Further experimentation in this direction will depend on the findings of the National Conventions of the Movements.

Activities on behalf of both Movements were carried out by means of Combined Committees which have given excellent service throughout the year. These are:

- (1) The Committees dealing with the Management and Editing of the "B.C. Link." (The Editorial work this year has been performed by a special committee stationed in Palmerston North.)
- (2) The Combined Committee on Social Standards, which has contributed a great deal towards improving the standard of the social activity of our young people.
- (3) The National Leadership Schools Committee which organised nine Summer and Winter Schools for leaders and other youth workers.
- (4) The Dominion Leader and Teacher Training Committee with its exceedingly important specialised activity.
- (5) The Co-operative Committee—which is the Headquarters Committee collating the work of the various Combined Committees.

A recently instituted combined activity is the Correspondence Bible Class under the leadership of Mrs. B. Low, Palmerston North.

The relationship between the Directors and the officials of the two Movements has been uniformly happy.

As part of the normal programme, both Movements have certain missionary objectives. The Young Women's Movement maintains a Sister and two Native Teachers in the Solomon Islands and supports a Deaconess in our Maori work. This means a budget of £370 p.a. The Young Men seek this year to raise £180 from the membership and aim by means of missionary publicity to develop a deeper sense of personal responsibility to the mission funds of the Church through personal giving to the local Church appeal.

The call to Military Service is having a serious effect on the Young Men's Bible Classes in most places. Adequate arrangements have been made by the Y.M.B.C. Movement in an endeavour to keep contact with B.C. members on active service. The necessity for making provision to maintain the work of the Movement as efficiently as possible has been noted by the Directors.

The Directors feel the need for emphasising the importance of loyalty on the part of Bible Class members to their own Church, especially when they remove to other centres. Many of our young people going to University centres for educational facilities are lost to the Movement and the Church because of this lack. The establishment of hostels in Wellington and now in Dunedin will prove a help in this direction and it is felt that similar facilities will need to be provided in the future to meet this need.

The Directors' impressions of the Bible Class Movements are favourable. Naturally, places vary, and there are real problems to study, but there is much to encourage.

CONCLUSION.

In presenting this report to the Church, the Youth Board wishes to acknowledge with gratitude the ready co-operation of the various sections of the Church, and the kindly hospitality extended to the Directors.

For the measure of success that has attended the work and for the hopes that the future hold we give humble thanks to Almighty God.

PERCY PARIS, Chairman.

NATHAN R. SEDDON, Secretary.

CLIFFORD T. SYMONS, Senior Youth Director.

REPORT ON CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.

This matter which was the subject of Report to the Conference, 1939, was referred back to the Board for further consideration (see Minutes of Conference, 1939, page 62, Resolution No. 1). At last Conference the Board asked for and was granted another year to consider the question (see Minutes of Conference, Page 69, Resolution No. 5).

NOTE. The present three-fold grading is Infant (up to 8 years), Junior (up to 16), and Full Membership.

After close consideration of the merits and value from both the fundamental and practical standpoint of two-fold, three-fold, and four-fold grading, the Board recommends as follows:—

1. That all persons under sixteen years of age who profess personal allegiance to Jesus Christ and who have been suitably instructed, be received as Junior Members of the Methodist Church.
2. That all persons over sixteen years of age who profess personal allegiance to Jesus Christ and who have been suitably instructed in the fundamentals of the faith and doctrines of the Methodist Church and consent to these, be received as Senior Members of the Methodist Church.
3. That Conference be asked to define the relationship of Baptism to Church Membership.

NOTE. In respect of Resolution No. 3, the Board is of the opinion that no completely satisfactory basis of Church Membership can be decided upon until the Conference makes a decision on this important matter on which there appears to be such a diversity of opinion as to its fundamental nature.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE EDUCATION.

The last Conference adopted the Youth Board's report on Temperance Education and authorised it to deal with matters arising therefrom (see Minutes of Conference, 1940, Page 69, Resolutions 1 and 2). In giving effect to the Conference direction, the Board has given further serious consideration to the matter of Temperance Education and now seeks the authority of Conference to proceed with its policy

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the report and statistical returns be received and adopted.
2. That detailed reports be supplied of activities and of the exact numbers attending Summer Schools, training classes, etc.
3. That all ministers give special attention to teaching, preferably in study groups, the foundation truths of the Methodist Church.
4. (1) That provision be made on the District Statistical Return (big sheet) for Sunday School Infant and Junior Church members to correspond with Blue form (a). (2) No. 4 (c) on the Blue sheet read "No. of B.C. and C.E. members who are." (3) That provision be made for returns of "Other Young People's Societies" on the Blue sheet.
5. That the following suggestions regarding Youth Booklets, etc., be referred to the Youth Board:—(1) That the Youth Workers' Booklet will be popularised if a more attractive cover is used. (2) That suggestions as to how the Book could be used be inserted in the front page. (3) That questions for discussion purposes be compiled at the end of the next book. (4) That questions on the Booklet be raised at Local Youth Councils or Teachers' Meetings.
6. That a special Committee be set up to consider the report on Church Membership, the order of reference to be:—(1) The relationship of Baptism to all grades of membership. (2) The terms to be used in designating the various stages of membership; and that this Committee report to both May and November Synods 1941, and to Conference of 1942.

N.B. It is suggested that this report might be the subject for discussion at May Synods, whose finding be sent to the Committee for consideration prior to the November Synods.

The Committee to be Revs. Dr. Laws, Dr. Ranston, E. W. Hames, W. G. Slade, G. I. Laurenson, F. Copeland, B. M. Chrystall, Mr. A. E. Bate, with the following corresponding members:—W. A. Burley, M. A. Rugby Pratt, C. H. Olds, H. L. Fiebig, W. T. Blight, G. R. Harris and C. T. Symons.

7. Temperance Education:

- (a) That the Youth Board set up a permanent Temperance Education Committee; such Committee to comprise: Revs. O. Burnet, C. T. Symons, R. B. Gosnell, Mrs. E. Masters, Miss D. Worboys, Mr. W. F. Stock, and one representative from the Y.M. Movement. That a Temperance Education Handbook be prepared by the Youth Board and issued to all Youth Workers in the Methodist Church, after approval by the Publications Committee of Conference. Suggested contents:
1. The need for Temperance Education.
 2. Graded Temperance Education: (a) for children to age of 10; (b) for children 10-14; (c) for young people 14-17; (d) for adults.
 3. Methods of Temperance Education.
 4. Temperance Education Agencies.
- (b) That four supplementary lessons be given in Sunday Schools and Bible Classes, or to other suitable Youth gatherings by Superintendents, leaders, and other suitable persons at some period during the year. That the series be illustrated by posters provided by the Youth Department. That the series be followed by an appeal for pledge-signing. (Approximate cost of posters, £20 per year.)
- (c) That three still-film projectors be provided for the Youth Department and Temperance Education film strips be prepared. That projectors and films be regularly circulated through the Dominion for lectures by local leaders or other suitable persons. (Approximate cost: Projectors £45, Films £1/5/- each year. As opportunity occurs, film projectors to be increased to one for each Synodal District.) Authority is given to the Board to appeal for donations through the "Methodist Times."
- (d) That the Youth Board appoint a Temperance Education Secretary in each area to work above scheme in conjunction with the District Youth Councils.
- (e) That the question "What is being done in regard to Temperance Education?" be included on the agenda of Local and District Youth Councils.
- (f) That the preparation of Total Abstinence cards be done by the Youth Department in consultation with the President of Conference.

8. That paragraph (5) of the Report on Temperance Education (Minutes of Conference, 1940, Page 69) read (5) We believe that more decisiveness is needed in regard to Temperance Education, which should issue in total abstinence and pledge signing.

9. That this Conference expresses appreciation of the work of the Youth Directors.

10. That the following be the Youth Board for 1941:—
Ministerial—Revs. O. Burnet, W. Parker, H. Tozer and R. Thornley.
Y.W.B.C.U. Members—Mrs. H. J. Steptoe, Misses Worboys, Johnston, and Horwood.

Y.M.B.C.U. Members—Messrs. E. Masters, S. Fellows, H. Kelly, A. E. Worboys.

Lay Members—Miss L. Hodder, Messrs C. A. Russell, J. V. Burton, H. W. Heyhoe.
Sunday School Council—Mrs. E. Masters, Rev. R. B. Gosnell, Messrs N. R. Seddon and W. F. Stock.

11. That the following District Youth Committees be appointed for 1941:—

AUCKLAND.—The Chairman of the District, Revs. E. W. Hames, B. M. Chrystall, H. C. Matthews. Lay Representatives: Messrs E. P. Salmon, A. D. Whitehead, and Miss R. Joynt. Y.W.B.C.U. Reps.: The President, Secretary, and Miss Nancy Hurling. Y.M.B.C.U. Reps.: President, Secretary, District Organiser. Sunday School Reps.: Miss K. Smith, Messrs E. Hamer and J. Walker. Synod Representative: Miss E. Booth.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.—The Chairman of the District, Revs. H. Ryan, J. W. Parker and C. P. Lucas, and Messrs. H. Wood, J. Jebson, and Mrs. J. Jebson. Y.W.B.C.U. Reps.: The President of the Union, Miss E. Jebson, and one other. Y.M.B.C.U. Reps.: The President of the Union, Mr. J. Boal, and Mr. J. Hammerton. The Supt. Correspondence S. Schools, Mrs. W. A. Smith (ex officio). Secretary: To be appointed. Synod Representative: To be appointed.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.—The Chairman of the District, Revs. E. S. Harkness, J. H. Bailey, and Ministers of Stratford and Fitzroy; Misses D. Sheat, C. Squire, M. Nicholson, and K. Ellett; Messrs D. G. Sherson, A. L. Fox, L. Hosking, M. Richards, R. H. Hughson, E. Yearbury, and A. Symmans; Synod Representative and Secretary, Mr. A. L. Fox.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.—The Chairman of the District, the Ministers of Palmerston North and Feilding Circuits, Messrs O. Bettany, C. E. Taylor, T. Henson, A. Hunt, R. Flavall, and E. Lock; Mesdames C. E. Taylor and A. Boniface; Misses G. Avery, M. Cunningham, and Goldsmith. Secretary and Synod Representative: Mr. O. Bettany.

WELLINGTON.—Revs. Percy Paris (Chairman), R. B. Gosnell, W. Parker and R. Thornley. Lay Representatives: Miss E. Sellens, Messrs. A. H. Brooks and Miss A. Firth. Y.W.B.C.U.: To be supplied. Y.M.B.C.U.: Rev. T. Skuse, Mr. J. Horn, and a rep. from the Wairarapa. Sunday Schools: Messrs. W. E. Howe and D. Taylor, Miss O. Clist. District Youth Secretary and Representative to Synod: Rev. Walter Parker.

NELSON.—The Chairman of the District, Ministers of Nelson, Richmond, and Motueka Circuits; Messrs V. Smart, N. Cozens, H. R. Holdaway, A. F. Thomas, C. S. Mayson, A. Marshall, and H. B. Savage; Mesdames H. R. Holdaway and W. Rowe; Misses Holdaway and J. Bannister. Secretary and Synod Representative: Mr. Noble Cousins.

West Coast Sub-Council.—Ministers of Greymouth and Hokitika Circuits; three Representatives from Greymouth and Hokitika Youth Councils.

NORTH CANTERBURY.—The Chairman of the District, Revs. M. A. R. Pratt, Raymond Dudley, W. E. A. Carr, and E. E. Sage; President of S.S. Union; Messrs. W. T. Burnell, H. W. Beaumont, S. Tuck, B. Caygill, A. Dingwall, A. Southey, E. H. Smith; Misses D. Caygill, R. Barrell, and R. Makin. Secretary and Synod Representative: Mr. A. Dingwall.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.—The Chairman of the District, with the Ministers of Timaru (Banks Street), Timaru South, and Waimate Circuits; Mrs. McAlister, Messrs J. C. Butcher and R. Verity; Y.W.B.C.U. Reps., Misses M. Longson, L. Duggan, and R. Hodson; Y.M.B.C.U. Reps., Messrs W. Beswarick, P. G. Woodnorth, and the Rev. C. Blair; Lay Reps., Misses G. Preece and S. Hayman, and Mr. Noel Hosking. Secretary: Rev. A. T. Kent.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—The Chairman of the District, Revs. B. M. Tasker, B.A., A. E. Jefferson, and R. E. Patchett (Secretary); Misses O. McCrone, R. Blackwood, F. Nixon, R. Prout, D. Lawrence, and Hope Kane; and Messrs H. Nixon, C. Chirnside, W. Lawry, A. Hewitt, A. T. McIndoe, and E. J. King. Synod Representative: Miss O. McCrone.

Southland Sub-District.—Revs. W. H. Greenslade, G. B. Hinton, N. Challenger, and Messrs A. T. Gandall, E. S. McFarlane, G. Hicken, L. Clark, W. Perkins, D. Brown, and P. Cook; Mrs. W. Pasley, Misses E. J. Wright, E. B. Mitchell, J. Falconer, and Edith McFarlane (Secretary).

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

A.—REPORT OF PUBLIC QUESTIONS COMMITTEE.

I. PRISONS.

The problem of the Church in relation to the prisons is that within these institutions there is a large number of men the greater part of whom are in the Christian sense sinful and lost. The responsibility of the Church toward these men is that of endeavouring to seek and to save them to the uttermost. The aim throughout is their conversion. The beginning of this process will be a new concern on the part of the Church for those who are in gaol.

Prisons are State Institutions. They exist for the following purposes:

- (1) To register a social reaction against certain anti-social acts.
- (2) To punish individual men for the crimes they have committed and to disable them temporarily or permanently from repeating the same.
- (3) To deter others from committing crimes by the threat of like punishment.
- (4) To reform men and to help them equip themselves for more social living.

The Church, as such, can give wholehearted approval to the last—the growing stress upon which she notes with appreciation.

In the discharge of her responsibility the action of the Church will fall naturally under the following headings:

- (1) The urging upon the State of such changes in the system as would make it at any point Christian.
- (2) The taking of such measures as are possible to convert sinful men in prisons and to bring them within the Christian fellowship.
- (3) The advocacy and the practical application of such schemes as would be calculated to save men and women from ever becoming criminal.

The foregoing section of the Report was adopted. A further exposition of Prison Reform was received by the Conference but was referred back to the Committee.

II. SOCIAL CREED.

A report on the Social Creed of the Church was received (see Agenda pages 77 to 79).

RESOLUTION.

That the Social Creed as printed in the Law Book, pages 226 and 227, be re-affirmed.

III. REFUGEES.

The position has changed a great deal during the year and is likely to change very rapidly in the near future. While the stream of "alien" refugees has lessened another, that of the British children, has commenced. In addition it is possible that immediately after the conclusion of the war numbers of British people will be desirous of seeking new homelands. The position at present appears to be that:—

1. The Government has stopped the entrance into New Zealand of "alien" refugees.
2. British children are coming, but at the moment there is no difficulty in finding homes for them.
3. No definite plans seem yet to have been made for a large scale immigration of British people dispossessed by the war.

RESOLUTION.

That when conditions are favourable desirable refugees be once more allowed to enter New Zealand. That the Government be urged to prepare plans for a large scale settlement of British immigrants.

IV. BIBLE IN SCHOOLS.

An informative and encouraging report on Bible in Schools was received and adopted by the Conference.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That Conference re-affirm its support of the work and policy of the Bible-in-Schools League, re-appoint its official representatives, and commend to Quarterly Meetings a financial appeal on lines similar to those of 1940.

2. That Conference views with alarm the increase in Juvenile Crime revealed by the latest statistics and stresses the need for an investigation by the Government into the causes surrounding what is an increasingly grave national problem. It believes that our Secular System of Education, instituted by the Act of 1877, has contributed to the Secularism of these days and failed to produce those spiritual ideals without which no nation can endure. It therefore urges upon the Government the immediate necessity for amending the existing Education Acts which provide solely for Secular Instruction and requests that a place be found for Unsectarian Religious Instruction in the curriculum of our State Schools, and urges the inclusion of the Lord's Prayer as part of the same.

3. That the following be re-appointed as our representatives on the Council of the League:—Revs. W. Grigg, M. A. Rugby Pratt, P. R. Paris, and R. B. Gosnell.

V. TEMPERANCE.

1. That attention be drawn to the deplorable inroads being made by the drink traffic upon the social life of the people and especially the violation of the letter and spirit of the law throughout the country especially as it affects the introduction of intoxicating liquor into the King Country. This Conference protests against insertion of liquor advertisements in local papers in the prohibited area, the drinking facilities provided through various forms of clubs, the shocking conditions prevailing in and among certain Maori communities, and the continued practice of drinking outside dance halls in country districts away from direct police supervision. Conference recommends the amendment and tightening of legislation so that the unscrupulous evasion of the law as it now stands may be remedied.

2. The opposition of the Conference to this traffic is not rooted in prejudice but is based upon reason, upon acquaintance with the damaging effects of drink in this country upon a sound knowledge of the harmful action of alcohol upon the human body and brain, and upon facts established as a result of sound scientific investigation by world authorities. These investigations prove that even a small quantity of alcohol confuses prompt judgment, slows the power to see signals, hastens fatigue, lessens resistance to disease and exposure, increases the shock from wounds and at the same time so affects the brain as to induce the illusion that the drinker is fitter when he is actually less fit. Conference is gravely concerned at the loss of physical efficiency caused by the use of liquor and by its destructive effects upon the character of the people and calls upon the Government to take effective measures to restrain this menacing enemy of the nation.

3. That a deputation wait upon the Minister of Railways and the Prime Minister, protesting against the utilisation of the C.O.D. facilities of the railways for the sale and consumption of liquor in King Country and no-license areas, and asking for a regulation excluding liquor from the classes of goods acceptable through the C.O.D. parcels system; that such deputation include the Revs. C. Duder and Matarae Tauroa, and be arranged for by the Chairman of the Wellington District.

4. That Conference learns with regret that 44,000 gallons of liquor were sent to the N.Z. Forces in Egypt and strongly protests against such acts.

5. That statements concerning Government production of wine and brandy be referred to the Public Questions Committee for investigation before any protest be made to the Government.

6. That Conference expresses warm appreciation of the Government's response to the requests of the Churches that Wet Canteens be not opened in the Territorial Camps, but records its regret that the facilities of the Wet Canteens are available to Territorials over the age of 21. That the Government be urged to take immediate steps to ensure the training of Territorials in their own camps.

7. That Conference heartily endorses the following resolution submitted by the Maori Mission workers:—That this Conference of Maori Ministers and Deaconesses of the Methodist Church deplores the fact that in direct violation of the Laws, Maoris are being continually supplied with liquor for consumption at many hui, and we hereby strongly urge upon the Government the necessity of more strictly enforcing the existing legislation bearing on the matter."

VI. PEACE. RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Manifesto of 1940 be re-affirmed and that special attention be drawn to the preamble which states that it "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 by the Church."

The Conference also declares that the Manifesto can only be rightly interpreted and applied in the exercise of such Christian spirit and as all preachers, teachers, and B.C. leaders use moderation and restraint in their 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.

2. That the following Committee be appointed to co-operate with other Churches and with the N.Z. Council of Religious Education in investigating:—

(a) The causes of international conflict and war.

(b) The principles upon which a righteous and secure peace may be obtained.

Committee: The President, Revs. M. A. Rugby Pratt, A. N. Scotter, J. H. Allen, Wesley Parker, M. A. McDowell (Convener), Messrs. J. E. Purchase, M. Kershaw, W. C. Francis and P. A. LeBrun, with power to add corresponding and other members as may be desirable.

3. That the attention of the Government be drawn to the fact that Conscientious Objectors of undoubted sincerity have had their cases dismissed by the Appeal Boards, and urgently requests it to set up a Higher Court of Appeal by which, without expense to the appellant, such cases may be re-heard. Conference also requests that provision be made by which Appeal Boards may prescribe that non-combatant military service be accepted and guaranteed when Conscientious Objection is only to combatant service.

VII. BIRTH RATE.

That this Conference is strongly of the opinion that the community life of this Dominion demands a large increase in the Birth Rate. We affirm the necessity of every possible provision being made to enable parents to maintain a full home life for their families but urge upon all the high moral and social responsibilities of parenthood, and the desirability of families of 4 or 5 replacing what seems the accepted modern standard of 1 or 2.

VIII. SUNDAY OBSERVANCE.

RESOLUTION. That the attention of the authorities be drawn to the injury done to religious work by the Sunday parades of the Home Guard, and that they be requested to arrange such parades so that the least injury shall be done to vital Christian work.

IX. COMMITTEE FOR 1941.

The following be the Public Questions Committee for the next Connexional year:—Revs. P. R. Paris, E. O. Blamires, R. B. Gosnell, M. Ayrton, T. Skuse, E. S. Hoddinott (Convener), O. E. Burton, and R. Thornley; Mesdames H. I. Steptoe and R. S. Maunder; Misses Tocker and Pacey; Messrs. A. C. Barrington, B. Cochran, R. Hardie Boys, C. H. Hain, A. Carman and J. V. Burton.

B.—IMMIGRATION.

All immigration of aliens is suspended for the duration of the war. The post-war policy of the Government will be immigration on a large scale of people from Great Britain.

I have represented our Church at the Conference and Committees in connection with the plans for the reception and settlement of "Little Britons" from the bombed areas of England and Scotland. After communicating with the officials of our Orphanages and Health Camps I was able to offer accommodation as "clearing houses" to the Child Welfare Department.

The immigration of children has now ceased.

PERCY PARIS.

RESOLUTIONS.

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

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

A.—GENERAL REPORT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.

The interim report submitted to Synods was adopted by the Conference.

1.—PROPERTIES ACQUIRED.

Mount Maunganui—21.88 perches, £150.
Maeroa (Hamilton)—1 rood .1 perches, £150.
Karamu (Hastings)—20 perches, £15.
Melzer Street (Invercargill, St. Peter's)—1 rood, £60.
Invercargill Central—37.4 perches and dwelling, £2,050. No particulars of debt.
Bourke Street (Invercargill Central)—1 rood 30 perches, £60.

2.—ERECTIONS AND ADDITIONS.

Pitt Street Hall—Cost £21,000. Debt £17,410.
Onehunga—Pipe Organ. Cost £772. Debt £410.
Warkworth—Renovations, etc., £137. Debt £31.
Ruawai—Parsonage £890. Debt £600.
Ruatangata—Church £457. No Debt.
Broadwood—Church and School £761. Debt £210.
Kerikeri—Church £113. No Debt.
Tauranga—New porch £50. No Debt.
Karamu (Hastings)—Church Hall, £264. Debt £86.
Palmerston North—Dwelling for Youth Director £1,336. Debt £1,358.
Halcombe—School, Cost £553. Debt £100.
Petone—Garage, £22.
Durham Street (Christchurch)—Parsonage. Cost £2,131. Debt £1,677.
Woodlands Street (Timaru)—Additions to School £739.

3.—SALES AND EXTENDED LEASES.

Grey Lynn—22 perches £317, for circuit trusts debt reduction.
 Onehunga—36.1 perches, £135. In trust for development. To be paid to G.P.T. Board.
 Aramoho— $\frac{1}{2}$ acre, £100. Proceeds for capital expenditure.
 Rangataua—Building sold £55. Proceeds for debt reduction.
 Marton— $\frac{1}{4}$ acre, £114. To be held by G.P.T. Board.
 Blenheim—3 roods 11.2 perches, £565. Proceeds £300 for Endowment Trust Fund. Balance Debt and Repairs.
 Leeston—35.5 perches, £70. Proceeds for new parsonage.
 Invercargill Central—Spey Street Dwelling, £775.

4.—CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
To Credit Balance from last year—General Account	8,582	15	3
„ Balance from last year held for Special Purposes	35,170	15	8
„ Loans from Church Building and Loan Fund	2,324	19	6
„ Loans from other sources	6,134	7	1
„ All other receipts	74,197	7	10
Total Receipts	126,410	5	4
Debit Balances	26,696	2	5
Total	£153,106	7	9

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
By Debit Balance from last year	17,862	3	8
„ Loan Fund Instalments	2,783	10	3
„ Other Loans Repaid	6,801	2	11
„ Interest on Loans and Bank Overdraft	6,007	16	8
„ Purchase of Land, Erections or Additions to Bldgs.	24,525	3	9
„ Rents, Rates, Cleaning, Lighting, Repairs, etc.	43,903	3	5
Total Expenditure	101,883	0	8
Credit Balances	12,543	14	5
Balances held for Special Purposes	38,679	12	8
Total	£153,106	7	9

5.—STATEMENT OF DEBT.

	£	s.	d.
Mortgage Debt at end of previous year	143,449	13	10
Add New Loans received during year	8,635	13	1
Total	152,085	6	11
Deduct Loans repaid during year	10,177	11	5
Amount of Mortgage Debt at end of year	£141,907	15	6
Unpaid General Accounts	£2,866	4	7
Unpaid Interest	£ 307	12	3
Contingent Liability	£2,000	0	0

6.—FIRE INSURANCE.

Total of Fire Insurances Reported £809,708 15 2

7.—DISTRICT SECRETARIES FOR CHURCH PROPERTY.

All the District Secretaries received the well merited thanks of their Synods for the work they so willingly and capably rendered. All are recommended 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.

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

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

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

North Canterbury—Mr. J. W. Hillary, 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.

The financial returns give cause for gratification. The total receipts are £22,749/19/9 more than for the previous year. The debit balances have increased by £8,732/9/5 largely on account of aggressive enterprises. The credit balances have increased by £3,513/4/-. The amount held for special purposes is £38,679/12/8, an increase of £4,571/14/8 over the previous year. The amount of mortgage debt is £141,907/15/6, being an increase of £463/11/7 over last year. Loans amounting to £10,177/11/5 have been repaid during the year. The response being made to the Centenary Thanksgiving Fund Appeal in encouraging much aggressive work and during the new Connexional year it should lead to lightening of the burden of debt upon a number of necessitous trusts.

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 and that they be re-appointed.
3. That the Circuit Property Schedules, with the audited Balance Sheets, be sent to the District Secretaries not later than October 31st, and that the revised Schedules with Summaries and Reports be sent by the District Secretaries to the General Secretary not later than December 10th.
4. That the Property Schedules from Home Mission Stations be sent to the Chairman of the District not later than October 31st, and, after due scrutiny, sent by him to the District Secretary without delay.
5. That with a view to facilitating the work of the District Secretary, Circuit Superintendents be directed to carry out the totals of the several columns, and to see that a correct balance is secured on each Schedule.

6. That the attention of the Auditors be called to the essential importance of seeing that the balances brought forward agree in every case with the balance given in the preceding year's accounts.

7. That where moneys are raised for special purposes, they should not be used temporarily for other purposes as such breach of trust involves the trustees in personal liability.

8. That all moneys held in Trust for special purposes be invested only in those securities authorised by the "Trustee Act, 1908," or its amendments. (See Minutes 1940, page 90.)

9. That the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee consider during the year how the Law can be altered so as to give effect, if possible, to findings of a Commission recommending the alteration of Circuit boundaries when one or more Circuit Quarterly Meetings fail to endorse the Commission's findings.

B.—CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.

REPORT FOR 1940.

The audited financial statements for the year ended 30th September, 1940, show that a sum of £2,686 12s. 11d. was received in repayment of loans. The loans current at the same date amounted to £20,886 3s. 0d.

Loans Repaid.

The following loans have now been fully repaid:—Epsom (No. 1), Richmond Avenue, Mangere East, Rangataua, Palmerston North (Cuba Street), Belvedere, Picton, and Nightcaps.

New Loans.

New loans have been advanced to the following trusts:—Devonport £600, Silverdale £50, Broadwood £140, Ngongotaha £50, Wairoa (H.B.) £150, Porirua £300, Upper Hutt £75, Durham Street parsonage £900, and Tuatapere £50.

Loans Now Current.

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

District	Loans	Liabilities			Arrears and Interest		
		£ s. d.			£ s. d.		
Auckland	16	3,683	13	8	209	9	11
South Auckland	13	3,530	8	6	704	18	9
Taranaki-Wanganui	11	2,613	10	9	87	3	0
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	5	768	1	2	132	9	8
Wellington	10	2,258	10	5	263	3	1
Nelson	5	1,136	3	9	23	13	0
North Canterbury	16	5,018	16	6	20	12	11
South Canterbury	1	203	8	9	—	—	—
Otago-Southland	10	3,181	13	4	1,009	9	8
Total	87	£22,394	6	10	£2,451	0	0

Sites Fund.

During the year the following grants have been made from the Sites Fund:—Mount Maunganui £50 1s. 6d., Karamu £8 8s. 0d., Maeroa Parsonage £35, Invercargill (Bourke Street) £50.

Auckland District.

The Devonport loan has now been re-arranged and the trust freed from interest-bearing debt. Vauxhall is still in arrear to the amount of £192 10s. 0d. Other trusts are fulfilling their obligations.

South Auckland District.

Opotiki is now reducing its long-standing liability by small repayments. Taumarunui, Te Kuiti, and Kawhia are in arrear and these cases have been taken up with the Home Mission Department.

Taranaki-Wanganui District.

Inglewood has reduced its arrears. Raetihi has fallen behind in its repayments. Other trusts call for no comment.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District.

Gisborne has recently substantially reduced its liabilities to the Fund. Wairoa loan has been re-arranged and the property entirely freed from a bank overdraft and from an outstanding private liability.

Wellington District.

Thorndon regularly meets its repayment instalments and has recently improved its properties. Hataitai is arranging to bring all repayments up to date.

Nelson District.

All loan obligations are being met. It is desirable for Blenheim trust to take over the Flaxbourne church site with the small liability on the same.

North Canterbury District.

All trusts in this District continue to meet their commitments and no case calls for comment.

South Canterbury District.

There is only one loan current in this District and the Trust continues to make regular repayment of instalments.

Otago-Southland District.

The liability of St. Clair to the Fund remains unaltered, but the interest-bearing debt on the property is now being reduced. The three outstanding loans of the Caversham Trust will soon be consolidated and a new arrangement put in operation. The small River-ton loan is badly in arrear and should receive the attention of the Synod.

Committee for 1941.

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 Durham Street, Christchurch East, Cambridge Terrace, Riccarton, and St. Albans Circuits, together with Messrs H. de R. Flesher (Lay Treasurer), R. W. Brighting, J. H. Kidd, H. J. S. Harrington, R. Laine, S. Sayers, E. H. Down, H. Blackwood, and Melville Lawry.

District Property Advisory Committees.

These Committees are appointed for the purpose of giving advice on matters referred to them by the General Committee. They do not exist to give advice to local trusts. The intention is that these Committees shall be small and be constituted of those with expert knowledge. These Committees (as per Law Book Page 161) consist of the Chairman of the District (who is convener), the District Secretary of Church Property (ex officio), and at least one other minister and one other layman to be nominated by the District Synod. The Synods are requested to make the necessary nominations.

Breaches of Regulations.

Various breaches of the Church Property Regulations and of the trusts of the Model Deed have come before the Committee during the year. The Franklin Road Trustees, probably through a misunderstanding, carried through structural alterations to the Collingwood Street dwelling without having complied with Regulation 6 on Page 188 of the Law Book. The Birkenhead Trustees infringed the same regulation by making additions and alterations to the school without consent and without submitting plans and specifications. They also infringed the provisions of the Trustee Act of 1908 (as per Conference Minutes 1940, Page 90, Resolution 7) by temporarily using for this purpose £70 held in trust for church extension work in the circuit and £50 held in trust for a new church building fund. The trustees have undertaken to repay these amounts. The Invercargill Central Trustees bought for £2,050, for a parsonage residence, a dwelling erected 15 years ago, despite the criticisms of the Committee. They asked that the Committee should not further withhold its consent. The Committee can never be a party to breaking the rules of the Conference by which it and the trustees are bound and it cannot stultify itself by any pretence at giving sanction for the doing of an act that has already been done, and done in such a way as contravenes the Church regulations and overrides the functions of the Committee.

Proposed Commission.

The Committee has given further careful attention to the proposal for setting up a Commission to examine particular trust liabilities, to study various methods of finance, and to investigate the re-financing of maturing mortgages. The Committee can see no justification for setting up such a Commission nor any prospect of fruitful results being thereby secured. The Committee already has complete information regarding all our trust liabilities. It has studied systems of church finance operating in Australia, Canada, and England as well as in other religious communions. Few trusts are affected by disproportionate burdens, and the Centennial appeal now in progress is designed to give assistance to such trusts. The Loan Fund largely meets the position and an increase in its capital would be a most effective method of ensuring a larger measure of assistance where trust debts are a pressing problem.

Proposed Capitation Fund.

The Committee has considered the proposal for establishing a Capitation Fund (as per Minutes 1940, Page 188) and regards the scheme outlined as utterly impracticable. Most benefits sought thereby for the distant future could now be secured by an increase of the capital of the Church Building and Loan Fund.

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, 1942.

The Committee has given its sanction to the following:—

I.—SALES.

Wesley College Trust: 1 rood 27 perches, corner Three Kings and Landscape Roads. £900.

Kaeo: 8 acres 1 rood 12.6 perches to Whangaroa Hospital Board, £150, by Mission Property Trustees.

Mangungu: 2 acres gift for cemetery to Hokianga County Council by Mission Property Trustees.

Mangapai: 2 roods by Mission Property Trustees, £5.

Mangawhare: 1 acre for best price obtainable. Proceeds to Dargaville Trust.

East Street Hall: £3,650. Proceeds to be held in trust for such capital expenditure as may be approved by the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee.

Mount Albert: Rear section at Parsonage, £250. Proceeds for reconstruction of parsonage.

Moehau Street: Dwelling for £2,000. Trinity College Trust.

Remuera: Station Street dwelling, £1,200. Proceeds for new parsonage for Remuera.

Manurewa: Hill Road property, £825. Purchaser to take over existing mortgage. £600 to be lodged with the General Purposes Trust Board in trust for a new church at Manurewa.

Rangataua: Building for £55. Balance over debt to be credited to Raetihi loan account.

Hawera: Parsonage and adjoining section for £1,000. Possession to be retained until new parsonage on a better site is arranged for.

Aramoho: Part Section facing London Street for £100 net. Proceeds for capital expenditure only.

Feilding: Section 234 in Manchester Street may be offered to the Crown only for £100. Proceeds to be held in trust for new church or parsonage.

Tutaekara: Section for £12/10/-. Proceeds for shelter shed at Pahiatua Sunday School.

Wai-iti: Removal of building to Wakefield. If section sold proceeds to pay for removal of building.

Addington: 1 rood 12.8 perches at corner Selwyn and Harman Streets with buildings, £1,000. Proceeds for new church at Addington.

Leeston: Parsonage for £425 net cash on condition new parsonage is proceeded with at once. Possession to be retained until new dwelling is ready. Proceeds for new parsonage fund.

Fairton: Building for removal for best price obtainable. Proceeds for developmental work in Ashburton circuit.

Timaru: Part tennis court section for not less than £400. A right-of-way to be reserved. Proceeds to be held in trust for new parsonage on the Butler Street site.

Milton: Two parsonage sections for not less than £60 each. Proceeds to be held by General Purposes Trust Board for capital expenditure in Milton circuit.

Invercargill: Spey Street parsonage for £775. Proceeds for erection of new parsonage.

II.—LEASES.

Nil.

III.—MORTGAGES.

Nil.

On behalf of the Committee,

W. A. BURLEY, Chairman.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Secretary.

Christchurch,

21st October, 1940.

RESOLUTIONS.

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

2. That the sanction given by the Committee for the sale or extended lease of properties as reported be confirmed and ratified by the Conference.

(N.B.—The sanction above mentioned will lapse if not acted upon by 31st March, 1942.)

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 Property Advisory Committees be as named below together with the respective District Chairman 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, and W. B. Young.
- (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. F. J. Parker; Messrs B. J. Lynneberg and C. H. Hain, LL.B.
- (f) Nelson: The ministers of the Blenheim Circuit; Messrs F. H. Southgate, J. S. White, and H. Oldham.
- (g) South Canterbury: The ministers of the Timaru, Temuka, and Ashburton Circuits; Messrs J. W. Holdgate, A. W. Barnett, H. C. B. Withell, and Mrs. McAllister.
- (h) Otago-Southland: Revs. D. O. Williams, G. B. Hinton, W. H. Greenslade; Messrs Winton, Roberts, D. J. Wesley, and A. S. Froggatt.

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

During the year the Custodian has received deeds for property at the following places:—

Prince Albert College, Onehunga, Devonport, Kaikohe, Rawene, Frankton Junction, Maeroa, Mount Maunganui, Dannevirke, Apiti, Otaki, Otaki Beach, Blenheim, Durham Street (Christchurch), Leith Street Lease (Dunedin), Bourke Street (Invercargill), and Tuatapere.

Many deeds are still held by church officers and also by solicitors where no mortgage obligations exist. It is very desirable that these documents be secured and forwarded to the Custodian for safe keeping.

Changes in trust registrations affecting 77 trusts have involved the removal of 207 names from the Register of Trustees and the registration of 175 new trustees. No person may legally act as a trustee until the Authorised Representative has issued a certificate that he has been duly registered as such. The following summary gives details of changes of personnel in the trusts affected:—

Districts	Trusts	Removals	Registrations
Auckland	14	35	23
South Auckland	11	14	39
Taranaki-Wanganui	8	24	16
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	8	41	24
Wellington	7	14	15
Nelson	2	1	3
North Canterbury	12	42	27
South Canterbury	5	20	11
Otago-Southland	10	16	17
Totals	77	207	175

There are still many trust registrations that are out of date. In some cases there has been no revision of the trust for a generation. Complaints continue to be made by careful ingoing Superintendent ministers that no effective entries affecting trusts have been made for years in the circuit records.

The Circuit Schedule Books have been carefully designed to give a concise history of the circuit year by year. These books ought to be so kept that they will meet all requirements of the future historian. Every section should be kept posted up year by year so that each superintendent minister may be able to return an unqualified affirmative reply to the question asked in Synod as to whether the proper entries have been made in the circuit schedule book. Reports of unposted schedule books would then be less frequent than they are.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT,

Custodian of Deeds and Authorised Representative.

Christchurch,
21st October, 1940.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received, adopted and printed in the Minutes.

2. That in accordance with "The Methodist Church Property Trust Act, 1887," the Rev. Major Albert Rugby Pratt be appointed Authorised Representative for the year 1941-1942.

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, 1940.

The Board has pleasure in reporting on a satisfactory year.

The reduction in the rate of interest charges has enabled the renovation work of the buildings to continue and during the year an additional £623 has been expended. All the buildings are now brought to a satisfactory state of repair.

We are pleased to be able to contribute £300 to the Theological College.

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

JAS. TYLER, Chairman.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report, Financial Statement, and Balance Sheet be received and adopted.

2.—PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE.

Report for Year Ending September, 1940.

The Annual Report of Trustees Meeting held at Pitt Street on Wednesday, October 24th. We sustained a very great loss during the year by the death of two valued members, Mr. L. R. Brakenrig, an old pupil of the College, and Mr. Andrew Messer.

The financial report gives information of the Mortgage and Bank overdraft owing when the Lease was given in 1907 of a total of £8,743 being paid off, no less a sum than £7,088 being paid in interest, and grants to Dunholm, Trinity, and Wesley Colleges amounting to £4,340.

In view of their liability at the end of 17 years, to find funds to pay the Lessee the value of his interest in the buildings, the Trustees are not able to make any further grants.

The Balance Sheet presents a statement of cash payments as well as property and Lessee's valuations.

The Finance Committee appointed last year reported arrangements with Pitt Street Trustees to loan funds accumulating at bank rate of interest. This was approved by the Trustees.

E. T. OLDS, Chairman.

JOHN W. SHACKELFORD, Secretary.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

3.—THE JAMES AND MARTHA TROUNSON BENEVOLENT FUND TRUST BOARD. REPORT FOR 1940.

The Board has met frequently during the past to deal with applications for financial assistance.

The Statement of Income and Expenditure shows that during the year the sum of £374/12/6 has been distributed in grants and there is a balance in hand of £211/15/10.

Will Superintendent Ministers assist the Board to meet cases of real need by reporting them to the Board? Application forms can be had from the Secretary.

THOS. A. JOUGHIN, Chairman.

A. E. ROGERS, Secretary.

RESOLUTION.

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

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

We have pleasure in presenting the report of the Board for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

Masterton Children's Home.

Full details of the work of the Home will be found in the report presented by the Masterton Committee.

The Board is indebted to the Committee for its untiring efforts on behalf of the children committed to its care, and would also place on record continued appreciation of the loyal and devoted services of the Matron, Miss Allan, and her assistants, and of the Honorary Medical Officer, Dr. Prior.

Mr. J. H. Handyside has relinquished the position of Chairman of the Committee, and it is desired to record appreciation of the able manner in which he has filled this office during the last eight years.

The Board endorses the recommendations of the Committee regarding the personnel for 1941.

Bequests totalling £394/19/- received during the year have been credited to the Home's Capital Account, which now stands at £6,789/2/5.

Rangiatea Maori Girls' School.

As mentioned in our last report, the time was not considered opportune for the establishment of the projected school for Maori girls, but it was considered that an interim scheme should be instituted without delay as a gesture of good faith to our Maori people.

The Board has accordingly been happy to co-operate with the Home Missions Department in the establishment in New Plymouth of the Rangiatea Maori Girls' School. Although having only a limited capacity, the School is already showing that it will fill a useful place in the community, and the experience gained will prove of greatest value when circumstances permit the establishment of the major project.

Financial.

The Revenue Account discloses an excess of ordinary income over ordinary expenditure of £1,038/10/9, being £84/12/1 less than last year. However, during the year the Board had to erect a heavy retaining wall at the Kelburn property, and this item is unlikely to recur in the future.

Expenses of the Masterton Home, as detailed in the accounts, amounted to £966/15/8, whilst interest from investments held on behalf of the Masterton Committee amounted to £215/7/-, leaving a net charge to revenue of £751/8/8. It should be noted, however, that this figure includes £150 for depreciation written off the Home buildings.

After making a grant of £300 to the Rangiatea Maori Girls' School, Income is less than Expenditure by £12/17/11, and this amount has been transferred to Capital Account which now stands at £41,684/18/1.

General.

It is the unanimous wish of the Board that the Rev. P. R. Paris be re-appointed Chairman for the ensuing year, and also requests the Conference to appoint Messrs. F. Turner, H. M. Patrick, and N. R. Seddon as additional trustees.

On behalf of the Board,

PERCY PARIS, Chairman.

J. A. KELLOW, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

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

2. That the Rev. P. R. Paris be appointed Chairman for the ensuing year.

3. That Messrs. F. Turner, H. M. Patrick, and N. R. Seddon be appointed as additional trustees.

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

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

6.—MARTIN BROTHERS—MEMORIAL REST HOME.

The property donated by Mr. Martin at Mountain Road, Auckland, is still occupied by a tenant who has the protection of the Fair Rents Act.

The Government Valuation is £1,920.

Mr. Martin has promised a Centennial donation of £100.

G. A. WHITE.

RESOLUTION.

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

7.—NORTH ISLAND REST HOUSE.

The customary report by the Secretary was received and adopted.

8.—THOMAS EVE ASHBURTON TRUST.

A Brief Summary of Governing Conditions.

By his will dated August 7th, 1931, Thomas Eve appointed Messrs Frederick William Watt and William Hocken Rundle, of Ashburton, to be his executors and trustees. He gave to these trustees all his real and personal estate upon trust and gave them the fullest discretion to sell, call in or convert into money the whole or any part of his real and personal property.

To the trustees of the Baring Square Methodist Church he gave £600. Of this sum £150 was to be available to defray the transport expenses of its minister in connection with his country work; £100 was to be held in trust as a gift towards the expenses of the Baring Square Sunday School; £100 to be invested in a trustee security to earn interest for the upkeep of the Church; and £250 as a contribution for the benefit of the circuit funds of the Church. The Quarterly Meeting was empowered to lend any surplus to the Trust Fund to keep down interest charges.

After providing for a small personal bequest and for life benefits for surviving sisters his two trustees were directed to hold the remaining portion of the residue of his real and personal property "upon trust for such purposes connected with what is now known as the Baring Square Methodist Church and its present and future work as may from time to time be determined by a Board of Trustees who shall be appointed by my trustees acting upon the advice of what appears to them to be the most responsible body then controlling the religious organisation to which what is now the Baring Square Methodist Church will then belong."

Thomas Eve died on August 18th, 1931, and by a deed dated July 26th, 1934, his two trustees set up a Board of Trustees constituted as follows:—George Branford Hinton, Reginald Arthur Collins, Frederick William Frampton, Sidney James Graham, George Bowman, William Henry Higgins, George Fowke, Thomas Wakelin, John Edward Moore, and Sydney Walden Lilley, together with the Superintendent Minister for the time being of the Ashburton Circuit of the Methodist Church, and the Connexional Secretary of the Methodist Church of New Zealand as ex officio members of the Board.

The Board is to administer what is called "The Baring Square Methodist Church Eve Trust," and it is to hold moneys made available by the two trustees and any real and personal property whatsoever subject to the trusts of the will becoming vested in the said Board upon trust for such purpose connected with the Baring Square Methodist Church, Ashburton, and its present and future work as may from time to time be determined by the said Board.

The Board must have not fewer than seven or more than twelve members provided always that the Superintendent Minister of Ashburton Circuit and the Connexional Secretary shall be ex officio members. Provision is made for election of Chairman, for filling vacancies, etc.

An audited statement of accounts and a report must be presented to the annual meeting which shall meet in the first week in November of each year. When adopted the statement and report must be signed by the Chairman and a copy of each must be forwarded to the Secretary of the Conference to be laid before the Conference at its then next session.

The Board may not vary any of the purposes of the Trust without the consent of Conference or of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee acting on behalf of the Conference.

Provision is made that if the Baring Square Methodist Church discontinues as a Protestant Church any moneys the subject of the trust may be devoted to the work of the Orphanage at Papanui now and not necessarily at that time controlled by the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

On July 1st, 1935, the Trust Board unanimously adopted the following declaration after hearing verbal statements by the two trustees and by the Rev. G. B. Hinton as to the expressed wishes of Thomas Eve:—

"That this Baring Square Methodist Church Eve Trust Board recognises that it holds upon trust all moneys and other benefits that are or may be made available by the Executors and Trustees named in the last Will and Testament of the late Thomas Eve 'for such purpose connected with the Baring Square Methodist Church, Ashburton, and its present and future work as may from time to time be determined' by this Board provided that the corpus of the Estate shall be preserved absolutely intact and having learned from the said Executors and Trustees and also from the Rev. G. B. Hinton that it was the definitely expressed intention of the Testator that benefits accruing under his Will should not be so applied as to relieve the Baring Square Methodist Church of any present obligation to support its own work, but firstly, so as to extend its present work and promote its future activities; and secondly, so as to strengthen and extend under the direction of the recognised Courts of the Baring Square Methodist Church the work of the Methodist Church of New Zealand throughout the bounds of the Ashburton County, this Board, whilst not, at this stage, adopting any definite programme, accepts these principles as determining its future policy in administering the Trust."

That the summary be received, adopted, and printed in the Minutes, and that the Trust be directed to forward annually for insertion in the Conference Agenda a signed report and an audited Statement of Accounts.

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

REPORT OF THE BOARD, 1940.

The audited statements of accounts for the year ended 31st October are presented with this report. The income from all sources was £3,428/11/3. The Accumulated Fund is £30,000. The Fire Loss Reserve Account amounts to £2,565. The Investment Contingency Reserve Account amounts to £1,265/11/1. A sum of £8,584/15/9 is invested on first mortgage security and £24,490 in Government Stock and local body debentures. In the whole history of the fund not one penny has ever been lost of invested capital or of interest earnings.

Risks Carried.

The risks now held by the Department have increased to 963. This total is made up of 430 churches, 217 schools and halls, 169 parsonages, and 147 miscellaneous risks. These risks give a total cover of £741,275/10/-, an increase of £13,072/10/- over the previous year. Added to these risks are various insurances arranged by the Department aggregating £134,130/1/7. The Board is thus interested in insurances totalling £875,405/11/7, a large proportion of which is covered by re-insurance which is effected on advantageous terms.

Fire Losses.

Following the immunity from fire loss the previous year there have been seven claims for the year just ended for damage totalling £756/1/6. Of this sum an amount of £382/7/3 was covered by re-insurance, leaving a net loss to the fund of £373/14/3. The following claims were paid out: Wesley Training College (two claims, £209; Masterton Orphanage, £150; Masterton Church, £98/15/-; Clarkville Church, £282/19/-; Lower Hutt (plate glass), £12/17/6; and a minister's claim of £2/10/-.

Grants.

From last year's profits grants were paid out amounting to £1,190. A conditional grant of £50 was not claimed and there was also an unappropriated balance of £8/9/4. After making the reserve appropriations directed by Conference the divisible surplus for the year just closed, including last year's unappropriated sum of £58/9/4, is £872/17/4.

From the establishment of the Department in 1899 down to the year 1927 grants for Connexional purposes aggregated £4,290. During that period the annual distribution averaged £160 and it never exceeded £700 in any one year. Since the Conference of 1927 grants have totalled £19,848, being an average of over £1,400 per annum. The Board is opposed to the policy of building up excessive reserves but, with the growth of the Department, prudence compels 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. In 1938 the Board departed from its established rule of meeting fire losses from revenue and reduced its reserve appropriations rather than reduce grants for Connexional purposes at a time of special need. Again in 1939 it drew upon its reserves to meet the emergency at Wanganui. Recognising the special needs of various funds and institutions at the present time the Board, with some reluctance, proposes to draw £130 from its reserves in order to increase the amount available for distribution to £1,000, but it asks the authority of the Conference to replace the amount as early as may be convenient.

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

	£
Home Acquirement Fund	330
Deaconess House Fund	50
Foreign Mission Fund	85
Home Mission Fund	85
Supernumerary Benevolent Fund	25
Church Sites Fund	50
Youth Department	50
"Methodist Times"	175
Trinity College (Special)	150
Total	£1000

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,

18th November, 1940.

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, 1940.

The work of the Connexional Office is dealt with largely in the reports submitted to Conference by the various departments administered. The cost of administration slightly exceeded the appropriations and reduced the credit balance to £22/2/2. The appropriations requested for the ensuing year are the same as for last year, namely:—Church Building and Loan Fund, £220; Connexional Fire Insurance Fund £380; Supernumerary and Allied Funds £471; "Methodist Times" £170; Contingent Fund £185.

The scope of the Clerical Workers' Award has recently been considerably widened. Notice has been received that religious institutions and organisations not operating for pecuniary gain are now brought under the provisions of the Award. This has involved wage increases but not increased hours of work or holidays which are better than Award requirements.

The following are nominated as the Committee for the ensuing year:—The Chairman of the District, The Connexional Secretary, the Superintendent ministers of 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.

The last Conference requested the Committee to consider the possibility of adopting a standard form for the presentation of the annual financial statements of all trusts and departments of the Church reporting to Conference. The Committee considers it possible to draft a form covering the finances of trusts and departments, small and large, and administering manifold and widely differing interests. Such a form, however, might easily be confusing to some, and large

parts of it would not be relevant to a majority of trusts. The cost of production at this time would be heavy. As the statements of most trusts and departments are prepared in accordance with the requirements of auditors and accountants the Committee does not recommend the adoption of a standard form at the present time.

On behalf of the Committee,

HENRY HOLLAND, Chairman.

FRANK THOMPSON, Lay Treasurer.

Christchurch,

14th January, 1941.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report and Statement of Receipts and Expenditure be received, adopted and printed in the Minutes.

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

TRINITY THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

A.—PRINCIPAL'S REPORT.

(1) On Monday, March 4th, the College was reopened with sixteen students in residence, and also three others in training for the Congregational Church. C. H. Bell was appointed Senior Student, and he has been a fine and efficient officer in an office which is no sinecure. The health of the men has been, on the whole, good; and as far as attention to study is concerned, they are to be commended.

(2) Completing their training this year are Students C. H. Bell, H. K. Brown, H. W. Burley, H. A. Darvill, G. V. Thomas, and J. H. Woolford. These men vary in their gifts and graces, but all are good men in whom we have confidence. Mr Burley is a volunteer for the Forces in the Ambulance Section, and in him and his action we have a special pride. He left College for Trentham early in October.

(3) The Hostel has been full all the year, and although the future is uncertain owing to the war, the present indications as to the number of hostel residents next year are extremely good. Mr and Mrs Hames have continued to superintend the domestic side of the college life with excellent results, owing to their tactful understanding of student nature as well as business acumen. A real contribution to the extension of the Kingdom of God is made by our hostel work.

(4) University Studies have been pursued by Students Darvill, Thomas, Woolford (Education II, Philosophy II), Morrison (History I, Philosophy III), Clement (Education I, Philosophy I), Lewis (English for Honours, and preparation for B.D.).

(5) The Tutorial Work is constantly reviewed by the Board of Studies, which considers carefully in detail the work of each man.

(a) The Principal has twice each week read with the senior men the 1941 B.D. sections of the Greek New Testament; Classical Greek with men preparing for University work; and also held another class in the 1941 B.D. Old Testament Hebrew.

Once a week he has taught O.T. Introduction and Exegesis (the Prophets and the Servant of the Lord chapters); O.T. Teaching (the Prophets and the Apocalyptists); N.T. Exegesis (John, chs. 14-17 and First Epistle of Peter); N.T. Teaching (the Johannine Books); Logic, and Intermediate Greek. A short course on modern cults was also given.

- (b) Mr. Hames continues to prove himself both as scholar and teacher. Twice each week he has taught Systematic Theology (God: Man); Junior N.T. Greek; and Religious Education (separate junior and senior classes). Once a week classes in Intermediate N.T. Greek; N.T. Introduction (Johannine Books and General Epistles); Pastoral Theology; also a fortnightly class in English Literature; as well as a small weekly class in English Composition, etc.

Both Principal and Tutor have set test papers in General and Particular Bible Knowledge, and also classes have been held for hostel men in the fundamental Christian doctrines. It is good that the hostel men desire such services to be rendered to them. Unfortunately the health of the Principal has placed the whole burden of the work of the Collegiate Church (except some pastoral duties) on the back of the Tutor, a position which has been hardly fair to him,

- (c) It was intended that the Rev. E. S. Emmitt should have heard the students preach, held the weekly criticism class, and lectured on Homiletics. Serious sickness prevented this, and Dr. Laws very kindly has continued for another year his exceedingly valuable work in this important department. That Dr. Laws should have so generously come to our aid is much appreciated and special thanks are due to him.
- (d) Mr. Dennis Johns, M.A., has continued his first-class instruction in voice production and elocution; the Rev. C. T. Symons, M.A., B.D., gave a course of three lectures on aspects of youth work; and the Rev. G. I. Laurenson three lectures on circuit work and its problems. These two extra courses are of great value to the men, and the practice of such courses by similarly qualified men is worth extending. Other visitors to the College have addressed the men, notably the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt, F.R.Hist.S.

(6) In Practical Work there has been considerable activity. Services in city and suburban churches; observation of efficient Sunday School work; teaching in the Collegiate Sunday School; helping in Easter Camps, Bible Classes, the Y.M.C.A. and Boys' Clubs; and furthering Christian work in the University College. Open air meetings have been continued. Many of the men show real capacity for leadership. During the vacation there were several missions and much demand for services as supply. Messrs H. K. Brown and A. Collins have rendered diligent and efficient services as Student-pastors of the Collegiate Church.

(7) The Auckland Ministers' Association once again held a well attended School of Theology in the College.

(8) Many valuable gifts (reported elsewhere) have been received, but of special note are those of Dr. Laws and the late Mr. L. Brakenrig, organist in the Collegiate Church. With other gifts, from each have come about 250 volumes of valuable literature, which are being kept in separate sections in the library.

(9) I greatly regret that medical advice has made imperative my retirement from the Principalship two years earlier than was anticipated. For 22 years I have been either part or full time teacher in the College. Its life and mine have become part of each other, and I am grateful that arrangements are being made for me to continue in some classes for a time.

I owe a tremendous debt to our Church for its goodness. Were I to begin over again I would still choose to be a Methodist minister. The long-continued confidence of successive Conferences, the never-failing helpfulness of the College Council and its officers, the kindly courtesy and evidences of affection from successive generations of students—for these I am profoundly thankful to God and to them.

In Dr. Laws I had for eleven years a very able and devoted Principal. For ten years this post has been mine. Until a permanent head is appointed Mr. Hames will, in a difficult time, probably have the very arduous position of Acting-Principal. He will need and surely receive all your prayers. To me, personally, he has been a most helpful colleague.

Trinity College is already a fine institution, and one has visions of the increasing greatness that is to be. *Spiritus ubi est ardet.*

HARRY RANSTON, Principal.

October 4th, 1940.

PRINCIPAL'S SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

The prize awards are as follows:—

Alexander Reid for Elocution and Public Speaking—Lewis; (2): H. Brown. Junior: Clement.

Edson for N.T. Greek—Bell. Intermediate: Clement. Junior: Barnitt.

Garland for Systematic and Biblical Theology—Lewis. Progress: Collins. Junior: Barnitt.

Wagstaff for Biblical Introduction, Exegesis and General Bible Knowledge—Lewis. Progress: Willing. Junior: Barnitt.

Kent for English Literature—Collins. Progress: Willing. Junior: Dawson.

Students Darvill, Thomas, Woolford, and Clement passed in the B.A. Degree examinations.

H. RANSTON, Principal.

December 26th, 1940.

B.—REPORT OF COLLEGE COUNCIL.

In presenting this report, we desire to express our gratitude to Almighty God for His guidance and help in an important year of College administration.

It gives us pleasure to report that the work of the College has been carried on during the year with efficiency and harmony.

The attendances at the quarterly meetings of the Council have been well maintained and the members have shown a keen interest in the business. During the year we have lost by death Mr. Andrew Messer, an active layman, who gave many years of faithful service to our College Council. Unfortunately, Rev. E. S. Emmitt was unable, owing to ill-health, to take up his duties as Lecturer in Homiletics, and we are deeply grateful to Dr. Laws for undertaking to continue this work.

The Students.

There are two Congregational Students and 16 of our own men in residence. Mr. Harold W. Burley has volunteered for military service and has entered camp attached to the Field Ambulance.

Two other students have been drawn in the ballot for Territorial Service and these have been appealed for on the grounds that their services are needed.

Congregational Church's Appreciation.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregational Church Union recorded its thanks and appreciation for the co-operation and help of our College in training their students.

Resident Tutor.

The efficient work of Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A., is greatly appreciated, and he and Mrs. Hames are making a valuable contribution to the work of the College.

Friends of Trinity College.

This scheme has been heartily taken up by a number of circuits and it is hoped that interest will increase as its objects become better known.

Refresher Course.

A refresher course for ministers was held during August and was well supported by the ministers of the city.

The Hostel.

The Hostel, which has been full during the year, has a good type of man in residence. However, vacancies may occur in the near future as men go into camp.

Dr. Ranston's Retirement.

Acting upon medical advice, the Rev. H. Ranston, M.A., Litt.D., has decided to seek superannuation at the Conference of 1941.

The College gratefully acknowledge his devoted and highly efficient services to the College over a period of 22 years, 10 of which he has occupied the position of Principal.

It rejoices to know that during the next year his services will be available in several important subjects.

A suitable resolution concerning his retirement will be presented to Conference.

After carefully considering the question of a successor, the Council resolved that, in view of the following considerations, no appointment as Principal be made for the ensuing year.

- (1) The uncertain conditions caused by the war and the possibility that the number of students may be greatly reduced and the number of men in the hostel seriously affected.
- (2) The Council has continued to make inquiries in Britain, Canada, and Australia with little encouragement of getting a successor in the near future.
- (3) The war situation may seriously interfere with the finance of the College. (If the number of men in the hostel should decline that source of revenue would be affected.)
- (4) The probability that Dr. Ranston will be able to take the more important of his classes without injury to his health.

- (5) The possibility of the College being taken over by the Health Department for use as a Military Hospital for the duration of the war.

Gifts to the College.

Our best thanks are extended to the following for gifts to the College Library and Museum:— Mr. Brakenrig and Dr. Laws, who each donated about 250 books which have been placed in a special section; Mrs. B. S. Halcombe (New Plymouth), Miss Bridgman (Auckland), Misses A. and J. Arthur (Auckland), Messrs D. E. Parton (Christchurch), R. Brewster (Auckland), L. E. Rhodes (Auckland), Mrs. Oldfield (Auckland), Revs. M. A. Rugby Pratt, W. H. Speer, G. Knowles Smith, W. A. Sinclair, J. F. Goldie.

W. WALKER, Chairman.

L. E. RHODES, Vice-chairman.

J. F. JACK, Secretary.

Supplementary Report, 1940.

Purchase of Property.

The Wesley Training College Trust has offered to sell to the Council property adjoining the College, consisting of approximately 1½ acres, and the matter is now under consideration, and a decision will be arrived at soon.

Dr. Ranston's Retirement.

Arrangements for the work of the College for next year are now complete. The Members of the Council entrusted with the preparing of a suitable resolution in connection with the Principal's retirement will present their resolution direct to Conference.

Additional Gifts to Trinity College.

The following donors of gifts are most heartily thanked for their generosity:—Miss Fleming, Remuera, Mrs. Ranston, Mrs. Lochore, the Misses Arthur, Takapuna. Also on loan from the Martin Trenwith Estate three large oil paintings by Mr. Trenwith, D. Seaward, and W. Wright.

Council for 1941.

The following are recommended to the Conference as the College Council for 1941.—Rev. E. W. Hames (Acting-Principal), Dr. Ranston (Fellow of Trinity College), Dr. 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 G. I. Laurenson; Messrs. J. W. Shackelford, F. M. Winstone, A. C. A. Sexton, J. Tyler, H. Radcliffe, G. Wilson, F. E. Sutherland, T. L. Hames, G. A. White, J. S. Caghey, L. W. Peak, L. E. Rhodes, J. Hargraves, C. K. Wigglesworth, and J. H. Blackwell.

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

W. WALKER, Chairman.

J. F. JACK, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

For the Year ended 31st October, 1940.

In presenting to Conference the Annual Accounts of the Trinity Methodist Theological College, we report that the estimated deficiency of £664 as at March 31st, 1941, is not likely to be varied, and this figure has therefore been incorporated in the Budget now before Conference.

From the "Friends of Trinity College" and "College Sunday" a further £174/9/9 has been received during the year, and our thanks are due to the donors who have so kindly contributed to the funds of the College through this appeal.

We wish to again place on record our thanks and appreciation to the various Trust Boards and Connexional Funds for the continuance of their financial assistance so kindly given to the College.

Our thanks are also due to Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Hames for their sympathetic control of the staff and careful oversight of the House expenditure, and to the members of the staff for their loyal co-operation.

Site Acquisition Fund. The Bank Overdraft has been reduced during the year by lodgments of £25 from the Estate of the late S. J. Ambury, and £30 from Mr. G. H. Gilling, Hamilton, and now shows a debit balance of £3,978/11/8.

New Organ Fund. By additional Dividends received and Bank Interest credited, this Fund has increased to £403/13/7.

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

PROPOSED BUDGET.

For the Year ending 31st March, 1942.

					£	s.	d.
Probert Trust Board	....	....	....	....	350	0	0
Emsly Trust	....	....	....	....	96	0	0
Connexional Fire Insurance	....	....	....	....	150	0	0
Contingent Fund	....	....	....	....	740	0	0
Home Mission Department	....	....	....	....	100	0	0
Foreign Mission Department	....	....	....	....	50	0	0
Students' Contributions	....	....	....	....	175	0	0
Congregational Church	....	....	....	....	95	0	0
Hostel Fees	....	....	....	....	1,750	0	0
Collegiate Church	....	....	....	....	60	0	0
College Sunday and "Friends of Trinity College"					200	0	0
Estimated Deficiency, 31/3/42	690	0	0
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					£4,421	0	0

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Estimated Deficiency, 31/3/41	699	0	0
House and Service	1,900	0	0
Stipends	425	0	0
Tutor's Fees	220	0	0
Connexional Charges	140	0	0
Quarterages	136	0	0
Rates	210	0	0
Insurance	25	0	0
Telephones	33	0	0
Furnishings	80	0	0
University Fees	50	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	225	0	0
Rent	15	0	0
Sundries	10	0	0
	£4,421	0	0

During the year the Council, with the permission of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee, sold the property at Moehau Street for the amount of the mortgage on the property, namely £2,000. The Council has been endeavouring to sell this property for some years and were glad to find a buyer at this figure and thereby save a considerable annual loss.

F. M. WINSTONE, Hon. Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the reports of the College Principal, the College Council and the Treasurer be received and adopted.

2. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to all who have served the interests of the College during the year, especially the Honorary Physician (Dr. Griffin).

3. That the following appointments be made for the ensuing year: Treasurer, Mr. F. M. Winstone; Treasurers of the Library Fund, The Acting-Principal and Mr. F. E. Sutherland; Co-Treasurer of the Site Acquisition Fund, Rev. T. A. Joughin; Auditors, Messrs. A. T. Graham, T. L. Hames, A. J. Buttle and F. E. Sutherland.

4. That Conference records its profound appreciation of the work of the Rev. H. Ranston, M.A., Litt.D., in the Theological College over a period of 22 years. His scholarship has inspired confidence in the educational world and in the Church at large; while his devotion to the Kingdom of God and his gracious humility of mind have left an enduring mark upon the ministry of the whole Church. As Principal over the past ten years, he has expended his powers of body, mind and spirit for the enthronement of Christ in the world, and the highest good of the Christian Church. Conference rejoices to know that his services will still be available for the work of the College. It hopes that the relinquishing of his responsibilities as Principal will lead to an improvement in his health, and trusts that for many years to come his outstanding gifts will be available to our Methodist Church. Conference learns with pleasure that the College Council has honoured him by election as the second Fellow of Trinity College. It wishes for him and Mrs. Ranston a long and happy retirement.

5. That the Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A., be appointed Acting-Principal for 1941 without prejudice to any future appointment.

6. Conference notes with appreciation that many Circuits have responded to the appeal of the College for financial support, and hopes that the observance of "College Sunday" will become general throughout the Church.

7. That the following recommendations regarding lecturers for 1941 be adopted:—

That Dr. Ranston's offer to assist as Lecturer be accepted with thanks.

That Dr. Ranston continue to take the following classes, namely:

N.T. Theology, N.T. Exegesis, Senior N.T. Greek, O.T. Theology, O.T. Introduction.

That extra classes for candidates for the ministry and hostel students, and lectures in Hebrew for B.D. be discontinued for the present.

Homiletics. That Rev. E. S. Emmitt be appointed Lecturer in this subject if his health permits.

Intermediate Greek (Grammar and Syntax): Mr. Hames to take this class.

Philosophy: The appointment of a Lecturer in this subject will be considered later.

All these arrangements are to be regarded as temporary and to be reviewed in 12 months.

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

REPORT TO CONFERENCE, IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR ENDED THE 31st DECEMBER, 1940.

The Board has pleasure in reporting that the improvement in its finances referred to in last year's Report is again reflected in the results of the year under review. Last year the Board expressed its confidence that it would be able to balance its budget, but it has actually done better.

A surplus of income over expenditure amounting to £404 is the outcome of this year's transactions, this being an improvement of £472 over the result disclosed in 1939. Financially it is the best year since 1925. The amounts at which live and dead stocks have hitherto been valued for Balance Sheet purposes have this year been substantially reduced, with the result that we now feel that these values are on a very sound basis.

Satisfactory prices and a good season brought about much improved returns from the Farm. The profit in this department was the highest to date, viz., £2,418/12/8. This excellent profit offset increased costs at the College, and greater outgoings for rates on the Board's suburban properties. These increased rates resulted from the action of the Mount Roskill Road Board in removing the Board's name from the Urban Farm Lands Rating Roll, which action the Board unsuccessfully contested in the Courts. The Board has now lost the benefits which it has long enjoyed from the Urban Farm Land Rating. Our consolation is that we have sold so much of our suburban property that we can meet the increased cost on the portion remaining.

During the year four Mount Albert Road and three Landscape Road sections were disposed of for £1,355. These sales have enabled the Board to reduce its obligations to the Bank on overdraft account.

The Board has pleasure in reporting the following additional sales during 1941, after the Board's books had been closed down on the 31st December:—

- (a) Subject to the approval of the Church Building and Loan Fund, an area of approximately 1½ acres situated at the rear of the Grafton Road sections under lease to various tenants, has been sold to Trinity Theological College for £900.
- (b) Approximately ten sections have been sold in a new Mount Albert Road subdivision forming part of the old Three Kings block, for a total of £1,740.

Throughout the year a party of relief workers has been engaged upon the Board's properties. At the commencement of the year 20 men were engaged, but the number had dwindled to four by the close of the year. The principal work of these men was tree-planting on the Board's Waikowhai property and the completion of the clearing of surface stone lying on the Mount Albert Road property. Some fencing and draining work was also undertaken.

The services of these men will no longer be available to the Board, as the Government has now withdrawn all fit men from this class of work.

For many years the Board has had two farming tenants. In August last one of them vacated the property, but the Board was successful in leasing the area to the tenant of the other portion, Mr. C. M. Peck, who now occupies all the Board's suburban farming areas.

The proposal mentioned in last year's Report for the reconditioning and preservation of the old Chapel at Three Kings has been found impracticable owing to the condition of the building. It has now been decided to commemorate the site of the College at Three Kings by the erection of a Memorial Cairn on a site adjoining that of the original Chapel. The cost of erecting the cairn will be borne by the Housing Department, and a sub-committee has been set up by the Board to prepare a suitably worded inscription for the memorial.

With deep regret the Board reports its loss through the death of a valued member, the late Mr. J. J. Boyce, who over a period of ten years had rendered excellent service in guiding the Board's financial policy, particularly through the difficult years of the depression.

The Board also reports the granting of leave of absence to Mr. E. H. Burton, a Trustee from May last, on his enlistment with the military forces.

J. STANTON, Chairman.

L. KNIGHT, General Secretary.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT TO CONFERENCE, 1941.

The past year, despite certain difficulties, has, nevertheless, had many pleasing features. The school roll has remained practically the same as the previous year, 85 boys having been in residence, and present indications make it probable that this year will show an increase.

Last year we presented four boys for the University Entrance Examination, all of whom passed, and seven for the School Certificate Examination, of whom six passed. Three of these boys have this year gained Higher Leaving Certificates and two of them, both

Maori boys, have been accepted for the Training College. Nine boys sat at the end of this year for the University Entrance Examination.

We would like to draw the attention of Conference to the several Scholarships at present available at the College, the conditions of which may be ascertained on enquiry. It has also been a policy of the Board to grant bursaries for the education of the sons of Ministers and Missionaries, and the extent of this and other beneficiary work of the Board is, I believe, not sufficiently realised.

The farm accounts speak for themselves. Although war conditions presented certain problems, the season was a favourable one, and we have secured the best result yet experienced in the farm operations of the Board. I would like to thank the Farm Committee, especially the Chairman, Mr. W. Ambury, for their continued interest and helpful advice.

(Signed) R. C. CLARK, M.A., Dip.Ed., Principal.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Principal's Report be received and adopted.
3. That the Financial Statements be received and adopted.
4. That Conference records its sincere appreciation of the work and devotion of the Staff of Wesley College, of the Principal, Mr. R. C. Clark, and Mrs. Clark.
5. That Conference receives with pleasure the information that it is proposed by the Government to erect a suitable cairn on the site of the old Three Kings College, the property having been purchased by them as a site for the erection of State-built dwellings.
6. That a bronze tablet suitably inscribed and forming part of the cairn be supplied by the Wesley College Council.
7. That Conference express its appreciation of the services of Mr. J. Stanton, as Chairman of the Wesley College Board.

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

1.—SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

REPORT OF THE BOARD, 1940.

The Supernumerary Fund Board, as required by the regulations, presents its report for the year ended 30th November, 1940, together with the various financial statements duly audited.

Annuitants and Membership.

The Conference of 1940 added eight supernumeraries to the list of beneficiaries. Two temporary supernumeraries returned to the active work. Two supernumerary ministers have died during the year and also the widows of three former ministers. The wife of a minister in the active work has died, and the wife of a minister who contracted a second marriage has been placed on the Fund. There are now 40 supernumeraries and 42 widows in receipt of annuities besides two orphaned children of deceased parents. The number of ministers at present contributing to the Fund is 169. The amount paid in annuities and furniture grants was £8,878/5/-.

Finance.

The position of the Fund is fully disclosed in the revenue account and the balance sheet. The cost of administration continues to be very low. The actuary's fee comes into the accounts for the past year. The accumulated fund now stands at £150,782/19/6. During the year it has been drawn upon for a ministerial transfer to Australia, for refund of personal subscriptions, for a loss on the sale of two properties and for a prudent adjustment of book values of the properties in possession to basic figures fixed by the Mortgage Adjustment Commission. The Investment Fluctuation and Doubtful Debts Reserve is now £657/6/8. The small reduction is accounted for by the purchase of debentures at a premium. All debentures are shown at maturity value and not at market value. The Epworth Chambers Depreciation Reserve has been increased to £3,850. The suites are not fully let. The setting aside of so large a proportion of earnings as £500 was commented on by our former actuary, but in the judgment of the Board this is necessary in view of the value of the property.

The Allied Funds administered by the Board aggregate £34,799/12/-. Personal deposits formerly lodged with the Board have all been repaid and none are now being accepted.

Earnings.

The average rate of interest earned by the Fund as calculated on the actuarial basis has been £3/14/9. It will be remembered that the actuary has valued the Fund on a 3½% basis. War conditions and the consequent widespread unsettlement, together with legislative restrictions upon the earning power of money, seriously affect all bodies that are confined to investment in trustee securities. They also increase greatly the responsibilities of the Board and the difficulties of administration of its manifold interests.

Subscriptions in Arrear.

The personal contributions of ministers to the Fund are in arrear to the amount of £1,003/18/9 and £91/14/3 is owing for interest on arrears. More than 25 per cent. of arrears is in respect of the half year current at the date of the annual balance. There are only 19 cases where the amount owing exceeds £20 and only six of these are serious. The Board believes that it is urgently necessary for all Circuits, Institutions, and Departments to give immediate effect to the Conference resolution by increasing the standard of minimum stipends by 10 per cent. It notes, however, that of the nineteen cases referred to only seven of the ministers are in receipt of a stipend of less than £250 and only two of the serious cases are those of ministers who receive below that figure and both of these are without children. Almost all ministers receiving less than £250 continue to meet their obligations. Over a long period of years it has been clear to the Board that there is a very small number of men who find it difficult to manage personal finance and such do not respond to suggestions for budgeting their expenditure. The arrears are only in a few cases due to affliction and in needy cases of this nature financial help is available. The following table shows the district distribution of arrears of personal subscriptions.

	Subscriptions.			Interest.			Totals.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland	234	3	11	16	2	1	250	6	0
South Auckland	259	14	8	30	7	11	290	2	7
Taranaki-Wanganui	32	0	10	1	9	10	33	10	8
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	97	13	0	8	10	11	106	3	11
Wellington	72	3	4	2	10	11	74	14	3
Nelson	61	11	3	4	0	9	65	12	0
North Canterbury	142	15	4	20	8	9	163	4	1
South Canterbury	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Otago-Southland	103	16	5	8	3	1	111	19	6
	£1,003	18	9	£91	14	3	£1,095	13	0

Social Security.

The Board continues to give close attention to the bearing of the Society Security Act upon annuitants and also upon contributing ministers and circuits. It is in consultation with other churches on these matters and hopes to secure action that may bring relief to present and future claimants on the Fund. The problems are complex and call for expert handling by those familiar with the administration of superannuitant schemes. It is recognised that the Social Security scheme for which all are taxed imposes additional burdens upon all ministers without commensurate benefits. Our Fund confers benefits which relieve the funds of the State towards which our ministers have contributed. Moreover, the annuities paid by the Fund are subject to taxation for Social Security and for National Security purposes, whereas the Social Security benefits are free of these taxes. This is felt to be inequitable. Although annuities to-day are higher than they were in 1914 the immense shrinkage in the purchasing power of money since that year imposes a great financial strain upon our annuitants.

The Board fully appreciates the desire of men in the active work for relief from the burden of contributing both to the Social Security Fund and to the Supernumerary Fund, and it appreciates also their desire to share fully in the State benefits to which all have contributed. Some have suggested a reduction of benefits from the Supernumerary Fund to a scale that will not involve the sacrifice of any State benefit and a lump sum distribution of portion of the Fund. The Board feels that this would be a risky experiment. Our Fund gives social security so far as anything can be secure to-day, and before altering its basis we should be assured of the permanence of the State scheme and the reliability of benefits therefrom. It should be remembered that our Fund provides many benefits which the State scheme does not give and that our annuities are independent of any means test. The Board is keeping the whole matter constantly in view and is at all times ready to confer and act with others or, if necessary, to take independent action. Its concern is to ensure that after the period of active service our ministers and their wives shall have adequate and reliable provision for their needs.

Purchase of Benefits by Former Home Missionaries.

The Board has not had opportunity to consider fully the suggestions of the Home Mission Board to provide for the purchase of benefits in the Supernumerary Fund by ministers who are ex-home missionaries. So many issues are involved in the proposals submitted that it asks that further consideration be given to them by both Boards early in the new Connexional year.

Benevolent Branch of Fund.

Grants amounting to £116/18/1 have been paid to assist annuitants in needy circumstances. In some cases it is difficult to give financial assistance without involving the needy one in a corresponding reduction of State benefits.

Home Acquisition Fund.

The personal accounts of contributors to this Fund now aggregate £12,300/9/-. During the year retiring allowances have been paid amounting to £869/18/3. Subscriptions are now payable within six months of the due date in order to secure the benefit of the subsidy, but the Board always credits the subsidies if the subscription is paid within a year of the due date. There are few forfeitures and almost every forfeiture affects contributors who receive a stipend of £250 or more. There is only one serious case of arrears where the minister receives less than that figure.

Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund.

Retiring allowances have been paid amounting to £966/7/3 and a sum of £81 in respect of forfeited benefits has been refunded to the Home Mission Board. The personal accounts of home missionaries aggregate £5,141/6/11. There is a sum of £457/5/2 in the Reserve Fund from which the Board proposes to draw £195 to be placed as bonus credits to the personal accounts of ten home missionaries in the active work who have continuously contributed for not less than seven years to the Fund and have complied with the rules relating to status. Nine men will each be credited with a bonus of £20 and one with a bonus of £15 subject to the rules of the Fund.

Deaconess Retiring Fund.

A sum of £553/16/1 has been paid out in retiring allowances. The personal accounts of contributors amount to £6,254/2/10. The Capital Account has been increased by a donation of £25 from the Methodist Women's Missionary Union. It is hoped that this Account may be substantially increased as a result of the appeal for not less than £2,000 through the Centenary Thanksgiving Fund.

Board for 1941.

During the year the Board has suffered a loss by the death of Mr. William Dobbs, who rendered capable and devoted service. The following are nominated as the Board for the ensuing year:—The Connexional Secretary (Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt), Revs. Edward Drake, W. Grigg, W. A. Burley, J. Richards, R. Dudley, Messrs G. S. Salter (Lay Treasurer), M. Kershaw, L. G. K. Steven, R. H. Miles, S. H. Maddren, and L. L. Jones.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

L. G. K. STEVEN, Chairman.

G. S. SALTER, Lay Treasurer.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Managing Treasurer.

Christchurch,

17th December, 1940.

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 Acquisition Fund, the Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund and the Deaconess Retiring Fund.

3. That the question of the possibility of permitting the purchase of benefits in the Supernumerary Fund by ex-home Missionaries be further considered during the year by the Supernumerary Fund Board in consultation with the Home Mission Board.

4. That the following be a preamble to Part VIII Section I, Paragraph 285 on page 137 of the Law Book and that it replace the Preamble adopted by the Conference of 1930:—

The Supernumerary Fund of the Methodist Church of New Zealand was formerly incorporated with "The Supernumerary Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' Fund" established in 1867 by the Conference of the Australasian Wesleyan Methodist Church. It was formed in connection with the constitution of an Independent Conference for New Zealand as provided for by the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia held in Adelaide in the year 1910. The administration of the New Zealand proportions of the original Fund was transferred to the Methodist Church of New Zealand in 1913. The objects of the Fund are to make provision for the financial needs of aged and infirm ministers, for widows of ministers, and for certain orphaned children of ministers. The following rules and regulations, powers and authorities relating to the Fund shall be deemed to be the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Board of Management incorporated by the authority of the Conference under "The Religious, Charitable and Educational Trusts Act, 1908."

5. That Clause I on page 137 of the Law Book be repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

1. The Fund shall be administered by a Board of Management consisting of the Connexional Secretary, five other ministers and six laymen, all of whom shall be appointed annually by the Conference. The Connexional Secretary shall be Managing Treasurer and a Lay Treasurer who shall be appointed by the Conference from among the members of the Board.

6. That Rule 44 on page 145 of the Law Book be rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

44. In case a Minister is made a Supernumerary before he has paid his subscriptions for fifteen years, and who is, in the opinion of the Chief Medical Officer, unlikely by reason of physical disability to return to the active work of the Ministry the Board may, at its discretion, and under actuarial advice, compound his claims upon the Fund by payment of a lump sum, and may similarly compound the claims of a widow whose husband shall have paid subscriptions for less than eight years.

7. That the third sentence of Rule 16 on page 140 of the Law Book be amended to read:

If payments are made after these dates interest on arrears will be charged at the rate of 6 per cent. as from the first day

of April or October as the case may be, but such reduced rate of interest shall become operative as from 1st April, 1941, and shall not, under any circumstances be made retrospective.

8. That the whole question of the interest to be paid on arrears of subscriptions to the Supernumerary Fund and any exemptions from the payment of such interest, be referred to the Board for consideration and report to next Conference.

9. That the Board be requested to approach the Government through its Managing Treasurer, with a view to making representations relative to hardship created for superannuitants by the operation of certain regulations affecting the social Security Act.

10. That Rule 21 on page 171 of the Law Book be amended to read:

If a Home Missionary or Home Missionary Probationer enters the service of another Church, or withdraws after less than seven years of continuous service, unless on account of ill-health, or having reached the age of retirement, he shall be entitled to a return of his personal contributions only with interest thereon. Where ill-health is the cause of retirement such shall be notified to the Treasurers of the Board of Management by the Home Mission Board.

11. That the following new rule relating to the Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund be adopted:

If a Home Missionary or Home Missionary Probationer is accepted as a candidate for the Ministry he shall be entitled to the full benefits of the Fund for such period as he has regularly paid his subscriptions. All contributions made to the Retiring Fund on his behalf by the Circuit, Home Mission Station or Home Mission Board shall be forfeited for any period for which his personal subscriptions may be in arrear in excess of six months preceding the end of the December quarter prior to the date of his acceptance.

N.B.—This rule shall apply to Home Missionary Candidates accepted at or after the Conference of 1941.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.

(a) That where ministers have not been receiving the minimum stipend no interest be charged upon arrears due to the Supernumerary Fund or the Home Acquirement Fund.

(b) That interest chargeable be reduced to 4½ per cent.

2.—METHODIST GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD.

The trusts committed to this Board steadily increase in number and variety and its usefulness is becoming increasingly manifest. The facilities it offers are being widely availed of by various organisations and individuals whose concern is to ensure faithful fulfilment of specific trusts in connection with the investment and use of moneys held for special purposes. The Board at present holds money in trust for 14 Connexional Funds and for 26 Church Trusts. There is also a personal account which will ultimately be devoted to specific church purposes. The trusts are for such purposes as church erections and church endowments, missionary enterprises, church extension, orphanages, for necessitous children, for supplementing a stipend, for reducing a mortgage, for supporting a Sunday School

in perpetuity, and for various other interests. Trusts have also been accepted affecting provision for retired church workers and for the future administration of trusts on behalf of those who are making testamentary dispositions.

Under its articles of incorporation the 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. A number of trustee meetings have asked the Board to hold in trust moneys derived from the sale of properties. In other cases the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee when sanctioning the sale of property, and the Conference when endorsing such sanction, have laid down the condition that proceeds of the sale shall be held in trust by this Board for specified objects. In the Connexional interest these trusts have been accepted by the Board. The wisdom of such procedure has been gratefully acknowledged by those whose causes are thus being served and whose purposes are thus saved from any possible frustration.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

L. G. K. STEVEN, Chairman.

G. S. SALTER, Lay Treasurer.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Managing Treasurer.

Christchurch,

17th December, 1940.

RESOLUTION.

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

3—METHODIST CHILDREN'S FUND.

We have pleasure in presenting to Conference our Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the Children's Fund for year ending 31st December, 1940.

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

Auckland	....	....	....	....	....	52
South Auckland	....	....	....	....	....	13½
Taranaki, Wanganui	....	....	....	....	....	7
Hawke's Bay, Manawatu	....	....	....	....	....	10½
Wellington	22
Nelson	8½
North Canterbury	38½
South Canterbury	6
Otago, Southland	17½

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being two payments more than last year.

The Credit Balance of the Fund at 31st December, 1940, is

The Credit Balance of the Fund at 31st December, 1940, is					£	s.	d.
Current A/c., Bank N.S.Wales, Wellington	292	8	1
and owing by Districts—							
South Auckland	19	6	0
Otago, Southland	4	3	5
					<hr/>	23	9 5
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						£315	17 6

In conclusion we are of opinion that a Circuit Levy of 6½% would meet the requirements of the Fund for 1941, and recommend to the Conference accordingly.

E. W. A. KELLOW, }
O. BURNET, } Treasurers.

Wellington,

January 18th, 1941.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be adopted.
2. That the Levy for 1941 be at the rate of 6½ per cent.
3. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Treasurers, Rev. O. Burnet and Mr. E. W. A. Kellow, and that they be re-appointed.

4.—CONTINGENT FUND.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Financial Statement amended as in (2), be received and adopted.
2. That the following special deductions from Balances due by Districts be approved:—

	£	s.	d.
Auckland	33	5	0
South Auckland	27	0	0
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	26	3	6
	£86	8	6

3. That the following grants be authorised: Theological College, £740; Connexional Secretaryship, £185; Deaconess Institution, £75; University Fees, £40; Faith and Order, £5; Spiritual Advance, £25; "Methodist Times" Editorial, £50; "Methodist Times" Special £125; Affliction, £30.

4. That the levy be 6½%.

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.

7. That the Treasurers, Rev. W. Walker and Mr. J. H. Blackwell, be thanked and re-appointed.

8. That a Committee consisting of the President of Conference, the Connexional Secretary and Mr. H. de R. Flesher, in conjunction with the Secretary of Conference, be empowered to determine what matter from the Agenda need not be reprinted in the Minutes of Conference, and to effect all possible economies in Connexional printing costs.

5.—REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND.

ANNUAL REPORT, 1940.

Fifty-eight removals were carried out during the year at a gross cost of £1166. Refunds amounting to £78 reduce to £1088 the actual cost to the Fund. Levies are expected to produce £1193, which will leave a credit balance of more than £100 to be added to the accumulated fund which was drawn upon in 1938 to the amount of £415.

The average cost per removal was £18 15s. 4d., against £19 15s. 6d. in 1939 and £24 8s. 9d. in 1938. There were 12 inter-island removals costing £500, an average of £41 13s. 4d. each; 19 married ministers' removals within the respective Islands cost £376, an average of £19 15s. 9d.

In view of the prospect of a reduced number of removals during the coming year the Committee recommends that the levy for 1941 be at the rate of 2%, a reduction of 1% on last year.

The Committee records with regret the passing of Mr. W. Dobbs, who had been a valued member of the Committee from its inception. We convey to his widow and relatives our deep sympathy in their bereavement.

Mr. W. G. Wright is nominated to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Dobbs.

Home Missionaries Removal Expenses Fund. The following is the resolution of the Committee regarding the proposal to inaugurate a Removal Expenses Fund for Home Missionaries:

"That we approve of the establishment of a Home Missionaries Removal Expenses Fund; such Fund to be entirely separate from the Ministers' Removal Expenses Fund; that it be administered by the Home Mission Board, which shall make a levy upon Home Mission Stations—any deficiency to be met by the Home Mission Fund."

Limit of Amount for Removal Expenses. The Committee again considered carefully the proposal that a limit be fixed to the amount allowed for any one removal but, in view of the many difficulties surrounding the question, resolved that it has no recommendation to make.

W. A. BURLEY, Chairman.

H. CHAPMAN, }
J. H. ALLEN, } Treasurers.

RESOLUTION.

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.
2. That the levy for 1941 be at the rate of 2%.
3. That the claim of Rev. J. H. Haslam on the Fund (as a Supernumerary) be extended for twelve months.
4. That the Committee for 1941 be:—The Connexional Secretary, Revs. W. A. Burley, F. B. Lawrence, James Richards, and J. H. Allen, Messrs H. Chapman, M. Kershaw, J. E. Purchase, M. Hosking, and W. G. Wright. Treasurers: Rev. J. H. Allen and Mr. H. Chapman.

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

FOREIGN MISSION DEPARTMENT.

ANNUAL REPORT, 1940.

"He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think." Thus does one of the Islands reports end, and thus would we begin. In a wonderful way, during an abnormally difficult year, God has demonstrated His sufficient grace. We render to Him our humble thanks.

The Reports from the Solomon Islands District Synod are again eloquent of God's power in the hearts of the people and the steady upbuilding of His Church, and are full of hope for the future. The Statistical Returns bring fresh inspiration every year and cause us to rejoice again in the power of the Gospel to redeem and keep. We can do no other than rejoice when we read of an increase in membership of 315, of 6 more churches and 4 more preaching places, of an additional 14 catechists and teachers, bringing the total of the native pastorate to 279; of 17 more local preachers and 20 more class leaders; of an increase of 383 Sunday School scholars and 530 Day School scholars, bringing the total of the latter to 4,931, who are being taught simple school subjects and the Word of God in 230 schools by 293 teachers. It is wonderful in our eyes and we glorify Him who has called the Church to this high missionary enterprise.

All parts of the District share in this happy growth of the Kingdom, each in its own particular way. In the British Solomons where the work was first pioneered our schools and colleges are being developed as mentioned elsewhere, more young men are being prepared for the native ministry and many young men and women for the service of their people in many other ways. Many of these young people of the Central Solomons are possessed of vision and ability of no mean order and of outstanding devotion. To afford them reasonable facilities for developing and using their talents is a very definite challenge to all who have been favoured with greater opportunity.

In Bougainville and Buka a great deal of pioneering work is still being carried out and our missionaries in each Section of this area report an exceptionally good year's work. In the opening up of a number of new stations much courage and enterprise have been shown by the native teachers who are often in lonely and difficult situations. Much more rapid advance could be made if more qualified native teachers were available, and this is really a question of more money, as there are always numbers of suitable men offering for training.

At Kihili the new head station has been further developed, and Mr. Voyce was warmly congratulated by all who gathered there for the recent Synod.

The Rice Culture at this station, to which we referred last year, is, says Mr. Voyce, "proving a success. During the year the huller and engine were installed. Approximately 4 tons of rice have been milled and a large area is now ripening for reaping at an early date. Approximately 15 acres are under rice cultivation, and it is hoped that this will be greatly increased during the year. The area may seem small, but when it is remembered that heavy virgin forest has to be felled and burnt off, much of the land drained, and that all the sowing, cultivation and reaping, have to be done by hand, and this apart from all the other work of the station, the result is not so insignificant."

At Skotolan also, the head station of the Buka Section, excellent progress has been made, and Mr. Luxton is very happy in reporting "the number of students in residence is a record in the history of the school."

Another cause for profound gratitude to God is the speedy recovery of the Rev. John F. Goldie from an urgent and critical operation performed by Dr. A. G. Rutter. This devoted missionary leader has completed 39 years of outstanding service in the Solomons and 44 in the Ministry, and we rejoice that he has been restored to a full measure of health and pray that he may be spared yet many more years to lead the great work he pioneered in 1902.

COMPLEXITY OF OUR WORK.

Literature. It is interesting to note that, while our Overseas Mission Enterprise is confined to one group in the Pacific and our staff is comparatively small, the work itself is of a remarkably complex nature. The life of the people is touched at every point and all their needs are our concern. Reducing the numerous dialects to writing, creating a literature by translating portions of God's Word, translating and composing hymns, preparing and printing or cyclostyling lesson books and helps, aids to preachers, etc., the circulation of a small journal. By teaching English we hope that some day the Solomon Islander will be able to understand something of our literature.

A consignment of the Gospel of St. Luke in Roviana is expected shortly. About 100 copies of the 2nd Epistle of St. Paul to Timothy have been prepared in the Teop dialect.

Agriculture. Of more practical importance to a native than reading and writing is an adequate food supply and there is not the same relationship between the two there, as here. This leads the missionary not only to seek the wherewithal to feed those immediately under his care but also to help the natives generally to improve and develop their own food supply. The primitive native is very conservative in this matter but new varieties of yams, etc., have been frequently introduced from other groups by European and Native missionaries. Other methods of Agriculture are gradually adopted, such as the Rice Culture at Kihili, referred to elsewhere.

Technical. The average Solomon Islander does quite remarkable work with his primitive tools and the special craftsmen of New Georgia have few equals in the Pacific. The youth of our District, therefore, are able to respond quickly and ably to Technical Instruction. We have opportunity for much more of this kind of work than we are doing but "cold penury chills our noble rage"—even in the tropics. Some good work, however, has been done on nearly all our stations during the year. A new venture that we shall follow with interest is a carpentering class that Mr. Luxton, who is highly qualified in this direction, has commenced at Skotolan. The class started with 3 Buka students and 3 from Kihili.

Commercial. The Government and commercial firms are ever on the look-out for reliable and trained natives who can be put into positions of trust. Nearly all those engaged thus in the Solomons so far have been trained at our school at Roviana. Here again we touch very closely the life and needs of the community.

During the year our District has been visited by Mr. W. C. Groves, B.A., Dip.Ed., in his capacity as Educational Advisor to the Government. After visiting all our head stations in the British Solomons and a number of villages, Mr. Groves submitted a full report

which in the opinion of the Rev. J. F. Goldie, shows a fair understanding of our position and is very sympathetic and generous. Extracts from this report have already appeared in "The Open Door," and we commend them to the careful consideration of our people.

"Mr. Groves pays generous tribute to the excellent work and policy of our Mission and draws attention to the fact that young men are trained not only for the Native Ministry, but also to render service to the community as native medical practitioners, technicians, Government clerks, etc. In referring to the syllabus of theological studies of our students he states: 'It does not, however, occupy a disproportionate place in the general educational programme, the Mission apparently believing that a broad range of general schooling is a necessary foundation for sound religious teaching, a point of view with which it is not difficult to agree.'"

He sounds a particularly high note of praise when referring to our schools and staff at the District Institution, Roviana, and the training of girls at Sasamanga, Choiseul.

All this, of course, is distinctly gratifying and helps us to realise more than ever the ability and devotion of our missionary workers and the wisdom of the policy that has been pursued so steadily through the years. But there is a definite challenge in it all. If so much has been achieved within so short a time and with such limited resources, how much more can be done in the days ahead if we but sense the greatness of the opportunity and are loyal to our workers in the Field.

Medical. The Ministry of Healing is playing an increasingly important part in the upbuilding of the Kingdom in the Solomons and God is greatly blessing the work of Dr. Rutter and his staff.

At the Helena Goldie Hospital there have been 43,440 attendances at the Out-patients' Dept. during the year and the average number of in-patients has been 20.6. 131 operations were performed, 40 of which are to be classified as major.

Dr. Rutter reports that "the launch 'Cicely' has had a great deal of use throughout the year, and has proved ideal for her purpose." Included in these journeys were 2 circuits of Choiseul, a visit to all New Georgia and Marovo stations, 5 visits to Kokengolo, and numerous visits to the little port of Gizo where much service has been rendered to Natives, Chinese and Europeans.

Leprosarium. Those who have contributed so generously toward the establishment of the Leper Work, will be glad to read the following extract from Dr. Rutter's Annual Report:—

Leprosy. It is most pleasing to be able to record, as one of the last acts of the closing year, the opening of the new leper settlement, at a site about a mile along the coast from the hospital. The work at the new site, commenced early in the year, has been difficult to organise and subject to many interruptions. Some sixty boys from Vella and Ranono villages assisted in the erection of the two large houses which form the nucleus of the colony; most of the leaf for these was prepared by the men of one small village, Talito. The walls of the houses, and all final clearing, were done by the lepers themselves; and on September 7th the new settlement was officially opened. Four new lepers have been admitted for treatment during the year, and one discharged under "observation"; the settlement therefore opened with nine residents, and this number will be increased to twelve early in the new year.

The new colony is a great advance, and the reaction of the lepers, particularly in their mental outlook, has been immediate. The site is a good one for gardening, and all patients take part in this activity which constitutes indeed the main feature of that "occupational therapy" which is so important a part of the treatment of the disease. Fowls have been established at the new settlement, and a canoe for fishing has been provided by one of the patients. It is hoped that after a few months the place will be more or less self supporting.

Dr. Rutter reports with enthusiasm on the newly established medical service on the north-east coast of Choiseul:—"Sister Vera's work has made a tremendous difference, and I feel that this is one of the most important departments of our work. The difficulties are such that it needs very special attention we must stick to this at all costs."

New native hospitals have been erected at Senga, Sasamanga and Polo.

A new hospital consisting of two wards and a dispensary has also been built and opened at Skotolan, thus greatly facilitating Sister Elizabeth Common's nursing and maternity work.

The Clara Matilda and Samuel Gorman Bequest.

With deep gratitude we acknowledge a further generous gift, during the year, of £1,000 from Mr. S. Gorman. This brings the total of the Gorman Bequest to £12,433. As one reads the report from the Field of how the blind see, the lepers are cleansed, the lame walk, and the sick are healed, it is easy to understand how the Special Medical Fund—of which the Gorman Bequest is the mainstay—is going to help perpetuate the Spirit of Jesus Christ in the Solomons.

We deeply regret to learn as we pen this report that Mr. Gorman is unwell and pray that the healing and comfort he has helped to bring to many thousands in the Solomons may be his own portion.

Tragedy and Triumph in Fiji.

With deep regret we report the death at Suva, of Ezekial Kopana, one of our promising Solomon Island Medical Students.

By the same mail we learned that John Wesley Kere has graduated N.M.P. with considerable distinction, having won 3 prizes, including the gold medal for surgery presented by the Fiji Branch of the B.M.A.

At the request of the High Commissioner, John Wesley is about to leave for Makogai to make special study of leprosy, before returning to the Solomons. John Wesley is the son of a head-hunter.

M.W.M.U.

Steadfastly and with clear vision the Women's Missionary Union continues its high service. It is a true Auxiliary, and again the Board expresses its high appreciation of the service and co-operation of the Missionary Women without whose help it would be very difficult to carry on. The inspiration of this Movement cannot be measured merely in terms of finance, although £1,300 for Sisters' salaries, £100 to help maintain the Doctor, are indicative of great devotion. In addition to these generous contributions made direct to the Board, several hundred pounds have been allocated to various workers on the Field for medical and child welfare work. The Union has set as a special objective for 1941 the raising of £200 extra for a Nursing Sister at Teop when such an appointment is possible.

The Board extends to Mss E. M. Rishworth and her Executive who retired at the recent Conference, hearty congratulations upon a very successful term of office, and prays for Mrs. C. E. Taylor, the new Dominion President, and her Executive an equally happy and successful term.

Bible Class Movements.

The Board is greatly indebted to the Young Women's B.C. Movement for its continued generous support of Sister Ada Lee and two Native Teachers. The Movement has carried full financial responsibility but its support of Sister Ada and the teachers has been far greater than that—it has been a spiritual force that has had a deep influence in the Solomons and, doubtless, also in the Movement itself. We sincerely trust that whatever changes may come in the Movement's administration, this vital missionary interest will be well maintained.

The Young Men's Movement has been unable to maintain its financial support as in the past, but the Mission Board is grateful for the help received and for the assurance that missionary work is a definite part of the Movement programme.

The Board has been greatly helped and encouraged by the North Canterbury Union which in addition to regular contributions to the Movement, has undertaken the support of the Rev. Nathan Kera, and by special effort is contributing £30 per annum for this purpose. Thus is the Kingdom very definitely advanced.

Special Matters for Consideration.

The Board is requested by the International Missionary Council to consider such important matters as:

Intercommunion.

Imperilled Missions.

Proposed Paper for Pacific Islands Christian Community.

Staff.

With every added year we have yet further occasion to thank God for the able and devoted men and women who represent us in the Solomons. The past year has been one of high service on the part of them all. The Rev. E. C. Leadley rendered excellent deputation service in New Zealand during the year and it is expected that Mr. Goldie and Dr. Rutter will speak both at the Annual Meeting of the Board and Conference. Mr. Voyce is due for furlough in June and an unusually large proportion of the Sisters are due for well earned furlough during 1941.

With very great regret we report the resignation of Sister Ethel McMillan who for the past 26 years has rendered outstanding and selfless service. Mr. Goldie writes:—"How we are going to replace her I do not know. She will be a great loss to our Mission, and the scores of girls all round the Choiseul Circuit who have been trained by her will feel her going keenly."

Boats.

The "Saga" has been re-commissioned after overhaul and installation of a new engine, and is giving excellent service.

Mr. Goldie reports the sinking at her moorings of the old "Tandanya."

Home Base.

The work at the Home Base has proceeded smoothly and the Mission Board tenders its sincere thanks to all who have shared the task.

The Rev. and Mrs. Leadley rendered excellent service and the Revs. Scotter, F. Hayman, Bensley, Binet and Liversedge also ably assisted the General Secretary to meet the deputation needs of the Connexion. Mention should also be made of those who generously supplied the pulpits of these brethren during their absence from their own circuits. District and circuit secretaries have also rendered valuable service that has contributed largely to the success achieved.

Financial.

This year's finances bear unmistakable signs of much service, prayer and sacrifice on the part of our people and of God's abounding grace.

The Islands Church, so generous in past years, seemed helpless with the copra market abnormally low and, at one time of the year, entirely closed. The Chairman wrote that the position was serious and that they would be fortunate to reach four figures with their income. This meant more than £1,000 less than the Estimate.

The Home Church responded generously to the urgency of the situation, in addition to which the Solomon Islands Church, by a wonderful effort, lifted its contribution to £1,858. The total result has been a happy one and will greatly strengthen the hands of the Board and the Workers on the Field.

Papua Jubilee.

June 1941 marks the Jubilee of the landing of the pioneer Methodist Mission Party in Papua. Dr. Geo. Brown (formerly of N.Z.) and the Rev. S. B. Fellows (directly from this Conference) were members of that party. Their work, added to the outstanding record of 33 years of distinguished service and leadership of the Rev. M. K. Gilmour and the good work of others from New Zealand, lends to us on this side of the Tasman added interest in the Jubilee, and we heartily congratulate the Papua District and pray for it God's abundant blessing.

Conclusion.

For the Church with the missionary spirit and vision of its Lord the crucial year of 1941 holds a great challenge. More than ever the Solomons will count on us for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We must have complete confidence in our God and seek His guidance. In a recent broadcast to the nation Lord Halifax asked "Where will God lead us? Not, we may be sure, through easy or pleasant paths. That is not His way. He will not help us to avoid our difficulties. What He will do is to give to those who humbly ask the spirit that no danger can disturb . . . Prayer is not only asking God for what we want, but rather the way to learn to trust Him, to ask that we may know His Will and do it with all our strength."

F. COPELAND, Chairman.

A. H. SCRIVIN, General Secretary.

METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND. THE TREASURERS' REPORT.

The Treasurers have much pleasure in presenting to the Board of Missions the Balance-Sheet and Financial Statements for the year ended December 31st, 1940.

The income from the Home Church amounted to £13,378/6/5, which is an increase of £1,572/19/5 on that of 1939, and £1,878/6/5 more than the estimated income for the year. The increase is general

throughout New Zealand, no less than 78 circuits and 19 Home Mission Stations having shared in the increase. The income includes £1,206/3/3 for the Medical Fund, being special contributions from Church Trusts and from sympathisers with the Medical Work. It also includes interest on the Capital of the Medical Fund, and £505/1/1 contributed for work among the lepers. The Women's Missionary Union contributed £1,300 and the Young Women's Bible Class Movement £170. The Young Men's Bible Class Movement contributed £49/1/9, and the North Canterbury Young Men's Bible Class £30 for support of Rev. N. Kera. The sum of £114/10/- has been received from the Centenary Thanksgiving Fund.

The income from the Mission District was £1,858/9/1, being £317/0/11 less than that of the previous year, but only £186/10/11 less than the estimate. This is much better than was anticipated and in view of the exceedingly low price of copra must be regarded as highly satisfactory.

The expenditure on the Mission Field was £11,139/12/10, being £807/0/5 less than in 1939 and only £120/0/10 above the allocation for the District.

The expenditure at the Home Base has been £1,723/3/8, being £62/7/4 less than the estimated expenditure for the year.

Mr. Samuel Gorman has made another fine gift of £1,000 to the Medical Fund to be added to the Capital Fund of the "Samuel and Clara Matilda Gorman Medical Bequest."

The sum of £980/1/11 has been received from legacies. Included in this is £100 received from the estate of the late G. H. Bennett of Palmerston North, the interest of which has to be credited to the St. Paul's Church, Palmerston North. The sum of £508/6/8 has been transferred to working capital and the remainder of the money from legacies (£471/15/3) has been placed to the credit of the Equipment Fund, together with £13 from the Earthquake Relief Fund.

The Boat Insurance Fund has again been added to by the transfer of £356/5/- from this year's income, and also by interest amounting to £59/14/1, and now stands at £2,000.

The year's working shows a reduction of the deficiency by £845/18/9, the remaining deficit being £4,272/4/7. This is one of the most gratifying features of the year's financial operation.

A profit of £28/1/8 has been made in the publications. This is an excellent result in view of the greatly increased cost of paper and postage. The circulation of "The Open Door" now amounts to 5,650 copies quarterly, an increase of 149, and of "The Lotu" 7,340 copies, an increase of 229.

This is one of the most encouraging Financial Statements which we have been privileged to present for many years, and evidences the growing spirit of missionary interest in the Church. It is full of inspiration for the whole Church.

T. L. HAMES,
W. A. SINCLAIR.

RESOLUTIONS.

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

2. That the cordial greetings of Conference be conveyed to the Native Church, and to the Missionaries in the Field.

3. That the special congratulations and greetings of Conference be extended to the Papua District upon the attainment of its Jubilee in 1941.

4. That greetings be sent to the Solomon Islands Students in Fiji.

5. That Rev. Usaia Sotutu be congratulated upon his Ordination, and John Wesley Kere, N.M.E., upon graduating with distinction from the Suva Medical School.

6. That Dr. A. G. Rutter be congratulated upon the success of his medical work, and that he be assured of the utmost support in the future.

7. That Conference gratefully acknowledges the receipt from Mr. S. Gorman of a further generous gift of £1000, bringing the total of the Gorman Bequest to £12,433. It regrets that he is unwell, conveys affectionate greetings to him in his illness, and records gratitude to God for his vision and devotion.

8. Conference records appreciation of the generous co-operation of the W.M.M.U. It congratulates Miss E. M. Rishworth and her Executive upon their successful work and prays that God's blessing may be upon Mrs. C. E. Taylor and the Feilding Executive during their term of office.

9. M.W.M.U. Representatives to Mission Board.—That in order to prevent confusion, the Conference be requested to authorise that newly appointed representatives shall take office immediately after their appointment by the M.W.M.U. Conference.

10. Retirement of Sister Ethel McMillan.—Conference fully identifies itself with the Islands Synod in its deep regret at Sister Ethel McMillan's forthcoming retirement and its high appreciation of her outstanding services. During the past 26 years Sister Ethel has devoted herself utterly to the people of the Solomons, giving special attention to child welfare and baby rescue work, medical and maternity service and the training of girls for Christian leadership among their own people. Outstanding success has attended her efforts and to-day the people of Choiseul rise up and call her blessed. Her work will live on in the lives of hundreds she has rescued and trained for service in the Kingdom. The good wishes of the Conference will follow Sister Ethel to Australia, with the prayer that the love and joy she has shed abroad in the Solomons may fill her own heart through the coming years. That the Foreign Mission Board in consultation with the M.W.M.U. compile a booklet in connection with the work of Sister Ethel McMillan.

11. British Solomon Islands—New Guinea Boundary.—That the Foreign Mission Board and Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand fully associate themselves with the following resolution passed by the Solomon Islands District Synod and respectfully request the Administrations concerned to give it sympathetic consideration.

That this Synod respectfully begs to draw the attention of the British Solomon Island and New Guinea Governments to the hardships, inconvenience and wasteful expenditure of time and petrol caused by the stringent application of the present regulations regarding the entry and departure of residents, native and European, travelling between the two British territories, and especially to the very serious position resulting therefrom to the native populations of adjacent districts, many of whom have property, family relationships.

and other interests in both territories. We respectfully urge that this matter be considered, and peoples geographically and ethnically one, be no longer disrupted by an artificial boundary, and that they be permitted to travel between these two territories reverting to the position prior to 1914. We would respectfully suggest that this difficulty might be considerably reduced by giving the Assistant District Officer at Kangu, Buin, authority to give clearance to small boats and canoes desiring to cross the border for other than commercial purposes.

12. Conference again thanks the Young Women's B.C. Movement for its continued generous support of Sister Ada Lee and two Native Teachers in the Solomons.

13. That the Y.M.B.C. Movement be thanked for its help during the year. While it is noted with concern that the financial support of the Movement has continued to decline, Conference is encouraged by the assurance that worthy support of the Church's missionary enterprise is a definite part of its policy.

14. That thanks be extended to all District and Circuit Secretaries and Collectors, and also to all Deputations.

15. General Estimates, 1941.

INCOME.					£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
New Zealand—										
General	....	....	....	....	11,000	0	0			
Medical	....	....	....	....	1,150	0	0			
								12,150	0	0
Solomon Islands	....	....	....	....				1,500	0	0
								<u>£13,650</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

EXPENDITURE.					£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Solomon Islands	11,423	17	0
Home Base	1,486	18	0
Interest	400	0	0
Boat Insurance	80	0	0
Imperilled Missions	100	0	0
Debt Reduction	159	5	0
								<u>£13,650</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

16. Appointments.

That the thanks of the Board be tendered to the Treasurers (Rev. W. A. Sinclair and Mr. T. L. Hames), and that they be re-appointed.

17. Board.—That the following be the Board for 1941:—

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, F. E. Leadley, E. W. Hames, G. I. Laurenson, H. A. Sharp, J. Draper, 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. (Mrs. C. E. Taylor), the President of the Auckland W.M. Auxiliary (Mrs. J. F. Jack), Miss E. M. Rishworth, Miss S. A. Somerville, Miss G. Griffith, Mrs. T. Rowe, Miss Purdie.

18. National Missionary Council Representatives.

The General Secretary, the Chairman of the Wellington District, Rev. O. Burnet, Mr. B. J. Lynneberg, Mrs. H. Nicolson.

19. District Secretaries.

AUCKLAND	....	....	Rev. F. E. Leadley
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. A. A. Bensley
NORTH CANTERBURY	....	....	Mr. F. Thompson
SOUTH CANTERBURY	....	....	Rev. W. W. Avery
OTAGO-SOUTHLAND	....	....	Rev. A. E. Jefferson

20. 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. E. Leadley.

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 Mrs. E. Sherlock. 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. J. H. Oldham, J. D. Common, R. Doubleday, and A. Tunnicliff. 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, A. G. Nuttall, J. Grigg, M.A., Mrs. Leaper, Mrs. Brock. Convener: Rev. A. A. Bensley.

NORTH CANTERBURY.—Included in District Executive. Convener: Rev. W. E. Allon Carr.

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, H. H. Johnston, 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.

21. Conference tenders sincere thanks to Mr. Frank Thompson for his efficient organisation and valued assistance.

ABRIDGED ANNUAL REPORT METHODIST WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION, 1939-1940.

Despite the misgivings as to the future of the work of the Union which the outbreak of the war caused, the year that has just closed has been fraught with much blessing and we give thanks to God for the evidence of His Presence in the work which He has committed to the women of the Church.

Membership.

We now have a membership of 4,054, this being an increase of 216 on last year's figures.

Auxiliaries.

Seven new Auxiliaries have been formed at Pakiri, Pleasant Point, Rongotea, Rawene, Balclutha, Woodend, and Otorohanga, making a total of 86, while five new Branches were formed at Makino, Cuba Street (Palmerston North), Rakaia, Pitt Street Evening, and Takapuna Evening Branches, the two latter both of Auckland.

Extension.

During the year many Auxiliaries have been visited by the Dominion President, Miss Rishworth, both in the North and South Islands, while some Auxiliaries in the South Island were visited by the Union Secretary.

Finance.

It is cause for great thankfulness that the income for the year totals £4,911/6/11, £683/6/10 higher than last year. The fund for the Special Object of £200 for Kurahuna Capital Fund was over-subscribed, the total of £229/5/5 being raised, while the Medical Fund reached £198/7/3 and the Stamp Fund £159/11/1.

Legacies and Gifts.

Anonymous gifts from Dunedin for the Leper Hospital totalled £105 and for the Solomon Island Girls' School £30, while a Centennial Thanksgiving Gift of £50 for Kurahuna came from Mrs. Blackwell. A bequest of £300 came from Mrs. Todd Smith of Auckland, for the Auxiliary Solomon Island and Home Mission Capital Funds, also for the Kurahuna Capital Fund.

Gleanings Boxes.

These boxes are a means of linking up interested women who are not able to attend meetings. The income from the boxes this year amounted to £91.

Literature.

This ever-growing department has proved its worth and again we report a widening circle of those who receive President's Quarterly Letters and letters from the Sisters at Home and Overseas.

Conventions.

Successful Conventions have been held at Woodville, Hastings, Invercargill, Wanganui, Christchurch and Auckland. These meetings have been both inspirational and educational.

Sisters.

The number of Sisters largely supported by the M.W.M.U. remains the same, eight in the Solomons and five Deaconesses, whose salaries and part travelling expenses we pay, and also the part salary of one other Deaconess.

Box Department.

The boxes make a valuable contribution to the Overseas work, the value this year being £273/3/7. An increasing number of Ladies' Guilds are donating gifts which we gratefully acknowledge. The used clothing sent to Sisters in the Home Field is invaluable and the need for support in this direction continues.

Kurahuna.

The continued growth of the interest shown in the Kurahuna Maori Girls' School augurs well for its future success. Favourable comment was made on the standard of work exhibited by the girls at the Centennial Exhibition.

Two ex-pupils are now training as nursing aids, while all the girls in the school are learning First Aid and Child Welfare among other subjects.

General.

Our thanks go to the Revs. G. I. Laurenson and A. H. Scrivin for willing help and advice; also to the Revs. D. Alley and E. C. Leadley, together with our Deaconesses, all of whom readily give their time to speak at various Auxiliary meetings.

As we end our term of office as an Executive we thank all who have so willingly co-operated with us and pray that the new Executive officers may experience enrichment of vision and the power of the Holy Spirit in all their undertakings.

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 continued increase in membership. It wishes them God's richest blessing and power for a further year of splendid activity.

AMOUNTS RAISED BY MISSIONARY AUXILIARIES.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Ashburton	81	10	6	Otago	1	17	6
Auckland	968	14	5	Otago Y.W.M.M. ..	60	2	6
Blenheim	46	12	5	Otorohanga	0	5	0
Bluff	14	3	1	Oxford	5	11	9
Balclutha	1	8	0	Paeroa	13	18	1
Cambridge	3	4	3	Pahiatua	8	5	3
Christchurch	524	19	3	Palmerston Nth. ..	122	17	6
Dannevirke	16	10	0	Pleasant Point ..	3	1	1
Dannevirke Y.P. ..	8	2	3	Petone	35	13	0
Dunedin	341	15	0	Picton	1	0	0
Eketahuna	8	12	6	Port Albert	0	17	6
Eltham	18	12	6	Pakiri	2	8	0
Feilding	85	13	9	Rangiora	72	16	0
Gisborne	23	0	0	Rawene	0	8	6
Gonville	12	5	8	Reefton	2	0	0
Gore	19	16	6	Richmond	14	12	6
Greymouth	14	0	0	Riverton	2	10	0
Hamilton C.	57	18	5	Roxburgh	19	16	0
Hamilton E.	23	0	1	Rongotea	4	3	5
Hastings	56	2	6	Ruawai	14	7	0
Hauraki Plains ..	3	12	6	Russell	0	10	0
Hawera	71	6	6	Stratford	10	13	0
Hokitika	2	10	0	Southbrook, Y.P. ..	Nil		
Invercargill	114	19	4	Taumarunui	1	7	0
Kaitaia	13	16	2	Te Aroha	52	7	8
Kaeo	1	18	0	Te Awamutu	21	9	0
Lower Hutt	58	5	6	Temuka	3	12	8
Upper Hutt	4	2	0	Te Kuiti	4	18	4
Manaia	7	2	6	Thames	25	4	6
Masterton	34	0	0	Timaru, Bank St. ..	27	2	6
Marton	3	16	11	Timaru, Wd. St. ..	45	2	6
Matamata	12	16	3	Waimate	19	14	7
Mataura	0	18	0	Waiuku	11	3	3
Millerton	2	5	0	Waiwhetu	8	0	0
Milton	1	3	0	Wanganui C.	87	7	0
Morrinsville	24	3	2	Wanganui Nth. ..	27	2	1
Motueka	3	18	0	Wanganui E.C. ..	4	8	4
Napier	84	12	6	Whangarei	12	9	2
Nelson	49	0	0	Wellington	409	19	2
Nelson South	7	2	6	Willowby	27	3	9
New Plymouth	65	5	10	Willowby Y.P. ..	0	16	6
Northern Wairoa ..	1	17	8	Woodville	18	0	0
Oamaru	20	8	2	Woodend	0	2	6

QUESTION XLIV.—What are the Resolutions of Conference on the Home Mission and Church Extension Fund?

**HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.
ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1940.**

In presenting our Annual Report we desire to express our deep sense of gratitude to our Heavenly Father for the evidence of His abiding Grace through another year. Our work of laying the foundations of community and personal character by our varied activities has been maintained steadily in every district in spite of many problems.

Board and Committees.

Under its new constitution the Home Mission Board has functioned very satisfactorily, and the several meetings of the Board and its Standing Committees have been well attended and a great deal of business has been attended to.

Maori Missions.

A separate report on the Maori Mission work will be submitted.

Gorman Bequest.

Since last Conference Mr. Samuel Gorman has added a further gift of £209 to the Samuel and Clara Matilda Gorman Home Mission Bequest, bringing the total of the capital to the splendid sum of £4,229. For this further generosity our Board expresses its heartfelt gratitude to this splendid donor.

Literature and Colporteur Society.

This Committee has met regularly during the year, and given attention to several valuable aspects of our Home Mission work.

Epworth Bookroom (N.Z.).

This has been a very busy year for our Bookroom. Sales have reached a new high level, and in spite of adverse trade conditions, our manager has secured adequate and regular stocks. We also are in the fortunate position of having good stocks in hand for the coming Christmas trade. Our manager deserves much credit for the splendid way in which he has met these unsettled business conditions.

Colporteur Work.

Sister Rita continues to serve with striking success and much acceptance. Her message, presented in her own particular way, is widely and gladly received. Our Church is indeed fortunate that this important part of our witness is entrusted to such a capable and devoted agent.

Publications.

There is a growing tendency to regard the Literature and Colporteur Committee as the official publishing committee of the Church, and this is as it should be. All approved publications from the Publications Committee of Conference could well be handled by this one central committee. During the year attention has been paid to the suggested publications of several brochures, memoirs, and booklets. Some of these will have to stand over until more settled times, but others will be published in time for the Christmas trade.

Picture Department.

Owing to the difficulty in securing films this Department has not been much in use this year, but there is evidence that as soon as hostilities cease there will be a splendid field for that type of Evangelistic Witness.

Spiritual Advance Committee.

During the year the attention of the Committee has been engaged upon the following matters:—

1. **Visit of Professor A. E. Albiston.** The Committee supervised the arrangements for the tour of Professor A. E. Albiston, and reports that the professor met with an enthusiastic reception throughout the Connexion, and made a valuable contribution to the spiritual life of the people.
2. **Publications.** In connection with the National Day of Thanksgiving on January 7, 1940, the Committee arranged for the production, sale, and distribution of an Order of Service for use in all our Churches.

Most of the work initiated last year in the preparation of suitable pamphlets for sale and distribution amongst our people has been taken over by the new Publications' Committee appointed by the last Conference.

3. **General.** While the Committee has not initiated any scheme of special Spiritual Advance a few reports to hand indicate that some successful missions were held—a noteworthy venture being held on the West Coast and in the Nelson Province. Under the inspiring leadership of Bishop Hilliard all the Reformed Churches joined in a simultaneous and united Mission. Inspiring results were obtained. (The Committee would draw the attention of Circuits and Home Mission Stations to the fact that reports of Advance Work by way of Missions, etc., should be forwarded to and will be welcomed by the Spiritual Advance Committee of the Home Mission Board.)

Recommendations for 1941.

1. The Committee feels that the mood and temper of the people makes this present day an opportunity for positive teaching and evangelistic preaching, and therefore recommends:
 - (a) In view of the war situation we re-affirm the important recommendation that each Circuit set up Committees which shall plan the campaign within the Circuit, and seek to secure the active co-operation of other local Churches with a view to presenting a united front in Christian Witness.
 - (b) That our Ministers and people be encouraged to hold Preaching and Teaching Missions in the Circuits and Home Mission Stations during the year.
 - (c) That where desirable the District Home Mission Committees be responsible for the prosecution and oversight of the Missions within their districts.
 - (d) That adequate arrangements be made for the conservation of gains from such missions by the holding of Membership Services after preparation classes.

New Housing Areas.

During the year the Board has given serious consideration to the problem of effectively ministering to the many new housing areas in the cities and larger towns throughout the Dominion. The Board has asked each District Home Mission Committee to gather material and to compile a comprehensive report on the position as it affects its own district so that a thorough survey may be made of the whole Dominion.

Branch Sunday Schools.

Under the above heading the Board would urge every Circuit which has developing residential areas at any distance from the local Churches to give very serious thought to the possibility of establishing branch Junior and Intermediate Sunday Schools in strategic centres of the residential areas, or even of establishing complete Sunday Schools with a view to holding the young folk to our own Church and to extend the influence of the Church among the families at present unprovided with such facilities. Such Sunday Schools could, in time, form the nucleus of a new preaching place in many centres.

Training Scheme for Likely Home Missionaries.

All Ministers and Home Missionaries have received a circular setting out the suggested scheme for training of Home Missionaries which was adopted by the Board during the year.

Circuits with a large group of preaching places, and having Superintendents who are willing to co-operate thoroughly in the working of the scheme, are to be invited to take a young man on the staff under close supervision and guidance in practical work and studies, and for this co-operation where necessary a measure of financial assistance will be given from the Home Mission Board. This brief term of active training will ensure that men will take up Home Mission work with some definite experience to draw on.

The war has naturally delayed the full operation of this scheme but it now stands as the accepted policy of the Department.

Applications for Special Assistance.

The Board has had an abnormally large number of applications for special financial assistance. This has strained our resources very greatly and we would point out to the whole Church the vital necessity of steadily increasing and consolidating the income from Circuits for the Home Mission Fund.

Deputation Work.

A large measure of the deputation work has been carried this year by Sister Rita Snowden and the Departmental officers. In certain Districts very valuable assistance has been rendered by local ministers, to whom the Board would express deep appreciation for the services rendered.

Staffing.

Already the Department is seeing signs of the serious staff problem which is rising out of the war. Young men are urgently needed to supply vacancies in the various centres, usually provided with single appointments, and which cannot possibly maintain a married man. Supply problems will call for much patience on the part of the Circuits.

Conclusion.

The work of the Department is foundation work. Communities newly developing in outer areas of settlement are being established on a Christian basis. The work of the Church in the training of Christian character is proceeding in many types of Circuits and Home Mission Stations, by the aid of Home Mission Grants. Maori communities are being brought face to face with the challenge of Jesus Christ. All these and many other basic activities cause us with confidence to commend the work to the sustained loyal support of the whole Church.

F. COPELAND, Chairman.

J. C. DRAPER, Secretary.

GEO. I. LAURENSEN, General Superintendent.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the foregoing Report be received and adopted.
2. That the various financial statements and the estimates for 1941 be received and adopted.
3. Conference records its pleasure that the ordinary Circuit Income for Home and Maori Missions for 1940 constituted a record for the past ten years, expresses its thanks to all who have contributed to this result, but regrets the fact that in spite of this increase and partly owing to the loss of some revenue which was coming from Connexional properties for Special Maori Work, the Income for the last three years has been insufficient to meet the minimum requirements.
4. That Conference draws the attention of all Circuits and Home Mission Stations to the fact that commencing 1941 with an overdraft of £1,179/11/- on the General Home Mission Fund, the Estimates for the year show a possible accumulated deficit of £2,170/12/3. In view of these facts, Conference urges the whole Connexion to make a sustained effort to raise the Returns by at least another £1,000 per annum, and to ensure that every member is a direct annual subscriber to this work.
5. That the "Order of the Three Thousand" be commended to the whole Church and an effort made to increase the number and amount of the donations contributed by this means.
6. That every Circuit and Home Mission Station be requested to appoint an energetic Home Mission Secretary and Committee of Collectors.
7. That a letter be sent to Mr. Gorman expressing gratitude for his further gift of £209 whereby the Samuel and Clara Matilda Gorman Home Mission Bequest has reached the splendid figure of £4,229, and the hope that he may soon be restored to a better measure of health.
8. That after twenty-five years of continuous service on the Home Mission Board, Dr. Ranston be made a life member.
9. That the following be the Board for 1941.—General Superintendent (Rev. Geo. I. Laurensen, Convener), Assistant Superintendent (Rev. H. J. Odell), Senior Maori Superintendent (Rev. E. Te Tuhi), Chairman of the Auckland District (Rev. F. Copeland), Acting Principal of Trinity College (Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A.), Ministerial General Treasurer (Rev. E. T. Olds), Lay General Treasurer (Mr. F.

Penn), Revs. A. H. Scrivin, George Frost, A. Mitchell, John Olphert, W. Walker, H. Sharp, J. C. Draper (Secretary), B. M. Chrystall, J. F. Jack, A. E. Orr, D. J. D. Hickman, and A. E. Waite; the representative of the Home Missionaries (Rev. C. W. Brown); the Representatives of the M.W.M.U. (Mrs. C. E. Taylor, ex-officio, Misses E. M. Pearce and E. M. Rishworth); the representatives of the Y.W.B.C. and Y.M.B.C. Movements (Sister Ivy Jones and Mr. R. Howell); the life members (Rev. A. J. Seamer and Dr. Ranston); the Corresponding Member (Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt); Mrs. George Smith, and Messrs. W. S. Mackay, T. Clark, J. H. Blackwell, J. J. Parker, L. E. Rhodes, F. G. Steinert, H. S. Crowe, W. Ambury, T. W. Hemer, George Wilson, T. White, A. Williams, C. K. Wigglesworth, and S. E. Chappell.

10. That the Treasurers and Honorary Auditors be thanked and re-appointed.

11. That the Grant of £25 on the estimates for the Spiritual Advance Committee be subject to a subsidy of £ for £ from the Contingent Fund.

12. That Question 36 on page 65 of the Law Book be repealed and the following substituted:—Has the Synod any recommendations for increasing within the District the income for Home and Maori Missions?

13. That the Rev. H. J. Odell be designated for re-appointment as Assistant Superintendent by the Conference of 1942 for a further term of three years.

14. **Waiuku Deaconess.** Conference recognizes this as one of many urgent openings, but regrets that at present a full-time agent cannot be appointed.

15. **Home Mission Reports.** Conference re-affirms the necessity and importance of the regular quarterly reports to the Chairman of the District and the General Superintendent.

16. **Conference Status of Home Missionaries.** That the question of the Conference Status of Home Missionaries and Representatives at Conference be referred to the Board for a report.

17. **Housing.** That th question of the adequate housing of Home Missionaries be referred to the Home Mission Board for investigation and a report on policy.

18. **Centennial Gifts.** That Conference express its special appreciation of the Centennial gifts under the names of the late Rev. and Mrs. Geo. Buttle, and the late Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Buddle.

19. That the following be the District Secretaries:—

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

20. That the District Home Mission Committees be as follow:—
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, Junr., 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: Minister of Gisborne Circuit.

WELLINGTON.—Included in the District Executive. Convener: Rev. H. J. Tozer, M.A.

NELSON.—The Chairman of the District, the Ministers of Nelson, Richmond, 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. C. Butcher, W. G. Irwin, W. Hocking, T. E. Holdgate, 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.

21. **Stipends.** (1) That the Home Mission Board consider during the year the standard of stipends paid to Ministers and Home Missionaries and gives consideration to the possibility of any necessary increases and report to next Synods and Conference to take any immediate action possible. (2) That Conference appoint a Committee to give consideration to the possibility of stipends being made a Connexional responsibility with the consequent readjustment of Connexional levies, and present an interim report to next Conference. (3) That the Committee be: The Wellington District Executive.

REPORT OF REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND FOR HOME MISSIONARIES.

The Board had before it a complete schedule of the number of removals for two periods, five years and ten years up to 1940, and the total and average costs of removals.

The figures show that in five years there were 50 moves of married men and 64 moves of single men, with a total cost of £557/7/5 for the married men and £278 for the single men. This represents an average of £167/3/2 per year. In the ten-year period, there were 90 moves of married men, costing £1030/19/6, and 114 moves of single men, costing £497/8/6. This represents for the fifteen years the sum of £157/12/3 per annum.

There are 38 effective Home Mission appointments, in status as Home Mission appointments on the Stationing List.

It is evident that at present there is much hardship in the matter of Home Missionaries' removal costs, and the agents in many cases bear the hardship involved. Very few stations have any regular system of providing quarterly for the possibility of future removal costs, hence each removal finds them unprepared, and the incoming agent has to face the raising of the cost of his removal as one of his first duties before his stipend is forthcoming. Some removals, of necessity, are fairly lengthy and costly, and through no fault of his own, the agent involved in such moves faces a serious personal problem. Moreover, many H.M. moves are more frequent than would ordinarily be desirable owing to the necessity of choosing the ablest of Home Missionaries to fill the gaps in the Ministers' Stationing Sheet, this resulting in a general unsettlement of the Home Missionaries' List.

F. COPELAND, Chairman.

J. C. DRAPER, Secretary.

G. I. LAURENSEN, General Superintendent.

RESOLUTIONS.

That the Supplementary Report be received and adopted as amended.

- (1) That a Home Missionaries' Removal Expenses Fund be established, and be administered by the Home Mission Board.
- (2) That the financial basis of the Fund be: (a) A suitable levy upon each Circuit or Home Mission Station having the status of a Home Mission Appointment in the Minutes of Conference, such levy unless otherwise determined by Conference to be £1 per year. (b) That the Fire Insurance Board be requested whenever possible to recommend a grant of up to £45 per annum. (c) A grant of £45 per annum from the Home Mission Fund.
- (3) That the Fund commence operating as follows: (a) Benefits to commence with the removals of Conference 1942. (b) Payments to the Fund commence in 1941, except from Circuits or Home Mission Stations having a change of agent at Conference 1941, such places to pay their own removals as in the past, and then to commence payments to the Fund in 1942. (c) Half the Home Mission Fund grant to be paid in 1941. (d) The levies from Home Mission Stations and Circuits having an agent in status of a Home Mission Appointment, shall be paid in quarterly amounts through the Chairman of the District concerned.

- (4) The objects of the Fund shall be to pay the cost of removal of Home Missionaries as arranged by Conference or the Home Mission Board.
- (5) Removal expenses shall be paid only for a Home Missionary, his wife, children, and adopted children.
- (6) Removals shall be effected by the least expensive route, second-class fares by rail and meals during the actual journey.
- (7) That such provision be made for the transfer of motor-cars as is now made in the case of the removal of Ministers.
- (8) On receipt of notice of removal, Home Missionaries shall make the most economical arrangements for transport, and immediately after removal, submit claim to the Treasurers, supported by vouchers for all outlay except fares. The Home Mission Board may, on the recommendation of the Treasurers, review any claims that are felt to be unnecessarily heavy, and pay a proportion that is considered to be a legitimate charge upon the Fund.
- (9) The Treasurers may advance a reasonable portion of the removal expenses to any Home Missionary who is moving.
- (10) All Home Missionaries requesting a change of appointment before the expiration of three years shall pay a proportion of their removal expenses; two-thirds, if they remove after one year, and one-third if they remove after two years.
- (11) All Home Mission Stations seeking a change of Home Missionary before the expiry of three years shall pay a proportion of the costs of such removal as in 10 above.
- (12) Where the Conference or Home Mission Board is responsible for the move, the cost will be borne by the Fund.

QUESTION XLV.—What is the State of the Maori Work, and What can be done to Promote its Interests?

MAORI MISSION REPORT FOR 1940.

As we survey our Maori work for another year, we bring our offering of gratitude to Almighty God for all His blessings. We have seen many difficult problems arise and many of them have been solved by the Divine Hand.

Bereavements.

Our Mission work has suffered a heavy loss in the death of a veteran Maori Home Missionary in the person of Hamiora Kingi, of North Auckland. A further serious loss was the passing of our brother, Rev. Hauotu Hapimana, a very active and highly respected Home Missionary of the Waikato-Maniapoto Circuit. The homes of two other of our Maori agents have been visited by bereavement in the loss of the wife in each case. To all the families we express our deep sympathy.

Work of Rev. A. J. Seamer.

Since last Conference Mr. Seamer has been giving invaluable assistance to the Maori Mission as General Superintendent's Adviser, and as Supernumerary Supply in the Waikato-Maniapoto District. Mr Seamer has also travelled extensively in connection with various matters, where his experience proved most helpful and indispensable.

"Rangiatea" Maori Girls' School.

We record with pleasure the successful launching during the year of the interim school in New Plymouth as the forerunner of the larger centennial scheme. A full report of this will be submitted by the local Committee through the Taranaki-Wanganui Synod. The Board is glad to hear of the splendid reception this school has had in the Maori community. We are glad to know that the Centennial Appeal is proceeding with a large degree of support and we confidently anticipate this excellent development producing most valuable results.

"Kurahuna."

This school continues its good work, with encouraging results. We express our deep admiration of the excellent work being done in the training of the girls there in Christian home-making.

Wesley College.

During the year an understanding was reached between Wesley College Board and the Home Mission Board whereby the two Boards will co-operate in encouraging likely Maori candidates to pursue studies for the Ministry in preparation for Trinity College. We express our gratitude at this development of policy.

Senior Maori Superintendent.

During the year Mr. Te Tuhi has conducted helpful tours to almost every section of the Maori field of our Church, including some sections of the South Island to co-operate in Centennial festivals.

The War Situation.

While the war is a most tragic and regrettable development, it has revealed an encouraging feature in most districts in the new sense of solidarity felt by the Maori people with their pakeha brethren. A considerable proportion of Methodist Maoris are in uniform with the resultant stress and anxiety in many Maori homes.

Youth Work.

Maori youth work has taken on a new urgency in the light of recent census figures in which it has been revealed that over 45% of the total Maori population is under 15 years of age as against just over 25% of the Pakeha population in that group. Excellent work is being done by the staff, assisted by a very helpful group of voluntary teachers in several Districts.

Maori Workers' Library.

A useful development has been the formation this year of a Maori Workers' Library. This needs to be built up a great deal, but it is already a most useful adjunct of the Mission work.

Rev. Thomas and Mrs. Buddle Centennial Memorial Gift.

To mark the centennial of the landing of Rev. Thomas and Mrs. Buddle, a gift was made to the Maori Mission work by the descendants of these pioneer Maori Missionaries. A small amount has been used for the immediate purchase of books and the annual interest on the balance is to be expended on the procuring of a few books each for the Maori Workers' Library and for the Library of "Rangiatea" Maori Girls' School.

Appreciation of Regular Supporters.

Again we record our appreciation of very valuable help given to the Mission by the Y.W.B.C. and Y.M.B.C. Movements, and especially by the M.W.M.U. The members of our staff supported in this way are all giving essential service to the Mission.

The Liquor Question.

This perennial problem has constantly engaged the attention of our workers and people. We cordially support our Anglican friends who, in their annual Maori Mission Conference, urged the stricter enforcement of the law forbidding the introduction of intoxicating liquor into Maori villages. They also urged that during the war the hours for the sale of liquor should be reduced. Again we urge the official re-establishment of Maori Councils and Village Committees to assist in controlling the problem. We commend the work of the Auckland Council of Temperance Education in publishing and circulating Maori pamphlets. More of this class of literature is urgently needed.

Resolution re Treaty of Waitangi.

The resolutions of the recent Conference bearing on the above question were presented by a representative deputation to the Government. As yet, no reply has been received.

Maori Mission History.

We note with great regret the unfortunate delay in the production of our Maori Mission history which is awaited with great eagerness by our people and which is needed to give an adequate place to our early work in New Zealand historical records. We are glad to learn of the prospect of an early publication of this important book.

Drift in Maori Population to Towns.

In recent years there has set in a large drift of Maori folk to urban areas. This creates new problems and there is great need for more technical training to equip some Maori youth to stand worthily alongside of their European brethren and sisters. Excellent work is being done in Auckland in providing a centre of worship at Aire-dale Street.

Otakou.

We are glad to pay tribute to the work of Rev. T. A. Pybus and congratulate him upon the stage reached in establishing the Centennial Memorial Church at Otakou. This Church will fill a big need, as well as being a worthy memorial to great pioneers.

Conclusion.

It is encouraging to note the many evidences of warm personal devotion amongst many of our people. Christian life is a very real possession to many good members of our Church.

Our workers are all proceeding with their difficult tasks with sincere devotion and we seek the prayerful co-operation of our Dominion Church.

F. 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 learns with pleasure of the successful establishment of the Interim School for Maori Girls at "Rangiatea," New Plymouth, and congratulates the Committee and the Staff on a successful year and wishes for them a fruitful continuance of their work.
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.
4. That Conference express to the Native People of the South Island hearty congratulations on the attainment of the centennial of Christian Missions in their Island, and trusts that the opening of the Centennial Memorial Church at Otakou will mark a forward move in the spiritual life of the people, and the effectiveness of the work of the Church amongst them.
5. Conference hears with pleasure the report of the Centenary Commemoration and Thanksgiving Service held at Ngakutu Bay, Port Underwood, on December 20th, 1940. This service was held on the site of the first Church which was built in the north of the South Island by the Rev. Samuel Ironside, who commenced his mission on December 20th, 1840. We thank God for His favours to this pioneer and also to the "people called Methodists" through the century that has followed, and we recommend the Ministers and Officers of the Blenheim Circuit to take effective steps to provide for the erection of a worthy public memorial to the Rev. Samuel Ironside in connection with the centenary of the Wairau tragedy of 1843.
6. That the Conference of the Methodist Church sends to the Maori people of Taranaki its cordial greetings and good wishes in connection with the Centennial Commemorative Celebrations and prays that the blessing of God may increasingly rest upon them. The Resolution to be conveyed to them by the Rev. E. Te Tuhi on the occasion of the Unveiling of the Memorial to the Rev. Charles Creed.
7. That the Conference greets in Christian love the workers and members of the Maori Mission and assures them of its prayerful co-operation in the many tasks they are seeking to perform for our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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

A.—AUCKLAND METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION.

Report, 1940.

With gratitude to God, the Board of Management has pleasure in presenting its report of the varied activities of the Mission. Much of our story can never be written—hours spent in personal interviews; intimate talks with prisoners and the unburdening of the mind and soul are not revealed in reports and balance sheets.

Rebuilding Scheme.—The Mission site, strategically situated, a gift by Sir George Grey to the Primitive Methodist Body in the early days, has become increasingly valuable and it is fitting that on this historic site, the Conference has sanctioned the erection of a Mission Home for "our general and specific activities." The proceeds

from the sale of the East Street Hall, together with certain Centennial gifts and the previous donations bring the fund to £5,500. The outbreak of war has a tendency to retard our building project, but we are continuing to build up the fund. We are hoping that the success of the Dominion Centennial effort will continue and that Conference will see its way clear to make a substantial grant for the provision of a "home" for the Mission work. In the meantime, the premises have been made safe and habitable, but these renovations must be looked upon as a temporary measure.

Health Camp and Rest Home.—During the year 185 children have benefited at Campbell's Bay Health Camp, a considerable number of women folk and tired mothers have also found rest and relief from anxiety. A further dormitory and staff rooms have been erected at a cost of £1,500. Additions to the extent of £300 will be made this season. The property is worth approximately £7,000, and has a debt of £95. A number of youth groups and others have also had the benefit of the Home. Many enquiries reveal the need of making the Home available at stated periods for those who desire to pay their expenses and take a complete rest. The Camp has also been promised, if necessary, as a clearing-house for Refugee children. A golf course and the Domain boundaries the camp property and the beach is six minutes from the Home. We record our appreciation of the generous kindness of the Ladies' Committee, the tradesmen, individuals, organisations, the staff, and the Health Department, who have co-operated with us in the work.

Youth Work.—During the renovation period, the work has been impeded, but is now in full swing. Nine of our young men are serving overseas. We are continually transferring families to the suburbs but in spite of this, the Mission caters for over 200 young people as well as those who "drop in" from off the street. The commencement of Young People's Church has been a worthy success. A Youth Hostel is urgently needed to meet growing demands and it is hoped that some interested person will make this possible.

Social Services and Goodwill Industries.—The words of Jesus, "the poor ye have always with you," still apply. Numerous folk through unseen misfortune have found a "helping hand" at the Mission. Those who are able are set to work renovating garments and furniture and are given a gratuity, thus saving their self respect. Over 2,000 goodwill bags are in use and a store will shortly be opened when those with small incomes may equip themselves at a small cost. There is immediate need of a factory in the city area where our renovations work may be prosecuted in order that men and women may be saved industrially. The Mission co-operates with the Pension Department, the Police, Doctors, Solicitors, and the Superintendent serves on several committees for the community welfare.

Franklin Road Branch.—At the outbreak of war, Mr. Thornley was accepted for service. For some months we have maintained the work with voluntary helpers. The appointment of Sister Alice Harcher as Supply has meant inspiration to our people and has given stimulus to the youth work. This old Church situated in the centre of a densely populated area, with a Deaconess to contact with the people in their homes, conduct Sunday School, to direct Youth Groups and Mother's Meetings, etc., is one method of ministering to the district. Realising the need of vision and action, the Trustees have commenced the work of converting the Parsonage into two dwellings which will house our Agent when the time is opportune. Lack of finance hampers the general work.

Sale of East Street Hall.—After much negotiations, the Trustees in conjunction with the Building and Loan Fund Committee decided to sell the property. A large sum of money would have been required to preserve the building and the sale has netted £3,650. The proceeds (in accordance with the Conference Minutes) are ear-marked for new Mission premises in Auckland, and the interest may be used for the maintenance of the work.

Maori Work.—Services in the native tongue are held every Sunday morning and regular communion services are arranged. A Youth gathering is also held in the Y.W.C.A. each Sunday afternoon, a club of over 80 girls meets at Airedale Street each fortnight and this gathering is an inspiration to us all. Sisters Ivy and Marara are rendering generous personal service, but their story is told by the Home Mission Department.

Prison Work.—Services are regularly held, but personal interviews are the main source of strength to the men. We are delighted to report some definite conversions. We have also been instrumental in placing many of the discharged men in permanent positions.

Down and Out.—Much blessing has resulted by various contacts with the men—but regular meetings were impossible earlier in the year on account of renovations.

Obituary.—We were all staggered to learn of the passing of Sister Lenna Button, who for several years was a faithful and outstanding Deaconess. Amid the most trying conditions she lived an heroic life among the people of Auckland at the Mission Centre. We record our gratitude to God for a life of magnificent service and our deepest sympathy is expressed to her relatives. The passing of Mr. Andrew Messer and Mr. Harry Dickson has thinned our ranks of Trustees. Both these men were devoted and loyal and a loss to the whole Church. We record our sympathy to their relatives and thanks to God for sacrificial lives.

Institutional Work.—We believe that the Church ought to have its various organs functioning. We have no old people's homes operating—no hostels for youth—middle class hospitals (all hospitals are full to-day)—no adequate means for meeting the varying needs that arise in a city like Auckland. While we do our best for every one, our hearts are sad at times when we think of many living in deplorable conditions and as agents for the Church not being able to adequately meet the practical needs. Let the Church meet these demands with a bold programme, recognising that no City Mission membership can adequately do its work without the aid of the whole Connexion.

General.—The undenominational character of our work commends itself to all. The membership has increased. The visit of the President (the Rev. L. B. Neale) has inspired us. Our grateful thanks are recorded to Mrs. R. B. Verry, Miss B. M. Brooke, the Trinity Students, B.C. Movements, the Men's Fellowships, the Women's Guilds, the East Street Trustees, individuals, organisations, and professional men, as well as the Choirmaster and the Choir and a large staff of voluntary workers.

The Auckland Central Mission is a pioneering work which demands grit, patience, vision, and great faith, but we are glad to

report that interested people are commending the policy of "building up" without running ahead of resources. We trust that the Church will not only pay off debts to save property, but also that she will inspire a people who are working heroically with a generous grant from the Centennial Fund.

A. EVERIL ORR, Superintendent.

WALTER WOOD }
F. M. SOUSTER } Circuit Stewards.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

2. That the Board of Management be:—

The Superintendent (Chairman), Superintendent Home Missions, Chairman of District, Revs. J. F. Jack, Dr. Ranston, E. W. Hames, Dr. E. G. Sayers, Mrs. T. Clark, Mrs. R. B. Verry, Miss E. Booth, Messrs W. S. Mackay, J. Tyler, J. J. Parker, E. J. Hutson, F. Penn, M. Smethurst, A. Williams, together with the Circuit officials and representatives and the Trustees of the Mission properties.

3. That thanks be tendered to Rev. A. E. Orr and staff and management for their excellent work.

B.—DUNEDIN METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION.

50th Annual Report, 1940.

It is with a deep sense of gratitude to God that we present the Jubilee Report of the Dunedin Methodist Central Mission.

The officials intended worthily to celebrate the Jubilee by a series of special functions, but in view of the world situation deemed it unwise to initiate a large-scale programme.

From its inception the Mission has occupied a central place in the life of the community, and its varied ministrations have proved helpful to all classes of people. We are pleased to record that throughout the year the work has been well maintained.

Company Bay Settlement Scheme.

The three Homes at Company Bay have involved much time and thought. In December last 65 boys selected by the School Medical Officers were encamped in the Children's Block. In almost every case an increase in weight was registered. The Eventide Home is under the capable superintendency of Sister McDonald, and has at present three aged couples. The main Home comprised of two spacious blocks, at present ministers to 45 guests, the eldest of whom is Mrs. Reason, who is 103 on Christmas Day. In this Home there is a staff of 20 under the superintendency of Sister Hopwood assisted by Sister Bailey and Sister Fawcett. These homes are meeting a growing need in the community and constitute the main branch of our benevolent work.

Sister Hazel.

After sixteen years on the Mission Staff as Deaconess to the people Sister Hazel this year tendered her resignation on account of her approaching marriage. Sister Hazel has been an outstanding worker in community and church life and in many ways has exercised a very gracious ministry. The extent and variety of her work, her personality, wise counsel, and persuasive influence will ever remain a beautiful memory and an inspiration to all who knew her.

Reconstruction Work.

During the year the main Mission Hall was remodelled at a cost of £20,000. The structure is almost entirely new and is now one of the finest buildings of its kind in New Zealand. During the period of reconstruction the Mission Services were held in the Concert Chamber of the Town Hall.

Financial.

In accordance with the plan decided on by the Board of Trustees the mortgages on the main building and Company Bay Homes have been reduced.

Future Policy.

The present policy is to reduce overhead expenditure as much as possible and to extinguish indebtedness. Throughout the 50 years of its history the Board of Trustees and those who have superintended the work have given time and attention to consolidation and extension. As opportunity has occurred and finance has been available a comprehensive policy has been steadily pursued. The future will benefit by this evidence of executive administration. A modern Sunday School will replace the present out-dated building and buildings long overdue for demolition will give place to others essential to centralised benevolent and institutional Christian activities. The Board of Managers acknowledge their indebtedness to all who have assisted in making it possible to carry on the work.

We desire to pay our tribute to the work and worth of the staff during the year, and thank God that good health has been vouchsafed them to carry on. The Presidential duties of the Superintendent have made calls that have been responsible for long absences from Dunedin, constituting for him a very strenuous year, but the work has been carried on with conspicuous ability by Mr. Francis to the entire satisfaction of officials.

LESLIE B. NEALE, Superintendent.

HARRY H. JOHNSON }
WILLIAM AITKEN } Circuit Stewards.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference express its heartfelt gratitude to the Superintendent and staff of the Dunedin Mission in its steady maintenance of an aggressive Christian policy and notes with pleasure the progress made both financially and spiritually. It cordially recommends the work to the whole Connexion as most worthy of its utmost support. Also that Mr. H. H. Johnson be warmly thanked for his thorough and efficient service during a very trying year.

POLICY FOR CITY MISSIONS.

1. The Central Missions shall be looked upon primarily, as centres of Evangelism, with a form of service, calculated to appeal to those outside the ordinary Church.
2. Central Missions shall be recognised by all contiguous Churches and Circuits, as the chief means for the carrying on of the social work of our Church in the cities. We consider it essential that one or more Deaconesses should be attached to each Mission. It is recognised that the Missions have a claim upon the interest and support of all Methodists and that Ministers have the right to send to the Missions cases

of need, which lie outside their powers to relieve. That all Methodist Ministers should urge their people sympathetically to co-operate in providing the necessary means by which the social work may be effectively accomplished.

3. That the Central Missions shall be the recognised bodies to participate on behalf of Methodism in any share of civic or public funds made available for social work in the City.

4. It should be the aim of our Church, to have well-equipped buildings adapted to this work in each of our main centres. We are gratified that City Mission work is being conducted in Auckland and Dunedin, and trust that Mission work will soon be established in the other large cities of the Dominion. We call attention to the state of the Auckland Mission Buildings, and it is hoped that ere long some forward movement will be commenced, for the erection of a Mission Home which will in every way be worthy of Methodism.

5. Conditions, especially in the larger communities, have necessitated the inauguration of forms of social service, such as, Health Camps and Rest Homes, Old People's Homes and the Goodwill Industries—these fields present great opportunity for applied Christianity. In order that this work may be advanced, Central Missions shall be authorised to appeal to Methodism and the public generally, for support.

6. That when a Probationer or Student reveals special aptitude for Mission work, he be appointed to a Central Mission for specialised training.

QUESTION XLVII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference with regard to the training of Deaconesses?

REPORT FOR 1940.

The Report this year calls for more than ordinary attention. Regular meetings of the Committee have been held and the attendance of members has been good. Early in the year the only student in residence was withdrawn, without the sanction of the Committee, to take up work among the Maori people in the Waikato. No doubt this helped to relieve the pressing need there is for women workers in the Church, but it created unforeseen difficulties for the Committee. The fact that there are no students in training brought Deaconess House under the Labour Department Award, necessitating an alteration in the hours of labour for all the members of the staff, and an increase in wages, both retrospective and prospective. Tariff charges had to be increased. The work of making these adjustments fell chiefly upon the matron and the members of the Ladies' House Committee, to whom our grateful thanks are extended.

Treasurer.

In making the above changes extra work was placed upon our Treasurer. This, together with the state of his health, necessitated the relinquishment of his office. In accepting the resignation of Mr Chapman, the Committee desires to record its appreciation of the painstaking and capable service he has rendered to the Deaconess Institution and trusts that he will long remain a member of the Committee. Rev. A. N. Scotter was heartily appointed to fill the vacancy and has already given proof of his ability for the work.

Centennial Exhibition.

Those who visited the Exhibition in Wellington will know that the work of our Deaconess Order received its full share of publicity. In this we had the co-operation of the General Superintendent of Home Missions, who kindly arranged for Deaconesses to be in attendance at the Church Court from time to time. Rev. R. B. Gosnell also rendered invaluable assistance. We give to these our hearty thanks.

Resignations.

In June last, we received the resignation of Frances Winiata on account of her marriage, and in September Sister Hazel Hamilton resigned in view of her approaching marriage. To both these Sisters we extend our cordial felicitations.

Death of Sister Lenna Button.

We regret to report the death in England, while on active service in connection with the Auxiliary Air Service, of Sister Lenna Button. Only a few months ago, Sister Lenna was given permission to stay in England for another year in order to render service in this time of need. She has now been called to higher service. We thank God for her character and witness.

Employment of Deaconesses.

We respectfully call the attention of Superintendent Ministers to the rule governing the employment of women as Deaconesses in the Church. This rule places the responsibility for such employment on the Deaconess Committee. Failure to observe the rule can only lead to irregularities and stultify the work of the Committee.

As the need for trained women workers continues to exceed the supply and some of our most enthusiastic young women find other avenues of training than what our Church supplies, we suggest that, in order to keep our work prominently before the whole Church, the question be added to the list of those asked in the Quarterly Meetings:—

“Are there any young women offering for our Deaconess work?”

Maintenance.

Owing to the rising costs, the work of maintenance has been heavy but the building is being kept in a good state of repair.

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 £50, Contingent Fund £75, Home Mission Fund £75, Foreign Mission Fund £25.

Committee for 1941.

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. N. Scotter, A. O. Harris, J. H. Allen, R. Dudley, Mesdames G. Bowron, H. E. Lamb, A. A. Sandford, A. Allen, S. Orchard, S. Provost, and Sister Mabel Morley, Messrs. C. A. Newman, H. Chapman, J. E. Purchase, E. H. Andrews, M. Kershaw, and S. H. Maddren.

W. A. BURLEY, Chairman.

A. O. HARRIS, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the report be received and adopted.

2. Representation of Deaconesses on the Committee.

As the appointment of Corresponding Members of this Committee raises questions not provided for in its constitution Conference refer the suggestion to the Committee for 1941 to consider and report to Synods and Conference.

3. Sister Marara Kawiti.

That Miss Marara Kawiti be received on probation for three years and that she take a special course of examinations to be set by the Secretary of the Deaconess Committee and the General Superintendent of Home Missions. (This was carried by more than a two-thirds vote.)

4. That in view of the fact that our laws make no provision for the recognition, engagement, induction, naming, and uniforming of Deaconess workers outside the rules and regulations governing the Deaconess Order as set forth in the Law Book pages 131-136 and 172-175, Regulation 3 on page 134 of the Law Book be amended by the addition of the following:—

During the interval between Conferences no person shall be engaged as a paid deaconess worker except after approval by a two-thirds vote of the Deaconess Committee. Any such engagement shall have effect only until the next ensuing Conference and it shall be governed by the rules and regulations relating to the Order of Deaconesses. The person so engaged may become a candidate for admission on the conditions set forth in the said rules and regulations.

5. That the appointment of a Lady Superintendent be postponed pending consideration of the report to next Conference.

6. That representative Committees of Ministers, Laymen, and representatives of the M.W.M.U. and Y.W.B.C. Movement, in Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin, investigate the whole matter of Deaconess Training, fields for Deaconess service, Deaconess Institution, and all relevant matters. That the Committees in Auckland, Christchurch and Dunedin report not later than July 31st, 1941, to the Wellington Committee, which shall collate material, recommendations, etc., and prepare proposals for next Synods and Conferences. That the Chairmen of the Districts concerned, in conjunction with the Presidents of the M.W.M.U., and Y.W.B.C. Union in each of the above centres (except in Wellington, the President of the Y.W.B.C. Movement) set up the Committees; and that on the Christchurch Committee, the Deaconess Committee be well represented. That the Committees appointed consider also the question of admitting women into the Ministry.

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 1940.

The past twelve months has been one of varied interest and importance, as was anticipated when the average age of the children in residence last year was higher than ever before in the history of

the Homes, we have sent out to varied situations a greater number than ever before in one year. Some admissions have been received, but not sufficient to balance the losses. The average for the year ending September 30th, 1940, has been just seventy, the number in residence at September 30th, 1940, was only 64.

The policy of the Social Security Benefits, enabling grandparents, uncles, aunts, brothers, sisters, and near relatives to secure pensions for absolute orphans (those without either father or mother), has led to the withdrawal of a few children. Widowers and widows whose children have been with us, in some cases, for several years, have been withdrawn on their respective parent's remarriage.

Changes in Staff.

We regret that Rev. A. Hopper, through ill-health, was compelled to resign his office early in the year, and the Board placed on record its appreciation of his services as Secretary. Rev. A. E. Orr has held the office tentatively for the last six months. At the close of 1939 Miss Pethybridge, assistant matron at Wesley Home for many years, with a most commendable record, for family reasons resigned. The Matrons at both Homes continue to give able and devoted service. Miss Anderson, assistant Matron at Epsom, is at present on leave, the result of an accident. She is greatly missed as the record of years of service has endeared her to all.

Health. This has been good on the whole, a recent serious outbreak of mumps preventing many children from attending school for a few weeks. One lad has been in hospital with an illness contracted before coming to the Home, but is now back with us.

New Home. This the building committee has decided must remain at present in abeyance. Plans are being completed in accord with suggested improvements, and as soon as more settled conditions eventuate, the scheme will be pushed to conclusion. In the meantime, the Board is anxious that our generous friends will contribute to our Capital Fund, and in giving instructions for drafting their wills will remember the Homes.

The Street Appeal. This was this year more comprehensive, embracing several homes formerly, by geographical and other reasons, outside its scope, so while a most successful sum was realised, the per capita amount, yet to be decided, will not be as great as the gross income of £5000 at first suggested as possible.

Thanks. The thanks of the Board are due to the members of the various Committees, especially the Ladies' Committee, who carried out the splendid function at the home of Mrs. A. L. Caughey. Thanks are also tendered to the Hon. Physicians, Drs. H. Pettit and Cyril J. A. Griffin, for valuable service, and to Mr. K. W. White, Chemist, for supplies of medicine, etc., generously given.

Financial. The Report of the Clerical Treasurer gives evidence of careful and successful administration of the Board's Funds; the loss of the Lay Treasurer, Mr. A. L. Caughey, who is a captain on active service, is at present largely made up by the commandeering of the capable services of Mr. William Astley, a former Lay Treasurer.

Board of Management. The following are nominated as the Board for 1941:—Mrs. W. R. Emerson and Mr. William Astley (Life Members); Revs. F. Copeland, C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., T. A. Joughin,

W. A. Sinclair, Rev. George Frost, H. Ranston, F. E. Leadley (Clerical Treasurer), H. A. Sharp, W. Walker, A. E. Orr (Secretary), and B. M. Chrystall, B.A.; Mesdames T. A. Joughin, A. J. White, A. Peak, T. Clark, A. L. Caughey, J. H. Blackwell, and C. H. Burton; Misses A. Mason, E. Mason, E. Waddingham, Ida Buttle, C. Wagstaffe, B. F. Brooke, and C. Veale; Messrs. J. E. Astley, T. Clark, A. Trenwith, F. Penn, W. Ambury, A. Williams, F. L. Rudd, R. W. Gillon, J. S. Caughey, J. H. Whitburn, J. Hargraves, D. E. Parton, J. Tyler, R. T. Garlick, and G. W. Turley; and the Chairman and Secretary of the South Auckland District.

FRED COPELAND, Chairman.

GEO. FROST, Manager and Treasurer.

A. EVERIL ORR, Acting Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the report and financial statement be received and adopted.

2. Conference expresses its appreciation of the long and valued service rendered by Rev. A. Hopper during his period as Secretary of the Board.

3. 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).

4. That we recommend to our people, through the Conference, the advisability of taking into consideration the insertion of an Endowment legacy to the Orphanage when giving instructions for drafting their will.

5. That the fund for the erection of a new Orphanage in Auckland be placed among the objects that donors to the Centennial Thanksgiving Fund can allocate their gifts, in part at least.

B.—MASTERTON METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME.

Report for Year Ended 30th September, 1940.

We wish to again report on the activities of our Home for the past year. Thanks to the many blessings of a Gracious Master, the Home has been run smoothly and happily throughout the year, the health of all the children being particularly good.

The year commenced with 29 children under our care. During the course of the year one boy attained the age when it was necessary for him to leave the Home. Good lodgings were found for him and he was set up preparatory to his taking a place in the world, and we are proud to say that the boy is doing very well.

Another lad who came to the stage of leaving school has taken up the trade of joinery and is doing very well.

One boy left the Home to go to relatives, and one girl has been adopted. Admissions for the year were four boys and two girls, making now a total of 35 children in the Home.

We are pleased to again report that the children are making satisfactory progress in their schooling as their reports have disclosed.

We continue to hear of the well being of several who have left the Home, and are taking their places in the outside world. Notably, one young lady took up the nursing profession and has now completed her training. We wish her the best of success.

Some of the boys who have gone through the Home responded to the call of Empire, and have joined the forces, and whenever possible we make contact with them.

Appreciation and gratitude for the care and attention extended to them is recognised each year by young people who were once in the Home. This is indicated by the visits paid by them to Matron, and some of these young people spend their holidays with us here.

During the year we bade farewell to our Chaplain, Rev. F. J. Parker, and his wife, and we have welcomed to our Committee and Home the Rev. and Mrs. H. S. Kings, who have proved that they came to us with a deal of experience in the work with which we are entrusted.

Fire-fighting Apparatus has been installed on the premises, and although we fervently trust that the emergency for their use will never arise, it gives us a greater sense of safety for the young souls under our protection.

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of a bequest of £100 from the Estate of the late David Guild, Masterton.

Circuit collections and donations have shown a slight decrease on last year's figures and we look forward to a better result for the coming year.

We wish to acknowledge the friendly relations which exist between the parent body (the Wellington Board) and ourselves, and we express sincere appreciation of all the help and consideration they have shown.

With gratitude we record the unfailing attention to the Home by our Matron, Miss Allan, and her very capable and loyal assistants. It is to them we look to run the Home, and we can only express our thanks for the way in which this has been done.

Appreciation and thanks are also extended to Dr. Prior for his love of the children shown by his watchful care and attention to them, both 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 the Committee for 1941 be: Messrs. A. H. Daniell, 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. F. E. Wells; Vice-Chairman, Mr. J. H. Handyside; Secretary-Manager, Mr. W. R. Nicol; Assistant Secretary, Mr. J. A. Wellington; Chaplain, Rev. H. S. Kings; Honorary Physician, Dr. N. H. Prior.

C.—SOUTH ISLAND ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME.

We give thanks to God for another year of service in connection with our Orphanage and Children's Home. Truly, in all our efforts He has been with us, and so we have been sustained. The work has proceeded steadily, without anything to mar the even tenor of our way. For this we are grateful. Whilst there have been minor ailments among the children, their health, on the whole, has been good. We deeply regret, however, that one boy, Allen Blackburn, passed away during the year. An accident on the football field revealed and accelerated a deep seated trouble. For some time the boy lay in

hospital, winning the love and admiration of all by his courage, patience and gentleness. The Matron, every member of the staff and the hospital nurses were most assiduous in their attention and help. After days of alternating hope and fear, Allen went to live with the Lord he had learned to love. The Home and all in it, are richer for this experience. We gladly record that the Board is deeply indebted to the members of the staff for their loyalty, their unceasing care of the children and their affectionate efforts on their behalf.

We are glad to say that the decision of the Board to appoint a Matron to take charge of the Home has more than justified itself. Miss Barclay is a wonderful combination of kindness, efficiency, and disciplinary power, and as the children come to understand her there is a wonderful harmony and affection, and love grows apace.

Early in the year one boy and one girl left the Home, but not before they had gained matriculation. They have passed to the care of their relatives. Other children have been placed in suitable situations, and every care is exercised over them. At the date of writing fifty-one children are under our care.

We have to record the passing of three members of the Board, full of years, and ripe for the Master's garner. Mr. E. W. Hall was on the Board from its inception, and was one of the Trustees. Mr. W. T. Burley was a quiet, consistent, and deeply interested member for many years. Mr. W. Dobbs took a keen and sympathetic interest in the work of the Board. His wise counsel was always most valuable. Also, the Rev. A. C. Lawry, who had recently retired from the Board, passed to higher service. In each case, suitable expressions of sympathy were sent to the respective families.

Much attention has been given to property matters, and care has been taken to keep the buildings and facilities in good repair. A new concrete milking shed has been erected at a convenient spot. The grounds under the care of Mr. D. Hawke, are a constant vision of beauty, while the kitchen garden has done much towards supplying the Home with vegetables.

As Chaplain, the Rev. J. Richards has given constant attention to the spiritual welfare of the children. They are associated in all Church activities and every effort is made to bring them into vital contact with their Saviour. They are associated with the Life Brigade, Bible Classes and Sunday School. Special instruction has been given in Hygiene and Sex education. An ex-member of the Home is shortly to be received into Senior membership in the Church. So the work goes on.

Through the kindness of the Christchurch City Council and the willing co-operation of many citizens, the street day collection and radio appeal resulted in £301/9/- being handed to us as our share of the result. This splendid help is much appreciated and our thanks are extended to all who helped to make it so successful as revealed in our Balance Sheet. We have also received many large and notable gifts during the year, and we thank the donors, assuring them that all their gifts will be used in the interests of the children. During the year, several Young Women's Bible Classes have sent help in money and garments. To these, and all helpers, we tender our thanks.

In response to the need, the Board decided to offer accommodation for twenty British children and to make all provision for them. This offer has been tentatively accepted by the local Committee.

Again we must express our thanks to Dr. A. J. Orchard and Mr. G. Sevicke Jones for their continued help in meeting respectively the medical and dental needs of the children. The Board is also indebted

to our worthy treasurer and property steward, Mr. M. Kershaw, who renders invaluable service at all times. The Ladies' Committee also deserves its meed of praise for much all-sacrificing and efficient help. Mr. F. A. Sheat has done excellent work as the Convener of the Grounds Committee.

We still have our problems, but God is with us, and so we take courage and go forward.

That the following be the Committee for 1941:—Mesdames G. Bowron and W. H. Seed (Life Members); Revs. W. A. Burley, W. Grigg, E. Drake, A. N. Scotter, M. A. Rugby Pratt, A. O. Harris, J. Richards, F. B. Lawrence, C. R. Taylor, J. H. Allen, E. E. Sage, and Raymond Dudley; Messrs M. Kershaw, F. A. Sheat, W. S. Worner, H. Holland, H. de R. Flesher, J. E. Purchase, S. Harrington, W. H. Marshall, and W. G. Wright; Mesdames R. Pratt, W. Cock, M. Opie, F. C. Thornton, and Sister Mabel Morley; General Secretary, Rev. E. Drake; Treasurer, Mr. M. Kershaw.

W. A. BURLEY, Chairman.

E. DRAKE, General Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

2. Conference places on record its appreciation of the excellent service rendered the Home by the Rev. E. Drake as General Secretary. His long secretarial experience, his devotion to the children, and his painstaking ability have all been of the greatest value in a transitional period of our work for the children.

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

"METHODIST TIMES" AND LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

REPORT FOR 1940.

It is gratifying to report for the third year in succession an increase in the number of subscribers to our Connexional journal. Loss of subscribers by death, removal, and other causes is inevitable, but such losses have been more than made good by the enrolment of new subscribers. The various circuit agents continue to do good work and to them the committee expresses its grateful thanks.

The printers of the paper do their work with much satisfaction. War conditions make it difficult to get regular supplies of paper. Quantities are rationed and prices rise as do freight charges and war insurance premiums. The interrupted supply of wood pulp from Sweden to England has necessitated the substitution of a newsprint produced in Canada. This has been arranged for on satisfactory financial terms.

The recent Synods have paid well-merited tributes to the splendid service being rendered by the Rev. H. E. Bellhouse as Editor. The Committee has pleasure in nominating him for reappointment. The Rev. J. Dennis, who has served as Associate-Editor, will shortly relinquish this office on account of his transfer to another circuit. To him thanks are due for his willing service. With the cordial approval of the Editor the Committee nominates the incoming superintendent of the Levin circuit as the new associate.

The financial statements for the year ended 31st October show the position of the funds. The Contingent Reserve Account has, after two years, been restored to £500, and there remains a balance

of £75/2/10 in the Working Capital Account. The Committee is grateful for the Connexional grants that have stabilised the paper and it again asks for a grant of £175 from the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund and a grant of £125 from the Contingent Fund in addition to the standing provision of one half of the honoraria for the editors and their contingent expenses.

The following are nominated as the Committee for the next Connexional year:—The Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt (ex officio), Revs. H. E. Bellhouse, E. Drake, J. H. Allen, J. Dennis, 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,

3rd December, 1940.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the report, revenue accounts and balance sheet be received, adopted, and printed in Minutes.
2. That Conference records its appreciation of the distinguished service rendered by Rev. H. E. Bellhouse, and that he be reappointed.
3. That the Rev. John Dennis be heartily thanked for his services as Associate Editor.
4. That the Rev. G. R. Harris be appointed Associate Editor.
5. That grants be approved, of £175 from 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.
6. That Superintendent Ministers, Home Missionaries and Quarterly Meetings do all in their power to increase the circulation.

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

Reports.

The Conference adopted the report sent to the Synods by the Rev. Harold T. Peat, and also received a report from the Methodist Chaplains' Advisory Board of the Central Command (Wellington). These reports covered the activities of the year and dealt with service rendered in the various camps by Chaplains J. H. Bailey, R. Day, W. Rowe, H. H. Jeffreys, L. C. Horwood and Wesley Parker. They reported that Chaplains V. R. Jamieson and F. Gardner Brown were attached respectively to the First and Third Echelons of the 2nd N.Z.E.F. serving in Egypt. They stated that Chaplain Harold T. Peat was in Fiji with the "B" Troops and that Chaplain R. Day, now at Rongotai Aerodrome, had been designated for Overseas Service. The Revs. J. Churchill and H. E. Harkness were on Camp duty with the Y.M.C.A. and the Revs. W. A. Mills, J. K. Watson and L. Greenslade with Student Harold Burley had left New Zealand as members of the Medical Unit.

Finances.

The Conference received and adopted the report and financial statement of the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt and Mr. H. de R. Flesher, the trustees of the Chaplaincy Fund. These showed that up till 13th February a sum of £794/18/1 had been received. The various Synod Districts had contributed as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Auckland	257	17	6
South Auckland	78	19	2
Taranaki-Wanganui	36	15	5
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	51	18	1
Wellington	94	11	4
Nelson	63	17	11
North Canterbury	100	14	1
South Canterbury	37	4	9
Otago-Southland	72	9	10
	£794	8	1

Deferred Proposals.

The Chaplains' Advisory Board of the Central Command submitted the following proposals which had been based on the understanding that a Chaplain, 4th Class (Rank equivalent to Captain) going Overseas, having a wife and one child, receives Military pay and allowances equivalent to £465 per annum, tax free, with an additional allowance of 1/6 per day for every additional child. Chaplains of higher rank receive larger recompense.

1. As from 31st March, 1941, house allowances from the Chaplaincy Fund be discontinued where a wife and family of a Chaplain on Active or continuous service do not occupy the Parsonage.

2. In cases where the house allowance is already being paid, it be paid up to a maximum of £100, and then cease, save that in the case of Chaplain V. R. Jamieson it be continued up till 30th September, 1941.

3. In other cases where the wife and family of a Chaplain vacate the Parsonage, a grant of £100 shall be made for furnishing and other expenses, but such grant shall not be payable in respect of any Chaplain ranking higher than 4th Class.

4. Each Chaplain on Active or Continuous service shall pay his own annual personal subscription to the Supernumerary Fund as from 1st April, 1941.

The foregoing proposals were not adopted pending further consideration by the Chaplains' Advisory Board and by next Conference.

Experience having shown the inadequacy of the resolutions and regulations adopted by the Conference of 1940, they were rescinded and those set forth below were adopted.

War Services and Chaplaincy Fund.

1. That a Methodist War Services and Chaplaincy Fund be established; that it be administered by the Methodist Chaplains' Advisory Board of the Central Command (Wellington); that there be two trustees of the Fund appointed annually by the Conference to receive such moneys as are remitted to them and to make such payments therefrom as are approved by the said Advisory Board of the Central Command.

2. That the sources of the Fund be:—

(a) Such moneys as may be contributed in response to an appeal by the Central Advisory Board which appeal for 1941 is hereby sanctioned.

(b) Retiring collections, grants, donations, subscriptions, and other voluntary contributions.

(c) Payments from affected Circuits of 50% of the difference between the usual stipend paid to a Minister called up for Chaplaincy service, and the cost of his "supply."

3. That the objects of the Fund be:—

(a) To assist Chaplains in their spiritual ministry to the men of the Forces and to furnish the means of providing comforts for sick men in the New Zealand Camps and on outwardbound troopships.

(b) To supplement, if necessary, the allowance to Chaplains of £52 per annum from the National Patriotic Fund for Social work amongst soldiers overseas.

(c) To provide house or furniture grants in accordance with the regulations of the Conference.

(d) To pay the equivalent of the circuit levy to the Supernumerary Fund in cases where a Chaplain is not appointed to a Circuit.

(e) To pay to the Children's Fund an annual levy in respect of each Chaplain who is not appointed to a Circuit.

(f) To pay subscriptions and levies due to the Supernumerary Fund in respect of ministers and probationers permitted to engage in active or continuous service with the Forces or with the Y.M.C.A.

Chaplains' Boards.

1. That the following be the members of The Chaplains' Board of the Central Command: Revs. P. R. Paris (Chairman), Fredk. J. Parker (Senior Chaplain and Convener), O. Burnet, Sir Charles Luke, Messrs. R. Hardie Boys, T. M. Pacey, B. O. Stokes, A. J. Johnston, P. E. Pattrick and Angus Jones; and that the Conveners of the Methodist Chaplains' Advisory Boards in Auckland, Christchurch and Dunedin be corresponding members.

2. That the members of the other Methodist Chaplains' Advisory Boards be as follows:—

AUCKLAND.—All Chaplains in Auckland and Suburbs, Messrs. F. Sutherland (Chairman), G. Winstone, F. Winstone, J. H. Blackwell, W. E. Lewisham, S. Bennett. Convener, Rev. W. Walker.

CHRISTCHURCH.—The President, Revs. W. Grigg, E. Drake, H. L. Blamires, M. A. Rugby Pratt, F. B. Lawrence, R. Dudley, E. E. Sage, Wesley Parker, Messrs. W. A. Bascand, P. A. Le Brun, H. de R. Flesher, F. Thompson, W. G. Wright, E. R. Caygill, C. H. Perkins. Convener, Rev. Wesley Parker.

DUNEDIN.—Committee to be nominated. Convener, Rev. L. C. Horwood.

Chaplaincy Regulations.

(1) That where the wife and family of a Chaplain on active or continuous service do not occupy the parsonage an allowance at the rate of £100 per annum, payable quarterly, be made from the Fund to the Chaplain from the first day of the month following his entry into camp, but that revision of this scale be considered by the Conference of 1942.

(2) No Circuit stipend shall be payable to Chaplains on active or continuous service from the first day of the month following their entry into camp.

(3) Where a Chaplain on active or continuous service is not appointed to a Circuit, the Chaplaincy Fund shall pay an equivalent of the Circuit Levy of £15 per annum to the Supernumerary Fund and a levy of £8 per annum to the Children's Fund.

(4) Where a Chaplain is appointed to a Circuit, such Circuit shall pay all customary Connexional levies in respect of such appointment, but the Fund shall pay his personal subscription to the Supernumerary Fund.

(5) Where a Supply is appointed for a Minister called up for Chaplaincy service the Circuit shall pay the cost of such Supply and shall pay to the Fund fifty per cent. of the difference between such cost and the usual stipend of the minister.

(6) Should there be a surplus in the Chaplaincy Fund at the end of the War such surplus shall be paid to the Treasurers of the Contingent Fund. Any deficiency in the Fund shall be met from the Contingent Fund.

(7) The Advisory Board of the Central Command shall allocate the respective responsibility of Chaplains and Circuits and of the Fund in relation to broken periods of Chaplaincy service and Circuit service.

(8) The appointment of all Chaplains to Territorial Camps shall be made by the Conference representative on the Inter-Church Chaplains' Advisory Board within the District. In cases where troops are drawn from two or more Military Districts, the appointments shall be made by consultation of the Conference Representatives concerned. In each case, the name of the Chaplain appointed and the Camp shall be sent immediately to the Senior Chaplain.

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the following be appointed as Methodist Representatives on the Inter-Church Military Chaplains' Advisory Board:—

Northern Command: Rev. W. Walker.

Central Command: Rev. Fredk. J. Parker.

Southern Command: Rev. L. C. Horwood.

Canterbury Area: Rev. Wesley Parker.

2. That the Rev. Fredk. J. Parker be Senior Chaplain.

3. That the Connexional Secretary and Mr. H. de R. Flesher be trustees of the Methodist Chaplaincy Fund.

4. That the cordial thanks of the Conference be tendered to the National Council of the Y.M.C.A. for placing the free use of Y.M.C.A. Huts and equipment at the disposal of Chaplains and for ready assistance given in manifold ways to our Chaplains in their work.

5. Ministers shall be nominated for appointment as Chaplains for continuous service by the nearest Methodist Chaplains' Advisory Board after their consent to such nomination shall have been obtained. Such nominations shall be forwarded to the Senior Chaplain for consideration by the Central Advisory Board and then sent with the recommendation of such Board to the President of the Conference for confirmation or otherwise.

6. That the personal subscriptions and relative circuit levies for the Supernumerary Fund due in respect of any Minister or Probationer, not appointed to a Circuit, shall be paid from the Fund as from 1st April, 1941, if such Minister or Probationer shall have received the permission of the Church to engage in active or continuous service with the Forces or with the Y.M.C.A. If any student accepted for training for the ministry is permitted to engage in similar service he may be admitted to probation by the Conference and in such event similar payments shall be made in his interest as from the commencement of probation.

7. For Resolutions regarding tests for Probationers and Students with the Forces see under Question XXIII.

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. Diary of a Voyage to N.Z. in 1878 (J. T. Pinfold).
2. Winton Marriage and Baptismal Registers 1906-1915.
3. Mr. E. W. A. Kellow:
 - (a) Children's Fund Warrant Book 1886-1912.
 - (b) Account Book 1886-1898.
4. Mr. B. M. Russell: Lower Hutt Records.
 - (a) S.S. Admission Book 1848-1864.
 - (b) S.S. Minute Book 1855-1881.
 - (c) S.S. Secretary's Record Book 1906-1914.
 - (d) Band of Hope Enrolment Book 1886-1913.
 - (e) Centenary Souvenir and Records.
5. Mr. F. Thompson: Durham Street Plans 1892-3.
6. Mr. W. H. Ferens:
 - (a) Brief Sketch of Mr. T. Ferens and Q.M. Resolution.
 - (b) Translation of Maori Letter to Rev. C. Creed.
 - (c) Photo of Mrs. Creed.
7. Mr. D. J. Wesney:
 - (a) Invercargill Deeds and Property Book.
 - (b) Trustee Minute Book 1868-1905.
 - (c) Q.M. Minute Book 1880-1894.
 - (d) Teachers' Minute Book 1893-1917.
8. Mrs. M. Smith (Blenheim): Missionary Reports and Conference Minutes.
9. Mrs. W. Hindle: New Testament with Analysis 1790 by John Wesley.
10. Rev. G. E. Brown: Minute Book Matangi Ladies' Guild.
11. Rev. H. S. Kings: Facsimile of Signatures to Treaty of Waitangi.
12. Rev. R. B. Gosnell: Visitors' Books, Centennial Exhibition.
13. Mr. W. A. Bascand: East Belt Jubilee Souvenir and Conference Minutes.

14. Rev. E. T. Olds: Pitt Street 70th Anniversary Souvenir.
15. Rev. G. I. Laurenson: Te Hapara 25th Anniversary Souvenir.
16. Mr. W. L. Tennet: Waikouaiti Centenary Programme.
17. Colonel Smith:
 - (a) Framed photo of Mr. Robert Dawson.
 - (b) Facsimile of Act of Separation 1843.
18. Mrs. Selwyn: Photo Rev. John Aldred.
19. Mr. Andrew Martin: Photo 1880 Dunedin Conference.

B.—METHODIST MUSEUM, CHRISTCHURCH.

1. Mr. W. Keith: Communion Plate used 1804-1830, in Endon Chapel, Staffordshire.
2. Mr. E. W. A. Kellow: Maori Adze found by donor in 1880 near site of Te Aro Pa.
3. Mr. D. E. Parton: Fijian Curios.
4. Mr. C. W. Barrell: Maori Patu.

C.—LIBRARY OF BOOKS BY N.Z. MINISTERS.

1. Book "A Saviour in Sight" (L. C. Horwood).
2. Pamphlet: "The Re-birth of a Race" (G. I. Laurenson).
3. Centennial Tribute to Rev. Thomas and Mrs. Buddle.

D.—MAORI MISSION RECORDS.

These are in safe custody in the strong room at Epworth Chambers awaiting a favourable opportunity to return them to the Missionary Society in London.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT,
Connexional Secretary.

Christchurch,
23rd December, 1940.

E.—BY TRINITY COLLEGE, AUCKLAND.

1. Rev. G. Knowles Smith: Primitive Methodist Deed Poll 1830.
2. Rev. W. Sinclair: Diary and Documents relating to his official visit to the Solomons.
3. Rev. Dr. C. H. Laws: Copies of Acts relating to Edson Trust Extension, and Wesley College Trust; re sale of land for Trinity College; Documents re Centenary Celebrations.
4. The Misses Arthur, Takapuna: Thomas Buddle's Diary, 1863 (parts); A MSS address of his 1876; Printed letters to him by the Rev. N. McCleod re the former; Speech at the Foundation Stone Laying of Pitt Street Church, 1865; Autograph Letters of Thos. Buddle, J. Whiteley, R. B. Lyth, Geo. Buck, and S. Ironside.
5. Auckland Circuit Plans 1860-63-64. Kaiapoi 1869.
6. Discipline of Methodist Societies 1839.

F.—TRINITY COLLEGE MUSEUM, AUCKLAND.

1. Rev. W. H. Speer: Photo of N.Z. Alliance Executive, 1906.
2. W. R. Brewster, Auckland: Wesleyan Catechism 1827.
3. Rev. Dr. C. H. Laws: Autograph Letters of Dr. Mott, Bishop Cleary, Bishop Basing, Dean Stanley, Cardinal Newman, Photographs of Methodist worthies, etc.
4. Mrs. Ranston: 1853 Hymn Book prefaced by Jno. Flesher.

H. RANSTON, Custodian.

Auckland,

December 10th, 1940.

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 acting 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 in view of the risks in sending overseas the missionary manuscripts lent by the Methodist Missionary Society of the British Conference they be retained in the strong room of our Conference Office in Christchurch for the duration of the war unless previously required by the Society.
5. That the special thanks of Conference be tendered to the Misses Arthur for gifts to the College Library, including a hitherto unpublished letter by John Wesley.

QUESTION LII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on Matters Previously Remitted to Synods for Committees to Report?

CHURCH UNION.

(Mins. 1940, page 83.)

Report of Committee.

The Committee has met several times during the year and has spent much time in considering the whole question of Church Union with the Presbyterian and Congregational Churches. Corresponding members have been consulted at every step, and the replies have been most valuable. The representatives of the Presbyterian and Congregational Churches met us at our invitation and we spent a whole day in conference. The spirit of this meeting was of a most friendly and brotherly character. The difficulties were frankly faced and fully ventilated. At the conclusion of the day it was felt that these difficulties were not insurmountable, and the Methodist representatives were asked to draw up a statement to be submitted to the Committees of the other two churches. This was done after consultation with the corresponding members.

The Presbyterian Committee decided to recommend to the Assembly that negotiations be entered upon during 1941 with the other two Church Committees. The Assembly met in November and the Committee's recommendation was endorsed by an overwhelming majority. An amendment that "it is not expedient to enter upon so

highly controversial a matter as union with another Church when the Empire is fighting for its life" was rejected by a very large majority.

The Congregational Union meets in March, 1941, so that it has not yet been possible for that Church to declare herself. Your Committee recommends that the Church Union Committee be reappointed to enter upon negotiations with the representatives of the other two Churches during the coming year. We are convinced that under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and with the goodwill of all participating in the negotiations no difficulty which cannot be overcome will prevent union of the Churches.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Chairman.

W. A. BURLEY, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

CHURCH UNION COMMITTEES, 1941.

General Committee.

2. That the following be the General Committee on Church Union to continue negotiations with the Presbyterian and Congregational Churches:—

Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A. (Chairman and Convener)	Mr. H. Holland, C.B.E. Mr. H. de R. Flesher, M.A., LL.B.
Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt, F.R.Hist.S.	Mr. J. E. Purchase, M.A. Mr. C. H. Perkins, B.Com., F.P.A.N.Z.
Rev. E. Drake	Mr. F. Thompson
Rev. A. N. Scotter, B.A.	Mr. W. Chas. Francis
Rev. H. E. Bellhouse	Mr. M. Kershaw
Rev. A. O. Harris	Mr. L. G. K. Steven
Rev. F. B. Lawrence	Mr. H. Chapman
Rev. E. E. Sage	Mr. W. A. Bascand
Rev. J. H. Allen	Mr. P. A. Le Brun.
Rev. Wesley Parker, M.A.	
Rev. R. Dudley, M.A., F.R.E.S.	

Consultative Committees.

3. That the following District Consultative Committees be set up to consider such matters as may be referred to them by the General Committee:—

AUCKLAND.

Rev. C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D.	Mr. J. Stanton, LL.B.
Rev. H. Ranston, M.A., Litt.D.	Mr. J. H. Blackwell
Rev. F. Copeland	Mr. R. C. Clark, M.A., Dip.Ed.
Rev. A. H. Scrivin	Mr. T. L. Hames
Rev. W. Walker	Mr. F. M. Winstone
Rev. E. T. Olds	Mr. J. Tyler
Rev. W. G. Slade, M.A.	Mr. W. E. Burley, B.A.
Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A.	Mr. F. E. Sutherland
Rev. G. I. Laurenson	Mr. W. S. Mackay
Rev. B. M. Chrystall, B.A. (Convener)	Mr. F. Penn.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.

Rev. R. B. Tinsley	Mr. P. Rushton
Rev. L. A. G. Brooks	Mr. J. C. Tietjens
Rev. J. L. Mitchell (Convener)	Mr. H. C. Wood.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.

Rev. E. D. Patchett	Mr. L. M. Moss, B.A., LL.M.
Rev. G. F. Stockwell (Convener)	Mr. C. E. Bellringer
Rev. E. S. Harkness	Mr. D. G. Sherson, M.A.
Rev. E. B. Chambers	Mr. W. Thrush
Rev. C. B. Jordan,	Mr. S. Laurenson
M.A., B.D., F.R.E.S.	

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.

Rev. C. H. Olds, B.A.	Mr. J. H. Oldham
Rev. C. Eaton	Mr. C. E. Taylor
Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D.	Mr. T. R. Hodder
(Convener)	Mr. E. G. Bennett
Rev. H. L. Fiebig, B.A.	

WELLINGTON.

Rev. P. R. Paris	Mr. H. E. Pacey
Rev. F. J. Parker (Convener)	Mr. B. J. Lynneberg
Rev. C. T. Symons, M.A., B.D.	Mr. N. R. Seddon
Rev. O. E. Burton, M.A.	Mr. C. H. Hain, LL.M.
Rev. H. V. Tozer, M.A.	Mr. R. Hardie Boys

NELSON.

Rev. J. D. McArthur	Mr. F. H. Southgate
Rev. W. Rowe (Convener)	Mr. H. J. Savage.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.

Rev. A. McBean	Mr. S. G. Macfarlane,
Rev. W. W. Avery (Convener)	M.A., Dip.Ed.
	Mr. G. H. B. Lill.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.

Rev. L. B. Neale, B.A., F.R.G.S.	Mr. D. C. Cameron
Rev. B. Metson (Convener)	Mr. J. McIndoe
Rev. D. O. Williams, M.A.	Mr. G. S. Gapper
Rev. W. H. Greenslade	Mr. D. J. Wesney
Rev. G. B. Hinton	Mr. A. T. Gandell.

4. That the General Committee report to the Synods of 1941 and the Conference of 1942, and consider the question of referring union proposals to the lower courts of the Church.

REPORT OF THE SOUTH ISLAND CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE (OTAKOU).

Since the last Conference (1940) we can report "progress" in the South Island Centennial Church project.

The Centennial celebrations were held during the Conference week, and February 24th was a very historic occasion, when the foundation stones were laid commemorating the establishment of the First Christian Mission in the South Island, of which Otakou was a major part. It was a day of brilliant sunshine, with a fresh breeze from the sea, and everything looked at its best. More than 3,000

people availed themselves of the opportunity of being present. The President of the Conference, the Rev. L. B. Neale, presided.

Seeing that the celebrations coincided with the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi by the Otakou chiefs (who were members and adherents of the Wesleyan Mission) wreaths were laid on their graves by the civic authorities. A wreath was laid on the grave of the Chief Hoani Weteri Korako by the President of the Conference. This chief not only signed the "Treaty of Waitangi" and the "Deed of Purchase" whereby the Otago block passed from the possession of the Maori people to the British authorities, but he was also one of the first native preachers to his own people and built his own church.

A wreath was also laid upon the grave of the Chief Ngatata of Wellington, who signed the Treaty and also the Deed of Purchase of the Wellington block. This ceremony was performed by Mr E. T. Tirikatene, M.P.

The foundation stones of the Centennial Church were laid by the President of the Conference and Miss Watkin, of Melbourne, who came from Australia especially for the occasion. Miss Watkin is a daughter of the late Rev. Dr. Watkin, and grand-daughter of our pioneer, Rev. James Watkin.

The Waitangi stone was laid by Messrs G. Karetai and R. Taiaroa, grandsons of the chiefs of the same names. Prayers were offered in Maori by the Rev. Matarae Tauroa. The lesson was read by the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt from Rev. J. H. Bumby's Bible. Addresses were given by the Rev. G. I. Laurenson on behalf of the Home Mission Department; Sister Atawhai on behalf of the Maori deaconesses, and the Rev. E. Te Tuhi, Senior Superintendent of Maori Missions. On behalf of the civic authorities addresses were given by Messrs Tirikatene, M.P., and P. Neilson, M.P., representing the Government; Mr A. H. Allan, Mayor of Dunedin; and Mr. W. Begg, representing the Harbour Board.

We were greatly indebted to the Revs. E. Te Tuhi, M. Tauroa, and Sister Rangimarie for supervising the Maori programme. The whole of the proceedings were impressive and will be remembered as a very historic occasion.

The building of the new church is now in course of erection and will be dedicated for worship as soon as completed. The structure is in Maori designs, exterior and interior—the only one of its kind in the South Island. It will contain a "Sanctuary-Museum" to contain the tribal relics and photographs of chiefs and early Missionaries. Because of these facts and because the Mission in date coincides with the signing of the "Treaty of Waitangi" the Government is giving a subsidy of one to three, which constitutes the project a National Maori Centennial Memorial. For the same reason the Dunedin Savings Bank Trustees have given a grant of £500; the Otago Harbour Board £150, and the Koputai Native Reserve Trust has promised £100. The estimated cost was £2,500, but due to war and other conditions the costs have risen to £3,600.

The Committee is grateful to the Conference of last year for the inclusion of the scheme in the objectives of the Centennial Thanksgiving Fund, from which £250 has already been received. We are indebted to Mr. C. F. Roberts for his generous gift of flooring timber; to Mr. Everest for a truck of timber; to McSkimming Company for bricks at part cost, and to Mr. Walton for his gift of a chair in Maori design for pulpit use. We desire to thank the Circuits and Home Mission Stations, which during the last two years

have contributed retiring offerings. We thank the Methodist Women's Missionary Union for their gift at Conference of £20; the Dunedin Auxiliary for their cheque of £21, and other auxiliaries for their various amounts. We much appreciate the financial help given by the various Dunedin public bodies, firms, and individuals. We desire to thank Mr. Gapper and the Rev. G. Crammond for their help in many ways. We trust and believe that when the church is completed it will be a worthy National Maori Centennial memorial in the custody of and the property of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

T. A. PYBUS,
Secretary and Convener of Committee.

The financial position at the time of the writing of this Report is as follows:—

Receipts	£2,792	7	11
Payments	£1,471	17	7
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Balance	£1,320	10	4

A further sum of approximately £600 will be required to complete the scheme. A portion of the Government subsidy has yet to be received.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. The Report was received and adopted.
2. Conference rejoices to hear of the successful issue of the Otakou Memorial Church scheme, and that the building will soon be opened free of debt. We recognise in this notable achievement, the devoted leadership of the Rev. T. A. Pybus, and record our deep appreciation of his services.

CENTENNIAL APPEAL COMMITTEE.

Annual Report.

The Committee began its work immediately after Conference, and has been busily engaged throughout the year. Though Conference did not launch the Appeal with any degree of enthusiasm, the Committee has, from the outset, commended the project enthusiastically to the Connexion. In this we were led and inspired in a large measure by our indefatigable President. In each circuit where the Appeal has been taken up with any degree of enthusiasm the whole Church work has benefited: locally and connexionally. From reports received from many places our people are keen to grasp the opportunity afforded by this Centennial year, of registering their thankfulness to Almighty God.

Shortly after Conference, strong pressure was brought to bear on the Committee from several circuits, for the widening of the basis of the Appeal to allow of donors allocating the part or whole of their gifts to local purposes if they so desired. The President himself was strongly in favour of this alteration and so on the recommendation of the President's Committee of Advice the Committee agreed to this alteration. The remaining governing principles still stand unaltered, however, viz.:

- 5.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 objectives 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.

At the beginning of August it was seen that we had set the President an impossible task in relying upon him to "cover" the whole of the Connexion. The Rev. G. Goodman was therefore released from Circuit work to assist the President, and Rev. R. Thornley placed as Supply at Cambridge. Both men are doing excellent work and are finding that the Appeal has but to be made in an enthusiastic manner and a ready response is assured. An indication of their success can be seen from the figures as at September 30th.

These totals, representing cash received plus promises, are:—

	£	s.	d.
Otakou Memorial Church	799	14	2
Deaconess Retiring Fund	745	7	8
Taranaki Maori Girls' College	2,127	6	8
Deaconess Institution	28	11	0
General Thanksgiving Fund	7,857	4	8
Local Objectives	4,542	4	2
Unallocated as yet	6906	14	2

The Organiser reports that by the end of September but half of the circuits had made any definite approach to their people. By the end of the Connexional year perhaps three quarters will have responded. This opens up the whole question of policy for the next year, as beside the ground still untouched, there will be approximately half of the money and promises to be collected. We hope that Synods and Conference will see that adequate measures are taken to conserve the work so successfully begun.

Our thanks are due to all who as organisers, treasurers, local appeal agents, and ministers so willingly assisted in making the Appeal, thus far, such a success.

F. COPELAND (Chairman).

ANDREW J. JOHNSTON (Secretary).

A supplementary report and various financial statements were presented by the Organiser.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the widening of the basis of the appeal to allow donors to allocate part or whole of their gifts to local objectives be endorsed.
2. That the first claim in the General Thanksgiving Fund and all unallocated money be the full expenses of the appeal and the objectives (a), (b), (c) and (d), in that order.

3. That a full-time Canvasser be released during 1941 to continue the canvass of the Dominion, to arrange for the collection of the major premises, and generally finalise the appeal.

4. That the Rev. G. H. Goodman be released from Circuit work during 1941 for appointment as full-time Dominion Canvasser to reside in Auckland; his stipend, Connexional Levies and House Allowance to be a charge upon the Centennial Fund.

5. That an Auckland appointment be found for the Rev. A. J. Johnston in order to secure his continued services as Dominion Organiser of the appeal, and the Circuit be granted suitable assistance; the extra staffing arrangements to be a charge on the Centennial Fund.

6. A. That the objective of the Fund be £120,000.

B. That the allocations be as follow:—

(a) Otakou	....	....	....	1,000
(b) Deaconess Retiring Fund	....	....	....	2,000
(c) Taranaki Maori Girls' College	....	....	....	20,000
(d) Deaconess Institution	....	....	....	2,000
(e) Local Objectives (estimated)	....	....	....	50,000
(f) Embarrassed Trusts	....	....	....	5,000
(g) New Housing Areas	....	....	....	9,000
(h) Auckland and Dunedin Central Missions (£10,000 each)	....	....	....	20,000
(i) Transport Fund	....	....	....	5,000
(j) Overseas Missions	....	....	....	5,000
(k) Youth Department's Capital Account	....	....	....	1,000

Total £120,000

C. That the difference between the amounts directly subscribed towards items (a), (b), (c), (d) and (g), and the amounts stated on "Schedule of Objectives" in respect of each be a first charge on unappropriated subscriptions.

D. That the amounts stated in the said schedule in respect of items (f), (h), (i), (j) and (k), be increased or decreased pro rata according to the sum which is available; the respective amounts to be provided firstly by credit of subscriptions directed and appropriated thereto. The balance by credit of amounts to the extent aforesaid.

7. That Conference express its heartfelt appreciation of the outstanding services of Rev. L. B. Neale in connection with the appeal during 1940, and express thankfulness to Almighty God for the remarkable contribution made by him to the Connexion by his campaign. It also tenders its thanks to Rev. A. J. Johnston (Dominion Organiser) and Rev. G. Goodman (Canvasser), and to the District Organisers.

8. That the Committee for 1941 be: Revs. F. Copeland, W. Walker, G. I. Laurenson, H. J. Odell, E. T. Olds, E. W. Hames, A. E. Orr, A. H. Scrivin, A. J. Johnston, G. H. Goodman, Misses E. M. Rishworth, E. Mather, Messrs. F. Penn, R. Thomas, T. Clark, J. J. Parker, D. E. Parton.

STATEMENT OF FAITH.

Report of Committee.

During the year the Committee has given further consideration to the exposition of the Statement in print.

We considered that the articles which appeared in the **Methodist Times** during 1939 had served their purpose admirably. However for the most part they were unsuitable for re-issue in separate forms, and it seemed better to begin again and to secure a consistent treatment of the whole Statement which could be printed as a small book. Sections might perhaps be published separately if this seemed desirable, but we were unanimous in thinking that the treatment as a whole should be a unity. At the same time we were aware that Dr. Bett of Handsworth College was preparing a book dealing simply with the essentials of our faith. In view of the qualifications of Dr. Bett, both as theologian and man of letters, we thought it likely that his book would be much more valuable than anything we could produce locally. But the book has not yet appeared, and Dr. Bett is fully engaged upon his Presidential year, and especially in view of present conditions in England we now think it wise to take action ourselves. We have ascertained that in spite of the high cost of printing and paper it will be possible to issue a booklet large enough to allow of a concise treatment of the main points, at a price which will encourage its ready sale.

It will be some time before we have anything ready for the printer. The Statement took three years to prepare, and is all the better because we made haste slowly. We want the expansion and exposition to be of more than passing value, and suggest that its preparation should occupy some months at least. In the actual publication we hope to co-operate as before with the Spiritual Advance Committee.

In view of these responsibilities we ask that the Committee be re-appointed.

FRED COPELAND, Chairman.

E. W. HAMES, Convener.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report be received and adopted, and the Committee re-appointed.

CENTENNIAL EXHIBITION COMMITTEE.

It is with a sense of profound satisfaction that we are able to report the successful ending of our Methodist contribution towards the United Churches Court at the Centennial Exhibition of 1940. But far beyond this note of satisfaction is our deep appreciation of the loyal support of sections of our Methodist Church and our gratitude to Almighty God for His manifold mercies and blessings.

With the outbreak of war immediately prior to the opening of the Exhibition, it will be remembered that your Centennial Exhibition Committee spent no little time in re-arranging their plans, aiming at reducing the contemplated expenditure but not lessening the value of our Methodist Witness.

The cost of the space allotted to our Church was £500, such amount being met by equal contributions from the Contingent Fund, the Foreign Mission Department, and the Home Mission Department. The first anticipated expenditure for maintaining our witness during the term of the Exhibition was £600. However, it will prove of

satisfaction to the whole Church to know that, without detracting seriously from the merit of our stall, we were able to accomplish this desirable end for the cost of £227 17s. 3d., this amount including £77 6s. 9d. spent on the publishing of the brochure—"Methodist Cavalcade"—of which nearly 6000 copies were printed and distributed with discretion.

Too much praise cannot be bestowed upon our Ladies' Guilds throughout the Dominion—113 of which responded to the appeal for funds to maintain our Witness—several sending two contributions. Thanks are due to the various Church Departments which rendered valued service; to the several Church Trusts for financial help received; to the many willing helpers who assisted and to the members of the Central Committee in Wellington whose advice, under the direction of the Rev. Percy R. Paris as Chairman, contributed in no small measure to the success which attended, under circumstances seeming almost insurmountable, Methodism's "Daily Witness" at New Zealand's First Centennial Exhibition.

R. B. GOSNELL, Convener.

23rd September, 1940.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That thanks be accorded to Ladies' Guilds and other supporters, and that Rev. R. G. Gosnell be congratulated on the success of the venture.

CONNEXIONAL CHARGES.

As appointed by last Conference the Committee has met and given careful consideration to the question of the basis of Connexional Charges. After reviewing the incidence of the present charges it was convinced that inequalities and injustices are involved that call for remedy. It therefore makes the following recommendations:

(1) That in lieu of the present system, the following twofold basis be adopted: (a) Payments to the Supernumerary Fund to remain as at present (£15 flat rate).

(b) Charges for the remaining funds to be levied on a membership basis.

(2) That in regard to Circuits employing a Home Missionary as an additional agent, the membership under the pastoral care of the Missionary be excluded for the purpose of this computation.

(3) That the present system be retained in respect of all departmental and connexional appointments.

Consideration was given to the objections raised against levying the charges on a membership basis, as for example the adverse affect it would have upon membership returns. The Committee did not consider that these objections were of sufficient weight to justify the continuance of a system which retains the anomalies of the present one. It is very doubtful if ultimately membership returns would be adversely affected to any appreciable extent if the proposed alterations were made. On the other hand, while it is plain that the financial ability of members and of circuits is not equal in all cases, it is inequable that one circuit of some 80 members should pay £46 (approx.) while another circuit of some 180 members should pay the same amount.

The fact must not be overlooked that the position is modified somewhat and the difficulties of smaller circuits relieved to some extent by the receiving of a Home Mission Grant. That is offset by other factors, such as heavy travelling expenses, and the inability of such circuits to reach anywhere near the minimum stipend. The proposals are put forward in the hope that relief may be given where it is evident it is most needed.

A Table has been prepared showing in comparative form the present position and that which would obtain under the proposed system. The basis of the proposals is as follows:—

(A) Present Connexional Charges	....	....	....	£5331
(Exclude payments to Supernumerary Fund: 156 at £15 (£2340), and payments listed under (d).)				
(B) Membership (Circuits) (excluding members under care of additional Home Missionary, estimated at 455)	....	....	....	23,247
(C) On Membership Basis of 4/8	....	....	....	£5424 *
(Add payments to Supernumerary Fund: 156 at £15 (£2340) and payments listed under (d).)				
(D) Home Missionaries (38 at £4) £152, and 8 Departmental appointments (£421) remain on existing basis.				

The Committee requests that suggestions and decisions of Synods be forwarded to it for consideration before Conference.

C. EATON, Chairman.

H. L. FIEBIG, Convener.

(For full report see Agenda pages 158-161)

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That Conference expresses its appreciation of the Report, and refers it back to the Committee with the recommendation that the system in vogue in British Methodism be investigated with a view to its incorporation in the suggested new scheme, and that the Committee report to the Synods of 1941 and Conference 1942.

2. That the Committee of the Ministers of the Palmerston North, Feilding, Sanson-Rongotea, Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe, Woodville, Pahiatua Circuits, with on layman from each of these Circuits, appointed by their Quarterly Meetings, be re-appointed. Convener, Rev. H. L. Fiebig, B.A.

REPORT OF PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE.

(1940 MINUTES, p. 57).

The special Publications Committee, which was set up by the 1940 Conference (Minutes, Page 57) for the purpose of co-ordinating the publishing and printing activities of the various committees, reports as follows:—

The Committee has been engaged in (1) exploring the avenues of future activity, and (2) initiating the preparation and publication of a book upon "Prophets and Their Prophecies" which is in the hands of the Rev. C. B. Jordan, M.A., B.D. (it is hoped that this book will be on sale shortly); and a pamphlet on "Infant Baptism" by the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt, F.R.Hist.S., which is in the course of preparation. Many suggestions for publications have been made

and are under consideration. To meet the demand for economy the Committee proposes to move slowly except in regard to urgent themes.

To assist in the co-ordination of the publishing and printing activities of the various committees and Boards of the Church the following recommendations are made:

1. That all contemplated books, pamphlets and booklets and similar compilations be forwarded to the Publications Committee for approval or otherwise.
2. That all such publications bear the imprint of the Literature and Colporteur Society.
3. That all publications be published by the Literature and Colporteur Society for the committee producing the same, and distributed where required by the Epworth Book Room.
4. That Committees or Boards may make their own arrangements for the printing of publications, but quotations and costs to be submitted to the Publications Committee when seeking authority to proceed.
5. That Committees be responsible for the expenses incurred in printing and distributing publications. Any profits received from publications for sale shall be at the disposal of the Committees concerned.

Committee for 1941: That the following be the personnel of the Publications Committee:—The Chairman of the Auckland District (Chairman); the Treasurers of the Contingent Fund; Superintendents of the Home and the Foreign Mission Departments; Lay Treasurers of the Home Mission and Foreign Mission Departments; Chairmen and Conveners of the Spiritual Advance Committee, the Literature and Colporteur Committee; the Manager of the Epworth Book Room, with the Connexional Secretary, the Convener of the Church Welfare Committee, the Senior Youth Director, and the Secretary of the Youth Board as corresponding members.

F. COPELAND, Chairman.

B. M. CHRYSTALL, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Secretary, Rev. B. M. Chrystall, be thanked for his services.

QUESTION LIII.—Who are the Members of the Committee of Privileges?

(See Book of Laws, pp. 97, 98.)

The President, Vice-President, Ex-President and Secretary of Conference, the Connexional Secretary, the Ministers of Wellington, Johnsonville, Hutt and Petone Circuits, Messrs. J. Stanton, E. W. A. Kellow, B. J. Lynneberg, N. R. Seddon, H. Holland, S. T. S. Martin, F. Penn, H. de R. Flesher, M.A., LL.B., C. E. Taylor. Secretary of Conference, Secretary and Convener.

COMMITTEE OF EXIGENCY to be the Wellington members of the Committee of Privileges.

QUESTION LIV.—Who are the Members of District Executive Committees?

WELLINGTON.—The Ministers and Probationers in active work in the Wellington City and Suburban Circuits, with Mesdames L. N. Denby and J. D. King, Misses I. Highet and I. Morris, Messrs. B. O. Stokes, T. M. Pacey, H. Nicholson, A. C. Barrington, T. H. Crosbie, L. H. Steel, C. H. Hain, H. W. Smith, E. C. Feltham, N. R. Seddon, D. Tayler, G. E. Turney, B. J. Lynneberg, W. J. Carman, F. Lockwood, A. Maud, E. Heggie, T. W. Treen, and M. R. Rands. Convener, Rev. O. Burnet.

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. Liversedge, Ben Dudley, A. N. Scotter, and B. J. James, Messrs. C. W. Barrell, W. Simpson, A. Southey, W. C. Francis, J. B. Weir, W. Clothier, F. W. Sincok, Newman Hall, S. Falkingham, W. J. Burnell, D. McHarg, G. Wright, S. Sayers, H. A. Purvis, C. A. Comber, J. H. Jones, R. Carter, H. Armon, W. Ford, P. A. LeBrun, L. C. Walker, H. W. Armitage, C. Manhire, R. Norton, F. Coleman, L. S. White, A. V. Burley, H. Chapman, M. Kershaw, W. G. Wright, F. Thompson, J. W. Hillary, H. deR. Flesher, Misses R. Barrell, H. Wise, Mrs. Thompson. Convener, Rev. C. R. Taylor.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—Ministers and Home Missionaries of Dunedin and suburban circuits with Messrs. G. S. Gapper, C. F. Roberts, Dr. Lyth, E. J. King, J. McIndoe, F. G. Marshall, A. T. McIndoe, G. Henderson, H. H. Johnson, J. T. Barclay, W. Warburton, Sister Ruth. 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.

Report, 1940.

The Committee has met only once during the year, mainly to consider the questions referred to it by the last Conference. The members have been busy on other important matters; in addition, the Youth Board has not yet been able to finalise its Regulations concerning its new three Director and decentralisation policy. It is expected that these will be ready for revision and final drafting during 1941.

In the meantime the stock of Law Books is almost exhausted. It will be imperative to issue the new edition in two years' time at the latest, and the Committee will work with this end in view.

The passing of Mr. W. Dobbs has been a great loss to the Committee. He had a very extensive and intensive knowledge of Methodist Law, due to a long experience of and continued interest in Methodism. We greatly appreciate his valuable contribution to the work of the Committee.

We recommend that the Committee be appointed 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 and H. de R. Flesher.

W. A. BURLEY, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted and that the Committee be as named in the Report.
2. MATTERS REMITTED BY CONFERENCE.

(a) QUESTIONS FOR CONFERENCE (Minutes 1940, page 34). Question 24 (a) Do we sanction the alteration or Division of any District, Circuit, or Home Mission Station? (b) Do we sanction any change in the status or staffing of any Circuit or Home Mission Station? Question 25 (a) To what circuits are additional preachers to be appointed? (b) From what circuits are preachers to be withdrawn?

(b) LOCAL PREACHERS' EXAMINATIONS.—That Minutes 1940, page 32 Regulation; and Resolution 2, page 59, be repealed and the following substituted therefor: Every Local Preacher on trial shall, unless for very exceptional reasons special exemption is granted by the Preachers' meeting, take a Connexional written examination in addition to the usual oral examination before being finally admitted as a Local Preacher.

The Preachers' meeting in determining whether a Local Preacher on trial shall be placed on full plan shall give due consideration not only to the report of the Connexional written examination, but also to the result of the Oral examination and to the candidate's effectiveness in preaching.

3. GENERAL.

Preamble to Stations of Ministers. Add to the present preamble (Minutes 1940, page 36): "and to the existing Laws and Regulations of the Conference."

CONSTITUTION OF DISTRICT EXECUTIVES.—That the whole matter of District Executives be referred back to the Law Book Revision Committee to report to Synods and Conference. (See Minutes 1920, page 119; and Minutes 1921, page 154.)

4. That the Law relating to Memorials to Conference be referred to the Law Book Revision Committee, which shall report thereon to next Conference, with a view to providing inter alia a clearer definition of what constitutes a Memorial, and of clarifying the method by which such Memorials may be presented to Conference, and considered by the same.

5. That the treasurers of the Contingent and Children's Funds in consultation with the Law Book Revision Committee revise the regulations of their respective Funds.

RULINGS BY PRESIDENT.

The following rulings given by the President were sustained and referred to the Law Book Revision Committee for necessary action:—

(1) That the date of a minister's appointment to a new Circuit constituted by division of a larger Circuit is reckoned from his original appointment to the undivided Circuit.

(2) That the President has not the power to alter the status of a Circuit or Home Mission Station in the interval between Conferences.

CONFERENCE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

That the constitution of this Committee be revised by the Law Book Revision Committee and that the Principal of the College be included in its membership.

QUESTION LVI.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on other Questions?

WORLD CONFERENCE ON FAITH AND ORDER.

The ruthless invasion of war has seriously affected the work of the Continuation Committee, the last meeting of which was held at Clarens, Switzerland, and had to be disbanded before completing its discussions on the setting up of the two proposed Commissions on the study of "Ways of Worship" and "Intercommunion."

Whether it will be possible for the next proposed meeting to be held in 1941 seems very problematical. In the meantime the Executive Committee is doing all within its power, amid devastating circumstances, to conserve the work in every possible way.

The discussions on the ways and means of Union with the World Conference on "Life and Work" are being carried on as opportunity offers.

Our deepest sympathy, prayers and good wishes for their peace and preservation go forth for all our brethren who are caught in this storm of fiery trial.

In accordance with the instructions of the last Conference (Min. p. 187) the Wellington Minister's Fraternal appointed the following as the members of our Conference Committee on Faith and Order:—Revs. O. E. Burton, R. B. Gosnell, F. Greenwood (convener), and R. Thornley.

The Committee is keeping in touch with the move to form a National Council of Churches, but has nothing definite to report at present, except the approval of the Anglican Synod of the Movement.

FRED GREENWOOD, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That the usual grant of £5 be made from the Contingent Fund.
3. That a suitable resolution conveying the sympathy of the New Zealand Methodist Church be sent to Dr. Hodgson, Secretary of the World Conference, on the difficulty of carrying on the work during the present world situation.
4. That the following Committees be set up to prepare the Statement on Intercommunion from the point of view of the Methodist Church of N.Z., as asked for by the World Faith and Order Continuation Committee: Auckland—Revs. Dr. C. H. Laws, Dr. H. Ranston, G. Frost, J. H. Haslam, W. Walker, W. G. Slade, M.A., E. W. Hames, M.A., G. I. Laurenson, and B. M. Chrystall, B.A. Wellington—Revs. P. R. Paris, F. J. Parker, O. E. Burton, M.A., and F. Greenwood.

The findings of the Committees to be reported to the next Synods and Conference.

5. The following suggestion of the National Missionary Council—"That the Australian Intercommunion proposals be considered by the Leaders and Courts of all Churches with a view to their being applied in the first instance to the Missionary work of the Churches," be referred to the above Committees on Intercommunion for the purpose of obtaining further information.

VISIT OF PROFESSOR A. E. ALBISTON, M.A., B.D.

REPORT.

Invited by the 1939 Conference, the Rev. A. E. Albiston, M.A., B.D., President-General of the Methodist Church of Australasia, accompanied by Mrs. Albiston, arrived in Auckland on February 12, 1940, and from that date until March 30, travelled the Dominion as the Centennial Visitor to New Zealand Methodism. He conducted services and inspirational gatherings in Auckland (3), Hamilton, Wanganui, New Plymouth (3), Ashburton, Oamaru, Invercargill (3), Gore, Timaru, Christchurch (3), Blenheim, Nelson, Wellington (3), Masterton, Hastings, Napier, Rotorua, Hawera, Feilding, and Palmerston North. During last Conference he was the speaker at the Conference Centennial Rally, and at the Foreign Mission Demonstration.

The Committee records its appreciation that the Government honoured our visitor and Methodism by according to him a State Reception in Wellington. It also extended to our visitors the hospitality of the Government Transport Services, by making a refund of £54/15/2, being the amount expended upon fares. The gratitude of the Church is due to those who hospitised the visitors.

The tour resulted in a credit balance of £47/17/-, which amount has been placed into an account operated by the Home Mission Board, and to be used for the purpose of bringing to New Zealand overseas speakers for the purposes of spiritual advance.

In conclusion, the Committee expresses its gratitude to the Rev. A. E. Albiston for the valuable contribution he has made to the spiritual life of the New Zealand Church.

H. A. SHARP, Chairman,

B. M. CHRYSTALL, Convener,

Spiritual Advance Committee.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.

REPORT OF CONVENER OF RADIO COMMITTEE.

The Committee appointed by the Conference of 1940 has met during the year, the Rev. P. R. Paris presiding, and all the members attending.

The convener reported that he had written to the three corresponding members of the Committee. Further he reported having interviewed the Director of National Broadcasting who had no suggestions to make to our Committee, but who expressed himself as being still in complete agreement with the terms of the first resolution passed by the Committee last year (1939) and appearing in the Conference "Minutes" 1940, page 178, reading as follows:—"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."

On this Central Religious Broadcasting Committee we are represented by the Rev. P. R. Paris who reported that the Central Committee had forwarded to all Broadcasting Ministers certain advice and suggestions based on the experience gathered in Religious Broadcasting over a period of years. We have also been advised that, in the future, we shall have fewer Methodist Services broadcast, owing

to the inclusion of another Religious Organization in the list of participating Churches. Further we have to report that the experiment suggested by the Central Committee of limiting the Sunday evening broadcast of Religious Services from 2YA to 45 minutes has been discontinued on account of the number of protests received by the Director, and such broadcast services may now occupy the full hour from 7 o'clock to 8 o'clock.

This being Centennial year and special services and celebrations having been held by most of the Religious Denominations in the Dominion, we have to express our thanks to the Director of National Broadcasting for his generous and gracious co-operation in connection with the broadcast of several gatherings, of interest, in particular, to the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

We believe that the Radio Committee is of value to our Methodist Church and are of the opinion that Conference should continue to appoint such a Committee so that in the event of important changes being recommended by any Government in the Dominion, the Church will then be represented officially in any discussions that may eventuate.

R. B. GOSNELL, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference express thanks for the kindly co-operation of the Director of Broadcasting.
3. That the Central Committee on Radio Broadcasting be asked to consider during the year the possibility of special services suitable for adolescents.
4. That the Committee be reappointed.

Shortage of Ministers.

That in view of the heavy losses sustained by the Connexion with the withdrawal of Ministers to serve the spiritual needs of the Forces, the President's Committee of Advice investigate the possibility of effecting economies in the use of Ministers for Departmental or Connexional Offices, and making such men available for Circuit work.

Ladies' Guilds.

1. That Conference recommend to Ladies' Guilds the development of District Organisation with a view to securing effective representation in Church Courts.

2. That the following question be inserted in the business of the Quarterly Meeting: "What are the reports of the Ladies' Guilds within the Circuit?"

May Synods.

Believing that the present form of May Synod is of little real value to the ministry for whom it is held this Conference recommends:

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—Believing that the present form of May Synod is of little real value to the ministry for whom it is held this Synod recommends:—

- (1) That Conference call upon all Districts to set aside three days to be specified by Conference for May Synods in order that ministers and Home Missionaries may go apart for the purpose of fellowship and inspiration.

- (2) That all Churches and Circuits be invited to co-operate (a) By freeing their ministers for the period from all work. (b) By prayer for the Divine blessing upon the gathering.
- (3) That in order to enable all men to be entirely free to attend, deputation work of the Overseas and Home Mission and Youth Depts. be suspended for the three days, representatives of these Departments to attend one Synod.
- (4) That a definite theme be chosen for the Synod, e.g., The Kingdom of God or Worship, and the subject pursued on a study basis to practical issues.

Balance Sheets.

That Boards, Trusts, and Committees required to furnish Financial Statements be instructed to forward original copies with signatures of Auditors thereon.

Pensions for Women Workers.

1. That a Committee be appointed to investigate the possibility of making provision for the women servants of Boards and Departments and Institutions of the Church, upon their retirement after years of service, either through the National Provident Fund or in some other way, and that all affected be directed to furnish all requisite information to the Committee.

2. That the Committee be the following: Revs. W. A. Burley (President), A. N. Scotter, E. Drake, M. A. Rugby Pratt, A. O. Harris, F. Lawrence, and R. Dudley; Messrs. H. Chapman, M. Kershaw, J. E. Purchase, F. Thompson, W. A. Bascand and H. de R. Flesher (Convenor). The Committee to report to next Conference.

President's Committee of Advice.

That the following be the Committee of Advice for the President: The Ex-President, the President-Elect, the Secretary of Conference, the Connexional Secretary, Revs. C. H. Laws, E. Drake, H. E. Bellhouse, A. N. Scotter, the Vice-President, the Ex-Vice-President, the President's Legal Adviser, Messrs. W. S. Mackay, J. H. Blackwell, H. de R. Flesher, W. C. Francis, and H. Chapman.

President's Legal Adviser.

That Mr. J. Stanton, LL.B., be thanked for his services and re-appointed.

President:

That the cordial thanks of the Conference be presented to the Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A., President of the Conference, for his able, inspiring, and challenging inaugural address, and that he be requested to allow it to be printed in the "Methodist Times."

Vice-President.

That the Vice-President, Mr. Frank Penn, be heartily thanked for his services to the Conference.

Ex-President.

That the cordial thanks of the Conference be accorded to Rev. Leslie B. Neale for his valuable services during the year, and for his inspiring ordination charge.

Ex-Vice-President.

That the hearty thanks of the Conference be tendered to the retiring Vice-President, Mr. D. J. Wesley, for his valuable and devoted services during his term of office.

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 the Pitt Street Church, 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.

Beresford Street Congregational Church.

That Conference express its hearty thanks to the Officers of Beresford Street Congregational Church for the use of their Sunday School Hall for Conference Missionary Tea.

Pageant.

That the organisers of the Pageant "What God Hath Wrought," be heartily congratulated upon their outstanding production.

QUESTION LVII.—When and where shall the next Conference be held?

In Wesley Church, Taranaki Street, Wellington, on Thursday, 19th February, 1942, at 7 p.m.

Letter from His Majesty The King

The President of the Methodist Conference has received the following letter acknowledging the loyal greetings of the Methodist Church of New Zealand recently forwarded to the King.

Buckingham Palace,
3rd May, 1940.

Dear Sir,—

The Address adopted by the Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand in March last has been laid before The King.

Such expressions of loyalty to the Throne and of devotion to the cause for which the British Empire has taken up arms are of great value to His Majesty at the present time. He appreciates no less your kind message of good wishes to The Queen and to himself, for which I am commanded to convey to you His Majesty's sincere gratitude.

Yours very truly,

ALEXANDER HARDINGE.

The President,
The Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

Address of Welcome to the Governor-General

To His Excellency Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Cyril Louis Norton Newall, G.C.B., O.M., G.C.M.G., C.B.E., A.M., Governor-General and Commander in Chief of the Dominion of New Zealand and its Dependencies.

May it please your Excellency,

The recent Annual Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, which includes in its fellowship a large proportion of Maori people and many of the inhabitants of the British Western Solomons desired us to tender to you and to Her Excellency, Lady Newell, on behalf of the Methodist people, a most cordial welcome to the Dominion in which our Church has been privileged to labour amongst Maori and Pakeha people since the year 1822.

We desire to assure you of our unabated loyalty to the Throne and person of His Most Gracious Majesty King George VI. We thank God that our beloved Sovereign and Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth ever set before their people lofty moral and spiritual ideals and a noble example of courage and fortitude in these difficult days, and we pray that, under the blessing of God, their throne may be firmly based on righteousness. We trust that soon the dark clouds of war may be dispelled and that Britain may, in the good Providence of God, be used to weld the nations of the earth into a fraternal fellowship in which discords will cease, jealousies vanish and bitterness fade away.

We tender to Your Excellency our felicitations upon your appointment as Representative of His Majesty King George. We rejoice that this Dominion has the privilege of service of one so gifted, and we are confident that the mark of your wise influence will be so stamped upon the public life of this land as to ensure for you the goodwill and affection of all its people.

We pray that the blessing of God may rest upon Your Excellency and Lady Newall during your term of office and that under your guidance and example this Dominion may advance alike in material, moral and spiritual strength so that it may come to be known alike for the splendour of its institutions and for the moral beauty of the lives of its sons and daughters.

Signed on behalf of the Conference:

WILLIAM A. BURLEY, President.

FRANK PENN, Vice-President.

WILLIAM G. SLADE, Secretary.

Form of Bequest

The following FORM OF BEQUEST may be used by persons who wish to bequeath a sum of money to any Institution or Fund connected with the Methodist Church of New Zealand:—

*I give unto the Treasurer or Treasurers for the time
being of.....
(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.
Auckland	1941	William A. Burely, M.A.	Frank Penn, N.D.H. (NZ)	William G. Slade, M.A.

*William Greenslade, President-Elect, because of illness was unable to assume Office. Died 19th August, 1931.

A CHRONOLOGICAL LIST

OF THE

MINISTERS and PROBATIONERS

IN CONNECTION WITH THE

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

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| <p>1875—Nixon, John (Sup.)</p> <p>1882—Jones, T. Francis (Sup.)</p> <p>1885—Wallis, T. Jackson (Sup.)</p> <p>1887—Clement, George (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Joughin, Thomas A. (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Laws, Charles H., B.A., D.D.,
(Sup.) Fellow of Trinity Col.</p> <p>1888—Grigg, William (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Olphert, John (Sup.)</p> <p>1889—Knight, Percy N., B.A. (Sup.)</p> <p>1890—Mitchell, Arthur I. (Sup.)</p> <p>1891—Sinclair, William A. (Sup.)</p> <p>1892—Peryman, Samuel H. D. (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Raine, Robert (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Smith, G. Knowles (Sup.)</p> <p>1893—Drake, Edward (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Elliott, William J. (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Frost, George (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Harrison, Colin C. (Sup.)</p> <p>1894—Bellhouse, Harold E. (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Henderson, Samuel (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Vealie, Thomas W. (Sup.)</p> <p>1895—Ashcroft, Arthur (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Richards, Thomas R. (Sup.)</p> <p>1896—Blamires, Henry L. (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Chappell, Albert B., M.A.,
F.R.E.S</p> <p>1897—Goldie, John Francis</p> <p>„ Greenwood, Fred. (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Pybus, T. Arthur (Sup.)</p> | <p>1898—Dudley, Ben., F.R.A.S. (Sup.)</p> <p>1899—Keall, Robert P. (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Wills, William (Sup.)</p> <p>1900—Blamires, E. Percy</p> <p>„ Haslam, Jonathan H. (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Hunt, George P. (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Leadley, Frank E. (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Liversedge, Arthur (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A.,
(Sup.)</p> <p>1901—Bailey, Samuel</p> <p>„ Cook, George S. (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Eaton, Clarence</p> <p>„ Featherston, Jacob (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Ranston, Harry, M.A., Litt.D.
(Sup.)</p> <p>„ Woolloxall, Thomas R. B. (Sup.)</p> <p>1902—Coatsworth, Thomas</p> <p>„ Oxbrow, Walter J. (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Patchett, Ernest D.</p> <p>„ Pratt, M. A. Rugby, F.R.Hist.S.</p> <p>1903—Emmitt, Ernest S., M.C.</p> <p>„ James, Benjamin J. (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Liddell, Ralph J.</p> <p>„ Seamer, Arthur J. (Sup.)</p> <p>1904—Blamires, Ernest O.</p> <p>„ McBean, Angus</p> <p>„ Stockwell, George F.</p> <p>1905—Copeland, Fred.</p> <p>„ Metson, Basil</p> <p>„ Richards, Raymond</p> <p>1906—Avery, William W.</p> <p>„ Paris, Percy R.</p> <p>„ Roberts, Charles M.</p> <p>„ Ryan, Henry</p> <p>„ White, Hedley</p> |
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- 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—Cottom, Harry
" McArthur, John D.
- 1910—Burley, William A., M.A.
" Harris, Archer, O
" Olds, Charles H., B.A.
" Richards, James
" Sharp, Harold A.
- 1911—Enticott, Walter J.
" Fowles, Albert H. (Sup.)
" Hopper, Arthur (Sup.)
" Neale, Leslie B., B.A., F.R.G.S.
" Richards, H. Leslie
" Rowe, William
- 1912—Gosnell, Robert B.
" Hinton, George B.
" Lawrence, Frederick B.
" Scrivin, Arthur H.
" Walker, William
- 1913—Bensley, Arthur A.
" Peat, Harold T.
- 1914—Binet, Vincent le C.
" Burnet, Oswald
" Foston, Charles A. (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 (Sup.)
" 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
" Joyce, Arthur H.
- 1927—Larsen, Norman P.
" Laurensen, 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

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| 1930—Blight, J. Montgomery | 1936—Beckingsale, George E. |
| „ Draper, Joseph C. | „ Hopper, H. Ian K. |
| „ Leadley, E. Clarence | „ Tasker, Bert. M., B.A., Dip. |
| „ McDowell, Matthew A. | „ Soc. Sc. |
| „ Parker, Wesley, M.A. | „ Willoughby, James S. |
| „ Symons, Clifford T., M.A., B.D. | |
| 1931—Carr, Thomas H. | 1937—Churchill, John |
| „ Carr, W. E. Allon | „ Francis, William R., B.A. |
| „ Dudley, Raymond, M.A. | „ Mayson, Robert W., B.A. |
| „ F.R.E.S. | „ Norwell, Leslie T. |
| „ Greenslade, William W. H. | |
| „ Moore, William E. | 1938—Harkness, Howard E., M.A. |
| „ Parker, Gordon, B.A. | „ Hoddinott, Ernest S. |
| „ Payne, Herbert W. | „ Laws, William R., B.A. |
| „ Williams, David O., M.A. | „ Long, Wesley L. |
| 1932—Alley, Donald C. | „ Petch, Ashleigh K. |
| „ Day, Reginald | „ Silvester, John |
| „ Hickman, D. J. Donald | „ Whitfield, Harris |
| „ Jamieson, V. Roy | |
| „ Jenkin, William C. | 1939—Cochrane, Herbert A. |
| „ Williamson, Ivan S. | „ Grice, Reginald |
| 1933—Chrystall, Bernard, M., B.A. | „ Hayman, Leslie A. D. B.Sc. |
| „ Daglish, J. Ainsley | „ (Agric.) |
| „ Mitchell, John L. | „ Lucas, Campbell P. |
| „ Orr, A. Everil | „ Oldfield, Charles B. |
| „ Patchett, Ralph E. | „ Sanft, Alfred |
| „ Waite, Alfred, E. | „ Waite, J. Stanley |
| 1934—Goodman, George H. | „ Watson, John K. |
| „ John, John | |
| „ Johnston, Andrew, J. | 1940—Dawson, John B. |
| „ Matthews, Howard C. | „ Dixon, Haddon C. |
| „ Tozer, Henry J., M.A. | „ Gilmore, Leslie R. M. |
| 1935—Burton, Ormond E. M.A. | „ Greenslade, Lawrence |
| „ Duder, Clifford L. | „ Jones, Alan O. |
| „ Hanna, L. Gordon | „ Winiata, Maharaia |
| „ Luxton, Clarence T. J. | |
| „ Mills, William A. | 1941—Bell, Charles H. |
| 1935—Thornley, Robert, M.A., Dip. | „ Brown, Harold K. |
| „ Soc.Sc. | „ Burley, Harold W. |
| „ Witheford, Arthur R. | „ Darvill, Harold A. |
| | „ Thomas, Gordon V. |
| | „ Woolford, Henry J. |

NATIVE MINISTERS.

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| 1911—Te Tuhi, Eruera | 1932—Kotosoma, Aaron |
| 1914—Rakena, Rakena P. | 1933—Kera, Nathan |
| 1920—Tauroa, Mataarae | 1933—Sotutu, Uzziah |
| 1928—Keepa, Matene | 1937—Afu, John |
| 1930—Gina, Belshazzar | 1941—Kukutai, Ngatete K. |
| 1931—Havea, Paul | |

AN ALPHABETICAL LIST

of the

MINISTERS and PROBATIONERS

in connection with the

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

1. The figures in the first column mark the year in which each Minister entered on his work; those in the second column the year of Annual Appointment. S denotes that the Minister is a Supernumerary, the year in which he became a Supernumerary being in 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	.... 2	Allen, J. Henry, 170 Fitzgerald Ave., Christchurch, C.1.	.... 91
1932	.... 6	Alley, Donald C., Methodist Mission, Private Bag, Rabaul, Mandated Territory of New Guinea	[8]
1895	.... S	Ashcroft, Arthur, 30 Alfred Street, Palmerston North (1935)	.... 63
1906	.... 6	Avery, William W., Willowby, R.M.D., Ashburton	115
1924	.... S	Ayrton, Moses, 39 Ribble Street, Island Bay, Wellington, S.W.2.	.... 83
1924	.... 4	Bailey, John H., 12 Domett St., Opunake	.... 50
1901	.... 3	Bailey, Samuel, Scotia Rd., Port Chalmers	.... 125
1924	.... 1	Bateup, Frank, 235 Karori Road, Wellington, W.3	70
1936	.... 2	Beckingsale, George E., Roxburgh, Otago	.... 128
1941	.... 1	Bell, Charles H., 285 Fitzgerald Ave., Christchurch, C.1.	.... 91
1894	.... S	Bellhouse, Harold E., 46 Clifton Terrace, Sumner, Christchurch (1934)	.... 93
1921	.... 6	Benny, Henry, Ohoka, Canterbury	.... 103
1913	.... 3	Bensley, Arthur A., Franklin St., Greymouth	.... 88
1914	.... 2	Binet, Vincent le C., Otorohanga, King Country	41
1907	.... 6	Blair, Charles, 142 North Street, Timaru	.... 109
1923	.... 2	Blakemore, Albert, 351 Palmerston Rd., Gisborne	58
1900	.... 3	Blamires, E. Percy, 43a Church St., Devonport, Auckland, N.1.	.... 6
1904	.... 7	Blamires, Ernest O., Beerehaven Rd., Seatoun, Wellington, E.5	.... 68
1896	.... S	Blamires, Henry L., 23 Aikman's Rd., St. Albans, Christchurch, N.W.1 (1930)	.... 90
1930	.... 2	Blight, J. Montgomery, 5 William Street, Gore	.... 131
1917	.... 2	Blight, William T., B.A., B.D., 78 West Street, Feilding	.... 66
1922	.... 3	Brooks, Leslie A. G., Church St., Te Aroha	.... 28
1925	.... 3	Brown, F. Gardner, 11 Horopito St., Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.1	.... 1

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit.
1916	.... 2	Brown, George E., 136 Bank St., Whangarei	.... 18
1941	.... 1	Brown, Harold K., 11 Horopito St., Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.1	.... 1
1924	.... 4	Brown, Hubert G., Birkett St., Temuka	.... 112
1941	.... 1	Burley, Harold W., 3 Repton St., Merivale, Christ- church, N.W.1	.... 97
1910	.... 6	Burley, William A., M.A., 3 Repton St., Merivale, Christchurch, N.W.1	.... 97
1914	.... 4	Burnet, Oswald, 18 Matai Rd., Wellington, E.2	.... 72
1935	.... 7	Burton, Ormond E., M.A., 22 Webb St., Wellington	.... 69
1931	.... 4	Carr, Thomas H., Picton	.... 85
1931	.... 3	Carr, W. E. Allon, 22 Union St., New Brighton, Christchurch	.... 91
1917	.... 3	Chambers, Ernest B., 33 Wicksteed St., Wanganui	.... 51
1896	.... 25	Chappell, Albert B., M.A., F.R.E.S., 97a Grafton Road, Auckland, C.1	.... 4
1933	.... 5	Chrystall, Bernard M., B.A., 17 Church St., Devon- port, Auckland, N.1	.... 6
1937	.... 1	Churchill, John, 10 Cashel St., Christchurch, C.1	.... 90
1887	.... S	Clement, George, Sandringham St., St. Clair, Dunedin, S.1 (1923)	.... 117
1902	.... 1	Coatsworth, Thomas, Pah Rd., Motueka	.... 84
1939	.... 1	Cochrane, Herbert A., Kaeo, North Auckland	.... 19
1901	.... S	Cook, George S., Otaki Beach, Otaki (1928)	.... 81
1915	.... 6	Cooke, Percy I., Station Road, Otahuhu	.... 10
1905	.... 4	Copeland, Fred, 17 Pukehana Ave., Epsom, Auck- land, S.E.3	.... 4
1918	.... 1	Costain, Alfred M., 162 King Street, Rangiora	.... 104
1909	.... 4	Cottom, Harry, Springston, R.D., Canterbury	.... 100
1919	.... 2	Cuming, William B., Queen St., Waiuku	.... 13
1933	.... 2	Daglish, J. Ainsley, 304 High St., Carterton	.... 77
1941	.... 1	Darvill, Harold A., Methodist Church, Putaruru	.... 35
1940	.... 2	Dawson, John B., Ngarua Rd., Waitoa, Morrinsville	.... 29
1932	.... -	Day, Reginald, on Active Service	.... 27
1917	.... 1	Dennis, John, 336 Selwyn St., Addington, Christ- church, S.W.1	.... 95
1929	.... 3	Dickens, Charles E., 27 May St., Gonville, Wanga- nui	.... 53
1940	.... 2	Dixon, Haddon C., 7 Waikare Ave., Lower Hutt	.... 74
1893	.... S	Drake, Edward, 100 Chapter Street, St. Albans, Christchurch, N.1 (1936)	.... 97
1930	.... 3	Draper, Joseph C., 1 Tennyson Ave., Takapuna, Auckland, N.2	.... 7
1935	.... 2	Duder, Clifford L., Taitua St., Taumarunui, King Country	.... 43
1898	.... S	Dudley, Ben., F.R.A.S., 149 Rose St., Christchurch, S.W.1 (1938)	.... 90
1931	.... 3	Dudley, Raymond, M.A., F.R.E.S., 54 Chester St., W., Christchurch, C.1	.... 90
1901	.... 3	Eaton, Clarence, 524 Church St., Palmerston N.	.... 63
1893	.... S	Elliott, William J., 8 Ascot Ave., Devonport, Auck- land, N.1 (1933)	.... 6
1903	.... 3	Emmitt, Ernest S., M.C., 10 New Bond St., Kings- land, Auckland, S.W.1	.... 1
1911	.... 6	Enticott, Walter J., 19 Exeter St., Lyttelton	.... 99

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit.
1901	.... S	Featherston, Jacob, 442 Cashel St., Christchurch, E.1 (1931)	91
1924	.... 2	Fiebig, Herbert L., B.A., 58 Waldegrave St., Palmerston North 111. Wood St.	64
1919	.... 1	Ford, Herbert, 230 High St., Dannevirke	60
1916	.... 3	Fordyce, Robert E., Clyde St., Balclutha	126
1914	.... S	Foston, Charles A., Devon St. East, Levin (1939)	80
1911	.... S	Fowles, Albert H., 18 Lionel St., Avonside, Christchurch, N.E.1 (1941)	91
1937	.... 1	Francis, William R., B.A., Eden St., Oamaru	116
1893	.... S	Frost, George, 3 Gardner Rd., Epsom, Auckland, S.E. 3 (1933)	4
1919	.... 2	Gatman, William, 68 Firth St., Hamilton East	32
1940	.... 2	Gilmore, Leslie R. M., c/o. Mrs. Abbott, Ellis St., Taihape	55
1897	.... 40	Goldie, John F., Roviana, Solomon Islands	[5]
1934	.... 1	Goodman, George H., 128 St. Andrews Rd., Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3.	
1912	.... 4	Gosnell, Robert B., 93 Tinakori Rd., Thorndon, Wellington	70
1940	.... 1	Greenslade, Lawrence, Mission Bay, Auckland	4
1931	.... 3	Greenslade, William W. H., "Homewood," Chapman St., Invercargill	129
1897	.... S	Greenwood, Fred., 115 Marine Parade, Seatoun, Wellington, E.5 (1934)	72
1939	.... 2	Grice, Reginald, Ford St., Opotiki	39
1888	.... S	Grigg, William, 88 Cranford Street, St. Albans, Christchurch, N.1 (1932)	90
1928	.... 1	Grocott, John D., 77 Wesley St., Richmond, Nelson	83
1928	.... 2	Hailwood, Charlie O., 38 Cranford St., St. Albans, Christchurch, N.1	97
1926	.... 3	Hall, James H., Woodend, Canterbury	105
1923	.... 3	Hames, Eric W., M.A., Leigh House, Trinity College, Grafton, Auckland C.3	Th.C.
1928	.... 2	Handy, Francis J., Queen Street, Thames	24
1935	.... 3	Hanna, L. Gordon, Tancred Street, Hokitika	89
1916	.... 5	Harkness, Edwin S., 8 King Edward St., Eltham	47
1938	.... 1	Harkness, Howard E., M.A., 320 Hardy St., Nelson	82
1910	.... 5	Harris, Archer O., 15 Nelson St., Riccarton, Christchurch, W.1	96
1926	.... 1	Harris, G. Raymond, Cambridge St., Levin	80
1893	.... S	Harrison, Colin C., 64 Waripori St., Berhampore, Wellington, S.1 (1933)	72
1900	.... S	Haslam, Jonathan H., P.O. Box 44, Russell, Bay of Islands (1940)	23
1928	.... 1	Hayman, Frank H., Methodist Church, Rotorua	36
1939	.... 1	Hayman, Leslie A. D., B.Sc. (Agr.), Greytown, Wairarapa	76
1894	.... S	Henderson, Samuel, Shortland Street, Vogeltown, New Plymouth (1934)	44
1932	.... 1	Hickman, D. J. Donald, 50 Grey St. East, Onehunga, Auckland, S.E.5	9
1912	.... 6	Hinton, George B., 216 Earn St., Invercargill	130
1938	.... 4	Hoddinott, Ernest S., 24 Khyber Rd., Seatoun, Wellington, E.5	72
1911	.... S	Hopper, Arthur, 416 Massey Rd., Hastings (1935)	57

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit.
1936	.... 2	Hopper, H. Ian K., Stanley St., Eketahuna	.... 79
1929	.... 2	Horwood, Leonard C., 52 Queen's Drive, Musselburgh, Dunedin S.2	.... 121
1900	.... S	Hunt, George P., 116 Peary Rd., Mt. Eden, Auckland (1940)	.... 1
1922	.... 4	Jack, J. Francis, 12 Poronui St., Mount Eden, Auckland, S.1	.... 4
1903	.... S	James, Benjamin J., 22 Winton St., St. Albans, Christchurch, N.1 (1940)	.... 90
1932	.... -	Jamieson, V. Roy, on Active Service	.... 16
1919	.... 5	Jefferson, Alfred E., 467 Leith St., Dunedin, N.1	119
1928	.... -	Jeffreys, Howard H. (C.F.) Military School, Narrow Neck, Auckland	.... 8
1932	.... 1	Jenkin, William C., Mowatt Street, Waitara	.... 45
1934	.... 1	John, John, 32 Arthur St., Ponsonby, Auckland, W.1	.... 3
1934	.... 1	Johnston, Andrew J., Onewa Street, Birkenhead, Auckland, N.5	.... 8
1940	.... 2	Jones, Alan O., Tawa St., Te Kuiti	.... 42
1882	.... S	Jones, T. Francis, 7 Banff Avenue, Epsom, Auckland, S.E. 3 (1919)	.... 4
1908	.... 2	Jordan, Charles B., M.A., B.D., F.R.E.S., 53 Wellington Rd., Marton	.... 54
1887	.... S	Joughin, Thomas A., 7 Belmont Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2 (1922)	.... 1
1899	.... S	Keall, R. Purcell, 22 Trinity Ave., Lower Hutt (1940)	.... 74
1916	.... 4	Kendon, Charles H., 112 Derby St., Westport	.... 87
1929	.... 2	Kent, Arthur T., Coronation St., Waimate	.... 111
1924	.... 2	Kings, Harry S., 48 Lincoln Road, Masterton	.... 78
1889	.... S	Knight, Percy N., B.A., 9 Kerr St., Devonport, Auckland, N.1 (1935)	.... 3
1927	.... 4	Larsen, Norman P., Porirua Road, Johnsonville, Wellington	.... 73
1927	.... 3	Laurenson, Geo. I., 11 Kakariki Ave., Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.1	H.M.
1912	.... 4	Lawrence, Frederick B., 305 Manchester Street, Christchurch, C.1	.... 92
1887	.... S	Laws, Charles H., B.A., D.D., Fellow of Trinity College, 4 Tahuri Rd., Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3 (1931)	.... 4
1938	.... 1	Laws, William R., B.A., Methodist Church, Ngaio	73
1930	.... 8	Leadley, E. Clarence, Roviana, Solomon Islands	[5]
1900	.... S	Leadley, Frank E., 27a Arthur Street, Onehunga, Auckland, S.E.5 (1940)	.... 9
1903	.... 5	Liddell, Ralph J., West Coast Road, Glen Eden, Auckland	.... 5
1900	.... S	Liversedge, Arthur, 76 Halton Street, Papanui, Christchurch, N.W.2 (1940)	.... 97
1938	.... 4	Long, Wesley L., Porirua, Wellington	.... 73
1939	.... 1	Lucas, Campbell P., Methodist Church, Huntly	.... 33
1935	.... 3	Luxton, Clarence T. J., Buka, Bougainville, Mandated Territory of New Guinea	.... [8]
1908	.... 4	Martin, J. Frederick, 138 Somme Parade, Aromoho, Wanganui	.... 52
1934	.... 1	Matthews, Howard C., 27 Cambrai Ave., Roskill, Auckland, S.2	.... 1

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit.
1937	.... 1	Mayson, Robert W., B.A., Ruawai, North Auckland	17
1909	.... 5	McArthur, John D., 71 High St., Blenheim	85
1904	.... 6	McBean, Angus, Havelock Street, Ashburton	114
1930	.... 3	McDowell, Matthew A., 77 Port Hills Rd., Heathcote, Christchurch, S.E.2	Y.P.
1924	.... 6	McGregor, Robert, Greendale, Canterbury	106
1928	.... 2	Mead, Victor, L.Th., Kirk Street, Otaki	81
1916	.... 22	Metcalfe, John R., Methodist Mission, Choiseul, via Gizo, Solomon Islands	[7]
1905	.... 4	Metson, Basil, 149 Tennyson St., Dunedin, C.2	117
1935	.... -	Mills, William A., on Active Service	90
1890	.... S	Mitchell, Arthur, 40 Mt. Albert Rd., Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2 (1930)	5
1933	.... 3	Mitchell, John L., Thames Street, Morrinsville	29
1931	.... 4	Moore, William E., 64 Albert St., Pahiatua	62
1918	.... 2	Neal, Wallace S., 35 Wood St., Papakura, Akld.	11
1911	.... 11	Neale, Leslie B., B.A., F.R.G.S., 56 Royal Terrace, Dunedin, C.2	118
1917	.... 3	Nelson, John R., Arney Street, Paeroa	26
1875	.... S	Nixon, John, Eliot St., New Plymouth (1907)	44
1937	.... 3	Norwell, Leslie T., Shiel Street, Reef ton	86
1915	.... 3	Odell, Henry J., 32 Mt. Albert Rd., Akld., S.W.2	H.M.
1939	.... 1	Oldfield, Charles B., Rawene, Hokianga	23
1910	.... 4	Olds, Charles H., B.A., 801 E Queen St., Hastings	57
1915	.... 7	Olds, E. Thomas, 10 Hopetoun St., Auckland, C.2	1
1888	.... S	Olphert, J., 39 View Road, Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.1 (1932)	1
1920	.... 2	Orchard, Hector C., 21 Butler Street, Timaru	108
1933	.... 9	Orr, A. Everil, Probert Chambers, Queen Street, Auckland, C.1	2
1902	.... S	Oxbrow, Walter J., Ngongotaha, Rotorua (1938)	36
1906	.... 7	Paris, Percy R., 38 McFarlane St., Wgton., E.1	68
1917	.... 2	Parker, Frederick J., 1 Knights Rd., Lower Hutt	74
1931	.... 2	Parker, Gordon, B.A., Johnson Street, Milton	127
1918	.... 4	Parker, James W., Matai St., Maeroa, Hamilton	31
1929	.... 6	Parker, Walter, 24 Colombo St., Wellington, S.1	71
1930	.... 5	Parker, Wesley, M.A., 67 Brougham Street, Sydenham, Christchurch, S.1	94
1902	.... 4	Patchett, Ernest D., 92 Liardet St., New Plymouth	44
1933	.... 5	Patchett, Ralph E., 95 Fitzroy Street, Kew, Dunedin, S.W. 1	122
1931	.... 3	Payne, Herbert W., Selwyn Street, Leeston	101
1913	.... -	Peat, Harold T. (C.F.), 108 Prince Albert Road, St. Kilda, Dunedin	118
1927	.... 1	Penn, Athol R., 77 Grey Street, Woodville	61
1892	.... S	Peryman, Samuel H. D., Railway Ter., Johnsonville (1928)	73
1938	.... 2	Petch, Ashleigh K., 7 Victor St., Avondale, Akld.	5
1925	.... 2	Peterson, Gordon R. H., 179 Regan St. E., Stratford	46
1920	.... 1	Pickering, William B., 45 Haupapa St., Rotorua	36
1902	.... 15	Pratt, M. A. Rugby, F.R.Hist.S., 118 Knowles St., St. Albans, Christchurch, N.1	C.S.
1897	.... S	Pybus, T. Arthur, De Lacy Street, Ravensbourne, Dunedin (1939)	131
1892	.... S	Raine, Robert, 54 Apuka Street, Brooklyn, Wellington, S.W.1 (1932)	68

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit.
1901	.... S	Ranston, Harry, M.A., Litt.D., Fellow Trinity College, 34 Alexis Ave., Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2 (1941)	5
1927	.... 2	Raynor, Ivo M., Normanby St., Dargaville	16
1911	.... 2	Richards, H. Leslie, 53 Fuller St., Kaiapoi	102
1910	.... 4	Richards, James, 156 Matson's Road, Papanui, Christchurch, N.W.2	98
1905	.... 3	Richards, Raymond, Ashhurst, Manawatu	65
1895	.... S	Richards, Thomas R., 53 Clyde Street, Island Bay, Wellington, S.2 (1935)	68
1906	.... 3	Roberts, Charles M., Sanson, Manawatu	67
1911	.... 6	Rowe, William, 320 Hardy Street, Nelson	82
1906	.... 1	Ryan, Henry, 43 Queen St., Cambridge, Waikato	30
1916	.... 2	Sage, Ernest E., 46 Radley St., Christchurch, S.E.1	93
1939	.... -	Sanft, Alfred, on Military Service	56
1900	.... S	Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A., 9 Elmwood Road, Fendalton, Christchurch, N.W.1 (1940)	90
1912	.... 9	Scrivin, Arthur H., Probert Chambers, Queen St., Auckland, C.1. (Private Address: 16 Atherton Road, Epsom, S.E.3)	F.M.
1903	.... S	Seamer, A. J., Probert Chambers, Queen Street, Auckland, C.1 (1939)	2
1910	.... 6	Sharp, Harold A., 774 New North Rd., Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2	5
1927	.... 7	Silvester, A. Wharton, Gizo, British Solomon Islands	[6]
1938	.... 2	Silvester, John, 2 Earl St., Opawa, Christchurch	93
1891	.... S	Sinclair, William A., 16 Empire Road, Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3 (1933)	4
1918	.... 2	Skuse, Thomas, 39 Washington Ave., Brooklyn, Wellington, S.W.1	68
1915	.... 4	Slade, William G., M.A., Wesley St., Pukekohe	12
1892	.... S	Smith, G. Knowles, Main St., Greytown, Wairarapa (1940)	76
1908	.... S	Speer, William H., Whakaue St., Rotorua (1937)	36
1923	.... 5	Spencer, Herbert, Bank Street, Te Awamutu	40
1904	.... 4	Stockwell, George F., 17 Regent Street, Hawera	48
1930	.... 3	Symons, Clifford T., M.A., B.D., 75 Florence Ave., Palmerston North	Y.P.
1936	.... 2	Tasker, Bert M., B.A., 80 Wesley St., Dunedin, S.1	120
1924	.... 3	Taylor, Cecil R., 88 Linwood Ave., Linwood, Ch.ch	91
1941	.... 1	Thomas, Gordon V., Ford Street, Opotiki	38
1935	.... 1	Thornley, Robert, M.A., 22 Mersey St., Island Bay, Wellington, S.2	72
1908	.... 6	Tinsley, Robert B., 18 London street, Hamilton	31
1934	.... 2	Tozer, Henry J., M.A., 37 Nelson Street, Petone	75
1927	.... 1	Utting, Harry V., Bertram Street, Warkworth, North Auckland	14
1894	.... S	Vealie, Thomas W., 35 Cudby St., Lower Hutt, (1934)	74
1926	.... 16	Voyce, Arthur H., Keita, Bougainville, Mandated Territory of New Guinea	[8]
1933	.... 1	Waite, Alfred E., 32 Arthur Street, Ponsonby, Auckland, W.1	3
1939	.... 2	Waite, J. Stanley, 17 Archer Street, Timaru	110

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit.
1912	.... 7	Walker, William, 22 Ohinerau Street, Remuera, Auckland, S.E.2	.... 4
1885	.... S	Wallis, T. Jackson, 190 Lyttelton St., Spreydon, Christchurch, S.W.1 (1928)	.... 95
1939	.... -	Watson, John K., on Active Service	.... 91
1914	.... 3	Werren, Samuel J., Madeira Steps, Napier	.... 56
1906	.... 2	White, Hedley, Devonport St., Tauranga	.... 37
1938	.... 4	Whitfield, Harris, Lake Rd., Kaitaia, Nth. Akld.	.... 22
1931	.... 7	Williams, David O., M.A., 60 Lawrence St., Morningsington, Dunedin, W.1	.... 123
1932	.... 2	Williamson, Ivan S., 9 Paynter's Ave., Fitzroy, New Plymouth	.... 44
1936	.... 1	Willoughby, James S., 46 Brighton Street, Roslyn, Dunedin, N.W.1	.... 124
1899	.... S	Wills, William, 2 Seacliffe Ave., Takapuna, Auckland, N.2 (1939)	.... 7
1940	.... 2	Winiata, Maharaia, Methodist Parsonage, Kawhia	[2]
1935	.... 3	Witheford, Arthur R., Matamata, Waikato	.... 34
1941	.... 1	Woolford, J. Henry, 35 Octagon, Dunedin, C.1	.... 118
1901	.... S	Woolloxall, Thomas R. B., 12 Tennyson Avenue, Takapuna, Auckland, N.2 (1937)	.... 7

NATIVE MINISTERS.

1928	.... 11	Keepa, Matene, Ngaruawahia	.... [2]
1914	.... 6	Rakena, Rakena P., Waima, Hokianga	.... [1]
1920	.... 6	Tauroa, Matarae, Okaiawa, Taranaki	.... [4]
1911	.... 5	Te Tuhi, Eruera, c/o. Home Mission Office, Akld.	[1]
1937	.... 4	Afu, John, Roviana, Solomon Islands	.... [5]
1930	.... 11	Gina, Belshazzar, Roviana, Solomon Islands	.... [5]
1931	.... 10	Havea, Paul, Marovo, Solomon Islands	.... [5]
1933	.... 8	Kera, Nathan, Roviana, Solomon Islands	.... [5]
1932	.... 9	Kotosoma, Aaron, Teop, Bougainville, Mandated Territory of New Guinea	.... [8]
1933	.... 8	Sotutu, Uziah, Buka, Bougainville, Mandated Territory of New Guinea	.... [8]
1941	.... 1	Kukutai, Ngatete Kerei, Te Kuiti	.... [3]

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	.... 4
1904—W. T. Hooper (retired), Kent Street, Levin	.... 10
1907—S. Keen (retired), Kirk Street, Otaki	.... 3
1909—C. W. Brown (retired), 33 Sainsbury Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2	.... 3
1909—T. W. Featherstone (retired), 2 Roy Ter., New Plymouth	.... 4
1910—C. Duncan (retired), 24 Marunui Rd., Pt. Chevalier	.... 2
1911—C. Strand (retired), Warden St., Shirley, Ch.ch, N.1	.... 11
1913—J. Common (retired), Beach Road, Weraroa, Levin	.... 6
1915—J. H. Edmondson (retired), Albany	.... 8
1917—A. L. Witheford (retired), Ngaruawahia	.... 7
1919—J. W. Bayliss (retired), 21 Glencairn St., N.E. Valley, Dunedin	.... 3
1919—J. Belshaw (retired), 161 Blockhouse Bay Rd., Avondale	.... 10

Home Missionaries—Continued.

1922—H. Ashworth (retired), South Rd., New Plymouth	....	5
1922—C. Robinson, Hassard Street, Manaia	....	2
1924—R. T. Alexander, Paraparaumu	....	4
1924—G. Hall, Oxford, Canterbury	....	1
1924—W. H. Wilson (retired), 19 Rangitoto Ter., Takapuna, N.2	....	3
1925—W. J. Henderson, Patea	....	3
1925—H. J. Malcolm (retired), 31 St. John St., Ch'ch., N.W.2	....	1
1926—F. O. Prosser, Ferguson Street, Geraldine	....	4
1926—W. Sussex (retired), Bayswater, Auckland	....	3
1928—R. Coombridge, P.O. Bombay	....	2
1929—F. Sanderson, Tai Tapu	....	2
1930—J. C. R. Ashworth, Okato, Taranaki	....	1
1935—A. P. Dorrian, Kohukohu, North Auckland	....	3
1937—R. C. Patchett, Waipawa	....	3
1939—N. Challenger, 28 Elizabeth Street, Bluff	....	1
1939—G. Densem, Mosgiel	....	2
1939—H. R. Wright, Riverton, Southland	....	2

HOME MISSIONARY PROBATIONERS.

1938—H. M. Brasell, P.O. Box 21, Nightcaps, Southland	....	3
1938—N. R. Hooper, Kaikohe	....	1
1939—A. A. L. Hutching, Te Puke	....	1
1939—C. S. L. Olliver, Inglewood	....	1
1939—W. G. Peate, Paparoa, North Auckland	....	3
1939—K. A. Robinson, Methodist Parsonage, Halcombe	....	2
1939—T. A. Winn, 1 Baxter Street, Maori Hill, Dunedin	....	3
1940—W. J. Anderson, Ohura	....	2
1940—W. J. Bryant, Otautau	....	2
1940—J. S. Clark, Havelock, Nelson	....	2
1940—A. Handyside, Murchison	....	2
1940—W. Maitland Jones, Silverdale	....	2
1940—D. I. Robertson, Edendale	....	2
1940—T. Shepherd, Hikurangi	....	2
1940—W. T. Withers, Granity	....	2
1940—A. H. Ivory, Benzie Ave., Upper Hutt	....	2
1940—B. H. Riseley, Cromwell	....	2
1941—Owen L. Christian, Ngaruawahia	....	1
1941—W. L. Divers, Ravensbourne	....	1
1941—Warren Green, Ngatea, Hauraki Plains	....	1
1941—Harry Moore, Waddington, North Canterbury	....	1
1941—L. E. G. Sharp, Port Albert	....	1
1941—L. Shapcott, Wakefield, Nelson	....	1
1941—T. Steele, St. Clair, Dunedin	....	1
1941—J. H. Thompson, Apiti, Manawatu	....	1

MAORI HOME MISSIONARIES.

1918—Hone Tamati, Taumarere	....	8
1920—Te-Aho-o-te-Rangi, Pihama, Raglan	....	12
1920—Aihe Huirama, Marokopa, iKng Country	....	21
1922—Te Hira Ratete, Punakitere, North Auckland	....	14
1927—Te Riri Kawiti, Waiomio, Bay of Islands	....	13
1930—Wetini Hotu, Hangatiki, King Country	....	12
1930—Paahi, Moke, Gibson's Road, Tuakau	....	2
1930—Tupito, Maruera, Pariroa Pa, Taranaki	....	12
1930—Rangiira, Tumahuki, Whenuakura Pa, Taranaki	....	13
1930—Hikuroa, Te Maaha, Otorohanga	....	12
1932—Hoani Hakaraia Te Uawiri, Kai Iwi, Taranaki	....	11

Maori Home Missionaries—*Continued.*

1932—Rameka Eru, Te Karae, Hokianga	....	....	9
1932—Tuteao Manihera, Raglan	....	....	1
1932—Paikea H. Toka, Hawera (on Active Service)	....	....	6
1934—Huru Wiperi, Manunui, via Taumarunui	....	....	2
1934—Wiremu Wi Hongi, Kaikohe	....	....	6
1934—John Nicholls, Te Kuiti	....	....	8
1934—Poo Kingi, Whatawhata	....	....	8
1934—Heemi Rihimona, Selkirk Street, Hamilton	....	....	1
1935—Honehono Kereopa, Raglan	....	....	7
1935—Hoani Tonga, Otewa, Otorohanga	....	....	7
1935—Hori Te Awa, Rakaumanga, Huntly	....	....	7
1936—Paoa Rakena, Mangamuka, Hokianga	....	....	6
1936—Ngaweke Tuhimata, Tuakau	....	....	6
1937—Te Paki Kinita, Te Waitere, King Country	....	....	2
1937—Roi Moke, Aotea, Kawhia	....	....	5
1937—Hone Hira, Onewhero	....	....	4
1938—Paraire Paraone Kena, Poutu, Kaipara Heads	....	....	4
1938—Piripi Livingstone, Pokere, Bay of Islands	....	....	4
1938—Wiremu Paki Ihaka, Dargaville	....	....	4
1939—Harris, John, Matakana, North Auckland	....	....	3
1939—Hari Aroha Pereiti, Waimihi, King Country	....	....	3
1939—Nehana Pu, Whananaki, North Auckland	....	....	3
1940—Wiremu Tonga, Aramiro P.O., Waitetuna, Waikato	....	....	2
1940—Rangi Rogers, Punakitere, Hokianga	....	....	2

MISSIONARY SISTERS.

- Sister Eleanor Dobby, Main North Road, Styx.
 Sister Nicholls, Te Kuiti.
 Sister Rita Snowdon, 24 Empire Road, Auckland, S.E.3.
 Sister Hobbs, Ratana Pa.
 Sister Ivy Jones, Probert Chambers, Auckland.
 Sister Netta Gittos, Kurahuna School, Onehunga.
 Sister Atawhai, Taheke, 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, Rangiatea Maori Girls' School, New Plyth.
 Sister Heeni Te Teira, Selkirk Street, Hamilton.
 Sister Evelyn Marriott, Rangiatea Maori Girls' College, New Plymouth.
 Sister Dorothy Pointon, Okaiawa, Taranaki.
 Sister Violet Kruse, Selkirk Street, Hamilton.
 Sister Ethel McMillan, Bambatana, Choiseul, Solomon Islands.
 Sister Lina Jones, Methodist Mission, Roviana, Solomon Islands.
 Sister Elizabeth Common, Methodist Mission, Buka, Mandated Territory of New Guinea.
 Sister 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. G. Slade, Wesley Street, Pukekohe, 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
Battley, 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
Fee, Thomas	County Down, Ireland	1850	1876	18th April, 1940	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 Tuhi	Whirinaki	1857	1896	9th October, 1933	
Hobbs, John	Kent, England	1800	1824	24th June, 1883	Auckland
Hosking, James Alfred	Coromandel, New Zealand	1872	1896	1st October, 1924	Auckland
Hounsell, George	Sussex, England	..	1879	3rd March, 1906	Gisborne, N.Z.
Hudson, Lewis			1879	13th April, 1922	Auckland
Innes, Jonathan	Newcastle-on-Tyne, England	1809	1845	6th May, 1864	Nelson, N.Z.
Ironside, Samuel	Sheffield, England	1814	1837	24th April, 1897	Hobart, Tasmania
Isitt, Frank Whitmore	Bedford, England	1846	1870	11th November, 1916	Dunedin
Jones, Peter W.	Cheshire, England	1846	1876	2nd December, 1929	Feilding
Jory, John D.	Cornwall, England	1846	1874	16th June, 1935	Auckland
Kakure, 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, Albert Charles	Auckland, New Zealand	1862	1882	21st June, 1940	Christchurch
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
McNicol, 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	Motuoka
Rakena, Piripi			1882	25th March, 1934	Mangamuka

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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

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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
Woodward, C. William	Auckland	1868	1890	27th September, 1901	At Sea.
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, 1940—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	12	1	1	20	..	848	9	341	173	700
.. Central Mission ..	2	1	2	2	2	..	..	3	2	129	9	64	58	80
.. West ..	4	..	4	1	2	..	..	4	..	198	6	54	20	160
.. East ..	9	..	6	3	11	..	..	26	..	803	..	127	50	600
Avondale ..	7	2	3	3	5	3	..	10	..	457	..	100	56	510
Devonport ..	3	..	2	1	3	..	..	3	2	155	..	17	48	128
Takapuna ..	1	1	1	1	3	2	..	1	..	171	..	32	50	150
Birkenhead ..	5	1	3	1	1	..	..	4	..	235	..	65	65	220
Onehunga ..	4	..	2	1	2	..	..	..	..	250	..	61	62	220
Otahuhu ..	3	..	2	1	1	..	..	11	6	257	..	79	69	203
Papakura ..	3	2	3	1	1	..	..	6	..	155	..	49	49	130
Pukekohe ..	5	1	2	1	1	..	..	9	..	151	..	26	41	195
Waiuku ..	1	4	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	77	..	38	31	60
Mahurangi ..	3	10	2	1	1	..	..	6	..	96	2	31	25	144
Paparoa ..	5	9	1	1	..	1	..	5	..	84	..	25	22	38
Dargaville ..	6	7	..	2	2	..	..	6	..	169	..	65	42	110
Ruawai ..	1	8	..	1	1	..	..	3	..	101	..	34	34	..
Whangarei ..	3	5	1	1	1	..	..	7	..	163	3	..	..	95
Whangaroa ..	2	7	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	44	..	21	48	..
Bay of Islands ..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	22	..	9	3	10
Port Albert ..	3	2	2	1	1	..	..	3	..	51	..	36	25	60
Hikurangi ..	1	5	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	58	..	18	31	46
Kawakawa-Ohaeawai ..	2	6	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	43	..	..	32	32
Mangonui ..	6	6	1	..	1	..	..	6	1	66	2	32	32	60
Hokianga ..	2	10	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	50	..	21	23	70
Helensville ..	1	5	1	..	..	1	..	9	..	47	..	13	13	40
Bombay-Tuakau ..	3	3	..	1	..	1	..	8	..	96	..	37	30	106
Kaukapakapa ..	2	7	2	2	..	1	..	3	..	56	..	..	..	35
North Hokianga ..	3	12	1	..	..	1	..	4	2	81	..	98	62	78
TOTALS ..	97	115	48	34	55	13	1	164	13	5113	31	1493	1194	4280

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Thames ..	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	104	..	39	34	70
Hauraki Plains ..	2	4	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	63	4	41	25	41
Paeroa ..	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	53	..	23	12	40
Waihi ..	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	3	3	71	..	34	47	90
Te Aroha ..	4	1	1	1	1	..	..	7	..	215	..	68	47	157
Morrinsville ..	3	4	1	2	2	..	..	6	..	178	..	177	88	155
Cambridge ..	3	1	2	1	1	..	..	8	..	128	..	27	26	90
Hamilton ..	4	3	2	1	2	..	..	14	..	407	..	..	70	254
Hamilton East ..	3	3	2	1	1	..	..	10	..	158	..	40	..	..
Huntly ..	1	7	..	..	1	..	..	4	..	102	..	38	67	70
Matamata ..	3	2	..	1	1	..	..	7	..	143	..	22	34	130
Putaruru ..	1	2	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	56	..	6	15	40
Rotorua ..	2	2	1	1	3	..	..	1	..	83	..	9	17	75
Tauranga ..	1	9	1	1	1	..	..	5	..	168	..	40	20	100
Whakatane ..	2	1	..	1	1	..	..	3	..	83	4	39	53	42
Opotiki ..	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	31	..	26	14	20
Te Awamutu ..	2	7	1	1	1	..	..	8	..	152	4	36	42	160
Otorohanga ..	1	6	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	69	..	49	26	60
Te Kuiti ..	1	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	70	..	34	36	35
Taumarunui ..	1	7	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	80	..	28	37	55
Ngaruawahia ..	3	1	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	36	..	22	16	31
Kawhia ..	1	5	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	39	..	6	20	..
Te Puke ..	1	3	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	58	..	6	20	20
Coromandel ..	1	7	1	1	..	1	..	3	4	30	..	10	6	35
TOTALS ..	46	79	17	23	24	2	..	93	7	2577	12	820	772	1770

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1940.

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	2	13	..	522	..	119	136	340
Waitara ..	3	3	2	1	1	..	..	3	..	107	..	52	53	109
Stratford ..	5	..	1	1	1	..	..	11	..	180	..	32	55	115
Eltham-Kaponga ..	2	6	2	2	1	..	..	9	..	148	..	21	33	105
Hawera ..	3	3	2	1	1	..	..	9	..	240	..	50	50	250
Manaia ..	2	2	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	75	4	32	28	64
Opunake ..	6	5	3	3	1	1	..	11	..	182	..	69	114	200
Wanganui ..	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	306	..	53	32	250
Wanganui North ..	3	1	3	2	1	..	..	7	..	180	..	58	18	110
Gonville ..	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	95	..	45	30	70
Marton ..	1	3	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	55	..	17	23	45
Taihape ..	1	3	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	41	..	18	21	36
Inglewood ..	2	1	1	1	..	1	..	3	..	90	..	27	33	70
Raetihi ..	2	1	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	39	..	16	26	20
Patea ..	2	3	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	49	..	8	22	40
Ohura ..	3	7	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	53	2	31	37	40
Douglas ..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTALS ..	50	41	21	21	14	8	2	81	..	2362	6	648	711	1864

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT

Napier ..	5	..	2	1	2	..	..	14	..	348	..	98	110	250
Hastings ..	1	1	2	1	1	..	..	8	..	429	..	117	137	250
Gisborne ..	4	1	1	1	1	..	..	9	..	187	..	86	64	145
Wairoa ..	1	3	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	40	..	10	46	60
Dannevirke ..	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	3	2	126	..	58	77	75
Woodville ..	1	3	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	92	..	6	25	65
Pahiatua ..	3	2	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	84	3	32	31	97
P.N. St. Paul's ..	1	2	1	1	2	..	..	9	..	230	..	25	38	150
P.N. Cuba Street ..	2	..	2	1	1	..	..	5	..	183	..	50	45	120
Ashhurst-Buunythorpe ..	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	82	..	7	25	86
Feilding ..	6	2	3	2	1	1	..	6	..	337	..	99	128	240
Sanson-Rongotea ..	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	107	..	31	27	80
Waipawa ..	2	3	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	59	..	47	31	33
Foxton-Shannon ..	2	3	1	1	..	1	..	3	..	70	..	8	14	45
Apiti ..	2	2	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	72	6	19	38	40
Norsewood ..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	56	..	8	12	35
TOTALS ..	39	22	16	16	13	5	..	67	2	2502	9	701	848	1771

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

Wellington Central ..	3	..	3	2	6	..	..	7	..	417	..	20	20	350
„ Webb Street ..	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	26	..	..	..	40
„ Thorndon ..	4	1	3	2	2	..	..	12	..	310	..	123	91	290
„ South ..	1	..	2	1	1	..	..	2	..	208	..	25	78	150
„ East ..	5	..	2	2	5	..	..	7	..	387	..	154	162	352
Johnsonville-Ngaio ..	5	4	2	2	3	..	..	9	..	232	..	109	52	140
Hutt ..	4	..	1	1	4	..	..	12	..	386	..	98	200	270
Petone ..	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	174	..	60	45	100
Greytown-Featherston ..	2	1	2	1	2	..	..	1	..	65	..	31	24	48
Carterton ..	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	109	..	33	37	50
Masterton ..	3	3	2	1	1	..	..	4	..	240	..	181	86	260
Eketahuna ..	2	7	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	91	..	57	64	30
Levin ..	1	1	2	1	2	1	..	1	..	157	..	69	47	150
Otaki ..	3	..	..	1	2	1	..	2	..	103	..	33	9	78
Paraparamu ..	4	1	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	58	2	20	9	47
Upper Hutt ..	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	52	..	16	70	50
TOTALS ..	44	19	23	19	32	4	..	72	..	3015	2	1029	994	2405

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1940

NELSON DISTRICT

CIRCUITS	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Class Leaders	Church Membership				
										Members on Roll	On Probation	Junior Members	Infant Members	Communicants
Nelson	1	1	4	1	1	..	..	12	..	301	..	30	112	250
Richmond	4	..	3	1	1	..	..	10	..	189	10	25	20	160
Wakefield-Dovedale	5	1	1	..	1	..	..	5	..	41	..	16	13	50
Motueka	1	3	2	1	1	..	..	6	..	96	7	17	22	100
Blenheim	5	4	4	3	2	..	..	12	..	353	..	82	98	325
Reefton	2	2	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	79	..	37	72	42
Westport	2	2	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	104	..	50	66	65
Greymouth	3	3	1	1	1	..	..	5	..	204	2	80	90	130
Hokitika	2	3	1	1	1	..	..	..	2	76	..	20	28	60
Murchison	1	7	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	23	..	19	18	25
Granity	3	5	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	64	..	20	56	50
Havelock	4	10	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	46	..	41	35	30
TOTALS ..	33	41	18	12	9	4	..	58	2	1576	19	437	630	1287

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Durham Street	2	1	3	1	9	..	..	5	..	314	..	66	40	342
Christchurch East	7	1	6	3	5	1	..	15	..	607	..	209	151	397
Cambridge Terrace	3	..	2	2	1	..	..	6	..	153	..	31	15	125
Woolston	5	..	5	1	3	..	..	6	..	294	..	110	60	225
Sydenham	2	..	3	2	1	..	..	5	..	212	..	80	140	120
Addington	2	..	2	1	2	..	..	5	..	260	..	130	67	265
Riccarton	3	1	2	2	1	..	..	3	..	140	..	65	54	130
St. Albans	3	..	2	2	4	..	..	6	..	398	..	108	70	325
Papanui	3	..	1	2	1	..	..	3	..	193	..	101	45	195
Lytelton	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	71	..	35	6	58
Springston	5	2	2	1	1	..	..	8	..	117	..	46	15	125
Tai Tapu	3	1	1	1	..	1	..	2	..	70	..	19	11	50
Leeston	7	..	1	1	1	..	..	5	..	289	..	40	30	130
Kaiapoi	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	132	..	35	65	70
Ohoka	4	..	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	81	..	27	20	70
Rangiora	3	..	2	1	1	..	..	4	..	179	..	29	20	106
Woodend-Sefton	4	2	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	100	..	25	33	65
Greendale	2	5	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	69	..	23	36	44
Oxford	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	66	2	16	13	56
Hawarden	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	32	..	28	19	12
Waddington	4	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	51	..	19	8	28
TOTALS ..	66	16	38	28	36	3	..	88	..	3828	2	1242	918	2938

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1940.

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

CIRCUITS	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Class Leaders	Church Membership				
										Members on Roll	On Probation	Junior Members	Infant Members	Communi-cants
Timaru (Bank's Street) ..	1	3	1	1	1	..	..	9	..	177	..	61	43	167
Timaru (Woodlands Street)	2	1	2	1	1	..	..	4	..	215	..	70	50	190
Timaru South	3	1	1	..	1	..	..	2	..	90	..	..	..	60
Waimate	2	1	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	181	..	64	68	100
Temuka	1	2	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	98	..	37	30	70
Geraldine	1	2	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	99	..	25	28	80
Ashburton	3	3	1	1	1	..	1	11	..	306	..	73	40	225
Willowby	6	5	3	2	1	..	..	11	..	133	..	37	40	112
Oamaru	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	170	..	50	15	130
Rakaia-Methven	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	45	..	12	20	35
TOTALS ..	24	18	12	9	8	1	1	45	..	1514	..	429	334	1169

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

Dunedin, Trinity ..	3	..	3	1	2	1	..	9	..	274	..	64	45	200
" Central Mission ..	1	1	1	1	2	..	1	1	..	178	..	..	88	200
" Dundas Street ..	1	..	1	2	1	..	..	3	..	136	1	44	13	140
" Cargill Road ..	2	1	3	1	1	1	..	5	..	163	..	40	70	125
" St. Kilda ..	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	160	..	30	40	160
" Caversham ..	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	152	..	35	24	100
" Mornington ..	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	180	..	35	36	160
" Roslyn ..	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	78	..	17	7	60
Port Chalmers ..	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	77	3	13	12	40
Balclutha ..	2	1	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	87	..	30	14	35
Milton ..	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	72	..	14	20	40
Roxburgh ..	3	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	58	4	22	16	70
Invercargill, Central	2	1	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	308	..	87	62	220
Invercargill, St. Peters	2	1	1	2	1	..	..	3	..	200	..	71	24	175
Bluff ..	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	100	..	38	26	25
Gore ..	2	1	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	113	..	23	79	80
Ravensbourne-Broad Bay	3	..	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	63	..	40	32	33
Maori Hill ..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	70	..	14	11	52
Waikouaiti ..	2	2	..	1	..	1	..	2	2	28	..	4	5	20
Lawrence ..	1	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	24	..	6	10	16
Mosgiel ..	1	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	49	..	12	12	34
Edendale ..	2	1	..	1	..	1	..	1	1	59	..	17	23	40
Cromwell ..	2	2	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	44	..	18	22	41
Otautau-Tuatapere ..	3	..	3	1	..	1	..	3	..	54	..	35	18	30
Nightcaps ..	2	2	2	1	..	1	..	2	2	37	..	10	16	21
Riverton ..	2	3	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	57	..	9	9	37
TOTALS ..	48	20	29	27	19	12	2	49	7	2821	8	728	734	2154

That in view of the need of *being far*
in excess of funds as present *for H.M.*
to the A.M. funds & the absence of sufficient
funds, that a programme of education
of the birds be undertaken. *Deputation*
could be organized

SUMMARY OF GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1940.

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	97	115	48	34	55	13	1	164	13	5113	31	1493	1194	4280
South Auckland	46	79	17	23	24	2	..	93	7	2577	12	820	772	1770
Taranaki-Wanganui	50	41	21	21	14	8	2	81	..	2362	6	648	711	1864
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	39	22	16	16	13	5	..	67	2	2502	9	701	848	1771
Wellington	44	19	23	19	32	4	..	72	..	3015	2	1029	994	2405
Nelson	33	41	18	12	9	4	..	58	2	1576	19	437	630	1287
North Canterbury	66	16	38	28	36	3	..	88	..	3828	2	1242	918	2938
South Canterbury	24	18	12	9	8	1	1	45	..	1514	..	429	334	1169
Otago-Southland	48	20	29	27	19	12	2	49	7	2821	8	728	734	2154
TOTALS, 1940	447	371	222	189	210	52	6	717	31	25308	89	7527	7135	19638
TOTALS, 1939	444	372	222	189	209	49	6	748	50	25393	112	7808	6876	19638
Increase	3	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	259	..
Decrease .. ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	31	19	85	23	281	..	..

MAORI RETURNS.

Churches .. ..	..	19	Deaconesses .. ..	..	13
Other Preaching Places .. ..	..	265	Local Preachers .. ..	..	145
Ministers .. ..	..	4	Class Leaders and S.S. Teachers .. ..	..	65
Home Missionaries .. ..	..	32	Members .. ..	..	3255
			J. and Infant Members .. ..	..	3405

DISTRICT STATISTICAL RETURN—SUNDAY SCHOOL AND Y.P. SECTION

DISTRICT	Cradle Roll		Sunday School														No. of T'ch'rs and Officers	
			No. Now on Roll						Average Attendance									
	No. on Roll	Recd. during year	Beginners	Primary	Junior	Intermediate	Total	Beginners	Primary	Junior	Intermediate	Total	Men	Women				
Auckland	852	220	677	891	1179	1212	3959	439	597	846	852	2734	211	396				
South Auckland ..	343	72	307	449	561	487	1804	232	299	399	350	1280	72	160				
Taranaki-Wanganui ..	460	113	412	404	553	537	1906	275	275	388	386	1324	83	160				
Hawkes Bay-																		
Manawatu	494	133	373	345	567	439	1724	254	246	420	333	1253	83	130				
Wellington	546	148	593	516	863	689	2661	368	324	595	501	1788	152	222				
Nelson	296	104	288	235	346	307	1176	188	162	260	223	834	51	112				
North Canterbury ..	552	161	337	656	699	768	2481	No Return					129	258				
South Canterbury ..	207	64	114	171	252	228	765	75	121	192	182	570	46	89				
Otago-Southland ..	506	149	353	390	576	485	1804	224	277	414	356	1271	101	184				
Total this Year ..	4256	1164	3454	4057	5596	5152	18280	2055	2301	3514	3183	11054	928	1711				
Total previous Year	3911	1108	3302	3881	5678	5163	18024	2019	2629	3946	3769	12363	938	1670				
Increase	345	56	152	176	..	..	256	299	..	..	..	..	..	41
Decrease .. ..	..	..	..	..	82	11	..	..	328	432	586	1309	10	..

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				No. Members.	No. Members	
		Junior	Intermdt.	Senior	Total		Junior	Intermdt.	Senior	Total			Average Attendance
Auckland	157	267	212	270	749	549	229	178	271	678	489	455	1863
South Auckland	77	144	94	166	404	283	101	67	149	317	226	238	826
Taranaki-Wanganui	57	118	65	142	325	219	109	44	93	246	160	198	854
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	59	111	92	112	315	216	81	84	90	255	180	215	112
Wellington	107	201	114	201	516	369	178	102	189	469	330	352	1308
Nelson	49	78	36	72	186	142	48	19	81	148	117	114	72
North Canterbury	105	154	139	128	421	No return	157	126	176	459	No return	319	1793
South Canterbury	39	71	32	62	165	119	58	23	51	132	96	158	589
Otago-Southland	73	135	96	99	330	257	135	75	107	317	229	207	204
Total this Year	723	1279	880	1252	3411	2154	1096	718	1207	3021	1827	2256	7621
Total previous Year	786	1327	951	1478	3756	2712	1113	843	1477	3433	2411	4635	13263
Increase .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Decrease	63	48	71	226	345	558	19	125	270	412	584	2379	5642

N.B.—It appears that there has been some misinterpretation of figures required under the section "Church Membership," therefore figures included on this schedule cannot be interpreted as accurate.

1940 STATISTICAL RETURNS FOR THE SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT.

	Vella			Boug.		Totals
	Roviana	Lavella	Choiseul	Buka		
Churches	32	23	32	121		208
Other Preaching Places ..	17	1	6	27		51
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	50	27	40	156		273
Native Medical Assistants & Nurses	8	12	5	4		29
Local Preachers	60	40	19	36		155
Class Leaders	54	35	38	16		143
European Members	8	8	4	12		32
Native Members, Senior ..	2522	1154	1458	495		5629
Native Members, Junior ..	1310	828	933	268		3339
On Trial and Baptisms ..	122	206	287	93		708
Deaths	15	27	47	68		157
Sunday Schools	11	14	8	5		38
Sunday School Scholars ..	455	327	334	279		1395
Day Schools	33	23	32	142		230
Day School Teachers ..	55	30	42	166		293
Day School Scholars ..	1467	512	941	2011		4931
Adherents	3875	2188	2937	8189		17189

STATE OF CIRCUITS FUNDS (By Districts) as at September 30th, 1940.

DISTRICTS	DEBITS			CREDITS		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland	642	19	3	204	1	11
South Auckland	575	12	2	178	13	6
Taranaki-Wanganui	336	18	7	138	15	10
Hawkes' Bay-Manawatu ..	202	4	2	113	9	3
Wellington	383	0	2	406	3	10
Nelson	211	10	3	23	13	5
North Canterbury	321	5	6	184	10	8
South Canterbury	36	11	5	336	17	7
Otago-Southland	473	10	11	186	3	2
Totals, 1940	£3,183	12	5	£1,772	9	2
Totals, 1939	£4,737	10	7	£905	7	10
Decrease	£1,553	18	2			
Increase .. ..	..	..	..	£867	1	4

Improvement of Position.

	£	s.	d.
1940	2,420	19	6
1939	50	17	2
1938	923	10	2
1937	2,415	5	7
1936	2,159	17	11

Balance Sheet December, 1940.

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	£	s.	d.
Cash Balance Auckland Savings Bank ..	66	13	9
Loan Pitt Street Trustees	709	17	7
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	£776	11	4

JAS. P. BLAIR
C. K. WIGGLESWORTH } Auditors.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND—YOUTH DEPARTMENT.
Statement of Income and Expenditure for Year Ended 30th September, 1940.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£ s. d.
To Salaries—Youth Directors (3) ..			790 0 0	By Contributions from—			
„ House Allowances ..			298 7 6	Circuits	731	1 10	
„ Connexional Charges, etc. ..			84 7 0	Y.W.B.C. Movement ..	425	0 0	
„ Travelling Expenses, etc. ..			231 0 4	Y.M.B.C. Movement ..	425	0 0	
„ Administration and Office Expenses			86 2 8	Connexional Fire Ins. Fund ..	75	0 0	
„ Y.D. Property Trustees :							1656 1 10
For Preliminary Expenses ..	32	0	7	„ Proceeds Conference Youth Dem-			
Annual Debt Reduction				onstration			25 14 6
Payment	50	0	0	„ Interest P.O.S.B. Account ..			16 18 4
			82 0 7				
„ Cost of Booklets published ..	57	7	4				
Less Contribution received ..	25	9	3				
			31 18 1				
„ Contribution to Dominion Leader							
and Teacher Training Committee							
Expenses			30 0 0				
„ Supplies, etc., Correspondence Sun-							
day School	21	19	0				
Less Contributions received ..	1	18	0				
			20 1 0				
„ Surplus Transferred to Capital A/c.			44 17 6				
			£1,698 14 8				£1,698 14 8

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND—YOUTH DEPARTMENT.

Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1940.

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LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Sundry Creditors, Credit Balances and Sales in Advance				Office Furniture and Equipment ..	62	2	6
Loan from S.S. Executive Council for Publications				Less Depreciation	16	19	6
Capital Account :							
Balance as at 30/9/39	1703	6	9	Connexional Grant			100 0 0
Less Transfer Grant from Sites Fund to Property Trustees	75	0	0	Literature Stock and Supplies ..			46 13 5
				Sundry Debtors			159 17 8
	1628	6	9	Cash in Hand	743	18	7
Add Contributions during year to Capital Fund	6	3	3	Cash at National Bank	517	3	7
Surplus for Year	44	17	6	Petty Cash and Imprest Accounts ..	37	1	8
				P.O.S.B. : Current Account ..	172	4	11
				Depreciation Account	96	1	11
	1679	7	6				1566 10 8
	£1,922	4	9				£1,922 4 9

H. W. HEYHOE, Treasurer.

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS MOVEMENT.

Income and Expenditure Account for Year Ended 30th September, 1940.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Administration Expenses ..			47 14 10	By Thankoffering ..			590 9 5
„ Convention			15 0 1	„ Camp Missionary Offering ..	14	9	3
„ Youth Board			425 0 0	„ Special Centennial Offering ..	3	5	0
„ Special Organising Expenses ..			4 0 5				17 14 3
„ Foreign Missions : Budget Grant ..	40	4	8	„ Interest, P.O.S.B.			2 12 2
Camp Offering ..	8	17	1				
			49 1 9				
„ Home Missions : Budget Grant ..	40	4	8				
Camp Offering ..	8	17	2				
			49 1 10				
„ Trading Department :							
Stock written off			11 18 1				
„ Excess Income over Expenditure, Transferred to Accumulated Fund			8 18 10				
			£610 15 10				£610 15 10

Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1940.

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I report that I have audited the Books, Accounts and Vouchers of the Movement for the year ended 30th September, 1940, and have obtained all the information and explanations I have required. In my opinion the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the Movement's affairs as at the 30th September, 1940, according to the best of my information and the explanations given to me, and as shown by the books of the Movement.

P. E. PATTRICK, F.P.A.N.Z., Auditor.

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS MOVEMENT.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ending 30th September, 1940.

RECEIPTS				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Cash in Banks, 1st Oct., 1939	..						971	9	0
Contributions from Unions :									
1939-40	..	..	..	2	2	6			
1940-41	..	..	..	755	0	0			
				<hr/>			757	2	6
Interest from Post Office Savings Bank							4	18	6
Balance from Convention	..		..				7	1	10
National Leadership Schools Committee							1	7	3
Balance from Trading Dept.	..		..				22	1	1
Sale of Stock held by Youth Board							1	0	5
General :									
Insurance on Camp Cooks	..		..	1	0	8			
Agendas	..	..	..	4	7	0			
Correspondence B.C. Member	..		..	0	3	0			
Sundries	..	..	..	0	0	8			
				<hr/>			5	11	4
Donations :									
Sister Nicholls Room Fund	..		..	1	12	0			
Sister Nicholls for purchase of Bibles				3	11	0			
Taranaki Maori Girls' School	..		..	5	0	0			
Sister Ada Lee's English Lesson Book				16	17	2			
				<hr/>			27	0	2
							<hr/>		
							£1,797	12	1

PAYMENTS				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Youth Board : Contribution 1940-41 ..				425	0	0			
B.C. Booklets ..				5	0	0			
							430	0	0
Overseas Missions ..							210	0	0
Home Missions ..							160	0	0
Grants :									
Dominion Leadership Training Com.				10	0	0			
Less Refunded ..				5	15	2			
							4	4	10
Youth Cte. C.R.E. ..							3	0	0
"Link" Management Committee ..				10	0	0			
"Link" to Missionary Sisters ..				0	8	0			
							10	8	0
Donations :									
Sister Nicholls for purchase of Bibles				3	11	0			
Sister Nicholls Room Fund ..				1	12	0			
Taranaki Maori Girls' School ..				5	0	0			
							10	3	0
Cost Sister Ada Lee's English lesson									
Book ..							5	10	9
Administration and General :									
Sundries (including Agendas £4/12/4)				18	16	8			
Insurance on Camp Cooks ..				1	0	0			
Half Cost Day of Prayer Leaflets ..				4	2	6			
Fellowship of Prayer Leaflets ..				6	17	6			
							30	16	8
Balance :									
Bank of New Zealand ..				793	10	4			
Post Office Savings Bank ..				139	18	6			
							933	8	10
							£1,797	12	1

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS MOVEMENT.

Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1940.

LIABILITIES					ASSETS				
				£ s. d.					£ s. d.
Amount Budgeted..	..	..	..	855 0 0	Cash in Banks	..	..	..	933 8 10
Ada Lee Book Fund	..	..	..	11 6 5	Typewriters	..	..	..	10 0 0
Balance ..	..	..	..	77 2 5					
				<u>£943 8 10</u>					<u>£943 8 10</u>

I have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Movement for the year ended 30th September, 1940, and certify that the above accounts set out the true and correct position of the Movement at that date according to the best of my information and the explanations given to me.

A. E. JOHNSTON, Hon. Treasurer.

Wellington, 22nd October, 1940.

T. M. STEPHENS, A.R.A.N.Z.,

Hon. Auditor.

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

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year Ending 31st October, 1940.

RECEIPTS		£	s.	d.
1940, Oct. 31st—				
To Rents and Interest Collected ..	..	4044	0	8
„ Bank of New Zealand—Balance due ..	..	1028	7	6
„ Emsly Trust—Receipts ..	..	108	6	6
„ Emsly Trust Deposit Account ..	..	400	0	0
		£5,580	14	8

EXPENDITURE		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1939, Oct. 31st—							
By Balance due Bank of N.Z. ..	..				1328	2	8
1940, Oct. 31st—							
By General Expenses—							
Repairs, Maintenance and							
Renovations ..	..	1093	16	8			
Rates ..	..	658	19	0			
Insurance Premiums ..	..	160	1	10			
Interest ..	..	1516	6	6			
Land Tax ..	..	162	0	4			
Audit Fee ..	..	8	8	0			
Secretary's Salary ..	..	50	0	0			
Commission on Rents and							
Interest collected ..	..	101	2	0			
Sundries ..	..	11	7	8			
					3762	2	0
„ Emsly Trust—Disbursements ..	..				90	10	0
„ Theological College Trustees ..	..				400	0	0
					£5,580	14	8

Examined and found correct.

J. A. GENTLES, F.P.A.N.Z.

LEONARD KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z.

Auckland, 14th November, 1940.

Auditors.

JAS. TYLER, Chairman.

Balance Sheet, 31st October, 1940.

We have examined the Books and Accounts of the Probert Trust Board for the year ended 31st October, 1940 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, 1940 as shown by the Books.

JAS. TYLER, Chairman.

Auckland, 14th November, 1940.

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

Revenue Account for the Year Ending 31st October, 1940.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1939, Oct. 31st—						
To Balance	630	18	10			
1940, Oct. 31st—						
To Rents Accrued	4,039	18	2			
„ Interest Accrued	9	10	0			
By Rents Received				4,034	10	8
„ Interest Received				9	10	0
„ Rents Written off				48	5	4
„ Balance				588	1	0
	<u>£4,680</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>£4,680</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>

Examined and found correct.

J. A. GENTLES, F.P.A.N.Z.
LEONARD KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z.

} Auditors.

JAS. TYLER, Chairman.

Auckland,
14th November, 1940.

STATEMENT

The Martin Brothers Memorial Rest Home Trust Board for year ending 31st October, 1940.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand 31st October, 1939				104	14	9
Auckland Savings Bank				229	17	4
				<u>334</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>1</u>
Sale of Flag Pole				4	10	0
Rent to 5th Oct., 1940, less collecting fee				102	12	0
Bank Interest to 31st March, 1940				6	0	0
				<u>447</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>1</u>
Rates to 31st May, 1940	24	13	1			
Insurance	1	15	0			
Land Tax	2	5	10			
Roof Repairs	12	17	6			
General Repairs	24	0	0			
Rates to 31st May, 1941	23	9	7			
Land Tax	2	5	10			
Insurance	1	15	0			
				<u>93</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>10</u>
				<u>354</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>3</u>
Bank Account No. 1	235	17	4			
Bank Account No. 2	118	14	11			
	<u>354</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>£354</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>3</u>

THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS.

Revenue Account for the Year Ended 31st December, 1940.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Rates and Taxes	182	12	11	By Interest	532	18	2
„ Repairs and Maintenance—Wellington ..	134	14	0	„ Rents	972	18	0
„ General Expenses	120	14	9				
„ Legal Expenses	14	17	0				
„ Insurances	14	6	9				
„ Balance carried down	1038	10	9				
	£1,505	16	2		£1,505	16	2
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Grant to Rangiatea Maori Girls' School	300	0	0	By Balance brought down	1038	10	9
„ Masterton Home Expenses :				„ Interest received on account of Masterton Home	215	7	0
Cash remitted to Masterton ..	622	0	6	„ Excess of Expenditure over Income transferred to Capital Account	12	17	11
Repairs and Maintenance ..	137	15	8				
Depreciation	150	0	0				
Loss on Playhouse fire	56	19	6				
	966	15	8				
	£1,266	15	8		£1,266	15	8

THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS.

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1940.

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J. A. KELLOW, A.P.A.N.Z., Secretary.

I have examined the Books, Accounts and Vouchers of the Board of the Wellington Methodist Charitable and Educational Endowments for the year ended 31st December, 1940, and I certify that in my opinion the above Balance Sheet exhibits a true and correct view of the position of the Board, as shown by the said Books at date 31st December, 1940.

Wellington, 15th January, 1940.

G. T. WITHERS, A.R.A.N.Z., Auditor.

Statement for Year Ending 30th September, 1940.

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Mortgage Account—Auckland Savings Bank.

Oct. 1st, 1939—		£ s. d.						£ s. d.
Balance due	55	0	0	
Interest .. .. .	..	..	..	..	0	12	4	
					<hr/>			
					<u>£55 12 4</u>			
					<hr/> <hr/>			

Dec. 22nd, 1939—								£ s. d.
Cash Paid .. .. .	..	..	..	..	55	12	4	
					<hr/>			
					<u>£55 12 4</u>			
					<hr/> <hr/>			

Property Account.

	£	s.	d.
Trustees Value in Land—Govt. Valuation	17,403	0	0
Trustees Value in Buildings	5,000	0	0
Loan to Pitt Street Buildings Trustees ..	500	0	0
Balance in Auckland Savings Bank 30/9/1940	80	5	8
	<u>£22,983</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>8</u>

Government Valuation of Shops, £13,755; Colleges, £9,150;
Total £22,905.

We have examined the Bank Book and vouchers and found same correct.

JAS. P. BLAIR }
C. K. WIGGLESWORTH } Auditors.

JOHN W. SHACKELFORD, Secretary.

JAMES AND MARTHA TROUNSON BENEVOLENT FUND TRUST BOARD.
Income and Expenditure Account for the period January 1st to December 16th, 1940.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Stamps .. .. .	..	3	0 0	By Interest—Auckland Savings Bank ..	..	4	4 8
„ Bank Charges and Cheques ..	..	2	10 0	„ Interest Inscribed Stock .. ..	..	391	5 4
„ Secretary's Honorarium ..	..	25	0 0	„ Balance—being excess of Expenditure over			
„ Rent .. .. .	..	5	0 0	Income for the period .. ..	..	14	12 6
„ Grants .. .. .	..					
			35 10 0				
			374 12 6				
			£410 2 6			£410	2 6

Balance Sheet as at close of the day on December 16th, 1940.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS				
		£	s. d.		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Accumulated Trust Funds at start of year	..	11,406	8 4	N.Z. Govt. Inscribed Stock :				
Less excess of Expenditure over Income for				3%—1941 Maturity value			5590	0 0
the period	.. .. .	14	12 6	4%—1946 Maturity value			5590	0 0
				Cash Balances at Bankers :				
				Auckland Savings Bank		146	3 1	
				Bank of New Zealand	.. 131	12 9		
				Less Unpresented cheques	66	0 0		
						65	12 9	
							211	15 10
							£11,391	15 10

J. S. CAUGHEY }
H. RANSTON } Treasurers.

376 Queen Street, Auckland, C.I.
December, 20th, 1940.

Audited and found correct.

JOHN E. ASTLEY, Auditor.

EMSLY TRUST BOARD.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year Ending 31st October, 1940.

RECEIPTS				£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE				£	s.	d.
1939, Oct. 31st—							1940, Oct. 31st—						
To Balance .. .. .	..	..	..	4	18	11	By Theological College .. .. .	..	..	..	90	0	0
1940, Oct. 31st—							„ Legal Costs .. .. .	..	..	..	0	10	0
To Interest from Mortgage .. .. .	..	..	..	4	10	0	„ Balance .. .. .	..	..	..	22	15	5
„ Interest from Deposit .. .. .	..	..	..	103	16	6							
				<u>£113</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>					<u>£113</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

Investment Account.

				£	s.	d.					£	s.	d.
1940, Oct. 31st—							1940, Oct. 31st—						
To Capital .. .. .	..	..	..	1,900	0	0	By Deposit at call with Probert Trust Board .. .. .	..	..	..	1,900	0	0
				<u>£1,900</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>					<u>£1,900</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Audited and found correct.

A. J. BUTTLE, Auditor.

Auckland, 14th November, 1940.

J. TYLER, Treasurer.

GREY INSTITUTE TRUST.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 30th September, 1940.

RECEIPTS					PAYMENTS				
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
To	Balance 1st October, 1939	..			64	8	8		
"	Rents .. .. .	..	655	3	0				
"	Interest .. .. .	..	28	7	0				
"	Consent Fees .. .. .	..	3	3	0				
"	Withdrawal of Principal from New Plymouth Savings Bank	..	230	0	0				
					916	13	0		
					£981	1	8		

By	Salary .. .. .	..			50	0	0
"	Remittance to H.M. Board .. .. .	..			300	0	0
"	Land Tax 1938-39 .. .. .	..			46	12	3
"	Borough Rates .. .. .	..			21	16	7
"	Audit Fee .. .. .	..			2	2	0
"	Cheque Book and Bank Charge .. .. .	..			1	5	0
"	Postages and Petties .. .. .	..			3	0	0
"	Mission House Property :						
	Formation of Entrance .. .. .	..	19	8	9		
	Water Heater .. .. .	..	30	17	11		
	Erection of Church .. .. .	..	408	10	0		
	Renovations .. .. .	..	2	17	6		
	Insurances .. .. .	..	3	1	0		
	Bursaries to Rangiatea Maori Girls' School .. .. .	..	30	0	0		
					494	15	2
"	Balance at Bank of N.S.W. .. .. .	..			61	10	8
					£981	1	8

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 30th September, 1940, and also the attached Receipts and Payments Account relating to the Rangiatea Maori Girls School for the period of seven months ended 30th September, 1940. All receipts as shown by the Secretary's books have been duly banked, and vouchers have been produced for all payments. I have also checked the credits to the respective tenants' accounts and found these in order.

New Plymouth, 12th Nov., 1940.

VAL DUFF, Public Accountant, Auditor.

KAI IWI MISSION FARM ACCOUNT.
Statement for Year Ended 30th September, 1940.

EXPENDITURE					INCOME				
				£ s. d.					£ s. d.
Balance, 30th Sept., 1939	..	..		101 5 3	Land Tax	..	..	..	7 14 7
Rent:					Disbursements	..	..	..	3 3 0
January	..	..	..	155 10 3	Edgar Smith—4 Instalments surrender com-				
August	..	..	..	155 10 3	pensation	..	..	..	68 0 0
					Treasurer	..	..	..	200 0 0
					Marton Brick and Tile Coy.	..	..	..	23 4 0
					Amalgamated Brick and Tile	..	..	..	62 4 3
					Bank keep	..	..	..	0 10 0
					Balance	..	..	..	47 9 11
				<u>£412 5 9</u>					<u>£412 5 9</u>

12th November, 1940.

Audited and found correct.

C. J. SHARPE, Auditor.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ended 31st October, 1940.

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We have examined the Books and Vouchers of the Methodist Theological 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, 1940.

F. E. SUTHERLAND }
A. P. GRAHAM } Auditors.

TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

Reserve Fund.

			£	s.	d.
Cash in Bank, 1st November, 1939	9	6	4
Add Bank Interest	0	5	0
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Cash in Bank, 31st October, 1940	£9	11	4
			<hr/>		

FRANK M. WINSTONE, Hon. Treas.

New Organ Fund.

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Fund as at 1st November, 1939					385	17	5
Add: Dividends	..	..	15	7	6		
Bank Interest	..	..	2	8	8		
			<hr/>			17	16
						2	
Funds as at 31st October, 1940 ..					£403	13	7
					<hr/>		

FRANK M. WINSTONE, Hon. Treas.

Site Acquisition Fund.

			£	s.	d.
Bank Overdraft, 1st November, 1939	..		4,033	11	8
Add Bank Interest and Charges ..			184	11	3
			<hr/>		
			4,218	2	11
Less Deposits:					
General Account (Interest)	..	184	11	3	
Est. S. J. Ambury	25	0	0	
G. H. Gilling, Hamilton	..	30	0	0	
		<hr/>		239	11
				3	
Bank Overdraft, 31st Oct., 1940	..		£3,978	11	8
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FRANK M. WINTSONE }
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, 1940.

F. E. SUTHERLAND }
A. P. GRAHAM } Auditors.

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.
Farm Working Account for the Year Ended 31st December, 1940.

	£	s.	d.
To Wages and Salaries	1722	0	1
„ Stock Foods	334	18	9
„ Seeds and Manure	508	14	3
„ Lorry Expenses	201	13	5
„ Horse and Tractor Expenses	114	18	2
„ Sundries including Freight, Packing, Association Fees and Stock Dips	270	13	10
„ Depreciation written off	49	10	7
„ Repairs and Maintenance	48	4	1
„ Power and Light	64	16	1
„ Rates and Insurance	29	14	0
„ Advertising—Live Stock	19	10	4
„ Net Profit transferred to Income and Expenditure Account	2418	12	8
	<u>£5,783</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>

By	Gross Profit on :	£	s.	d.
	No. 1 Dairy and Cattle	3288	7	7
	No. 2 Dairy and Cattle	1098	7	1
	No. 3 Dairy	238	0	0
	Garden	205	14	8
	Pigs	314	1	5
	Poultry	191	19	0
	Sheep	469	19	1
		<u>5806</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>
„	Less Gross Loss on Bees	23	2	7

£5,783 6 3

We have compared the above account with the Departmental Accounts kept by your office, and certify that it is in accordance with the books.

HUTCHISON, ELLIFFE & CAMERON, Auditors.

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1940.

LIABILITIES						ASSETS							
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Loans on Fixed Deposit				2,650	0	0	Paerata Land at Cost	15,832	12	0			
Sundry Creditors				811	7	10	College Buildings at Cost	43,694	3	0			
Bank of New Zealand Long Term Mortgage Loan	10,833	12	6				Improvements to Paerata Property	13,165	1	5			
Plus Accrued Interest (Secured over Grafton Road and Paerata Properties)	153	9	7								72,691	16	
				10,987	2	1	City and Suburban Properties at Government Valuations:						
Bank of New Zealand Overdraft ..	17,912	14	1				Grafton	21,958	0	0			
Plus Accrued Interest (Secured over Three Kings, Mount Albert and Waikowhai Properties) ..	202	13	0				Mount Albert	11,920	0	0			
				18,115	7	1	Three Kings	5,425	0	0			
War Memorial Fund (Maori)	236	14	2				Waikowhai	4,255	0	0			
Plus Accrued Interest	14	4	1								43,558	0	0
				250	18	3	Improvements to Properties:						
Marianne Caughey Smith-Preston Scholarship Fund	2,028	0	0				Mount Albert	569	6	9			
Plus Accrued Interest	91	5	3				Waikowhai	174	1	1			
				2119	5	3					743	7	10
Stephen James Ambury Scholarship Fund	85	0	0				Plant and Machinery—Paerata ..	1,044	10	5			
Plus Accrued Interest	2	19	2				Less Depreciation	134	10	5			
				87	19	2					910	0	0
Capital Account:							Motor Vehicles—Paerata	937	0	3			
Balance at 1st Jan., 1940	95,566	9	3				Less Depreciation	77	15	3			
Plus Profit on Sale of Sections	80	0	9								859	5	0
Plus Revaluation of Suburban Properties	815	0	0				Furniture and Fittings—College ..	411	8	6			
							Equipment—College	1,446	7	1			
											1,857	15	7
							Less Depreciation	166	5	7			
											1,691	10	0
							Stock on Hand—Paerata:						
							Live Stock at Valuation	7,485	10	0			
							Produce and Sundry Stocks	1,220	0	0			
											8,705	10	0
	96,461	10	0										

Balance Sheet—continued.

Less Transfer to S. J. Ambury Scholarship Fund	48 0 0	
	<u>96,413 10 0</u>	
Plus Excess of Income over Ex- penditure	404 0 0	
	<u>96,817 10 0</u>	
		<u>£131,839 9 8</u>

Mt. Albert Estate and Three Kings :			
Estate Purchasers	379 4 5		
Plus Accrued Interest	2 5 3		
		381 9 8	
Loan on Mortgage	145 8 0		
Plus Accrued Interest	5 9 0		
		150 17 0	
Sundry Debtors :			
For Rent and Rates	377 13 0		
For Fees	473 19 4		
For Sundries	972 2 11		
	<u>1,823 15 3</u>		
Less Reserve for Bad Debts ..	90 0 0		
		1,733 15 3	
Payments in Advance		382 4 2	
Cash in Hand—Paerata and Office		31 14 4	
		<u>£131,839 9 8</u>	

LEONARD KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z., etc., General Secretary.

We certify that we have audited the above Balance Sheet, together with the books and vouchers relating thereto, and that in our opinion it exhibits a true and correct view of the state of the Trust as at the 31st December, 1940, 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, 1941.

HUTCHISON, ELLIFFE & CAMERON, Auditors.

RECEIVED BY THE BOARD OF THE
SOCIETY OF THE MOUNT ALBERT TRUST

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.
Farm Working Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1940.

To Net Loss on:	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	By Net Profit on:	£	s.	d.
Bees	178	6	10				No. 1 Dairy	2157	16	1
Garden	47	16	9				No. 2 Dairy	331	2	3
Poultry	30	15	0				No. 3 Dairy	51	5	2
				256	18	7	Pigs	43	13	9
Net Profit to Income and Ex-							Sheep	91	14	0
penditure Account ..				2,418	12	8				
				<u>£2,675</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>3</u>				
								<u>£2,675</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>3</u>

General Expenses Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1940.

To	£	s.	d.	By	£	s.	d.
Insurance	1	19	10	Dividends	100	0	0
Printing and Stationery	14	1	10	Sale of Stone	61	10	5
Rates	596	3	8	Reduction in Reserve for Bad Debts	10	0	0
Repairs and Maintenance	193	4	10	Balance Transferred to Income and Ex-			
Salaries	280	0	0	penditure Account	1109	18	9
Bad Debts written off	12	0	0				
Sundry Expenses	24	11	5				
Donations	17	7	6				
Legal and Collection Expenses	88	1	4				
Rent—Board Room	12	8	0				
Office Expenses	20	10	9				
Audit Fee	21	0	0				
	<u>£1,281</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>2</u>		<u>£1,281</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>2</u>

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.

Rent Received Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1940.

	£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
To Balance Transferred to Income and Ex-				By Rents Received from—				
penditure Account	2552	11	9	Grafton Road Property	1013	15	8	
				Three Kings Property	242	6	6	
				Mount Albert Property	852	12	7	
				Waikowhai Property	443	17	0	
	<u>£2,552</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>9</u>			<u>£2,552</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>9</u>

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ended the 31st December, 1940.

	£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
To Loss on College	1936	18	8	By Rents Received	2552	11	9	
„ General Expenses	1109	18	9	„ Profit from Farm	2418	12	8	
„ Interest	1520	7	0					
„ Excess of Income over Expenditure Trans-								
ferred to Capital Account	404	0	0					
	<u>£4,971</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>			<u>£4,971</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>

Interest Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1940.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Interest on Overdraft	881	1	6	By Interest from—						
„ Interest on Long Term Mortgage Loan ..	460	8	6	Mount Albert Estate	8	11	0			
„ Interest on Fixed Deposits	201	3	6	Three Kings Estate	6	8	6			
				Kawhia Property	7	7	0			
								22	6	6
				„ Balance Transferred to Income and				1520	7	0
				Expenditure Account						
	<u>£1,542</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>6</u>					<u>£1,542</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>6</u>

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.
College Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1940.

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Advertising				77	18	0
„ Bad Debts Written off ..				46	0	2
„ Increase in Bad Debts Reserve ..				14	0	0
„ Depreciation				167	5	7
„ Fuel and Light				417	15	7
„ Insurance				51	4	7
„ Provisions—						
Bread	252	12	6			
Dairy Produce	470	11	4			
Groceries	352	11	4			
Meat	279	7	11			
Sundry	179	0	7			
				1534	3	8
„ Repairs and Maintenance ..				262	11	11
„ Salaries				1662	6	1
„ Sports				4	16	9
„ Stationery and Books ..				34	19	10
„ Sundry Expenses				222	12	2
„ Wages				974	10	1
				<u>£5,470</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>

	£	s.	d.
By College Fees	4945	4	11
„ Laboratory Fees less Expenditure ..	25	6	5
„ Piano Fees less Expenditure ..	6	8	9
„ Boys' Stationery	19	5	8
„ Working Loss carried forward ..	473	18	8

£5,470 4 5

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Working Loss Brought forward ..				473	18	8
„ Beneficiary Work—						
European	213	0	0			
Island	30	0	0			
Maori	1220	0	0			
				1463	0	0
				<u>£1,936</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>8</u>

	£	s.	d.
By Balance Transferred to Income and Expenditure Account	1936	18	8

£1,936 18 8

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th September, 1940.

EXPENDITURE			
Church Sites Fund :	£	s.	d.
Grants : Mt. Maunganui ..	50	1	6
Karamu ..	8	8	0
Maeroa ..	35	0	0
Invercargill Central ..	50	0	0
		143	9 6
Administration :			
Authorised Appropriation ..	220	0	0
Stationery and General Expenses ..	76	13	4
		296	13 4
	£440	2	10

INCOME			
Church Sites Fund :	£	s.	d.
Grants : Fire Insurance Fund ..	50	0	0
Home Mission Fund ..	50	0	0
		100	0 0
Interest on Deposits ..		19	9 7
Grants Exceeding Revenue ..		23	19 11
Administration :			
Working Expenses Repaid ..	131	15	1
Trust Contributions ..	45	1	0
Interest on Arrears ..	18	13	7
Interest on Deposits ..	22	2	1
Hymn Book Commission Account ..	27	11	3
		245	3 0
Reserve Appropriation Account ..		51	10 4
		£440	2 10

Loans Account as at 30th September, 1940.

		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
To	Amount of Loans as at 30th Sept., 1939	..	21,433	2 8	By	Loans Repaid	..	2,868	12 11
„	New Loans Advanced	..	2,321	13 3	„	Amount of Loans as at 30th Sept., 1940	..	20,886	3 0
			<u>£23,754</u>	<u>15 11</u>				<u>£23,754</u>	<u>15 11</u>
To	Balance	..	£20,886	3 0					

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Christchurch, 15th October, 1940.

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Christchurch, 15th October, 1940.

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METHODIST CHURCH CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND.
Revenue Account for Year Ended 31st October. 1940.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£ s. d.
To Re-Insurance				711	2	2	1,953 15 4
„ Office Expenses :							321 8 9
Authorised Appropriation ..	380	0	0				79 6 11
Stationery and General Exps. ..	49	6	10				794 16 5
				429	6	10	262 14 5
„ Fire Losses	756	1	6				16 9 5
<i>less</i> Re-Insurance Cover ..	382	7	3				
				373	14	3	
„ Investment Contingency Res. A/c.				100	0	0	
„ Balance to P. and L. Appropriation Account				1,814	8	0	
				<u>£3,428</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>£3,428 11 3</u>

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M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.

Christchurch, 12th November, 1940.

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E. H. SMITH } Auditors.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND.

Balance Sheet as at 31st October, 1940.

LIABILITIES						ASSETS							
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Accumulated Fund				30,000	0	0	Mortgage Investments	8,584	15	9			
Fire Loss Reserve Account ..	3,565	0	0				Interest Accrued	79	6	11			
less Transfer to Accumulated Funds	2,000	0	0								8,664	2	8
	1,565	0	0				Debenture Investments	24,490	0	0			
plus Further Provision	1,000	0	0				Interest Accrued	262	14	5			
				2,565	0	0					24,752	14	5
Investment Contingency Reserve A/c.				1,265	11	1	Deposit :						
P. and L. Appropriation Account ..	1,248	9	4				P.O. Savings Bank	694	2	5			
less Appropriations Voted :							Supernumerary Fund	601	5	7			
(1) Ordinary Grants :							Balance at Bank of N.Z.	223	9	8			
Home Acquisition Fund £330											1,518	17	8
Deaconess House Fund 100							Levies in Arrear				10	6	2
Foreign Mission Fund 100													
Home Mission Fund 100													
Benevolent Fund .. 50													
Church Sites Fund .. 50													
Youth Department .. 50													
"Methodist Times" .. 175													
(2) Special Grants :													
Foreign Mission Fund £20													
Home Mission Fund 20													
Trinity College .. 150													
Youth Department .. 25													
Centennial Exhibition 20													
				1,190	0	0							

Unappropriated Balance ..	58	9	4		
<i>add</i> Balance from Revenue Account	1,814	8	0		
	1,872	17	4		
<i>less</i> Fire Loss Reserve Account ..	1,000	0	0		
				872	17 4
Levies Prepaid ..				233	12 6
Fire Claims Provision Account ..				9	0 0
				<u>£34,946</u>	<u>0 11</u>
					<u>£34,946 0 11</u>

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and attached Revenue Account and have compared them with the books of the Fund and certify to the correctness of the same. We have had all securities produced to us except those held by the Solicitors of the Fund or deposited with the Bank of New Zealand, whose certificates have been accepted by us. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the fund as at 31st October, 1940.

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Christchurch, 12th November, 1940.

Statement of Receipts and Payments 31st December, 1940.

		RECEIPTS					
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To	Balance carried forward ..				30	13	10
„	Appropriations :						
	Church Building and Loan						
	Fund	220	0	0			
	Connexional Fire Ins. Fund	380	0	0			
	Supernumerary and Allied						
	Funds	471	0	0			
	“Methodist Times”	170	0	0			
	Contingent Fund	185	0	0			
					1426	0	0
„	Registration Fees (per Authorised Representative)				22	0	0
					<hr/>		
					£1,478	13	10

EXPENDITURE			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Stipend	..	..				375	0	0
„ House Allowance	..	..	175	0	0			
<i>Less</i> Charges	..	..	5	12	6			
			<hr/>			169	7	6
„ Connexional Charges	..	..				63	2	6
„ Clerks' Salaries	..	..				627	4	6
„ Office Rent	..	..	150	0	0			
<i>Less</i> Letting	..	..	14	15	0			
			<hr/>			135	5	0
„ Telephone and Post Office Box	..	..				27	5	0
„ Bank Charges	..	..				0	10	0
„ Stationery and General Expenses	..	..	37	17	7			
<i>Less</i> Contras	..	..	19	0	5			
			<hr/>			18	17	2
„ Office Equipment	..	..				40	0	0
„ Balance :								
Supernumerary Fund	..	..	3	0	11			
Bank of New Zealand	..	..	19	1	3			
			<hr/>			22	2	2
						<hr/>		
						£1,478	13	10

Christchurch,
19th December, 1940.

Audited and found correct.

E. H. SMITH.

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EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Annuities	8,390	15 0	By Amount of Funds as at 30th		
„ Furniture Grants ..	487	10 0	Nov., 1939	154,044	6 11
			less Transfer to		
„ Office Expenses :			Australian Fund £522	0 0	
Authorised Appropriation	320	0 0	less Farm lands		
Stationery & Gen. Exps.	82	3 11	Adjustments	3131	15 3
Auditors' Fees ..	25	4 0	less Personal Subs.		
Actuary's Fees ..	65	4 3	Refunded	100	0 0
				3,753	15 3
		492 12 2			150,290 11 8
„ Amount of Funds as at 30th			„ Personal Subscriptions ..	1,685	4 0
Nov., 1939, less adjust-			„ Circuit Levies ..	2,599	5 11
ments	150,290	11 8			4,284 9 11
„ Increase of Funds at at 30th			„ Interest : Debentures ..	1,439	18 5
Nov., 1940.	492	7 10	Mortgages ..	3,993	5 5
		150,782 19 6			
				5,433	3 10
			less Doubtful Debts Provision	100	0 0
				5,333	3 10
			„ Arrears Personal Subscriptions	28	11 6
			„ Unpaid Purchase of Benefits	3	8 0
				5365	3 4
			„ less Interest on Deposits ..	1,221	8 5
					4,143 14 11
			„ Freehold Revenues :		
			Epworth Chambers ..	1,890	4 1
			less Worcester Street ..	11	4 10
				1,878	19 3
			less Depreciation.. ..	500	0 0
					1,378 19 3
			„ Fire Insurance Rebates ..		37 5 8
			„ Hymn Book Account ..		18 15 3
					£160,153 16 8
					£160,153 16 8

SUPERNUMERARY FUND.
Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1940.

LIABILITIES		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Accumulated Funds as per							
Revenue Account ....	..				150,782	19	6
Deposit Accounts :							
Allied Funds (6) ..	..	33,890	1	2			
Connexional Funds (3) ..	..	909	10	10			
					34,799	12	0
Freeholds :							
Rates Accrued ..	..	359	6	8			
Lift Maintenance ..	..	4	6	8			
					363	13	4
General Treasurers, Melbourne ..					189	9	4

ASSETS							
Investments :							
Mortgages ..	..	75,610	15	2			
Debentures ..	..	38,329	15	0			
					113,940	10	2
<i>less</i> Investment Fluctuation and							
Doubtful Debts							
Reserve		873	14	2			
<i>plus</i> further pro-							
vision		100	0	0			
					973	14	2
<i>less</i> Adjustments		316	7	6			
					657	6	8
							113,283 3 6
Freehold Properties :							
Epworth Chambers ..	..	48,602	5	11			
Worcester Street ..	..	4,118	15	8			
					52,721	1	7
<i>less</i> Epworth Chambers Depre-							
ciation Res.		3350	0	0			
<i>plus</i> further Reserve		500	0	0			
					3,850	0	0
							48,871 1 7
Deposit : P.O. Savings Bank ..	..	1,561	9	7			
Balance at Bank of N.Z. ..	..	60	17	7			
							1,622 7 2

Interest :

Mortgages Due	725	6	7	
Mortgages Accrued	674	0	2	
Debentures Accrued	407	8	10	
				1,806 15 7

Purchase of Benefits :

Balance due	70	0	0	
Interest due	1	12	0	
				71 12 0

Circuit Levies :

Arrears	82	9	5	
Accrued	434	7	4	
				516 16 9

Personal Subscriptions :

Arrears	998	18	9	
Interest due	91	14	3	
				1,090 13 0

Freehold Properties :

Rents due	104	9	4	
Rents Accrued	86	0	4	
				190 9 8

Properties in Possession 17,244 8 3

Mortgagors' Stock Accounts and
Farm Working Accounts 1,397 1 0

Epworth Press 41 5 8

£186,135 14 2

£186,135 14 2

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M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.

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E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

Christchurch, 16th December, 1940.

SUPERNUMERARY FUND—BENEVOLENT FUND.
Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1490.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Grants .. ..	..	105	19 10	By Balance 30th Nov., 1939 ..		764	2 0
„ Exchanges .. ..	..	0	12 8	„ Donations :			
„ Exchanges on Annuities ..	..	10	5 7	Fire Insurance Fund ..	50	0 0	
				Special	13	3 2	
„ Authorised Appropriation ..	..	5	0 0			63	3 2
„ Debenture Commission and Stationery	0 17 10			„ Interest :			
			5 17 10	Debenture Investments ..	42	10 0	
„ Balances :				Super. Fund Deposit ..	26	2 1	
Supernumerary Fund :						68	12 1
Capital Account ..	..	400	0 0				
Revenue Account ..	..	373	1 4				
			773 1 4				
			£895 17 3				£895 17 3

SUPERNUMERARY FUND—BENEVOLENT FUND

SUPERNUMERARY FUND—BENEVOLENT BRANCH.

Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1940.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
			£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Capital Account..	..	..	1,400 0 0	Plampin Bequest :			
Balance Revenue Account	..	..	373 1 4	Blenheim Borough Council Deb. ..	500 0 0		
				Christchurch Drainage Board Deb.	500 0 0		
						1,000 0 0	
				Penrose Bequest :			
				Capital Account—Deposit Super-			
				numerary Fund		400 0 0	
				Revenue Account :			
				Deposit Supernumerary Fund ..		373 1 4	
			<u>£1,773 1 4</u>			<u>£1,773 1 4</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, 1940.

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M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers

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E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

Christchurch, 16th December, 1940.

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1940.

Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1940.

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, 1940.

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Christchurch, 16th December, 1940.

HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND.

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1940.

Contributors' Account.

EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Retiring Allowances	869	18 3	By Balance as at 30th Nov., 1939 ..	11,758	1 2
„ Reserve Account	35	19 4	„ Personal Contributions	712	5 5
„ Balance as at 30th Nov., 1940 ..	12,300	9 0	„ Fire Insurance Fund Subsidy ..	329	0 0
			„ Interest	407	0 0
	<u>£13,206</u>	<u>6 7</u>		<u>£13,206</u>	<u>6 7</u>

Reserve Account.

EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Interest to Deposit Accounts ..	407	0 0	By Balance as at 30th Nov., 1939 ..	69	5 9
„ Office Expenses :			„ Contributors' Account	35	19 4
Authorised Appropriation ..	56	0 0	„ Interest : Supernumerary Fund ..	414	12 8
Stationery and General Exps. ..	6	2 1			
		62 2 1			
„ Balance as at 30th Nov., 1940.		50 15 8			
	<u>£519</u>	<u>17 9</u>		<u>£519</u>	<u>17 9</u>

HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND.

Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1940.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
Personal Accounts	..	..	12,300 9 0	Deposit Supernumerary Fund	..	..	12,403 14 8
Reserve Account	..	..	50 15 8				
Subsidy Suspense Account	..	..	52 10 0				
			<u>£12,403 14 8</u>				<u>£12,403 14 8</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, 1940.

G. S. SALTER }
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers

Christchurch, 16th December, 1940.

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Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1940.

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Reserve Account.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Interest to Deposit Accounts ..				173	11	9		404	14	2
„ Office Expenses :								198	3	1
Authorised Appropriation ..	56	0	0					90	3	10
Stationery and General Expenses	6	4	2							
				62	4	2				
„ Balance as at 30th Nov., 1940 ..				457	5	2				
				<u>£693</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>£693</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

METHODIST HOME MISSIONARIES' RETIRING FUND.

Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1940.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Personal Accounts.. ..				Deposit: Supernumerary Fund			
Reserve Fund					5,783	7	1
Accumulated Funds:							
Centenary Gift	100	0	0				
Inscribed Stock Profits	44	15	0				
Special Donation	40	0	0				
			184	15	0		
			£5,783			7	1

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Revenue Account, and have compared them with the Books of the Fund. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 30th November, 1940.

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Christchurch, 16th December, 1940.

METHODIST DEACONESS' RETIRING FUND.
Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1940.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
			£ s. d.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Retiring Allowances .. ..	..	..	553 16 1	By Balance as at 30th Nov., 1939			6,072 0 1
„ Reserve Account .. ..	..	..	47 19 3	„ Contributions :			
„ Balance as at 30th Nov., 1940	..	..	6,254 2 10	Personal .. ..	..	262 0 11	
				Circuit .. ..	..	73 0 0	
				Home Mission Board	..	78 0 0	
				Foreign Mission Board	..	155 0 0	
							568 0 11
				„ Interest .. ..	..		215 17 2
			£6,855 18 2				£6,855 18 2

Reserve Account.

	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Interest to Deposit Accounts ..			215	17 2	By Balance as at 30th Nov., 1939		12 8 6
„ Office Expenses :					„ Contributors' Account ..		47 19 3
Authorised Appropriation ..	30	0 0			„ Interest: Supernumerary Fund ..		220 14 3
Stationery and General Exps. ..	3	15 10					
			33	15 10			
„ Balance as at 30th Nov., 1940 ..			31	9 0			
			£281	2 0			£281 2 0

METHODIST DEACONESS' RETIRING FUND.

Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1940.

LIABILITIES					ASSETS				
			£	s. d.				£	s. d.
Personal Accounts	..	..			6,254	2	10		
Capital Account..	..	..	100	0 0					
plus Donation from M.W.M.U.	..	..	25	0 0					
					125	0	0		
Reserve Account	..	..			31	9	0		
					£6,410	11	10		
								£6,410	11 10

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, 1940.

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, 16th December, 1940.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year Ending November 30th, 1940.

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EXPENDITURE					
		£	s.	d.	£ s. d.
To House Accounts	666	19	6	
" Renewals	95	15	8	
" Repairs	70	8	8	
" Salaries and Wages	546	10	9	
					1379 14 7
" Telephone .. .. .	..	4	15	0	
" Advertising .. .. .	..	1	10	0	
" Stamps, Bank Charges, etc. .. .. .	..	5	10	4	
					11 15 4
" Photos and Badges .. .. .	..				3 19 0
" Rates .. .. .	..	66	7	1	
" Insurances .. .. .	..	23	15	11	
" Interest .. .. .	..	25	10	0	
					115 13 0
" Reduction of Mortgage .. .. .	..				200 0 0
" Balance :					
Foreign Mission Grant Due		25	0	0	
Deposit Contingent Fund ..	..	200	0	0	
Bank New Zealand Balance		390	17	3	
Post Office Savings Bank ..	..	174	3	0	
Cash in Hand .. .. .	..	8	0	0	
					798 0 3
					£2,509 2 2

METHODIST DEACONESS INSTITUTION.
Assets and Liabilities as at 30th November, 1940.

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LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Mortgage (Orphanage Board) ..				Deaconess House Property (less £100)	3950	0	0
Rates Due	55	12	10	Furnishings	240	0	0
Unpaid Accounts	85	10	5				
				Property Reserve A/c. (P.O.S.B.)			
Balance of Assets over Liabilities ..				Balance :			
				Conference Grant Due ..	25	0	0
				Bank of N.Z. ..	390	17	3
				Deposit Contingent Fund ..	200	0	0
				Cash in Hand	8	0	0

Audited and found correct,

A. R. SHERRIS, A.R.A.N.Z.
 5th December, 1940,

W. A. BURLEY, Chairman.
 A. N. SCOTTER, Treasurer.

"METHODIST TIMES."

Revenue Account for Year Ended 31st October, 1940.

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EXPENDITURE				RECEIPTS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Printing and Publishing	889	11	0	Subscriptions	1,038	14	6
Process Blocks	10	3	1	less Agents' Commission	61	16	1
Distribution Charges	153	0	0				
Exchange	1	8	9	Advertisements			976 18 5
			1,054 2 10	Interest			167 3 5
Editors' Honoraria	90	0	0	Grants : Connexional Fire Ins. Fund	175	0	0
Editors' Incidental Expenses	4	0	9	Contingent Fund	125	0	0
							300 0 0
	94	0	9				
less Refund from Contingent Fund ..	48	18	9				
			45 2 0				
Office Expenses :							
Authorised Appropriation	170	0	0				
Stationery and General Expenses ..	53	13	1				
			223 13 1				
Refund Reserve A/c. Deficit 31/10/39			60 3 9				
Transfer to Accumulated Funds ..			75 2 10				
			£1,458 4 6				£1,458 4 6

Audited and found correct.

H. HOLLAND }
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers
Christchurch, 20th November, 1940

C. H. COLECHIN, A.R.A.N.Z. }
E. H. SMITH } Auditors.

Balance Sheet as at 31st October, 1940.

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Auditors.

Christchurch, 20th November, 1940

REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND.

Cash Statement Year Ended 31st December, 1940.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Cash in Hand 1st January, 1940	806	6	10	Removal Expenses Paid	1166	15	0
Circuit Levies Paid	1174	4	5	Sundry Expenses	5	18	1
Interest Earned	17	5	4	Cash in hand—as per Balance Sheet ..	902	19	11
Refunds Removal Expenses	77	16	5				
	<u>£2,075</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>£2,075</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>0</u>

Revenue Account Year Ended 31st December, 1940,.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Removal Expenses	1088	18	7	By Circuit Levies	1196	15	11
Sundry Expenses	5	18	1	„ Interest Earned	17	5	4
Transfer to Capital Account	119	4	7				
	<u>£1,214</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>		<u>£1,214</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>

REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND.
Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1940.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Accumulated Fund 1st January, 1940 ..	1134	7	2	Outstanding Levies				350	11	10
Transfer from Revenue Account ..	119	4	7	Cash in Hand:						
				Supernumerary Fund Deposit ..	215	4	0			
				P.O. Savings Bank ..	665	5	9			
				Bank of New Zealand ..	22	10	2			
								902	19	11
	<u>£1,253</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>9</u>					<u>£1,253</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>9</u>

Audited and found correct.

H. W. ARMITAGE, A.P.A. (N.Z.), A.I.A. (N.Z.).
 23rd December, 1940.

W. A. BURLEY, Chairman.

H. CHAPMAN }
 J. H. ALLEN } Treasurers.

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND CHILDRENS FUND.

For the Year Ending 31st December, 1940.

RECEIPTS			EXPENDITURE		
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance		325 10 6	Payments as per Warrants :		
„ Circuit Levies :			Auckland	468 0 0	
Auckland	356 8 4		South Auckland	119 5 0	
South Auckland	191 12 0		Taranaki-Wanganui	63 0 0	
Taranaki-Wanganui	115 7 6		Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	92 5 0	
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	122 17 0		Wellington	198 0 0	
Wellington	218 5 0		Nelson	78 15 0	
Nelson	87 6 6		Canterbury North	346 10 0	
Canterbury North	240 16 6		Canterbury South	54 0 0	
Canterbury South	76 14 0		Otago-Southland	155 5 0	
Otago-Southland	164 19 8				1575 0 0
		1574 6 6	General Expenses :		
			Dunedin Conference Trave. Exp. ..	5 0 0	
			Bank Charges Keeping Account ..	0 10 0	
			Exchange on Chairman's Cheques ..	3 9 6	
					8 19 6
					1583 19 6
			Due by Districts :		
			South Auckland	19 6 0	
			Otago-Southland	4 3 5	
			Credit at Bank of N.S.W. ..	292 8 1	
					315 17 6
					£1,899 17 0
		£1,899 17 0			

E. W. A. KELLOW }
O. BURNET } Treasurers.
18th January, 1941.

Audited and found correct,
ERNEST HOBBS }
J. M. DALE } Auditors.

METHODIST CONFERENCE CONTINGENT FUND.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year Ended 31st December, 1940.

RECEIPTS				EXPENDITURE			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance 1st January, 1940 ..	1482	5	5	By Cost of Dunedin Conference :			
„ Current Levies —Districts :				(a) Travelling :			
Auckland	677	10	8	Equalisation Fund ..	205	0	0
South Auckland ..	355	15	0	Official Representatives ..	199	9	7
Taranaki-Wanganui ..	236	0	3				404 9 7
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu ..	242	8	6	(b) Printing :			
Wellington	383	5	2	Agenda	118	14	1
Nelson	176	0	11	Minutes	120	2	8
North Canterbury ..	449	2	3	Other	36	0	0
South Canterbury ..	149	16	0	Stationery, etc.	22	1	3
Otago-Southland ..	342	12	5				296 18 0
	3012	11	2	„ District Expenses, Chairman's			
„ Synod Collection :				Travelling and Other :			
Auckland	4	16	7	Auckland	55	15	8
South Auckland ..	7	14	2	South Auckland ..	35	16	4
Taranaki-Wanganui ..	6	0	8	Taranaki-Wanganui ..	29	19	3
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu ..	3	14	2	Hawkes Bay-Manawatu ..	24	4	11
Wellington	5	19	5	Wellington	22	19	9
Nelson	3	9	0	Nelson	38	15	11
North Canterbury ..	4	13	3	North Canterbury ..	39	10	6
South Canterbury ..	3	0	0	South Canterbury ..	21	8	2
Otago-Southland ..	5	15	10	Otago-Southland ..	33	6	4
	45	3	1				301 16 10
„ Sales :				„ Synod Expenses :			
Agenda	21	14	0	Auckland	50	6	4
Minutes	20	7	6	South Auckland ..	35	9	6
Law Books, etc. ..	7	2	6	Taranaki-Wanganui ..	18	9	1
	49	4	0	Hawkes Bay-Manawatu ..	16	5	0
„ Refunds of Advances ..	32	2	1	Wellington	28	0	5

Methodist Church Contingent Fund—Continued.

Nelson	26	17	6	
North Canterbury	8	4	1	
South Canterbury	11	9	5	
Otago-Southland	36	17	2	
				231 18 6
„ Ministerial Supply :				
Auckland	17	0	0	
South Auckland	3	0	0	
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	9	15	0	
Wellington	5	5	0	
North Canterbury	5	0	0	
				40 0 0
„ Connexional Payments :				
President's Travelling	28	2	1	
Stationery, etc.	17	17	9	
Secretary of Conference—				
Postages, etc.	12	10	0	
Printing	208	13	8	
Examination Committee Exps.	26	3	5	
Exhibition Supply	13	6	8	
Other	7	5	4	
				313 18 11
„ Grants :				
Theological College	740	0	0	
Connexional Sec. Dept.	185	0	0	
Deaconess Fund	75	0	0	
Spiritual Advance Committee	25	0	0	
„ Afflictions	19	0	0	
University Fees	40	0	0	
"Methodist Times" Editorial	48	18	9	
"Methodist Times" Special	125	0	0	
Youth Dept.—Special	100	0	0	
				1357 18 9
„ Loans Repaid				400 0 0

Methodist Church Contingent Fund—Continued.

By Advances to Committees ..	44	0	0
„ Hon. Treasurers:			
Interest Charges	7	13	9
Postages, Stationery, Bank, etc. ..	7	10	0
			15 3 9
„ Balances due by Districts:			
Auckland	65	19	9
South Auckland	41	5	0
Taranaki-Wanganui	20	0	0
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	58	12	7
Wellington	42	16	10
Nelson			
North Canterbury	100	19	8
South Canterbury			
Otago-Southland	63	18	5
„ Total Balances held by or due to			
Chairman	393	12	3
„ Bank of New Zealand, Auckland,			
Current Account	821	9	2
			1215 1 5
			£4,621 5 9

£4,621 5 9

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, 1940.

Christchurch,
5th February, 1941.

ISAAC J. WILSON, B.Com., A.P.A.N.Z.,
per H. RUSSELL, FOUNTAIN, M.Com., A.P.A.N.Z.
Hon. Auditor.

METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND.
Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended December, 31st, 1940.

EXPENDITURE				
	£	s.	d.	£ s. d.
To Balance Brought Forward ..				5,118 3 4
„ Solomon Islands District :				
Stipends and Allowances :				
Missionaries ..	2,694	7	0	
Doctors ..	316	3	0	
Sisters and Nurses ..	1,386	10	0	
Native Agents ..	2,329	5	4	
Hospital and Medical ..	911	10	8	
Freights, Customs and Taxes	439	1	11	
Boats and Travelling ..	1,532	3	4	
Educational—Colleges and				
Schools ..	922	16	7	
Properties—Current Expenses	443	3	6	
Lands Account ..	100	5	1	
General Expenses ..	64	6	5	
				11,139 12 10
„ Interest on Overdraft ..				422 10 1
„ Boat Insurance Fund Transfer				356 5 0
„ Boat Insurance Int. (Contra) ..				59 14 1
„ N.Z. Office Working Expenses :				
Salaries ..	300	0	0	
Treasurer's Honorarium ..	50	0	0	
Auditor's Fee ..	15	15	0	
Connexional Charges ..	53	0	0	
House Allowance ..	150	0	0	
Deputation Exps. Travel.	127	15	0	
Exchange, Postages, etc. ..	78	12	10	

INCOME				
	£	s.	d.	£ s. d.
By New Zealand Contributions :				
General Fund 1939 Account	218	11	9	
General Fund 1940 Account	8,795	17	6	
Women's Auxiliaries ..	1,300	0	0	
Y.W.B.C. Movement ..	170	0	0	
Y.M.B.C. Movement ..	49	1	9	
Y.M.B.C. Canterbury Support				
Rev. Kera ..	30	0	0	
For Native Teachers ..	412	15	10	
For Orphans ..	97	15	0	
Interest on Working Capital ..	389	14	6	
Medical Fund Including Int.				
but less Gift Duty ..	1,206	3	3	
Interest Boat Insurance Fund	59	14	1	
Profits Publications ..	28	1	8	
Debt Reduction ..	1	0	0	
Centennial Fund ..	114	10	0	
				12,873 5 4
„ Solomon Island Contributions :				
Roviana Circuit ..	511	12	1	
Vella Lavella Circuit ..	217	4	8	
Choiseul Circuit ..	337	13	8	
Bougainville & Buka Circuits	239	18	1	
Produce ..	272	10	9	
Government Grants ..	200	0	0	
Fees and Subscriptions ..	79	9	10	
				1,858 9 1

Income and Expenditure Account—continued.

Printing Annual Reports ..	90	0	0
Printing and Stationery ..	82	9	11
Office Rent, Telephones ..	85	13	0
Theological College ..	50	0	0
Deaconess Institute ..	25	0	0
Office Assistance ..	185	16	8
National Missionary Council	7	10	0
Charges re Centennial Exhib.	2	16	2
Methodist Times ..	10	0	0
Lantern Expenses ..	12	5	9
Sundry Payments ..	45	15	2
Hospitality Allowance ..	15	0	0
Rev. A. H. Cropp ..	144	3	10
Repatriation—Dr. Rutter ..	50	0	0
Working Capital Investment (Mt. Eden Debentures) written down to par ..	20	0	0
A. H. Cropp—Allowance, etc. 1939	121	10	4
		1,723	3 8
" Depreciation Atherton Road Property	70	0	0
" Equipment Fund (Contra) ..	484	15	3
" Working Capital Fund (Contra)	508	6	8
" Medical Mission Fund (Contra)	1,000	0	0
" Special Leper Fund (Contra) ..	505	1	1
" Centennial Fund (Contra) ..	114	10	0
		£21,502	2 0

Equipment Fund:

Legacies	471	15	3
Earthquake Fund ..	13	0	0
		484	15 3
" Working Capital Fund ..		508	6 8
" Medical Mission Fund (Gorman Bequest)	1,000	0	0
" Special Leper Fund ..	505	1	1
		1,505	1 1
" Balance Deficit		4,272	4 7

£21,502 2 0

METHODIST WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF NEW ZEALAND.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Twelve Months Ended August 31st, 1940.

	RECEIPTS						
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balances in Bank 31/8/39—							
Sisters' Salaries and Executive Fund ..	480	15	1				
Sisters' Salaries Res. Fund	185	10	5				
"Kurahuna" Fund ..	58	19	6				
Medical Fund ..	170	15	8				
Stamp Fund ..	111	4	10				
Doctor Fund ..	271	19	10				
				1279	5	4	
'Kurahuna" Emerg. Fd.	581	16	9				
"Kurahuna" Deprec. Fd.	360	9	10				
"Kurahuna" Repairs and Replacements Fund	59	16	10				
				1002	3	5	
				2281	8	9	
Affiliation Fees ..	10	10	0				
Sisters' Salaries and Executive Fund ..	2487	2	10				
Sisters' Salaries Res. Fund	20	4	9				
N.Z.M.Y.W.B.C. Mov't.	330	0	0				
Debenture Interest for "Kurahuna" ..	20	3	10				
"Kurahuna" (Auxs.) ..	504	16	9				
Medical ..	198	7	3				
Stamp ..	159	11	1				
Gleanings ..	78	18	9				
Doctor Fund ..	83	0	3				
Special Objective "Kurahuna" Capital Fund ..	229	5	5				
Mrs. Todd Smith's Bequest	300	0	0				
"Kurahuna" Capital Fund Donation £50 ..	50	0	0				

	EXPENDITURE						
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Home Sisters' Salaries—							
Y.W.B.C.M. ..	160	0	0				
M.W.M. Union ..	955	0	0				
Solomon Islands—							
Sisters' Salaries:							
Y.W.B.C.M. ..	170	0	0				
M.W.M. Union ..	1300	0	0				
"Kurahuna" Deprec. Fd.	23	6	0				
"Kurahuna" Repairs and Replacements ..	49	19	0				
"Kurahuna" Maintenance	450	5	3				
Maintain Doctor Fund ..	100	0	0				
Medical Fund Allocated by Conference ..	170	15	8				
Stamp Fund Allocated by Conference ..	111	4	10				
Stamp Refund to Sister Eleanor for Removal Expenses ..	10	0	0				
Solomon Islands Capital Fund — Mrs. Todd Smith's Bequest ..	100	0	0				
Home Mission Capital Fd. Mrs. Todd Smith's Bequest ..	100	0	0				
"Kurahuna" Capital Fund—Mrs. Todd Smith's Bequest ..	100	0	0				
Donation ..	50	0	0				
Half Thankoffering ..	33	15	0				
Solomon Is. Girls' School—Half Thankoffering ..	33	15	0				

Statement of Receipts and Payments—continued.

Solomon Islands—			
Leprosarium ..	146	8	0
Girls' School (anon. £5)	71	0	0
Boxes Custom Duty	20	0	0
Earthquake Fund ..	0	5	0
Special Donation Sisters' Work ..	35	0	0
Refund Sister Eleanor to Stamp Fund ..	10	0	0
Gifts to Sister Eleanor £5, Sister Vera £1 ..	6	0	0
Gifts Rev. J. F. Goldie £3/5/-, Rev. A. Silvester £3/5/- ..	6	10	0
Semi-Jubilee Offering (Ch'ch. Conference) ..	67	10	0
Deaconess House ..	5	3	0
Taranaki School ..	5	0	0
Souvenir Sales ..	46	4	6
Bank Interest ..	30	5	6

4921 6 11

"Kurahunu" Emerg. Fund—			
"Kurahunu" Treas ..	380	0	0
Bank Interest ..	18	19	2
	398	19	2
"Kurahunu" Deprec. Fund ..	23	6	0
Bank Interest ..	10	15	5
	34	1	5
"Kurahunu" Repairs and Replacements Fund ..	49	19	0
Bank Interest ..	1	14	11
	51	13	11

484 14 6

Auxiliaries ..	71	0	0
Leprosarium ..	146	8	0
Boxes Custom Duty ..	20	0	0
Earthquake Fund ..	0	5	0
Gifts in Lieu Boxes ..	6	10	0
Special Donations—			
Sisters' Work ..	35	0	0
Sister Eleanor ..	5	0	0
Sister Vera ..	1	0	0
Deaconess House ..	5	3	0
Taranaki School ..	5	0	0
Rates on Section ..	0	17	5
Fares to Ch'ch. Conference ..	24	7	3
Souvenirs ..	33	4	11
Printing and Stationery ..	55	14	3
Executive Expenses ..	71	3	2

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"Kurahunu" Treas.—			
"Kurahunu" Emerg. Fund—Annie Overton Bequest ..			
	100	0	0
"Kurahunu" Repairs and Replacements ..	50	0	9

Credit Balances in Bank—			
Sisters' Salaries and Executive ..	693	9	8
Sisters' Salaries Reserve Fund ..	205	15	2
"Kurahunu" Fund ..	60	9	10
Medical Fund ..	198	7	3
Stamp Fund ..	159	11	1
Doctor Fund ..	255	0	1

Statement of Receipts and Payments—continued.

Special Objective "Kurahuna" Capital Fund	229	5	5	
				1801 18 6
"Kurahuna" Emerg. Fd.	880	15	11	
"Kurahuna" Deprec'n. Fund ..	394	11	3	
"Kurahuna" Repairs and Replacements ..	61	10	0	
				1336 17 2
				3138 15 8
				£7,687 10 2

 £7,687 10 2

 £7,687 10 2

METHODIST WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF NEW ZEALAND.

Balance Sheet as at 31st August, 1940.

LIABILITIES			£	s.	d.	ASSETS			£	s.	d.
Sisters' Salaries and Executive Fund	693	9	8			Credit Balance in Bank 31/8/1940 ..					
Sisters' Salaries Reserve Fund ..	205	15	2			General Account ..	1801	18	6		
"Kurahuna" Maori Girls' School Fund	60	9	10			"Kurahuna" Emergency Fund ..	880	15	11		
Medical Fund ..	198	7	3			"Kurahuna" Depreciation Fund ..	394	11	3		
Stamp Fund ..	159	11	1			"Kurahuna" Repairs and Replace- ments ..	61	10	0		
Doctor Fund ..	255	0	1							3138	15 8
Special Objective "Kurahuna"						"Kurahuna" Treasurer's Cash Account				105	18 0
Capital Fund ..	229	5	5			Deposits General Purposes Trust Bd.—					
				1801	18 6	Solomon Island Girls' School ..	1001	11	0		
"Kurahuna" Emergency Fund ..				880	15 11	"Kurahuna" Capital Fund ..	974	7	11		
"Kurahuna" Depreciation Fund ..				394	11 3	Doctors' Fund Investment Account	100	0	0		
"Kurahuna" Repairs & Replacements				61	10 0					2075	18 11
Solomon Island Girls' School Account				1001	11 0	Solomon Island Capital Fund ..	269	9	6		
"Kurahuna" Capital Fund ..				974	7 11	Home Mission Capital Fund ..	156	11	6		
Doctor's Fund Investment ..				100	0 0					426	1 0
Solomon Island Capital Fund ..				269	9 6					500	0 0
Home Mission Capital Fund ..				156	11 6	Drainage Board Debentures ..					
"Kurahuna" Treas. Maintenance A/c.				105	18 0	"Kurahuna" Maori Girls' School—					
Accumulated Fund—						Property ..	1743	14	0		
Excess of Assets over Liabilities				2510	8 0	Less Depreciation ..	23	6	0		
										1720	8 0
						Furniture ..	240	0	0		
										1960	8 0
						Section Auckland ($\frac{1}{4}$ acre approx.) ..				50	0 0
				£8,257	1 7					£8,257	1 7

I have examined the books and vouchers of the Methodist Women's Missionary Union with the exception of those relating to the Accounts of the Kurahuna Maori Girls' School a copy of the audited Accounts of which have been submitted for my inspection.

I have inspected the Post Office Savings Bank Pass Books and have accepted the Certificate of Deposit with the Super-numerary Fund Board and the Certificate of the Secretary of the General Purposes Trust Board with reference to the custody of the Title Deeds of the Kurahuna property, the Auckland Section and the Drainage Board Debentures.

I certify that, in my opinion, the above Balance Sheet correctly sets out the position of the Union's Funds, as shown by its books, at 31st August, 1940.

Auckland, 18th September, 1940.

IVY T. WALKER, Hon. Auditor.

"KURAHUNA" MAORI GIRLS' SCHOOL.

Maintenance Account from 1st September, 1939 to 31st August, 1940.

RECEIPTS

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance, 1st Sept., 1939—						
General Fund	188	12	7			
Tennis Court	10	0	0			
Stall	4	1	8			
				202	14	3
Subscriptions, Fees, etc.—						
Fees from Parents ..	136	16	8			
Subscriptions from Auxiliaries ..	503	6	5			
Special Donations ..	12	10	0			
Annual "At Home" Offering ..	7	15	0			
Annual Girls' Stall ..	4	17	0			
Refunds—						
Dentist's Account ..	£4	0	0			
Blazers, etc. ..	1	11	0			
			5	11	0	
Sale of Produce	3	7	7			
Sale of Cow	4	1	0			
A. Overton Bequest from Gen. Fund	100	0	0			
				778	4	8
Bequest—						
Mrs. Todd Smith	100	0	0			
Thanksgiving Donation—						
Mrs. Blackwell	50	0	0			
				150	0	0

EXPENDITURE

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Administration—						
Salaries—						
Matron	100	0	0			
Assistant	63	6	8			
Printing, Stationery, Postage, etc. ..	8	12	5			
Insurance, Water Rates, Telephone ..	23	3	0			
Travelling Expenses	0	17	0			
				195	19	1
Household Expenses—						
Groceries	69	5	4			
Bread	25	2	0			
Meat and Fish	28	16	6			
Milk	3	3	1			
Wood, Coal and Coke	20	14	0			
Electricity	5	14	4			
Gas	3	5	0			
Medicine	0	17	0			
Fruit, Vegetables, Seeds, etc. ..	6	13	3			
Catering for Annual "At Home" ..	2	8	1			
Sundries	21	17	11			
				187	16	6
Maintenance—						
Furnishing	25	10	4			
Repairs	7	16	3			
Paths	17	0	0			
				50	6	7

Sundries—				
Refund from Repairs & Replacements	50	0	9	
Interest on Debentures ..	..	20	3	10
Interest on £3000 ($\frac{1}{2}$ year)	..	60	0	0
Interest—				
Auckland Savings Bank ..	..	4	3	10
				<hr/> 134 8 5

Alterations to Kitchen (A. Overton Bequest)	100	13	6
Radio (£10 transferred from Tennis Court)	12	10	0
Donations—			
From Stall Account to H.M. and F.M.	3	0	0
From Stall to Girls' Easter Camp ..	1	5	0
	<hr/>	4	5
Reserve—			
Emergency Fund	380	0	0
Depreciation	23	6	0
Repairs and Replacements ..	49	19	0
Capital Account.. ..	150	0	0
	<hr/>	603	5
Balance—			
Auckland Savings Bank (General Fund £105/18/–, Stall £4/13/8)		110	11
	<hr/>	£1,265	7
		4	

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, 1940.

Auckland, 7th September, 1940.

(Signed) PERCY DELLOW.

Statement of Receipts and Payments to the 30th September, 1940.
(being Accounts for period of Seven Months).

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MOUNT ALBERT AND EPSOM METHODIST ORPHANAGES.

Treasurers: REV. GEO. FROST; Mr. WM. ASTLEY.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 30th September, 1940.

RECEIPTS		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1939—Oct. 1st—							
To Balances Bank of N.Z.—							
Current Account				408	18	0	
Capital Account				719	0	4	
1940—September 30th—							
To Revenue—							
General Subs., per Treasurer ..	99	0	4				
General Subs., per Collector ..	92	6	9				
Churches—Collections and Subs.	627	7	7				
Sunday Schools & Y.P. Societies	15	11	0				
Maintenance	1966	14	4				
Discount and Exchange	10	16	5				
Rents	236	1	3				
Interest	966	11	11				
Sales of Stock	2	4	3				
				4016	13	10	
To Capital—							
Bequests:							
J. J. B. Veale Estate	10	1	10				
J. C. Waby Estate	612	15	0				
Ann Cook Estate	1	1	8				
S. J. Ambury Estate	12	10	0				
J. H. Hannan Estate	1122	9	0				
Sara Andrew Estate	45	0	0				
J. C. M. Mallach Est.	19	5	11				
Amy Hartley Estate	17	0	0				
Property Sold—Allendale Road ..	300	0	0				
				2140	3	5	
				£7,284	15	7	

PAYMENTS		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1940—September 30th—							
By Revenue—							
Salaries and Commission	1118	17	10				
Provisions	833	15	5				
Repairs	51	8	0				
Boots, Drapery and Clothing ..	59	9	9				
Fuel and Light	148	4	2				
Farm and Garden	21	8	6				
Printing and Stationery	48	16	4				
Medical and Dental	39	2	0				
Stamps and Telephone	45	15	8				
Travelling Expenses	22	9	7				
Insurance	45	10	6				
Petty Cash—Matrons	55	10	0				
Exchange	2	0	3				
Sundry Expenses	17	6	11				
Rent of Office	11	15	3				
Rates	132	17	10				
				2654	8	0	
By Capital—							
Post Office Savings Bank	1300	0	0				
New Zealand Inscribed Stock ..	530	12	6				
Mt. Roskill Site	1937	10	5				
Furnishings	25	0	0				
				3793	2	11	
By Balances—Bank of N.Z.:							
Current Account				769	14	10	
Capital Account				67	9	10	
				£7,284	15	7	

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th September, 1940.

1940—September 30th	£	s.	d.
To Expenditure as per above Statement ..	2654	8	0
„ Depreciation—Furniture ..	66	11	0
„ Capital A/c.—Excess Revenue Transferred	1295	14	10
	£4,016	13	10

1940—September 30th	£	s.	d.
By Receipts as per above Statement ..	4016	13	10
	£4,016	13	10

Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1940.

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 1st Oct., 1939	33,394	15	7			
Add Bequests :						
J. J. B. Veale Estate	10	1	10			
J. C. Waby Estate	612	15	0			
Ann Cook Estate	1	1	8			
S. J. Ambury Estate	12	10	0			
J. H. Hannan Estate	1122	9	0			
Sara Andrew Estate	45	0	0			
J. C. M. Mallach Estate	19	5	11			
Amy Hartley Estate	17	0	0			
Add Revenue Account Excess	1295	14	10			
	36,530	13	10			
Less Loss Allendale Rd. Property Sold	50	0	0			
				36,480	13	10

		ASSETS					
Properties—		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Orphanages—at valuation		..	10,895	0	0		
Railway Street—at valuation		..	850	0	0		
Mt. Roskill Site at cost		..	2,289	10	5		
						14,034	10 5
Shares—at par :							
Whangarei Gas. Co. Ltd.—							
Ordinary Shares—£1		..	1,000	0	0		
Preference Shares—£1		..	666	0	0		
Frank M. Winstone Ltd.—							
Ordinary Shares—£1		..	8,700	0	0		
						10,366	0 0
						300	0 0
Mortgage—M. E. Nicholls							
Inscribed Stock and Local Body							
Debentures (Including investment of Endowment Legacies)—							
N.Z. Inscribed Stock—£5,735							
at cost						5,801	19 9
Auck. City Debentures at cost						500	0 0
Newmarket Boro' Deb.—at cost						500	0 0

Furnishings	..	..	..	640	10	0	
<i>Add New</i>	..	..	..	25	0	0	
				665	10	0	
<i>Less Depreciation 10%</i>	..			66	11	0	
							598 19 0
Farm Stock	..	..	..		40	0	0
Auckland Savings Bank	..				4,402	0	0
Post Office Savings Bank	..				1,300	0	0
Bank of New Zealand—							
Current Account	..	..			769	14	10
Capital Account	..	..			67	9	10
Fixed Deposit	..	..			1,000	0	0
Trounson Bequest—with General							
Purposes Trust Board	..			510	0	0	
John Sheat Bequest—with Public							
Trust	..	..	..	2,068	18	2	
							£39,680 13 10

£39,680 13 10

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, 1940, as shown by the books of the Trust.

17th October, 1940.

A. R. W. GREGORY, A.P.A.N.Z.

METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME, MASTERTON.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 30th September, 1940.

RECEIPTS					PAYMENTS				
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
To Balance Forward	..	..		24 19 5	By Salaries and Wages	..	475	7	4
„ Maintenance :					„ General House Expenses	..	542	16	6
Donations	..	..	22	2 0	„ Clothing, etc...	..	137	13	2
Collections	..	..	388	2 0	„ Lighting and Heat	..	102	10	0
Fees—Maintenance	..	..	430	7 4	„ Printing, Advtg. and Stationery		32	18	6
„ Wellington Board :					„ Miscellaneous :				
Grants	..	670	0 0		Dental Supplies	..	30	5	8
L. Moore	..	26	1 0		Travelling Expenses	..	13	14	5
R. Foster	..	19	5 0		Telephone Rentals	..	13	10	0
Chism. Estate	..	11	9 6		Employers' Liability	..	2	4	4
				726 15 6	Repairs and Renewals (includes				
					£30 alteration dining room)	..	97	14	5
					Bank Fee and Cheque Book	..	2	4	0
					Sundry Expenses	..	22	13	2
							182	6	0
							1473	11	6
					„ Balance	..	118	14	9
							£1,592	6	3
				£1,592 6 3					

METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME, MASTERTON.

Balance Sheet as at September 30th, 1940.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Sundry Creditors .. .. .	..	97	5 6	Cash Bank of New Zealand ..	..	118	14 9
Newcombe Trust .. .. .	..	0	2 9	Furnishings, etc. .. .. .	..	234	0 0
Balance, being excess of Assets over Liabilities ..	..	231	6 6	Less Depreciation .. .. .	..	24	0 0
		<u>£328 14 9</u>				<u>210 0 0</u>	
						<u>£328 14 9</u>	

We certify that we have examined the foregoing Receipts and Payments Account and Balance Sheet of the Methodist Children's Home, Masterton, with the books and vouchers, and are of the opinion that same are drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the Home's affairs at Masterton on 30th September, 1940.

W. R. NICOL, Treasurer.
Masterton, 14th October, 1940.

ARCH. H. DANIELL }
F. E. WELLS } Auditors.

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME.

Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1940.

LIABILITIES		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Arthur Hall Fletcher Trust ..	..				245	0	0
Cheer Fund Account ..	..	13	7	3			
Add Cash in Hand ..	..	0	10	2			
					13	17	5
Permanent Capital Account ..	..	7,132	6	8			
Add Income A. Cowie Trust ..	..	50	0	0			
Add Sundry Legacies & Donations		817	9	0			
					7,999	15	8
Excess of Assets over Liabilities ..	..	29,121	1	11			
Excess Income over Expenditure		402	9	6			
					29,523	11	5

ASSETS		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Freehold Property :							
Dwelling, Harewood Road ..	..	867	0	0			
Less Depreciation ..	..	33	0	0			
					834	0	0
Dwelling, Chapel Street ..	..	871	0	0			
Less Depreciation ..	..	33	0	0			
					838	0	0
Section Chapel Street ..	..	209	0	0			
					1047	0	0
Home and Outbuildings ..	..	19,903	0	0			
Addition Cowshed ..	..	66	2	3			
					19,969	2	3
Less Depreciation ..	..	306	2	3			
					19,663	0	0
Grounds ..	..				4,363	17	0
Furnishings ..	..	839	14	6			
Plus Additions ..	..	37	14	6			
					877	9	0
Less Depreciation ..	..	63	9	0			
					814	0	0
Tennis Courts ..	..	162	0	0			
Less Depreciation ..	..	18	0	0			
					144	0	0
Asphalting ..	..	262	7	6			
New Work ..	..	35	7	6			
					297	15	0
Less Depreciation ..	..	32	0	0			
					265	15	0

Balance Sheet—continued.

Implements and Tools	..	180	1	11	
Plus Mower	..	156	10	0	
		336	11	11	
Less Depreciation	..	31	11	11	
					305 0 0
Live Stock	..	20	0	0	
Less Sale of Cow	..	5	0	0	
		15	0	0	
Plus Purchase of Cow	..	10	5	0	
		25	5	0	
Less Depreciation	..	5	5	0	
					20 0 0
Securities held by South Island Methodist Orphanage Invest- ment Board—Assets	..				8,931 12 10
Interest Accrued	..				5 1 4
Cash in Hand: Petty Cash	..	7	7	4	
Cheer Fund	..	0	10	2	
					7 17 6
Post Office Savings Bank	..	991	3	9	
Bank of New Zealand	..	389	17	1	
					1,381 0 10
		£37,782	4	6	
					£37,782 4 6

I have examined the Books and Vouchers relating to the above Revenue Account and Balance Sheet of the South Island Methodist Orphanage and Children's Home, which I consider are properly drawn up so as to exhibit the true position of the Orphanage at the 30th of September, 1940, as shown by the Books of the Orphanage.

Christchurch, 15th October, 1940.

H. W. ARMITAGE, A.P.A. (N.Z.), Auditor.

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME.

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th September, 1940.

EXPENDITURE				
General :	£	s.	d.	£ s. d.
Salaries	1,056	16	8	
Wages	313	17	7	
House Supplies	587	7	6	
Drapery, Clothing and Boots	322	14	3	
Lighting and Heating	132	12	6	
Renewals and Repairs	218	12	8	
Stationery, Stamps, Telephone, Audit, Advertising, College Fees and Bank Charges	162	11	2	
Grounds, Maintenance, Fencing, etc	66	2	7	
Alterations Garage	6	14	11	
Furniture, Door Checks, Water Tower Tell Tale	23	6	0	
Fire Insurance	3	14	0	
Employers Liability Insurance	4	19	5	
Petty Cash	64	6	4	
Miscellaneous Expenses :				
Board and Camp Fees	85	12	6	
Refunds	7	18	6	
Hospital and Medical Fees	1	18	0	
Cartage and Sundries	2	11	0	
Honorarium Rev. H. S. Kings	40	0	0	
Presentation Miss Ashcroft	2	7	8	
Bicycles and Fittings	13	17	6	
Grant Girls Brigade	2	10	0	
Grant Papanui Sunday School	12	10	0	
Wreaths	2	10	6	
Centennial Exhibition	4	8	6	
Radio Set and Installation	29	0	0	
Basket Work Material	2	14	0	
R. T. Waring	5	0	0	
	3,176	13	9	

INCOME				
General :	£	s.	d.	£ s. d.
Maintenance Fees	1,044	17	6	
Donations and Collections	657	16	10	
Combined Orphanages Appeal	301	9	0	
Legacies :				
Estate Miss Coverdale	200	0	0	
Elizabeth Slater	5	8	4	
Anne T. Cumming	47	10	0	
J. C. Waby	220	8	0	
Catherine Sim	650	0	0	
W. Ferguson	16	13	4	
Interest	584	15	8	
No. 13 Scheme, Wages Refunded	346	0	4	
Refunds (various)	10	12	7	
Sales : Poultry	3	18	0	
Garments	1	6	0	
Basket Work Materials	0	13	0	
Miscellaneous Receipts	4	9	6	
	4,095	18	1	
Arthur Hall Fletcher Trust Account				85 0 0
Capital Account :				
A. Cowie Trust	50	0	0	
Sundry Legacies and Donations :				
Mr. Gorman's Donation	200	0	0	
Estate J. C. Waby	167	9	0	
Estate Mary Colwell	200	0	0	
May Ashworth—Memorial Fund	250	0	0	
	867	9	0	
Cheer Fund Account :				
Balance in Hand at 1/10/39	11	0	9	
Donations	22	6	6	
	33	7	3	

Revenue Account—continued.

Cheer Fund Account :

Sundries	20	0	0
Balance in Hand	13	7	3

33 7 3

Chapel Street Dwelling Account :

Concrete Fence	33	15	0
Painting, Papering and Repairs ..	11	15	0
Water Charges	0	15	9
Fire Insurance	1	8	0
Rates	18	16	10

66 10 7

Harewood Road Bungalow Account :

Fire Insurance	1	11	6
Rates	12	9	7

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Harewood Road Land Account :

Adjusted Rates	32	2	10
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Matson's Road Section Account :

Rates	5	2	4
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Baxter and Jones Section Account :

Rates	3	8	0
Title Plan	1	0	0

4 8 0

Arthur Hall Fletcher Trust Account

Transfer to Capital Account A.

Cowie Trust	50	0	0
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Sundry Legacies and Donations ..

817	9	0
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867 9 0

Depreciation written off Accounts

522 8 2

Excess of Income over Expenditure

Transferred to Accumulated Funds

402 9 6

£5,209 12 6

Harewood Road Bungalow Account :

Rent	58	15	11
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58 15 11

Chapel Street Dwelling Account :

Rent	69	2	3
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69 2 3

£5,209 12 6

SOUTH ISLAND ORPHANAGE INVESTMENT BOARD.

Statement of Receipts and Payments.

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RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Transfer from S.I.M.O. and Children's Home	400	0	0	By Bank Charge	0	5	0
„ Interest:	1	9	6	„ Balance—Bank of New Zealand ..	60	1	0
„ Timaru Borough Council ..	21	2	9	„ Post Office Savings Bank ..	1,192	9	0
„ Hauraki Plains County Council ..	12	13	9				
„ Sundry Donations and Legacies:							
Mr. Gorman's Donation ..	200	0	0				
Estate J. C. Waby ..	167	9	0				
Estate Mary Colwell ..	200	0	0				
May Ashworth—Memorial Fund ..	250	0	0				
	817	9	0				
	£1,252	15	0		£1,252	15	0

Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1940.

H. W. ARMITAGE, A.P.A.N.Z., A.I.A.N.Z., Auditor.

Christchurch, 15th October, 1940.

RETURNS AND LEVIES FOR CONTINGENT FUND AND CHILDREN'S FUND, 1941.

NOTE.—The Levy for the Supernumerary Fund is £15 per annum for each Minister and Probationer employed. The Levy for the H.M. Retiring Fund is £6 for each Home Missionary employed. The Levy for the Removal Expenses Fund is 2 per cent. on the amount of stipends paid.

WHERE THE STATUS OF THE PREACHER APPOINTED IS
ALTERED THE CONTINGENT FUND TREASURERS
SHOULD BE CONSULTED.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Stipends			Contingent Fund Levy 6½%		After Exemption		Children's Fund Levy 6½%	
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	£	s.	£	s.
Auckland Central ..	1271	13	4	82	13	871	13	56	13
F.M. Dept. ..	300	0	0	19	10	200	0	13	0
H.M. Dept. ..	550	0	0	35	15	350	0	22	15
Central Mission ..	250	0	0	16	5	150	0	9	15
Auckland West ..	240	0	0	15	12	140	0	9	2
Auckland East ..	980	0	0	63	14	620	0	40	6
Trinity College ..	850	0	0	55	5	650	0	42	5
Avondale ..	715	0	0	46	9	455	0	29	11
Devonport ..	250	0	0	16	5	150	0	9	15
Takapuna ..	256	5	0	16	13	156	5	10	3
Birkenhead ..	250	0	0	16	5	150	0	9	15
Onehunga ..	250	0	0	16	5	150	0	9	15
Otahuhu ..	262	10	0	17	1	162	10	10	11
Papakura ..	235	0	0	15	5	135	0	8	15
Pukekohe ..	250	0	0	16	5	150	0	9	15
Waiuku ..	250	0	0	16	5	150	0	9	15
Mahurangi ..	250	0	0	16	5	150	0	9	15
Paparoa ..	237	3	4	15	8	..	..	..	..
Dargaville ..	250	0	0	16	5	150	0	9	15
Ruawai ..	250	0	0	16	5	150	0	9	15
Whangarei-Hikurangi ..	377	17	0	24	11	137	10	8	18
Whangaroa ..	250	0	0	16	5	150	0	9	15
Port Albert ..	240	0	0	15	12	..	..	..	..
Kawakawa-Kaikohe ..	170	0	0	11	1	..	..	..	..
Manganui ..	200	0	0	13	0	140	0	9	2
Hokianga (Rawene) ..	200	0	0	13	0	140	0	9	2
Centennial Fund ..	250	0	0	16	5	150	0	9	15
H.M. Stations—									
Helensville ..	..	..	..	4	0	..	..	..	..
North Hokianga ..	..	..	..	4	0	..	..	..	..
Bay of Islands ..	..	..	..	4	0	..	..	..	..
Bombay-Tuakau ..	..	..	..	4	0	..	..	..	..
Kauka-Silverdale ..	..	..	..	4	0	..	..	..	..
Youth Department ..	..	..	..	4	0	..	..	..	..
	9835	8	8	663	6	5807	18	377	10
									3

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Stipends	Contingent	After	Children's
		Fund Levy 6½%	Exemption	Fund Levy 6½%
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Thames	250 0 0	16 5 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
Hauraki Plains ..	160 0 0	10 8 0	..	..
Paeroa	247 18 4	16 2 4	147 18 4	9 12 4
Waihi	250 0 0	16 5 0	..	..
Te Aroha	260 0 0	16 18 0	160 0 0	10 8 0
Morrinsville ..	410 0 0	26 13 0	250 0 0	16 5 0
Cambridge	250 0 0	16 5 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
Hamilton	550 0 0	35 15 0	350 0 0	22 15 0
Hamilton East ..	250 0 0	16 5 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
Huntly	160 0 0	10 8 0	100 0 0	6 10 0
Matamata	262 10 0	17 1 3	162 10 0	10 11 3
Putaruru	160 0 0	10 8 0	100 0 0	6 10 0
Rotorua	250 0 0	16 5 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
Tauranga	250 0 0	16 5 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
Whakatane	160 0 0	10 8 0	100 0 0	6 10 0
Opotiki	189 0 0	12 5 8	129 0 0	8 7 8
Te Awamutu	262 10 0	17 1 3	162 10 0	10 11 3
Otorohanga	250 0 0	16 5 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
Te Kuiti	190 0 0	12 7 0	130 0 0	8 9 0
Taumarunui	250 0 0	16 5 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
Maori Mission ..	180 0 0	11 14 0	120 0 0	7 16 0
H.M. Stations—				
Ngaruawahia ..	..	4 0 0	..	..
Kawhia .. ..	..	..	..	..
Te Puke .. ..	..	4 0 0	..	..
Coromandel .. ..	..	4 0 0	..	..
	5191 18 4	349 9 6	2961 18 4	192 10 6

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Stipends	Contingent	After	Children's
		Fund Levy 6½%	Exemption	Fund Levy 6½%
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
New Plymouth ..	550 0 0	35 15 0	350 0 0	22 15 0
New Plymouth H.M. ..	..	4 0 0	..	..
Waitara	240 0 0	15 12 0	140 0 0	9 2 0
Stratford	250 0 0	16 5 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
Eltham-Kaponga ..	253 2 6	16 9 2	153 2 6	9 19 2
Hawera	300 0 0	19 10 0	200 0 0	13 0 0
Manaia	200 0 0	13 0 0	..	..
Opunake	250 0 0	16 5 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
Opunake H.M. ..	..	4 0 0	..	..
Wanganui	285 0 0	18 10 6	185 0 0	12 0 6
Wanganui North ..	250 0 0	16 5 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
Wanganui North H.M. ..	..	4 0 0	..	..
Gonville	236 5 0	15 7 2	136 5 0	8 17 2
Marton	202 10 0	13 3 3	102 10 0	6 13 3
Taihape	160 0 0	10 8 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	..	..
	3176 17 6	234 10 1	1816 17 6	118 2 1

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Stipends	Contingent Fund Levy 6½%	After Exemption	Children's Fund Levy 6½%
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Napier	430 0 0	27 19 0	270 0 0	17 11 0
Hastings	300 0 0	19 10 0	200 0 0	13 0 0
Gisborne	250 0 0	16 5 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
Wairoa	136 10 0	8 17 6	.. .. .	.. .. .
Dannevirke	250 0 0	16 5 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
Woodville	250 0 0	16 5 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
Pahiatua	235 0 0	15 5 6	135 0 0	8 15 6
Palmerston N. (St. Paul's)	300 0 0	19 10 0	200 0 0	13 0 0
Palmerston N. (Cuba St.)	270 0 0	17 11 0	170 0 0	11 1 0
Ashurst-Bunnythorpe ..	230 0 0	14 19 0	130 0 0	8 9 0
Feilding	300 0 0	19 10 0	200 0 0	13 0 0
Feilding H.M. .. .. .	.. .. .	4 0 0	.. .. .	.. .. .
Sanson-Rongotea	250 0 0	16 5 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
H.M. Stations—				
Waipawa .. .. .	.. .. .	4 0 0	.. .. .	.. .. .
Foxton-Shannon .. .. .	.. .. .	4 0 0	.. .. .	.. .. .
Apiti .. .. .	.. .. .	4 0 0	.. .. .	.. .. .
Norsewood .. .. .	.. .. .	4 0 0	.. .. .	.. .. .
	3201 10 0	228 2 0	1905 0 0	123 16 6

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Stipends	Contingent Fund Levy 6½%	After Exemption	Children's Fund Levy 6½%
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Wellington Central	610 0 0	39 13 0	410 0 0	26 13 0
Youth Dept.	275 0 0	17 17 6	175 0 0	11 7 6
Wellington, Webb St. ..	266 0 0	17 5 10	166 0 0	10 15 10
Thorndon	550 0 0	35 15 0	350 0 0	22 15 0
Wellington South	300 0 0	19 10 0	200 0 0	13 0 0
Wellington East	705 0 0	45 16 6	445 0 0	28 18 6
Johnsonville-Ngaio	462 10 0	30 1 3	302 10 0	19 3 3
Hutt	470 0 0	30 11 0	310 0 0	20 3 0
Petone	250 0 0	16 5 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
Greytown-Featherston ..	160 0 0	10 8 0	100 0 0	6 10 0
Carterton	250 0 0	16 5 0	150 0 0	9 15 0
Masterton	300 0 0	19 10 0	200 0 0	13 0 0
Masterton H.M. .. .. .	.. .. .	4 0 0	.. .. .	.. .. .
Eketahuna	225 0 0	14 12 6	125 0 0	8 2 6
Levin	275 0 0	17 17 6	175 0 0	11 7 6
Otaki	262 10 0	17 1 3	162 10 0	10 11 3
H.M. Stations—				
Paraparaumu .. .. .	.. .. .	4 0 0	.. .. .	.. .. .
Upper Hutt .. .. .	.. .. .	4 0 0	.. .. .	.. .. .
	5361 0 0	360 9 4	3421 0 0	221 14 4

NELSON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Stipends		Contingent Fund Levy 6½%		After Exemption		Children's Fund Levy 6½%	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Nelson	400	0 0	26	0 0	240	0 0	15	12 0
Richmond	225	0 0	14	12 6	125	0 0	8	2 6
Motueka	245	0 0	15	18 6	145	0 0	9	8 6
Blenheim	520	0 0	33	16 0	320	0 0	20	16 0
Reefton	160	0 0	10	8 0	100	0 0	6	10 0
Westport	240	0 0	15	12 0	140	0 0	9	2 0
Greymouth	250	0 0	16	5 0	150	0 0	9	15 0
Hokitika	225	0 0	14	12 6	125	0 0	8	2 6
H.M. Stations—								
Havelock .. ..	..		4	0 0	..		..
Murchison .. ..	..		4	0 0	..		..
Granity .. ..	..		4	0 0	..		..
Wakefield-Dovedale ..	..		4	0 0	..		..
	2265	0 0	163	4 6	1345	0 0	87	8 6

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Stipends		Contingent Fund Levy 6½%		After Exemption		Children's Fund Levy 6½%	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Durham Street	561	10 0	36	10 0	361	10 0	23	10 0
Connexional Office	375	0 0	24	7 6	275	0 0	17	17 6
Youth Dept.	275	0 0	17	17 6	175	0 0	11	7 6
Christchurch East	955	0 0	62	1 6	595	0 0	38	13 6
Cambridge Terrace	250	0 0	16	5 0	150	0 0	9	15 0
Woolston	430	0 0	27	19 0	170	0 0	11	1 0
Sydenham	260	0 0	16	18 0	160	0 0	10	8 0
Addington	268	15 0	17	9 6	168	15 0	10	19 6
Riccarton	250	0 0	16	5 0	150	10 0	9	15 0
St. Albans	550	0 0	35	15 0	350	0 0	22	15 0
Papanui	250	0 0	16	5 0	150	0 0	9	15 0
Lyttelton	245	0 0	15	18 6	145	0 0	9	8 6
Springston	225	0 0	14	12 6	125	0 0	8	2 6
Leeston	256	5 0	16	13 2	156	5 0	10	3 2
Kaiapoi	250	0 0	16	5 0	150	0 0	9	15 0
Ohoka	225	0 0	14	12 6	125	0 0	8	2 6
Rangiora	250	0 0	16	5 0	150	0 0	9	15 0
Woodend-Sefton	225	0 0	14	12 6	125	0 0	8	2 6
Greendale	235	0 0	15	5 6	135	0 0	8	15 6
Oxford	200	0 0	13	0 0	..		..
H.M. Stations—								
Waddington .. ..	..		4	0 0	..		..
Tai Tapu .. ..	..		4	0 0	..		..
	6536	10 0	432	17 8	3816	10 0	248	1 8

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Stipends			Contingent Fund Levy 6½%			After Exemption			Children's Fund Levy 6½%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Timaru :												
Banks Street ..	275	0	0	17	17	6	175	0	0	11	7	6
Woodland Street ..	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	9	15	0
South	160	0	0	10	8	0	100	0	0	6	10	0
Waimate	231	5	0	15	0	8	131	5	0	8	10	8
Temuka	230	0	0	14	19	0	130	0	0	8	9	0
Geraldine	200	0	0	13	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ashburton	300	0	0	19	10	0	200	0	0	13	0	0
Willowby	262	10	0	17	1	3	162	10	0	10	11	3
Oamaru	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	9	15	0
Rakaia-Methven ..	..	..	..	4	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
	2158	15	0	144	6	5	1198	15	0	77	18	5

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Stipends			Contingent Fund Levy 6½%			After Exemption			Children's Fund Levy 6½%		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Trinity	281	5	0	18	5	8	181	5	0	11	15	8
Trinity H.M. .. ..	..	..	..	4	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Central Mission ..	460	0	0	29	18	0	300	0	0	19	10	0
Dundas Street ..	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	9	15	0
Cargill Road	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	9	15	0
Cargill Road H.M. ..	..	..	..	4	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
St. Kilda	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	9	15	0
Caversham	230	0	0	14	19	0	130	0	0	8	9	0
Mornington	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	9	15	0
Roslyn	237	10	0	15	8	9	137	10	0	8	18	9
Port Chalmers ..	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	9	15	0
Balclutha	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	9	15	0
Milton	225	0	0	14	12	6	125	0	0	8	2	6
Roxburgh	210	0	0	13	13	0	110	0	0	7	3	0
Invercargill Central ..	300	0	0	19	10	0	200	0	0	13	0	0
Invercargill, St. Peter's	275	0	0	17	17	6	175	0	0	11	7	6
Gore	250	0	0	16	5	0	150	0	0	9	15	0
H.M. Stations—												
Bluff .. ..	..	..	..	4	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Riverton .. ..	..	..	..	4	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Maori Hill .. ..	..	..	..	4	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Waikouati .. ..	..	..	..	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	..	..	..	..	..	..
	3968	15	0	309	19	5	2408	15	0	156	11	5

METHODIST HOME MISSION DEPARTMENT

ESTIMATES

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE, 1941

Income

CIRCUITS, HOME MISSION STATIONS AND MAORI CIRCUITS.

	£	s.	d.
Auckland District	1,439	0	0
South Auckland District	860	0	0
Taranaki-Wanganui District	516	0	0
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District	692	0	0
Wellington District	848	0	0
Nelson District	450	0	0
North Canterbury District	905	0	0
South Canterbury District	358	0	0
Otago-Southland District	639	0	0
	6,707	0	0

PROPERTIES 1,000 0 0

INVESTMENTS 1,250 0 0

SPECIAL for Social and Religious Work amongst the Maoris:—

Methodist Women's Missionary Union	£990	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)			

1,150 0 0

MISCELLANEOUS 250 0 0

Total estimated ordinary income from all sources £10,357 0 0

District Targets

£	s.	d.
1,660	0	0
1,050	0	0
700	0	0
855	0	0
1,100	0	0
550	0	0
1,100	0	0
500	0	0
775	0	0
£8,290	0	0

Expenditure

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Maori Work.

Senior Supt.—Stipend	225	0	0
Travelling	50	0	0
Special Travelling	25	0	0
Rent	100	0	0
Minister—Stipend	200	0	0
Travelling	50	0	0
Special Travelling	10	0	0
Investment Funds			

Board Rent	18	1	3
H.M.—Stipend	120	0	0
Travelling	50	0	0
Investment Funds Board			
Rent	30	0	0
H.M.—Stipend	52	0	0
Travelling	20	0	0
Extra Board	15	0	0
H.M.'s—Grant for travelling	25	0	0

Deaconess—Stipend	145	0	0
Travelling and Allowance	45	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend	140	0	0
Travelling and Allowance	55	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend	135	0	0
Travelling and Allowance	55	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend	125	0	0
Travelling and Allowance	30	0	0

£1,720 1 3

Home Mission Stations.

Kaukapakapa-Silverdale	20	0	0
Bombay-Tuakau	25	0	0
Bay of Islands	20	0	0

Circuit with Home Missionary.

Whangarei (Hikurangi)	15	0	0
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Aided Circuits.

Hokianga (Rawene)	30	0	0
Whangaroa	60	0	0
Kawakawa-Ohaeawai	45	0	0
Kawakawa-Ohaeawai (Special)	25	0	0
Mangonui	45	0	0
Ruawai	60	0	0
Helensville (if H.M. Station)	20	0	0
Mahurangi	30	0	0

£395 0 0

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Maori Work.

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 of Probationer)—Grant for travelling	473	7	11
Deaconess—Stipend	145	0	0
Travelling and Allowance	55	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend	135	0	0
Travelling and Allowance	55	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend	125	0	0
Travelling and Allowance	55	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend	125	0	0
Travelling and Allowance	55	0	0
Deaconess Supply—Travelling	24	0	0
To Investment Funds Board for Rent	138	2	6

£2,050 10 5

Home Mission Stations.

Kawhia	40	0	0
Coromandel	60	0	0

Circuit for Home Missionary.

Tauranga (Te Puke)	20	0	0
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Aided Circuits.

Taumarunui	70	0	0
Te Kuiti (Maori)	5	0	0
Te Kuiti (Special)	50	0	0
Rotorua	20	0	0
Hauraki Plains	55	0	0
Putaruru	25	0	0
Paeroa	5	0	0
Waikato	35	0	0
Waipahi	35	0	0
Opotiki	45	0	0
Whakatane	20	0	0

£485 0 0

TARANAKI—WANGANUI DISTRICT.

Maori Work.

Minister—Stipend	200	0	0
Travelling	50	0	0
Special Travelling	10	0	0
Investment Funds Board for Rent	30	0	0
H.M.—Grant for travelling	130	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend	140	0	0
Travelling and Allowance	55	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend	125	0	0
Travelling and Allowance	55	0	0
Assistant Deaconess—Stipend	120	0	0
Travelling and Allowance	55	0	0

£970 0 0

EXPENDITURE—Continued.

Home Mission Stations.

Inglewood	10	0	0
Patea	40	0	0
Ohura (S.H.M.)	10	0	0

Aided Circuits.

Waitara	20	0	0
Marton (M.O.M.)	75	0	0
Marton (Special for 1940 Stipend)	25	0	0
Taihape	35	0	0
Wanganui (Gonville)	25	0	0

£240 0 0

HAWKE'S BAY - MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Waipawa	50	0	0
Foxton	25	0	0
Apiti	45	0	0

Aided Circuits.

Wairoa (S.H.M.)	25	0	0
Woodville	25	0	0
Pahiatua	30	0	0

£200 0 0

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Paraparaumu	30	0	0
Upper Hutt	70	0	0

Aided Circuits.

Wellington East	45	0	0
Greytown-Featherston	10	0	0

(Special,

" If Present Agent)	15	0	0
Eketahuna	40	0	0
Otaki	40	0	0

£250 0 0

NELSON DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Havelock	20	0	0
Murchison	30	0	0
Granity	40	0	0
Wakefield-Dovedale	20	0	0

Aided Circuits.

Westport	15	0	0
Reefton (M.O.M.)	45	0	0

£170 0 0

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Waddington	40	0	0
Hawarden (Woodend for travelling)	15	0	0

Aided Circuits.

Christchurch East (Conditional on Fourth Agent)	20	0	0
Lytelton	35	0	0
Springston	45	0	0
Tai Tapu (M.H.M.)	20	0	0
Oxford (M.H.M.)	30	0	0

£205 0 0

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Aided Circuits.

Temuka	40	0	0
" (Maori)	5	0	0
Geraldine	45	0	0

£90 0 0

OTAGO - SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Waikouaiti - Palmerston (M.H.M.)	60	0	0
Edendale	20	0	0
Cromwell	10	0	0
Nightcaps	25	0	0
Mosgiel	60	0	0
Maori Hill	30	0	0
" " (House)	25	0	0
Otautau-Tuatapere	15	0	0
Ravensbourne	10	0	0
Riverton (H.M. Station)	20	0	0

Aided Circuits.

Roxburgh	65	0	0
Balclutha <i>Married H.M.</i>	20	0	0
" Travelling	15	0	0
Milton	45	0	0
" Travelling	5	0	0
Bluff	50	0	0
Caversham	10	0	0
Roslyn	15	0	0
Port Chalmers	30	0	0

£530 0 0

GENERAL.

Maori Work.

Sunday School Material	10	0	0
Printing and Leaflets	30	0	0
Special South Island Travelling	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 and Allowance	40	0	0
Connexional Charges	35	0	0

£505 0 0

Miscellaneous.

Home Missionaries' Removal Expenses Fund	22	10	0
Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund	210	0	0
Deaconess Retiring Fund	125	0	0
Home Mission 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

EXPENDITURE—Continued.

Advertising Space, "N.Z. Methodist Times" ..	12	10	0	Stipend	275	0	0
Spiritual Advance Committee	25	0	0	Rent to Investment Funds			
Subsidy, L. & C. Committee—				Board	150	0	0
Colporteur	200	0	0	Travelling	100	0	0
Picture Department ..	30	0	0		£525	0	0
Contingencies	400	0	0	Connexional Charges ..	100	0	0
General Superintendent's				General Treasurers.			
Adviser, travelling ..	100	0	0	Book-keeping	100	0	0
	£2,000	0	0	Incidental Expenses ..	20	0	0
					£120	0	0
General Superintendent.				Office Expenses.			
Stipend	300	0	0	Secretarial	155	0	0
Rent to Investment Funds				Rent of Office and 'Phones..	120	0	0
Board	150	0	0	Light and Heating ..	10	0	0
Travelling	100	0	0	Postages and Telegrams ..	75	0	0
	£550	0	0		£360	0	0

SUMMARY OF HOME MISSION ESTIMATES

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE, 1941.

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Circuits	6,707	0	0	Maori	5,245	11	8
Properties	1,000	0	0	General	6,220	0	0
Investments	1,250	0	0		£11,465	11	8
Special for Maori ..	1,150	0	0				
Miscellaneous	250	0	0				
	£10,357	0	0				
Estimated Debit Balance,				Debit Balance brought forward, January, 1941 ..	1,179	11	0
January, 1942 ..	2,288	2	8		£12,645	2	8
	£12,645	2	8				

Treasurers: REV. E. T. OLDS and MR. FRANK PENN.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
AUCKLAND DISTRICT				MAORI MISSIONS.			
Circuits.		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
		£	s. d.				
Auckland Central	264	11	0	Stipends, Travelling and Rents		4,892	17 0
Auckland Central Mission	10	9	5	Specials.			
Auckland West	41	9	2	Sunday School			
Auckland East	429	12	2	Material	10	0	0
Auckland - Avondale	128	3	2	Printing Leaflets	30	0	0
Auckland-Devonport	34	2	5	South Island Travelling	10	0	0
Ditto, 1939	1	15	0	Students	25	0	0
Auckland - Takapuna	29	13	0	'Methodist Times'	5	0	0
Auckland - Birkenhead	44	18	7	Workers' Conference	50	0	0
Onehunga	42	2	5	Connexional Charges	34	4	0
Otahuhu	69	17	6	Contingencies	150	0	0
Papakura	36	17	5	Library	10	0	0
Pukekohe	36	6	8	Car Depreciation	75	0	0
Ditto, 1939	16	6	3			399	4 0
Waiuku	40	0	0			£5,292	1 0
Helensville				AUCKLAND DISTRICT.			
Mahurangi	24	19	3	Home Mission Stations.			
Paparoa	32	0	0	Kaukapakapa-Silverdale	23	15	0
Dargaville	21	0	9	Ditto, Special	6	0	0
Ruawai	16	15	3	Bombay-Tuakau	32	10	0
Whangarei	14	10	0	Bay of Islands	23	15	0
Whangaroa	16	11	1	Ditto, Special	25	0	0
Port Albert	30	0	0	Hokianga North	3	6	8
Hikurangi	3	8	0	Aided Circuits.			
Kawakawa				Auckland Central			
Ohaeawai	9	6	10	Mission, Special	25	0	0
Mangonui	22	15	3	Ditto, Avondale	20	0	0
Hokianga	12	4	0	Helensville	15	0	0
Maori Missions	30	14	11	Hikurangi	22	10	0
Home Mission Stations				Kawakawa-Ohaeawai	32	10	0
Bombay-Tuakau	23	11	3	Ditto, Special	25	0	0
Kaukapakapa-Silverdale	7	13	11	Mahurangi	30	0	0
Bay of Islands	19	0	3	Mangonui	47	10	0
North Hokianga	11	11	7	Paparoa	15	0	0
		1,522	6 6	Port Albert	25	0	0
SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT				Rawene	28	15	0
Circuits.				Ruawai	67	10	0
Thames	34	11	3	Whangaroa	80	0	0
Hauraki Plains	10	15	9			548	1 0
Paeroa	27	16	0	SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.			
Waihi	30	0	0	Home Mission Stations.			
Te Aroha	94	5	0	Kawhia	50	0	0
Morrinsville	62	8	6	Ditto, Special	20	0	0
Cambridge	30	0	0	Coromandel	60	0	0
Ditto, 1939	0	10	0	Te Puke	28	18	0
Hamilton	157	0	7	Aided Circuits.			
Ditto 1939	3	12	6	Hauraki Plains	26	5	0
Hamilton East	44	3	1	Opotiki	55	0	0
Ditto 1939	27	13	2	Ditto, Special	15	0	0
Huntly	20	8	1	Otorohanga	5	0	0
Matamata	90	9	10	Paeroa	45	0	0
Putaruru	3	13	6	Putaruru	6	5	0
Rotorua	33	4	1	Rotorua	56	5	0
Tauranga	44	17	1	Taumarunui	87	10	0
Whakatane	10	6	3	Te Kuiti	35	0	0
Opotiki	7	14	0	Waihi	45	0	0
Te Awamutu	43	0	0	Whakatane	20	0	0
Otorohanga	34	8	2			555	3 0
Te Kuiti	16	2	0	TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.			
Ditto 1939	9	0	0	Home Mission Stations.			
Taumarunui	14	2	10	Inglewood	13	15	0
Maori Missions	35	7	0	Raetihi-Ohakune	26	5	0

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THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.
HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure—Continued.

RECEIPTS.

Home Mission Stations

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Ngaruawahia ..	—	—	—			
Te Puke ..	—	—	—			
Coromandel ..	16	17	0			
				902	5	8

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

Circuits.

New Plymouth ..	87	13	6
Ditto 1939 ..	39	9	6
Waitara ..	13	1	8
Ditto, 1939 ..	2	9	0
Stratford ..	34	2	9
Eltham-Kaponga ..	40	3	3
Hawera ..	84	9	4
Manana ..	14	9	0
Opunake ..	71	4	4
Ditto 1939 ..	8	10	0
Wanganui ..	80	9	0
Wanganui North ..	30	16	3
Gonville ..	25	12	6
Marton ..	20	5	2
Taihape ..	8	3	3
Maori Missions ..	14	16	5

Home Mission Stations.

Inglewood ..	6	4	10
Raetihi-Ohakune ..	5	0	6
Patea ..	8	5	8
Ohura ..	9	5	10

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HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Circuits.

Napier ..	131	19	10
Hastings ..	44	16	1
Gisborne ..	23	5	10
Wairoa ..	1	11	3
Dannevirke ..	13	15	1
Woodville ..	7	5	3
Pahiatua ..	17	12	1
Ditto, 1939 ..	0	10	0
Palmerston North—			
St. Paul's ..	94	4	1
Cuba Street ..	84	9	0
Ashhurst-Bun-			
thorpe ..	17	15	10
Feilding ..	172	8	6
Sanson-Rongotea ..	35	15	5
Ditto 1939 ..	2	2	0

Home Mission Stations.

Waipawa ..	15	7	3
Foxton-Shannon ..	7	8	5
Apiti ..	22	7	7
Norsewood ..	11	7	0

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WELLINGTON DISTRICTS.

Circuits.

Wellington—			
Central ..	188	7	11
Webb Street ..	4	15	5
Thorndon ..	83	6	5
Ditto 1939 ..	17	2	6
South ..	40	15	9
Ditto 1939 ..	14	11	6
East ..	83	1	8
Ditto 1939 ..	29	18	4
Johnsonville-			
Ngaio ..	78	12	7
Hutt ..	85	18	11
Petone ..	24	17	2
Ditto 1939 ..	30	9	0
Greytown-			
Featherston ..	15	6	4

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Patea ..	40	0	0			

Aided Circuits.

Gonville ..	25	0	0
Manana ..	3	15	0
Marton ..	45	0	0
Ditto, Special ..	20	0	0
Taihape ..	31	5	0
Ditto, Special ..	25	0	0
Waitara ..	20	0	0
Wanganui North ..	6	5	0

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HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Apiti ..	48	15	0
Foxton ..	30	0	0
Ditto, Special ..	6	0	0
Waipawa ..	40	0	0

Aided Circuits.

Pahiatua ..	21	5	0
Wairoa ..	27	0	0
Woodville ..	21	5	0

194 5 0

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Paraparaumu ..	32	10	0
Upper Hutt ..	61	5	0

Aided Circuits.

Eketahuna ..	47	10	0
Ditto, Special ..	15	0	0
Greytown ..	12	10	0
Otaki ..	46	5	0
Thorndon ..	13	6	8
Wellington East ..	52	10	0

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NELSON DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Granity ..	46	5	0
Ditto, Special ..	30	0	0
Havelock ..	20	0	0
Murchison ..	26	5	0

Aided Circuits.

Wakefield ..	23	15	0
Westport ..	15	0	0

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NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Waddington ..	38	15	0
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Aided Circuits.

Addington ..	2	10	0
Christchurch East ..	27	10	0
Lyttelton ..	36	5	0
Oxford ..	43	15	0
St. Albans ..	6	5	0
Springton ..	41	5	0
Tai Tapu ..	30	0	0
Ditto, Special ..	20	0	0
Woodend (for			
Hawarden) ..	15	0	0

261 5 0

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Aided Circuits.

Temuka ..	31	5	0
Geraldine ..	35	0	0
Ditto, Special ..	10	0	0
Rakaia ..	2	10	0

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**THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.
HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.**

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure—Continued.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Carterton ..	24	14	1				
Masterton ..	115	14	7				
Eketahuna ..	20	0	9				
Levin ..	68	2	6				
Otaki ..	13	15	5				
Home Mission Stations.							
Paraparaumu ..	11	1	7				
Upper Hutt ..	11	12	0				
				962	4	5	

NELSON DISTRICT.

Circuits.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Nelson ..	113	6	6				
Richmond ..	24	16	3				
Wakefield-Dovedale ..	11	14	1				
Motueka ..	39	3	5				
Ditto 1939 ..	1	0	0				
Blenheim ..	144	12	9				
Reefton ..	17	16	0				
Westport ..	26	4	7				
Greymouth ..	46	14	5				
Ditto 1939 ..	3	10	0				
Hokitika ..	20	17	0				
Home Mission Stations.							
Havelock ..	8	5	0				
Murchison ..	14	1	4				
Granity ..	12	9	2				
Evangelistic Missions for Travelling Expenses.							
Nelson ..	6	0	0				
Motueka ..	4	0	0				
				494	10	6	

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Circuits.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Christchurch—							
Durham Street ..	82	14	1				
East ..	196	2	8				
Cambridge Terr. ..	10	1	11				
Woolston ..	82	12	7				
Sydenham ..	33	11	5				
Addington ..	49	14	2				
Riccarton ..	31	3	6				
St. Alban's ..	115	4	5				
Ditto 1939 ..	8	15	0				
Papanui ..	62	5	8				
Ditto 1939 ..	1	13	0				
Lytelton ..	14	19	0				
Springston ..	11	8	11				
Tai Tapu ..	8	14	6				
Leeston ..	37	15	6				
Kaipoi ..	44	17	8				
Ohoka ..	41	0	2				
Rangiora ..	46	2	8				
Woodend-Sefton ..	22	1	11				
Greendale ..	16	3	3				
Oxford ..	21	10	0				
Home Mission Stations.							
Waddington ..	10	0	3				
Hawarden ..	4	10	9				
				953	3	0	

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Circuits.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Timaru—							
Bank Street ..	36	1	1				
Woodland Street ..	38	9	3				
South ..	15	2	10				
Waimate ..	59	17	10				
Temuka ..	21	17	9				
Geraldine ..	17	15	9				
Ashburton ..	131	17	9				
Willowby ..	37	1	8				
Oamaru ..	30	15	0				

EXPENDITURE.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Waikouaiti ..	67	10	0				
Edendale ..	21	5	0				
Cromwell ..	21	5	0				
Nightcaps ..	26	5	0				
Mosgiel ..	37	10	0				
Ditto, Special ..	25	0	0				
Maori Hill ..	11	5	0				
Otautau-Tuatapere ..	11	5	0				
Ditto, Special ..	20	0	0				
Ravensbourne-Broad Bay ..	3	15	0				
Aided Circuits.							
Balcutha ..	31	5	0				
Bluff ..	47	10	0				
Cargill Road, Special ..	20	0	0				
Caversham ..	11	5	0				
Dundas Street ..	6	5	0				
Milton ..	36	5	0				
Port Chalmers ..	40	0	0				
Riverton ..	23	15	0				
Roslyn ..	13	15	0				
Roxburgh ..	40	0	0				
Ditto, Special ..	20	0	0				
				535	0	0	
Total for Circuits				£2,885	16	4	

GENERAL.

General Superintendent—		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Stipend ..	293	15	0				
Travelling ..	125	0	0				
Rent ..	150	0	0				
				568	15	0	
Assistant Superintendent—		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Stipend ..	268	15	0				
Travelling ..	100	0	0				
Rent ..	150	0	0				
				518	15	0	
General Superintendent's Adviser ..		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Treasurer's Incidental Expenses ..	14	7	10				
Connexional Charges ..	95	17	8				
Office.							
Rent ..	68	7	0				
Telephone & Tolls ..	46	13	0				
Electric Power ..	17	7	3				
Payments to Salaries ..	239	1	8				
				371	8	11	
Interest, Etc.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Interest on Overdraft ..	136	7	6				
Cheque Books, Exchange, etc. ..	15	10	0				
				151	17	6	
Deputation Expenses ..	132	11	8				
Printing and Stationery.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Annual Reports ..	97	7	6				
Printing and Stationery ..	147	17	2				
				245	4	8	
Postages, Telegrams, Etc.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Postages, Telegrams, Etc. ..	98	0	3				
Colporteur, Stipend and Subsidy ..	200	0	0				
"Lotu" (H.M. Share of the Cost) ..	39	11	1				
				337	11	4	

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure—Continued.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Home Mission Station.				Retiring Funds.			
Rakaia-Methven	11	2	3	Deaconess	115	0	0
			400	Home Missionaries	210	0	0
			1				325
			2				0
OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.				Miscellaneous.			
Circuits.				Theological College	100	0	0
Dunedin—				Deaconess Institute	75	0	0
Trinity	82	6	2	Ministerial Supplies	46	0	0
Central Mission	50	0	0	Picture Subsidy	75	7	9
Dundas Street	29	1	6	Sites Fund	50	0	0
Cargill Road	31	0	10	Spiritual Advance	25	0	0
St. Kilda	40	10	2	Office Equipment	45	0	3
Caversham	31	16	3	Code "Paipera"	1	10	0
Mornington	29	11	2	Lantern Slides	4	15	5
Roslyn	22	0	0	Compassionate	12	0	0
Port Chalmers	23	6	0	"Methodist Times"	12	10	0
Balclutha	13	18	2	Exhibition Expenses	3	3	5
Milton	21	0	0	Sundries	4	1	3
Roxburgh	16	11	1				454
Invercargill—							8
Central	91	4	7				1
St. Peter's	50	2	6	Maori		5,292	1
Bluff	2	0	0	Dr. Balance, 1939		618	8
Gore	13	0	10				1
HOME MISSION STATIONS.							
Ravensbourne-Broad							
Bay	10	9	6				
Maori Hill	9	5	0				
Waikouaiti	12	2	8				
Mosgiel	11	0	0				
Edendale	13	13	3				
Lawrence	8	18	6				
Cromwell	13	18	1				
Otautau-Tuatapere							
Nightcaps	11	6	3				
Riverton	7	19	1				
			646				
			1				
			£7,189				
			5				
			1				
GENERAL.							
Connexional Properties.							
Auckland	555	0	0				
Grey Institute	200	0	0				
Kai Iwi	200	0	0				
			955				
			0				
			0				
Investments.							
H.M.C.E.I. Funds			1,322				
			10				
			7				
Special For Maori Work.							
M.W.M.U.	955	0	0				
Y.W.B.C. Movement	160	0	0				
			1,115				
			0				
			0				
Miscellaneous.							
Conference Col-							
lections	10	5	3				
Fire Insurance							
Fund	120	0	0				
Y.M.B.C.							
Movement	49	1	10				
Duplicating and							
Typing	18	16	6				
Refund H. M.							
Retiring Fund	81	0	0				
			279				
			3				
			7				
Sundry Donations.							
"Springtime"	10	0	0				
Anonymous—							
"Thankoffering"	5	0	0				
"Grateful"	5	0	0				
			£12,112				
			4				
			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.
"Tom Bracken"	5	0	0	Brought Forward	12,112	4	0
Miss L. G. White	5	0	0				
"S.E.A." ..	5	0	0				
Anonymous ..	5	0	0				
Mr. Smith Pye	3	10	0				
L.L.W. ..	3	0	0				
Anonymous ..	2	10	0				
"Hastings							
Methodist"	2	0	0				
"Twice Blessed"	2	0	0				
"Adherent" ..	2	0	0				
"Sympathiser"	2	0	0				
Anonymous—							
Christchurch	2	0	0				
"A Mother"	1	10	0				
Kurahuna School	1	10	0				
"An Old Dominie"	1	10	0				
Y.W.B.C. Eastern							
Beach Camp	1	6	0				
Mrs. E. M. Gray	1	0	0				
Rev. D. Alley	1	0	0				
T. M. Stephens, Jr.	1	0	0				
"Praise the Lord"	1	0	0				
Anonymous	1	0	0				
South Auckland B.C.							
Camp ..	1	0	0				
"A Motorist" ..	0	15	9				
Sundries ..	0	2	0				
			71 13 9				
Total for Circuits	£3,743	7	11				
Debit Balance, 1940	7,189	5	1				
	1,179	11	0				

We have examined the Books and Vouchers of the Methodist Home Mission and Church Extension Department for the year ended 15th January, 1941. 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, } Hon. Auditors.

£12,112 4 0

£12,112 4 0

METHODIST HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION FUNDS BOARD.
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 15th JANUARY, 1941.
 Treasurers: REV. E. T. OLDS and MR. F. PENN.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Capital Awaiting Investment				476	16	2						
„ Cash on Account Capital—												
Estate late A. R. C. Wills	3	15	7									
„ „ E. Bridgman	20	0	0									
„ „ Wm. Ferguson	8	6	8									
„ „ A. A. Lucas	200	0	0									
„ „ J. H. Gifford	45	14	9									
„ „ Miss Sill	50	0	0									
„ „ S. J. Ambury	37	0	0									
„ „ J. Burt Veale	3	3	2									
Sinking Funds & Taranaki Native Parsonage Account	302	11	6									
Further Sums—												
S. Gorman	209	0	0									
Wake Estate	42	10	0									
				922	1	8						
„ Interest from H.M. Fund	66	1	9									
„ Interest from Wake Estate	85	7	4									
„ Interest from Canterbury Inscribed Stock	56	13	2									
„ Interest from Gorman Stock	139	19	6									
„ Interest from 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	994	8	10									
„ Interest on Account Mission Property Trustees	536	9	2									
				1,883	9	9						
„ Maintenance Account	14	8	1									
„ Buddle Memorial Gift	50	0	0									
„ Buddle Memorial Gift	70	5	0									
				134	13	1						
				£3,417	0	8						
By Interest Transferred Direct to H.M. Fund	1,322	10	7									
„ Interest per Nelson	20	0	0									
„ Interest per Mornington	4	10	0									
				1,347	0	7						
„ Interest Transferred to Mission Property Trustees				536	9	2						
„ Capital Invested—												
Buddle Memorial Gift				70	5	0						
Auckland Gas Co. Ltd. Shares				209	0	0						
Properties				30	7	10						
„ Balance—Maintenance A/c.	14	8	1									
„ Capital Awaiting Investment	1,209	10	0									
				1,223	18	1						
				£3,417	0	8						

LEGACIES AND MEMORIAL GIFTS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING :

	£	s.	d.						
Probert Estate	1,000	0	0	Janet Cameron	50	0	0		
Elmsley	1,000	0	0	G. J. Bridge	100	0	0		
Meredith Wilson	325	0	0	Mrs. Easterbrook	150	0	0		
Jas. Wallace	100	0	0	Memorial Gifts (in detail) ..	1,100	0	0		
Hammett	300	0	0	H. Brittain	200	0	0		
E. D. Collinson	300	0	0	James Trounson	1,000	0	0		
Wilkinson	300	0	0	Mrs. Hansen	43	8	6		
Wm. Winstone	500	0	0	Mrs. E. King	50	0	0		
Janet Snowden	401	10	8	J. W. Heward	100	0	0		
Eliza Lucas	100	0	0	Miss Nicholls	100	0	0		
S. Stone	100	0	0	Rev. and Mrs. Baumber	100	0	0		
Jas. Elliott	100	0	0	J. A. Smith	100	0	0		
F. L. Prime	100	0	0	Wake Estate	2,108	11	8		
M. Sanson	90	0	0	Amelia Smith	32	1	7		
W. H. Scott	175	10	10	Ellen Smith	10	0	0		
C. E. Beecroft	50	0	0	G. H. Ward	50	0	0		
Miss A. Porter	25	0	0	Rev. S. Lawry	50	0	0		
Wm. Goldsmith	25	0	0	Geo. Winstone	1,000	0	0		
Robson	20	0	0	G. Sowerby	829	9	7		
Benton	20	0	0	J. Sheat	24	2	1		
Miss Rogers	5	0	0	Mrs. Knell	50	0	0		
J. Blakely	12	10	0	J. Allott	50	0	0		
Nathan Robinson	100	0	0	Rev. G. Bond	50	0	0		
Mrs. W. A. Gifford	163	6	3	R. B. H. Maxwell	100	0	0		
Mrs. M. Westney	10	0	0	Uren Estate	500	0	0		
R. Pitken	12	10	0	A. B. C. Wills	104	9	3		
Rev. J. J. Mather	50	0	0	S. and the late Mrs. Clara Matilda Gorman	4,229	0	0		
Dorothy Dawson	325	0	0	W. Phillips	100	0	0		
Wesley Gordon	3,000	0	0	Charles Gibbs	100	0	0		
Emily J. Martin	1,000	0	0	S. J. Ambury	85	0	0		
Thos. Burgin	50	0	0	S. Gillies	25	0	0		
Elizabeth Spite	35	0	0	M. J. Phillips	50	0	0		
Sarah Bennett	4	0	0	W. Ferguson	250	0	0		
Elizabeth Saunders	100	0	0	Mrs. Jane C. Throp	25	0	0		
George Butler	100	0	0	Mrs. Wood	5	0	0		
W. J. Cheverton	1,000	0	0	Mrs. C. Overton	100	0	0		
Margaret Simpson	200	0	0	Mrs. Ann James	28	3	0		
A. P. Queeree	25	0	0	Duncan McKenzie	60	0	0		
Miss Butterick	50	0	0	G. R. George	115	14	8		
John Smith	10	0	0	G. Pearce	10	0	0		
Edward Holdgate	50	0	0	R. J. Robinson	250	0	0		
Elizabeth Ward	25	0	0	J. J. Burt Veale	19	4	3		
Mrs. Fanny Hansen	71	0	7	J. A. Sinclair	50	0	0		
Jas. Sinclair	10	0	0	J. B. Hansen	94	8	7		
Duncan McKenzie	1,025	0	0	Annie Jamieson	100	0	0		
S. T. Cox—Opunake	150	0	0	Mrs. Boniface	55	0	0		
Mrs. Jane Hoare	235	11	3	J. F. Bealing	25	10	5		
J. M. Brown	50	0	0	R. Gordon	10	0	0		
H. Ford	25	0	0	E. Bridgman	20	0	0		
A. McKenzie	100	0	0	A. A. Lucas	200	0	0		
Mrs. A. Rennie	50	0	0	J. H. Gifford	45	14	9		
Miss M. Graham	116	3	6	Miss Sill	50	0	0		

STATEMENT OF SAMUEL AND CLARA MATILDA GORMAN HOME MISSION REQUEST.

(Abstracted from the aforegone Statement of Receipts and Payments.)

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Capital at 16th January, 1940				4,020	0	0	By Interest to Home Mission Fund	..	..	175 4 7
.. New Capital received during the year				209	0	0	.. Capital at 15th January, 1941	..	..	4,229 0 0
.. Interest received—										
N.Z. Government Inscribed Stock	139	19	6							
Auckland Gas Co. Ltd.	35	5	1							
				175	4	7				
				£4,404	4	7				£4,404 4 7

TARANAKI MAORI GIRLS' SCHOOL FUND

Treasurers : REV. G. I. LAURENSEN and MR. F. PENN.

To Capital 16th January, 1940	£3,000	0	0	Transferred to New Plymouth	£3,000	0	0
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REV. AND MRS. THOMAS BUDDLE CENTENNIAL MEMORIAL GIFT.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Capital received	70	5	0	By Expenditure on Library Books ("Rangiatea" and Maori Workers' Libraries)	10	0	0
				.. Balance of Principal in Auckland Savings Bank	60	5	0
	£70	5	0		£70	5	0

METHODIST HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD.

STATEMENT OF CAPITAL AS AT 15th JANUARY, 1941.

Treasurers: REV. G. I. LAURENSEN and MR. F. PENN.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Capital as at 16th January, 1940—							By Loans on Mortgage				11,625	0	0
Legacies and Memorial Gifts	32,215	0	0				Debentures				225	0	0
Car Replacement Account ..	695	3	2				„ Auckland Gas Co. Ltd. Shares				729	0	0
Sinking Funds ..	1,001	5	4				„ Government Inscribed Stock (ex-						
Taranaki Native Parsonage ..	177	13	0				cluding Canterbury Invest-						
				34,089	1	6	ment)				7,820	0	0
„ New Capital received during the year—							„ Canterbury Inscribed Stock ..				1,100	0	0
Estate A. B. C. Wills ..	3	15	7				„ Properties				11,307	10	0
Estate E. Bridgman ..	20	0	0				„ Lodged with Wesley College						
Estate Wm. Ferguson ..	8	6	8				Board				350	0	0
Estate A. A. Lucas ..	200	0	0				„ Car Replacement A/c (lodged						
Estate Miss Sill ..	45	14	9				with Maori Workers' Car						
Estate S. J. Ambury ..	50	0	0				A/c.)				695	3	2
Estate J. Burt Veale ..	37	0	0				„ Buddle Memorial Gift (Auckland						
Mr. and late Mrs. S. Gorman	3	3	2				Savings Bank)				70	5	0
Wake Estate ..	209	0	0				„ Maintenance Account				14	8	1
	42	10	0				„ Capital Awaiting Investment—						
				619	10	2	Sinking Funds				1,295	16	11
„ Sinking Funds — Principal and							Taranaki Native Parsonage				185	12	11
Interest	302	11	6								1,481	9	10
Buddle Memorial Gift ..	50	0	0				Less Invested				271	19	10
Buddle Memorial Gift ..	70	5	0										
Maintenance Account ..	14	8	1								1,209	10	0
				437	4	7							
				£35,145	16	3					£35,145	16	3

We have audited the Accounts of the Methodist Home Mission and Church Extension Investment Funds Board. All our requirements as Auditors have been complied with. We have examined the Books and Vouchers, and in our opinion the above Statement correctly sets out the position of the Fund as at January 15th, 1941.

P. DELLOW
J. L. CRAWFORD Hon. Auditors.

METHODIST MISSION PROPERTY.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDING JANUARY 15th, 1941.

Treasurers : REV. G. I. LAURENSEN and MR. F. PENN.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance from January 16th, 1940			61 10 0	By Payments, Home Mission Fund	555	0	0
„ Rents—				„ Office Rent	8	10	0
Kaeo	55	0	0	„ Rates	23	19	7
Newark	23	0	0	„ Water Rights	3	10	0
Mangawhare	48	0	0	„ Secretarial Work	10	0	0
Mangungu	1	0	0	„ Interest, Onerahi	1	10	0
„ Interest on Mortgage	536	9	2	„ Repairs, Mangawhare	57	15	6
„ Fixed Deposit, W.T.C.	10	10	0	„ Fees, Surveyors	7	0	6
„ Interest, Onerahi	1	10	0	„ Legal Expenses	18	16	0
			675 9 2	„ Sundries	5	19	5
„ Whangaroa Hospital Board—							692 1 0
Deposit on Purchase	15	0	0	„ Credit Balance			64 18 2
„ Sale, Mangapai	5	0	0				
			20 0 0				
			£756 19 2				£756 19 2

BALANCE SHEET.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Accumulated Funds			16,271 16 8	By Mortgages			11,500 0 0
„ Onerahi	43	0	0	„ Properties			4,471 16 8
„ Mangapai	5	0	0	„ Fixed Deposit, W.T.C.			300 0 0
„ Whangaroa Deposit	15	0	0	„ Credit Balance, Bank of N.Z.:—			
„ Balance Revenue A/c.	1	18	2	Properties Accounts as contra	63	0	0
			64 18 2	Current Account	18	2	
			£16,336 14 10				64 18 2
							£16,336 14 10

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, 1940.
VAN TRADING ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Stock, 1/8/39	27	14	0	By Cash Sales	610	14	5
" Purchases from Bookroom	625	3	11	" Charge Sales	59	16	2
" Gross Profit to P. & L. Account	46	4	5	" Stock, 31/7/40	28	11	9
	£699	2	4		£699	2	4

BOOKROOM TRADING ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Stock, 1/8/39	1,330	17	3	By Sales, Bookroom	1,909	8	9			
" Purchases	2,123	15	3	" Sales, To Van	625	3	11			
" Gross Profit to P. & L. Account	642	5	7					2,534	12	8
	£4,096	18	1	" Stock				1,562	5	5
								£4,096	18	1

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Van Expenses	76	5	4				By Gross Profit—						
" General Expenses	4	2	9				Van	46	4	5			
" Stamps	104	17	3				Bookroom	642	5	7			
" Cables	0	17	6								688	10	0
" Salaries	382	16	10				" Subscriptions and Donations	13	5	9			
" Rent	70	2	2				" Subscriptions and Donations per Van	18	10	4			
" Light	3	7	6								31	16	1
" Interest	5	14	8				" Home Mission Subsidy				102	2	6
" Advertising	17	15	6				" Interest on Maori Hymn Book A/c.				8	10	1
" Printing and Stationery	42	5	0				" Loss Transferred to Capital Account				3	8	11
" Insurance	2	19	2										
" Bookroom Expenses	27	8	6										
" Depreciation—													
Equipment £11 4 0													
Lantern 2 10 0													
				13	14	0							
" Depreciation, Reserve for Car and Caravan	80	10	8										
" Bad Debts	1	10	9										
				834	7	7							
				£834	7	7					£834	7	7

PICTURE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Expenses and Maintenance	5	19	8				By Subsidy, H.M. Department	73	6	8			
„ Depreciation—Plant 20%	76	16	2				„ Takings	2	13	2			
				82	15	10	„ Loss Transferred to Capital Account				75	19	10
											6	16	0
				£ 82	15	10					£ 82	15	10

METHODIST LITERATURE AND COLPORTEUR SOCIETY.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st JULY, 1940.

LIABILITIES.						ASSETS.					
			£	s.	d.				£	s.	d.
Trade Creditors						Commercial Bank of Australasia—					
Bad Debts Reserve					508 8 5	Current Account			12 15 1		
Depreciation Reserve					163 9 8	Depreciation Reserve			163 9 8		
Capital Account			2,062	17	3						176 4 9
Less Loss from P. & L.						Sundry Debtors					342 5 4
Account	£3	8	11			Stock in Hand—Van			28 11 9		
Less Loss on Picture Dept.	6	16	0			Bookroom			1,562 5 5		
				10	4 11						1,590 17 2
					2,052 12 4	Bedford Van and Equipment					402 13 0
						Office and Bookroom Equipment			112 4 0		
						Less Depreciation			11 4 0		
											101 0 0
						Lantern and Slides			6 8 0		
						Less Depreciation			2 10 0		
											3 18 0
						Picture Equipment			234 8 4		
						Less Depreciation			76 16 2		
											157 12 2
					£2,774 10 5						£2,774 10 5

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, 1940. We have accepted the certificates of Mr. T. W. Hemer as to the value of the stock on hand and the amount of trade.

J. L. CRAWFORD, A.R.A.N.Z. }
A. TURNER, A.R.A.N.Z. } Hon. Auditors.

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