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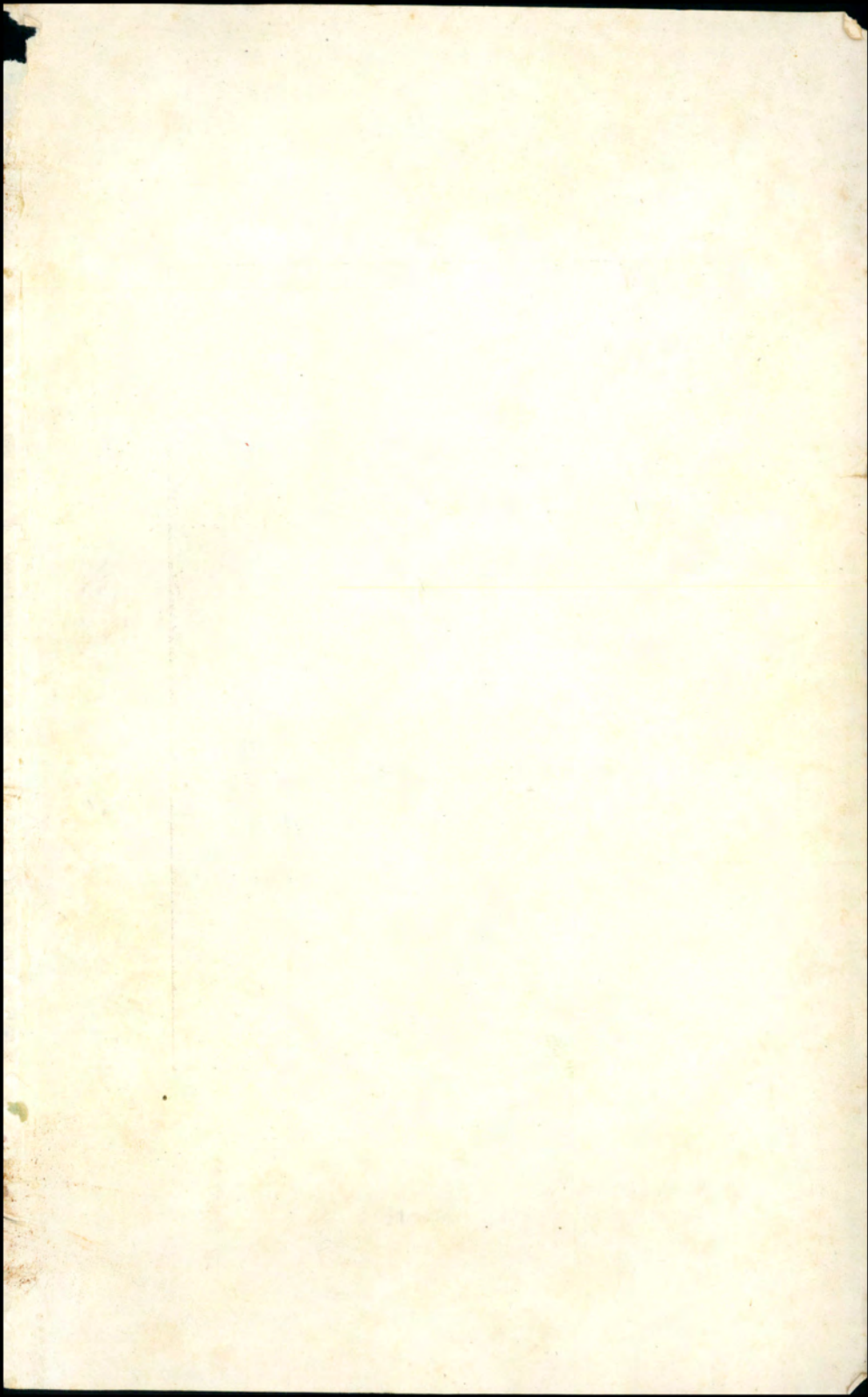
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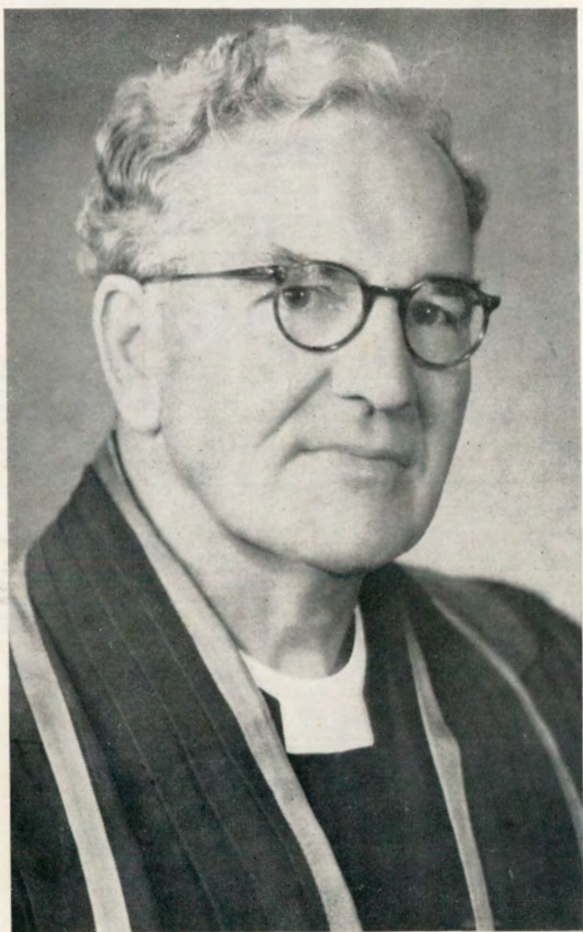
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The Methodist Church of New Zealand

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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

of the Methodist Church of Australasia in New Zealand was held in 1903.

THE FIRST CONFERENCE

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1944

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(N.B.—The Revs. D. J. Donald Hickman, Howard C. Matthews, Leslie R. M. Gilmore, and John J. Lewis, M.A., who were not members of the Emergency Executive Committee, assisted with the secretarial work.)

Owing to the operation of National Emergency Regulations with restrictions on railway transport, the full Conference was not able to assemble in Dunedin on the due date (17th February, 1944), but an Emergency Executive Committee was constituted, and members were summoned by the President (Rev. C. H. Olds, B.A.) to attend at Pitt Street Church, Auckland, on Wednesday, April 26th, 1944.

The sessions of the Executive were opened by the Rev. C. H. Olds, B.A., Retiring President, after which the Rev. Robert B. Tinsley was inducted to the Presidency.

Mr. Charlie E. Bellringer was elected Vice-President, and was welcomed to that office by the Retiring President on behalf of the retiring Vice-President, who was unavoidably absent.

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

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND EMERGENCY REGULATIONS, 1944.

C. L. N. NEWALL, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government House at Wellington, this 17th day of May, 1944

Present:

His Excellency the Governor-General in Council

WHEREAS by the laws and regulations of the Methodist Church of New Zealand provision is made for the constitution and meeting of an Annual Conference, with power to make appointments and to do other acts and things essential for carrying on the work of the said Church: And whereas it has not been practicable to hold the Annual Conference for the year 1944, and an Emergency Executive Committee was summoned by the President of the Conference to exercise the powers and functions of the Annual Conference that in ordinary course would have been held for that year: And whereas it is desired to validate the acts and proceedings of the said Committee: Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor-General, pursuant to the Emergency Regulations Act, 1939, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, doth hereby make the following regulations.

REGULATIONS.

1. These regulations may be cited as the Methodist Church of New Zealand Emergency Regulations, 1944.

2. In these regulations—

“The Annual Conference” means the Annual Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand;

“The Emergency Executive Committee” means the Emergency Executive Committee of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, consisting of persons summoned by the President of the Conference to attend meetings in Auckland as members of that Committee.

3. (1) The meetings of the Emergency Executive Committee held at Auckland during the period commencing on the 26th day of April, 1944, and ending on the 1st day of May, 1944, shall be deemed to have been meetings of the Annual Conference, and the said Committee shall for all purposes be deemed during that period to have been the Annual Conference for the year 1944.

(2) All appointments made, and all acts, matters, and things done by the said Committee, shall be as valid and effective for all purposes as if they had been made or done by the Annual Conference.

(3) The decision of the said Committee that the President of the Annual Conference for the year 1945 shall be elected by postal ballot and not by the Committee is hereby validated, and the person who is hereafter elected as President in accordance with that decision shall be deemed to have been duly elected.

4. All appointments made and all acts, matters, and things done by the Annual Conference held in the year 1943 and subsisting or in force on the 17th day of February, 1944 (being the date appointed for the holding of the Annual Conference for 1944) shall be deemed to have continued and to continue in force until determined or altered by or in accordance with decisions of the Emergency Executive Committee.

C. A. JEFFERY,

Clerk of the Executive Council.

Issued under the authority of the Regulations Act, 1936.

Date of notification in “Gazette”: 18th day of May, 1944.

QUESTION I.—Who are the Members of this Conference?

1. EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

By the foregoing Validating Emergency Regulations the following persons who were in attendance are deemed to have been the Annual Conference for the year 1944:—

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| Rev. C. H. Olds, B.A., Ex-President | Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A. |
| Rev. W. G. Slade, M.A., Secretary | Rev. F. J. Parker |
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| Rev. H. E. Bellhouse | Rev. J. H. Allen |
| Rev. W. Walker | Rev. W. W. Avery |
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| | Mr. H. de R. Flesher, M.A., LL.B. |
| | Mr. T. M. Pacey |

2. MINISTERS IN FULL CONNEXION.

In normal circumstances the following Ministers in Full Connexion would have been members of the Conference:—

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| John Nixon | Clarence Eaton |
| George Clement | Jacob Featherston |
| Charles H. Laws, B.A., D.D. | Harry Ranston, M.A., Litt.D. |
| William Grigg | Thomas R. B. Woolloxall |
| John Olphert | Thomas Coatsworth |
| Percy N. Knight, B.A. | Walter J. Oxbrow |
| Arthur Mitchell | Ernest D. Patchett |
| William A. Sinclair | M. A. Rugby Pratt, F.R.Hist.S. |
| Samuel H. D. Peryman | Ernest S. Emmitt, M.C. |
| G. Knowles Smith | Benjamin J. James |
| Edward Drake | Ralph J. Liddell |
| William J. Elliott | Arthur J. Seamer |
| Harold E. Bellhouse | Ernest O. Blamires |
| Thomas W. Vealie | Angus McBean |
| Henry L. Blamires | George F. Stockwell |
| John F. Goldie | Fred. Copeland |
| Fred Greenwood | Basil Metson |
| T. Arthur Pybus | Raymond Richards |
| Ben Dudley, F.R.A.S. | William W. Avery |
| R. Purcell Keall | Charles M. Roberts |
| William Wills | Henry Ryan |
| E. Percy Blamires | Hedley White |
| Jonathan H. Haslam | Charles Blair |
| George P. Hunt | Chas. B. Jordan, M.A. B.D. F.R.E.S. |
| Frank E. Leadley | J. Frederick Martin |
| Arthur Liversedge | William H. Speer |
| Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A. | Robert B. Tinsley |
| Samuel Bailey | Harry Cottom |
| George S. Cook | John D. McArthur |

William A. Burley, M.A.
 Archer O. Harris
 Charles H. Olds, B.A.
 James Richards
 Harold A. Sharp
 Walter J. Enticott
 Albert H. Fowles
 Arthur Hopper
 Leslie B. Neale, B.A., F.R.G.S.
 H. Leslie Richards
 William Rowe
 Robert B. Gosnell
 George B. Hinton
 Frederick B. Lawrence
 Arthur H. Scrivin
 William Walker
 Arthur A. Bensley
 Harold T. Peat
 Oswald Burnet
 Charles A. Foston
 Samuel J. Werren
 Percy I. Cooke
 E. Thomas Olds
 Henry J. Odell
 William G. Slade, M.A.
 George E. Brown
 Robert E. Fordyce
 Edwin S. Harkness
 Charles H. Kendon
 John R. Metcalfe
 Ernest E. Sæve
 William T. Blight, B.A., B.D.
 Ernest B. Chambers
 John Dennis
 John R. Nelson
 Frederick J. Parker
 Alfred M. Costain, Dip.Soc.Sc.
 Wallace S. Neal
 James W. Parker
 Thomas Skuse
 Herbert Ford
 William Gatman
 Alfred E. Jefferson
 Hector C. Orchard
 William B. Pickering
 Henry Benny
 J. Henry Allen
 Leslie A. G. Brooks
 J. Francis Jack
 Albert Blakemore
 Eric W. Hames, M.A.
 Herbert Spencer
 Moses Ayrton
 John H. Bailey
 Frank Bateup
 Hubert G. Brown
 Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.
 Harry S. Kings

Robert McGregor
 Cecil R. Taylor
 F. Gardner Brown
 Gordon R. H. Peterson
 James H. Hall
 G. Raymond Harris
 Arthur H. Voyce
 Norman P. Larsen
 George I. Laurensen
 Athol R. Penn
 Ivo M. Raynor
 A. Wharton E. Silvester
 Harry V. Utting
 John D. Grocott
 Charlie O. Hailwood
 Francis J. Handy
 Howard H. Jeffreys
 Victor Mead, L.Th.
 Charles E. Dickens
 Leonard C. Horwood
 Arthur T. Kent
 Walter Parker
 J. Montgomery Blight
 Joseph C. Draper
 E. Clarence Leadley
 Matthew A. McDowell
 Wesley Parker, M.A.
 Clifford T. Symons, M.A., B.D.
 Thomas H. Carr
 W. E. Allon Carr
 Raymond Dudley, M.A., F.R.E.S.
 William W. H. Greenslade
 William E. Moore
 Gordon Parker, M.A.
 Herbert W. Payne
 David O. Williams, M.A., Litt.D.
 Donald C. Alley
 Reginald Day
 D. J. Donald Hickman
 V. Roy Jamieson
 William C. Jenkin
 Ivan S. Williamson
 Bernard M. Chrystall, B.A.
 J. Ainsley Daglish
 John L. Mitchell
 A. Everil Orr
 Ralph E. Patchett
 Alfred E. Waite
 George H. Goodman
 John John
 Andrew J. Johnston
 Howard C. Matthews
 Clifford L. Duder
 L. Gordon Hanna
 Clarence T. J. Luxton
 William A. Mills
 Robert Thornley, M.A., Dip.Soc.Sc.
 Arthur R. Witheford

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| H. Ian K. Hopper | Leslie A. D. Hayman, B.Sc. (Agric.) |
| Bert M. Tasker, B.A., Dip.Soc.Sc. | Campbell P. Lucas |
| James S. Willoughby | Charles B. Oldfield |
| John Churchill | Frederick O. Prosser |
| William R. Francis, B.A. | J. Stanley Waite |
| Robert W. Mayson, B.A. | John K. Watson |
| Leslie T. Norwell | John B. Dawson |
| Robert Thornley, M.A., Dip.Soc.Sc. | Haddon C. Dixon, M.A. |
| Howard E. Harkness, M.A. | Leslie, R. M. Gilmore |
| Ernest S. Hoddinott | Laurence Greenslade |
| William R. Laws, M.A. | Alan O. Jones |
| Wesley L. Long | |
| Ashleigh K. Petch | Maori Ministers— |
| John Silvester, M.A. | Eruera Te Tuhi |
| Harris Whitfield | Rakena P. Rakena |
| Herbert A. Cochrane | Matarae Tauroa |
| Reginald Grice | Ngatete Kerei Kukutai |

3. LAY REPRESENTATIVES.

- (a) Vice-President of Conference, 1943, H. Oldham.
- (b) The following Lay Representatives were also elected as members of Conference by Circuits and Departments, but were not able to assemble owing to the operation of National Emergency Restrictions on travelling:—

Auckland District.

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| Auckland Central | | | | Mrs. S. E. Chappell |
| " | | | | A. E. Freeman |
| " | | | | H. S. Saunderson |
| " | | | | Mrs. Robson |
| Auckland Central Mission | | | | Mrs. I. Davies |
| Auckland West | .... | .... | .... |  |
| Auckland East | .... | .... | .... | W. E. Burley, B.A. |
| " | .... | .... | .... | J. F. Roberts |
| " | .... | .... | .... | D. E. Parton |
| Auckland (Avondale) | .... | .... | .... | G. W. Turley |
| " | .... | .... | .... | W. Woodhead |
| Auckland (Devonport) | .... | .... | .... | S. J. Dadson |
| Auckland (Takapuna) | .... | .... | .... | J. C. Lewis |
| Auckland (Birkenhead) | .... | .... | .... | A. Hadfield |
| Onehunga | .... | .... | .... | F. E. Blakey |
| Otahuhu | .... | .... | .... |  |
| Papakura | .... | .... | .... | W. A. Watson |
| Pukekohe | .... | .... | .... |  |
| Waiuku | .... | .... | .... |  |
| Mahurangi | .... | .... | .... |  |
| Paparoa | .... | .... | .... |  |
| Dargaville | .... | .... | .... |  |
| Ruawai | .... | .... | .... |  |
| Whangarei-Hikurangi | .... | .... | .... | W. J. Court |
| Whangaroa | .... | .... | .... | Miss A. Anderson |
| Port Albert | | | | L. Bennett |
| Kawakawa-Kaikohe | | | | |
| Mangonui | | | | |
| Hokianga | | | | E. D. Jones |

South Auckland District.

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| Thames | | | | | R. V. Rowe |
| Hauraki Plains | | | | | Miss O. Baker |
| Paeroa | | | | | G. H. Hill |
| Waihi | | | | | J. B. Beeche |
| Te Aroha | | | | | W. A. Clark |
| Morrinsville | .... | .... | .... | .... | Forbes West |
| Cambridge | .... | .... | .... | .... | E. J. Easter |
| Hamilton | .... | .... | .... | .... | Mrs. J. W. Parker |
| " | .... | .... | .... | .... | Mrs. Silvester |
| Hamilton East | .... | .... | .... | .... | Mrs. J. W. Chapman |
| Huntly | .... | .... | .... | .... | Mrs. R. Fransham |
| Matamata | .... | .... | .... | .... |  |
| Putaruru | .... | .... | .... | .... |  |
| Rotorua | .... | .... | .... | .... |  |
| Tauranga | .... | .... | .... | .... | F. N. Christian |
| Whakatane | .... | .... | .... | .... |  |
| Opotiki | .... | .... | .... | .... |  |
| Te Awamutu | .... | .... | .... | .... | J. T. Johnson |
| Otorohanga | | | | | Mrs. W. E. Moore |
| Te Kuiti | | | | | J. Nicholls |
| Taumarunui | | | | | C. G. Hillier |

Taranaki-Wanganui District.

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| New Plymouth | | | | | C. E. Bellringer |
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| Waitara | | | | | |
| Stratford | | | | | W. H. C. Clemow |
| Eltham-Kaponga | | | | | |
| Hawera | | | | | |
| Manaia | | | | | |
| Opunake | | | | | T. P. Hughson, Jr. |
| Wanganui | .... | .... | .... | .... | W. S. Thrush |
| Wanganui North | | | | | Mrs. J. F. Martin |
| Gonville | | | | | |
| Marton | | | | | |
| Taihape | | | | | |

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District.

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| Napier | | | | | A. H. McGregor |
| Hastings | | | | | P. Loach |
| Gisborne | | | | | |
| Wairoa | | | | | |
| Dannevirke | | | | | |
| Woodville | | | | | |
| Pahiatua | .... | .... | .... | .... | J. J. Boagey |
| Palmerston North (St. Paul's) | .... | .... | .... | .... | H. Dixon |
| Palmerston North (Cuba Street) | .... | .... | .... | .... | F. Collis |
| Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe | .... | .... | .... | .... |  |
| Feilding | | | | | Miss Shannon |
| Sanson-Rongotea | | | | | Mrs. M. E. Smith |

Wellington District.

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| Wellington Central | | | | B. O. Stokes |
| " | | | | J. C. Falder |
| Wellington (Webb St.) | | | | Mrs. L. Thompson |
| Wellington West | .... | .... | .... | S. N. Roberts |
| " | .... | .... | .... | R. E. Flaws |
| Wellington South | .... | .... | .... | H. W. Smith |
| Wellington East | .... | .... | .... | N. R. Seddon |
| " | .... | .... | .... | D. Tayler |
| " | .... | .... | .... | Mrs. A. Bruce |
| Johnsonville-Ngaio | .... | .... | .... | Mrs. M. Browne |
| Hutt | .... | .... | .... | H. B. Shearer |
| | | | | Mrs. H. B. Shearer |
| Petone | .... | .... | .... | F. Lockwood |
| Greytown-Featherston | .... | .... | .... | Mrs. A. Ross |
| Carterton | .... | .... | .... | H. E. Ordish |
| Masterton | | | | J. D. Blundell |
| Eketahuna | | | | |
| Levin | | | | P. W. Goldsmith |
| Otaki | | | | W. G. Taylor |

Nelson District.

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| Nelson | | | | H. J. Savage |
| Richmond | | | | R. Marshall |
| Motueka | | | | S. E. Hulbert |
| Blenheim | | | | R. H. McAllum |
| " | .... | .... | .... | W. S. Harris |
| Reefton | .... | .... | .... |  |
| Westport | .... | .... | .... | A. Southey |
| Greymouth | | | | R. Pepperell |
| Hokitika | | | | G. Gilchrist |

North Canterbury District.

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| Christchurch (Durham Street) | | | | T. Q. Carlisle |
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| Christchurch East | | | | W. C. Francis |
| " | | | | J. D. Gray |
| " | | | | F. W. D. Sincock |
| Christchurch (Cambridge Terrace) | | | | Mrs. T. Hallam |
| Christchurch (Woolston) | .... | .... | .... | H. W. Heslop |
| Christchurch (Sydenham) | .... | .... | .... | S. H. Maddren |
| Christchurch (Addington) | .... | .... | .... |  |
| Christchurch (Riccarton) | .... | .... | .... | R. E. James |
| Christchurch (St. Albans) | .... | .... | .... | Mrs. L. V. Kelly |
| " | .... | .... | .... | P. A. Le Brun |
| Christchurch (Papanui) | .... | .... | .... | P. Thornton |
| Lyttelton | .... | .... | .... | Mrs. W. T. Huston |
| Springston | .... | .... | .... | H. W. Peryman |
| Leeston | .... | .... | .... |  |
| Kaipoi | .... | .... | .... | T. Tull |
| Ohoka | .... | .... | .... | F. A. Sheat |
| Rangiora | .... | .... | .... | H. A. Bennett |
| Woodend-Sefton | | | | Mrs. A. M. Topp |
| Greendale | | | | Mrs. F. G. Early |
| Oxford | | | | Mrs. C. Tritt |

South Canterbury District.

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| Timaru (Banks Street) | J. Moody |
| Timaru (Woodland Street) | J. C. Butcher |
| Timaru South | T. Simmons |
| Waimate | Miss J. Barnett |
| Temuka | A. E. Dobson |
| Geraldine | E. Simpson |
| Ashburton | T. Wakelin |
| Willowby | G. H. B. Lill |
| Oamaru | T. Brown |

Otago-Southland District.

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| Dunedin (Trinity) | H. R. Wilson |
| Dunedin Central Mission | H. H. Johnson |
| Dunedin (Dundas Street) | E. J. King |
| Dunedin (Cargill Road) | A. T. McIndoe |
| Dunedin (St. Kilda) | J. J. Kernohan |
| Dunedin (Caversham) | P. Nixon |
| Dunedin (Morningson) | G. A. Lamb |
| Dunedin (Roslyn) | Miss W. Ellis |
| Port Chalmers | Mrs. E. Brighton |
| Balclutha | C. R. Sheat |
| Milton | |
| Roxburgh | |
| Invercargill (Central) | D. J. Wesley |
| Invercargill (St. Peter's) | Mrs. A. E. Jefferson |
| Gore | A. J. Clearwater |

(c) Representatives of Departments, Committees and Funds—

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| Theological College | J. Tyler |
| " | G. Wilson |
| Home Mission Department | F. Penn |
| " " " | W. S. Mackay |
| Home Missionaries' Representative | R. Coombridge |
| " " " | C. Robinson |
| Foreign Mission Department | T. L. Hames |
| Youth Department | A. E. Bate |
| " " | C. A. Russell |
| " " | Miss A. E. Firth |
| " " | Miss O. Clist |
| Connexional Secretaryship Committee | J. E. Purchase |
| Supernumerary Fund | L. G. K. Steven |
| Contingent Fund | J. H. Blackwell |
| Church Building and Loan Fund | H. de R. Flesher |
| Fire Insurance Fund | A. A. Dingwall |
| Children's Fund | E. W. A. Kellow |
| Wesley Training College | J. Stanton |
| Removal Expenses Fund | H. Chapman |
| Deaconess Institution | Mrs. R. Dudley |
| Methodist Women's Missionary Union | Mrs. H. Nicolson |
| Local Preachers' Association | J. E. Horrell |

District Secretaries of Church Property.

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| Auckland | | | | S. E. Chappell |
| South Auckland | | | | W. B. L. Williams |
| Taranaki-Wanganui | | | | G. H. White |
| 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 | | | | G. S. Gapper (Acting) |

Maori Missions.

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| Taranaki | | | | |
| Waikato | | | | |
| Auckland | | | | |
| South Island | | | | |

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

John B. Dawson
Haddon C. Dixon, M.A.
Leslie R. M. Gilmore
Laurence Greenslade
Alan O. Jones

Who have travelled four years.

QUESTION III.—What Preachers remain on Probation?

Alfred Sanft (overseas)
Charles H. Bell
Harold K. Brown
Harold W. Burley (overseas)
Harold A. Darvill
Gordon V. Thomas
J. Henry Woolford

Who have travelled three years.

Robert F. Clement
Alan F. Collins
Arthur H. Ivory, LL.B., B.Com.
John J. Lewis, M.A.
William J. Morrison
Leonard V. Willing
Maharaia Winiata, B.A. (without Pastoral charge)

Who have travelled two years.

Clifford G. Brown
George W. Cramond
William S. Dawson
Wilfred E. Falkingham
Edmund D. Grounds
Albert Jolly
Ian C. E. Ramage (on Active Service)
J. C. Aldwyn Williams

Who have travelled one year.

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

Robert H. Allen
Ronald G. Bell
Leslie F. Bycroft
Wesley A. Chambers

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

Warren Green
Who is continued for a third year.
William H. Gregory
Duncan I. A. McDonald
Harry Moore
Norman W. Olds
Len Shapcott
Trevor Shepherd
Who are continued for a second year.

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

W. Lloyd Divers

Resolved: That the action of the Ex-President be endorsed, instructing candidates A. P. Dorrian, D. G. Sherson, F. H. Parker, and B. H. Riseley to remain in the service of the Home Mission Board, and giving them permission to commence an arranged course of study as for the first year of Probation, such course to afford no guarantee of ultimate acceptance as candidates.

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

None.

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

Timothy Piani
Ranginohora Rogers
Who have travelled two years.

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

None.

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

None.

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

W. J. Anderson
W. J. Bryant
W. M. Jones
B. H. Riseley
D. I. Robertson

Third Year—

L. E. G. Sharp
T. Steele
J. H. Thompson

Second Year—

M. H. Taylor

First Year—

E. J. Carter
A. Currie
Francis H. Parker
G. Woodfield

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

T. Francis Jones
T. Jackson Wallis
Robert Raine
George Frost
Colin C. Harrison
Arthur Ashcroft
Thomas R. Richards

THOMAS FRANCIS JONES.

Thomas Francis Jones was a minister of the New Zealand Methodist Church for 61 years, of which 36 were spent in the active work. He was a native of South Wales, and was selected for service in New Zealand by the Rev. James Buller. He received his theological training at Wesley College, Three Kings, and was ordained at the Conference of 1886, rendering faithful and acceptable service in a number of our circuits. For many years he served as Secretary of the District Synods of which he was a member. He also for a time acted as sub-editor of the Connexional paper and was Secretary of the Committee of the Theological College.

His preaching brought light and comfort to all who sat under his ministry, he excelled as a pastor and was welcome in every home, he was an effective administrator, and wise in counsel and leadership. He is remembered among us as a man of gentle spirit, of chaste mind, and of refined tastes. He found his joy in his home, his well-tilled garden, the visits of his many friends, and, during his active ministry, in all the day's work among his people. Books were, especially in his retirement, his constant companions, and he read them with discrimination. Though his infirmities for many years prevented him from attending the official meetings of the Church, he followed with keen interest all that was being said and done in Synod and Conference, and was eager to receive the news and comments which his brethren brought to him.

His walk with God, always close and beautiful, grew still more intimate in his last years. The faith by which he had lived and which he commended to his people, provided a strong staff upon which he confidently leaned, and his heart was held in that peace which is a mystery to the world, but the sure possession of the believer. He passed away at his home in Auckland on May 16, 1943, in his 89th year. He had employed with diligence the talents committed to his care and none can be more sure of the commendation that awaits the good and faithful servant.

THOMAS JACKSON WALLIS.

The home-call of the Rev. T. J. Wallis on Christmas Day, 1943, in the 81st year of his age and the 59th of his ministry, severs a tie with our great missionary past. Mr. Wallis came of missionary connections and himself served for twelve years in Fiji. In his mission station there occurred, during his service, the last known case of cannibalism in those islands. Mr. Wallis began his ministry in 1885. In many of our important circuits he did outstanding work and for a long period served as Associate Editor of our church paper and as a lecturer at Deaconess House. Mr. Wallis had a rare gift for winning affection and esteem. He was a generous and attractive friend whom to know was to love. From youth he walked with God in quiet places, and his life brought honour to the truth he believed and taught. He was well qualified to render Connexional service but he instinctively avoided publicity. His reticence in accepting distinctions made it difficult for the Church to confer upon him honours that he richly deserved. He was a man of wide knowledge and sound judgement. The quiet, unobtrusive ministry of this good and gifted worker greatly enriched many lives and generously contributed to the strength of the Church he loved to serve.

ROBERT RAINE.

Robert Raine was a native of Durham in England and was born at Weardale in 1886. Coming to New Zealand in his 22nd year he felt the call to preach, and in 1892 became a probationer in the Primitive Methodist Church, commencing his ministry in the Foxton Circuit.

He was a strongly evangelistic preacher, an outstanding pastor and an able administrator. He laboured with great devotion in various places throughout the Dominion, and he had a genius for winning his way to the hearts of the people. Many came to love and serve the Master through his faithful ministry.

In the year 1909 the Primitive Methodist Church honoured him by electing him to the Presidential Chair of the Conference.

After a successful ministry of 40 years in various parts of New Zealand he retired from the Brooklyn Church in 1932. For another eight years, however, he was constantly about his Master's business, preaching wherever needed.

With calm and confident faith he passed through the open door of death to fuller opportunities and endless day on March 17th, 1942. He was confident that he was to be with the Lord whom he had loved and served so faithfully throughout his life.

GEORGE FROST.

George Frost was born at Suffolk, England, on the 8th March, 1866, and early became a Local Preacher. His zeal and ability in the pulpit so commended him to the people that he was urged to offer himself as a candidate for the ministry, but a deep sense of the sacredness of this office led him to hesitate in taking this step. Having settled in Melbourne as an electrical engineer he continued his witness as a preacher with such acceptance as again to be urged to enter the ministry. The Call became clear and he was received as a candidate by Conference of Victoria and Tasmania.

In 1893 he transferred to New Zealand and was appointed to a circuit. He proved himself an able minister of the gospel. He was a thoughtful preacher, a faithful and sympathetic pastor, a capable administrator, and a man of sustained spiritual devotion.

Under his leadership circuit organisation was perfected, trust properties were well maintained, debts were extinguished, new preaching places were opened, converts were won, and the services of the sanctuary brought light and blessing to the people.

After his superannuation in 1933 he continued to render valuable work to the Church as preacher, manager of the Auckland Methodist Orphanages, clerical treasurer of the Home Mission Fund, inter-Church Broadcasting Committee, secretary of the N.Z. Branch of the Wesley Historical Society, and in many other capacities.

He read widely and deeply and came to be recognised as a scholar of no mean order. On the 29th March, 1944, aged 78 years, he answered the Home Call and passed to fuller knowledge and higher service.

COLIN CAMPBELL HARRISON.

Colin C. Harrison was born in the year 1867 at Allendale on the borders of England and Scotland. In England as a young man he served as one of the evangelists of the Rev. Thomas Champness, and as a layman he worked under the Rev. Samuel Chadwick in the Leeds Mission. He came to New Zealand in 1892 and was received as a candidate into our ministry in 1893. For 40 years he served the Church with zeal and devotion, labouring effectively in many Circuits. He became a supernumerary in 1933.

The marks of his early experience and training were strong upon him. His ministry was evangelistic in temper, ever seeking to win men and women for Christ, and preaching with passion the experience and doctrine of Perfect Love. In him there was deep concern for souls which characterised his early teachers Champness and Chadwick. In Mission services the power of the Spirit was often mightily present, and there are many in this country, among whom are ministers of our Church who date the beginning of their Christian life from a decision made on such an occasion. His life and ministry have greatly enriched the Church which he loved, and his work and influence live on.

We give thanks to God for the consecrated ministry of Colin C. Harrison. After two or three years of indifferent health he passed away peacefully on November 22nd, 1943.

ARTHUR ASHCROFT.

The Rev. A. Ashcroft was born in 1869 in Lancashire, England, and came with his parents to New Zealand in 1884, settling at Napier. In 1890 he entered our Home Mission work, and in 1893 was received as a candidate for the ministry. After a College term of two years, he commenced his active ministry travelling in various Circuits and serving his Church with great acceptance for forty years.

In 1900 he was married to Miss Mary Missen, of Dannevirke, who has devotedly supported him in his ministry.

For 17 years Mr. Ashcroft held various offices in the Conference. He was a member of the Board of Examiners for many years, assistant secretary of the Conference for 5 years, secretary for four years: his executive labours being acknowledged by his appointment as President of the Conference in 1924.

He was esteemed as a thoughtful preacher, a man of wide culture and genial friendliness. As a scholar he was particularly interested in the poet Dante, to whose works and the allied literature he devoted much time and care. His literary gifts found scope in a short period as assistant Editor of the Connexional paper.

In 1935 he retired from the active work and settled at Palmerston North. The growing weariness of failing health was terminated on 15th December, 1943, and this devoted servant of the Methodist Church entered upon his rest, esteemed and appreciated by all who had benefited by his work and fellowship.

THOMAS RETALLICK RICHARDS.

Thomas Retallick Richards was born in the year 1866, and was one of the many valuable contributions from Australia to our N.Z. Methodist Church. For a short period he was a Home Missionary. His ministry covered a period of 40 years and in the various circuits in which he laboured he won the lasting esteem of his people, both as a preacher and pastor. His was a cultured ministry, the result of wide and intensive reading. A perfect gentleman with an engaging manner, he had no difficulty in getting alongside of people and winning their friendship, and in the house of sorrow he was ever welcome. No tribute could be complete which did not mention the great debt he owed to his devoted wife, who endeared herself to the people in every circuit where they were stationed.

He was elevated Chairman of District no less than 13 times, and in 1925 the Conference accorded him its highest honour by making him President.

In the fullness of his years he passed to his reward on January 9th, 1944, at the age of 77, leaving behind him a record of personal honour, high integrity and devoted service.

QUESTION XIII.—What Ministers continue to be Supernumeraries?

John Nixon
George Clement
Thomas A. Joughin
Samuel H. D. Peryman
Arthur Mitchell
Charles H. Laws, B.A., D.D.
Henry L. Blamires
George S. Cook
Jacob Featherston
William Grigg
John Olphert
William A. Sinclair
William J. Elliott
Thomas W. Vealie
Fred. Greenwood
Percy N. Knight, B.A.
Arthur Hopper
Edward Drake
Harold E. Bellhouse
Thomas R. B. Woolloxall
Ben Dudley, F.R.A.S.
T. Arthur Pybus

William Wills
Walter J. Oxbrow
Arthur J. Seamer
William H. Speer
Charles A. Foston
G. Knowles Smith
R. Purcell Keall
Jonathan H. Haslam
George P. Hunt
Frank E. Leadley
Arthur Liversedge
Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Benjamin J. James
Harry Ranston, M.A., Litt.D.
Albert H. Fowles
Samuel Bailey
George F. Stockwell
Raymond Richards
John John
Ernest S. Emmitt
Ralph J. Liddell

QUESTION XIV.—What Ministers now become Supernumeraries?

E. Percy Blamires
Angus McBean
J. F. Martin

Moses Ayrton
For a fourth year

EDGAR PERCY BLAMIRES.

In acceding to the request of the Rev. E. P. Blamires to become a Supernumerary, Conference places on record its grateful sense of the devoted and efficient service rendered to the Church during an active ministry of over forty-three years. Born at Melbourne, the son of the Rev. W. L. and Mrs. Blamires, and one of a family of nine, of whom four became ministers, our brother entered the Home Mission work in Victoria, and began his New Zealand ministry as a Home Missionary in the Bay of Islands in 1899. Having been received into the Ministry in 1900, he served in circuit work in New Zealand until 1922, when he was appointed Youth Director, a position he retained until 1939. The value of his work in this capacity is summarised by a tribute paid to him by the Department: "He is so fully informed, splendidly equipped, for the special work he is doing on behalf of the Sunday Schools and youth of the Church, that we regard him as invaluable to the whole Church." He became President in 1936. The Council of Religious Education, of which he was secretary for many years, owes much to his initiative and organizing ability. Since 1939, when he again visited America and England, he has been in circuit work under the direction of the British Conference. Through all his ministry, his retention of a fluent, forceful style and vigorous, youthful outlook, has won for him the esteem and confidence of the whole Church.

ANGUS McBEAN.

The Rev. Angus McBean is a product of Victorian Methodism. Born at Ballarat he was converted at 17 years of age, and at the age of 20 became an accredited Local Preacher. Responding to an urgent call for workers he came to New Zealand in 1900, and a year later was accepted for training for the ministry. On the completion of his term in College, he commenced a highly acceptable ministerial career, travelling in a number of our best Circuits. His self-forgetting devotion to pastoral work, his radiant spirit, and his sympathy with all in trouble, have made him one of the most beloved of Ministers. His pulpit ministry has been rich in spiritual appeal and instruction, and his platform utterances have been characterised by wit and wisdom. While specialising in Circuit work, he also took his full share of Connexional duty, being Synod Secretary, District Financial Secretary, and Chairman of South Canterbury District, as well as convener of various boards. In 1939 he was elected President of the Conference, an office which he graced with geniality and dignity. For 35 years Mrs. McBean has been a devoted helpmeet, and the fragrance of their united service continues wherever they have laboured. Impaired health necessitated temporary superannuation two years ago, but he is now obliged to seek permanent relief from Circuit responsibility. He leaves the active work rich in the goodwill and affection of the whole Church, which cherishes the hope that he may continue to serve his beloved Church in spheres which do not make excessive demands upon his strength.

J. FREDERICK MARTIN.

The Rev. J. Frederick Martin, who was born in Waimate, South Canterbury, comes of parents who were pioneers of Methodism in Dunedin as early as 1862. His father had the double distinction of appearing as a Local Preacher on the first Dunedin Plan, and also being the first Circuit Steward in the Waimate Circuit. Later the family came to Wellington where Bro. Martin was educated and became a member of the Taranaki Street Church. After three years as Home Missionary, in 1908 Mr. Martin was accepted as a Probationer for our ministry. In 1913 he married Miss Letitia Graham of Glasgow, who through the years has been a true yoke-fellow to her husband in the home and in his work, among other things being a most acceptable Local Preacher. Bro. Martin brought to the work a sunny nature, which circuit work has not in any way dimmed. All through his ministry he has "maintained the spiritual glow." Combined with an unflagging love for the souls of men he has kept a zeal for social progress and national righteousness. Having laboured successfully for 36 years as a circuit minister he now withdraws from the active work with the goodwill of all his brethren, and their hope that he may long be spared to enjoy his retirement.

QUESTION XV.—What Supernumeraries return to Regular Work?

None.

QUESTION XVI.—What Home Missionaries are to be—

(a) Retained on the Retired List?

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| 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 |
| J. W. Bayliss | |

(b) Placed on the Retired List?

None.

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.

Charles M. Roberts
Reginald Day

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

Hedley White
Maharaia Winiata (for a third year)

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?

Henry J. Tozer, M.A.

George E. Beckingsale

Who have voluntarily resigned.

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

BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

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H. Ranston, M.A., Litt.D., A. N. Scotter,
B.A., E. P. Blamires, E. D. Patchett,
M. A. Rugby Pratt, F.R.Hist.S., A. J.
Seamer, R. B. Tinsley, A. H. Scrivin,
J. H. Haslam, W. A. Burley, M.A., F.
Copeland, H. L. Richards, J. D. McArthur,
E. B. Chambers, A. McBean, G. F. Stock-
well, W. G. Slade, M.A., E. S. Emmitt,
M.C., and Fred. J. Parker.

(A) Examiners for Probationers.

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| 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 |

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| Theology: | | | | | |
| 1st year | | | | | Rev. A. H. Fowles |
| 2nd year | | | | | Rev. A. M. Costain, Dip. Soc. Sc. |
| 3rd year | | | | | Rev. F. J. Handy |
| 4th year | .... | .... | .... | .... | Rev. C. H. Olds, B.A. |
| Church History | .... | .... | .... | .... | Rev. E. E. Sage |
| Apologetics | .... | .... | .... | .... | Rev. C. B. Jordan, M.A., B.D. |
| Religion and Psychology | .... | .... | .... | .... | Rev. D. O. Williams, M.A., Litt.D. |
| Social Ethics | .... | .... | .... | .... | Rev. O. Burnet |
| Comparative Religion | | | | | Rev. L. B. Neale, B.A. |
| Religious Education | | | | | Rev. E. Drake |

(B) Examiners for Students.

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| Systematic Theology | | | | | Rev. C. Blair |
| Biblical Theology— | | | | | |
| Old Testament | | | | | Rev. H. Sharp |
| New Testament | .... | .... | .... | .... | Rev. G. R. Harris |
| Homiletics | .... | .... | .... | .... | Rev. W. Walker |
| Pastoral Theology | .... | .... | .... | .... | Rev. A. Blakemore |
| English | .... | .... | .... | .... | Mr. J. W. Bennett Mr. K. J. Dellow, M.A. |
| Elocution and Public Speaking | | | | | Revs. T. R. B. Woolloxall, Mr. F. Penn and Mr. Clyde Harris |

(C) Examiners for Candidates.

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|-----------------------|------|------|------|------|--------------------------|
| Bible Knowledge I | | | | | Rev. E. S. Harkness |
| Bible Knowledge II | | | | | Rev. F. J. Handy |
| Theology | | | | | Rev. E. T. Olds |
| English and Greek | .... | .... | .... | .... | Rev. Gordon Parker, M.A. |
| Geography and History | | | | | Rev. H. J. Odell |
| Book-keeping | | | | | Mr. W. Hadlee |

(D) Examiners for Home Missionaries.

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| English | | | | | Rev. L. A. G. Brooks |
| Theology | | | | | Rev. J. H. Bailey |
| Bible Knowledge | | | | | Rev. C. E. Dickens |
| Church History and Homiletics | .... | .... | .... | .... | Rev. R. P. Keall |

(E) Examiner for Native Probationers.

Rev. A. O. Harris.

(F) Examiners for Local Preachers.

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| Bible Knowledge | | | | | Rev. H. S. Kings |
| Theology | | | | | Rev. J. F. Jack |
| Homiletics | | | | | Rev. H. Benny |

(G) Correspondence Tutors in Greek.

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|-------------|------|------|------|------|---------------------------|
| First Year | | | | | Rev. R. E. Patchett |
| Second Year | | | | | Rev. H. E. Harkness, M.A. |
| Third Year | | | | | Rev. I. S. Williamson |
| Fourth Year | | | | | Rev. W. R. Laws, M.A. |

(H) Tutors in Theology.

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| First Year | | | | | Rev. C. T. Symons, M.A. B.D. |
| 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.
Heaviness 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).

6. Maori Language.

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."

I.I.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR STUDENTS.

CURRICULUM.

| Subjects. | Hours per Week |
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| 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 | 1 |
| 9. Philosophy | 1 |
| 10. Religious Education | 1 |
| 11. Elocution and Voice Production | 1 |

Matriculated Students will often take University classes in addition.

All Students to take numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10 and 11. A few selected men will take Hebrew in preparation for University work. English is taken by men not attending the University.

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.—The Elements of New Testament Greek (Nunn), p.p. 1-50: (Exercises—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. Book-keeping—Whitcombe's Practical Book-keeping, Chaps. 1-11.

Matriculated Candidates take Section A only, and Book-keeping unless a pass has been secured in a bona fide examination in that subject. Non-matriculated candidates take sections A and B including Book-keeping unless a Pass has already been secured. Greek is optional for all candidates, but is strongly recommended to be taken at the Candidates' stage.

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."
4. Homiletics—Manual for Preachers (Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A. B.D.).

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).
5. Homiletics—A Primer of Homiletics (Edwards)

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.—Local Preachers' Course (Whittome), Chaps. 1-10.
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." Chap. 11-20
4. Bible Knowledge.—The New Testament, its Writers and their Messages. (C. F. Hunter), Chap. 9-14.
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 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.

VII.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR LOCAL PREACHERS.

(Two Hour Papers.)

1. General Bible Knowledge. Text-Books: Maclear's Primers.
2. Theology—"What a Christian Believes and Why"—Hunter.
3. Homiletics—"A Primer of Homiletics"—Edwards.

DATES OF EXAMINATIONS.

The examinations for 1944 shall commence on the following dates:
Probationers—Tuesday, 18th July, and Tuesday, 5th December.
Candidates for the Ministry—Tuesday, 22nd August.
Home Missionary Probationers—Tuesday, 5th 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.
- (III) The Examination may be taken in sections provided that the full course be completed within two years.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Oral Examiner for 1945 be the Acting-Principal of the Theological College, Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A.

2. That congratulations be extended to:—

Dr. D. O. Williams, M.A., on obtaining his Litt.D. Degree; Revs. W. R. Laws, M.A., and H. C. Dixon, M.A., on obtaining the Master of Arts Degree; and that these be printed in the Minutes.

To the Rev. L. C. Horwood on the publication of his second book, "Live and Move."

3. That the Sub-Committee for 1945 to interview Candidates for the Ministry be:—Revs. E. W. Hames, M.A., G. I. Laurenson, L. C. Horwood, and H. L. Fiebig, B.A.

4. Candidates for the Ministry serving with the Armed Services Overseas:

(a) That the Resolution on p. 33 of Minutes 1944 (Prospective Candidates) be re-affirmed, and the following paragraph be added: "That the Secretary of the Board of Examiners communicate with all N.Z. Methodist Chaplains at Home and Overseas asking for the names and addresses of men in the Forces who are known to contemplate becoming Candidates for the Ministry, in order that they may be given all possible encouragement and assistance."

(b) That such Candidates be encouraged to take advantage of such courses of Theological Study as may be in operation in their area.

5. Having been informed of the system adopted by the British Conference for encouraging Candidates for the Ministry from the Armed Forces, we recommend its adoption in the following amended form:—

(a) Candidates must obtain a 50% pass in a written examination on (a) Christian Doctrine, (b) Old Testament, (c) New Testament. Where practicable the papers should be the usual ones set in New Zealand, but if necessary candidates may sit the English Conference papers. In every case questions and answers must be returned to New Zealand.

(b) Every such candidate shall apply to his Circuit Quarterly Meeting in N.Z. asking for nomination to Conference, enclosing a letter stating briefly his present experience and call to the Ministry, and also a letter from a Methodist Chaplain testifying to his character and fitness for the work. If the Quarterly Meeting decides to support the application, it shall forward its nomination together with the Chaplain's letter of recommendation direct to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners.

A man in the Forces who is not in touch with a Methodist Chaplain and who wishes to become a Candidate for the Ministry, shall apply to his Quarterly Meeting in N.Z. in the same way, enclosing a letter from the Chaplain of his unit testifying to his Christian character and influence among his fellows. He shall also write direct to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners, enclosing a copy of the Chaplain's letter of recommendation.

In the case of a man in the Forces overseas who wishes to become a Candidate for the Ministry but who has not reached the status of a Local Preacher, and where a group of three Methodist Chaplains (one of whom is a member of the New Zealand Conference), after hearing him preach, and conducting an oral examination, report favourably on his gifts and promise, the Conference may in his case waive the requirement that a Candidate for the Ministry of the Methodist Church must be a fully accredited Local Preacher.

(c) Where the above conditions are observed, the case shall be brought before the Examination Committee of Conference, which may place the man's name on a list of Prospective Candidates who shall appear before the Examination Committee and the Conference on their return to New Zealand.

(d) That in order to facilitate the candidature of such men on their return to New Zealand, the President, Chairman of the District, and Secretary of the Board of Examiners be empowered to make such suitable emergency arrangements for the taking of all the tests as are required by our regulations in order that such Candidates may proceed as soon as possible with their training.

6. Married Candidates (1943 Mins., p. 120). To read:—That when an accepted Candidate is a married man, a suitable supply appointment shall be found for him in Auckland, if possible, where he may pursue a course of study as a non-residential student at the Theological College.

In relation to the Circuit or Home Mission Station to which he is appointed, to the Synod and to Connexional Funds, such a Candidate shall retain (or be given) the status of a Home Missionary Probationer. If he has qualified for the status of Home Missionary, he shall retain that status. In no case shall he be eligible for election to Conference. In relation to examination requirements he shall be regarded as an accepted Candidate and his studies shall be under the direction of the Principal of the College and the Committee of oversight, with whom the Circuit Superintendent shall confer in regard to the time to be devoted to Circuit work.

7. That the Secretary of the Board of Examiners, Rev. H. L. Fiebig, B.A., be thanked and re-appointed.

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

AUCKLAND.

1. That the Kaukapakapa-Silverdale H.M. Station and the Helensville H.M. Station be united in one Station with two Home Missionaries and a suitable grant, the Station to be called "North Waitemata Home Mission Station."

2. That Conference request the Birkenhead Quarterly Meeting to consider the absorption of the Albany area within the Circuit and report to Synod and Conference.

3. **Port Albert and Mahurangi Circuits.** That Pakiri, Whangaripo and Tomorata be transferred to the Port Albert Circuit, the staffing of which shall be a Minister and a Home Missionary, the latter to be stationed at Wellsford.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.

Ngaruawahia.—That the Ministers of Hamilton Circuit be requested to maintain as complete a series of services as possible in the most essential preaching places in Ngaruawahia Home Mission Station until such time as an agent be appointed.

Raglan Union Church.—That the application of the Raglan Union Church for the appointment of an Ordained Minister be granted, such Minister to work under the direction of the Chairman of the South Auckland District and to be attached to the Hamilton Circuit.

WELLINGTON.

That the matter of the future policy in respect to Webb Street Circuit be referred back to the District Executive to report to Conference.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.

Report of Commission on Circuit Boundaries.

In view of the continued shortage of staffing due to war conditions, and realising that the grouping of preaching places as suggested by the Conference of 1943 (Mins. Conf. 1943, p. 34) is an attempt to meet the situation thus arising, the Commission, having given due consideration to the factors involved in each of the places concerned, presents the following recommendations for 1944, and requests permission to continue its investigations for a further term.

1. **Port Chalmers, etc.:** (a) While considering that the amalgamation of Waikouaiti-Palmerston Home Mission Station with the Port Chalmers circuit is inadvisable at present, the Commission strongly urges the continuance of close oversight of the Station by the Superintendent Minister of Port Chalmers Circuit.

(b) In view of all the factors concerned in the possible future development of new outlets from the city bringing Waikouaiti, etc., into closer direct touch with Dunedin, the Commission states that Waikouaiti-Palmerston H.M. Station should probably ultimately be under the oversight of a Dunedin City Circuit.

2. **Dundas Street:** That Ravensbourne-Broad Bay-Otakou remain a separate Home Mission Station, and that the Home Mission Board be asked to appoint an agent as soon as possible.

3. **St. Kilda:** That if Conference uphold the Recommendation of the Otago-Southland Synod that Ravensbourne-Broad Bay-Otakou revert to a working unit with its own agent, every endeavour be made to make the appointment of a suitable Home Missionary to St. Clair.

4. **N.E. Valley:** (a) That Maori Hill, North East Valley, and Woodhaugh be constituted a Circuit with a Probationer appointed. (b) That the possibility of establishing a wider Circuit organisation for the North Dunedin Circuits be considered by the Commission in 1944.

5. **Milton:** To continue as for 1943.

6. **Lawrence:** To continue as for 1943.

7. **Balclutha:** To continue as for 1943.

8. **Riverton:** To remain as at present.

9. **Caversham, etc.:** That the Commission favours the amalgamation of Caversham, Abbotsford and Mosgiel, but recommends that in view of the difficulties of transport at present, no action be taken till after the war, provided always that the Quarterly Meetings concerned shall have first agreed upon a basis of amalgamation.

10. "Having regard to the fact that for many years geographical boundaries have existed which in the opinion of many are detrimental to the progress and solidity of Methodism in the Otago-Southland District, Synod now requests Conference to direct the Otago-Southland Executive to determine and outline a desirable policy towards progressive Methodism in the District, the Executive to have power to delegate its duties to a sub-committee, with authority to co-opt the assistance of such members as it deems necessary: the findings of the Executive to be submitted through Synod to next Conference."

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That Waikouaiti-Palmerston be under the direction of the Chairman of the District.

2. That the findings of the District Executive be sustained, "That in view of the continued shortage of staff caused by the War, and, as a purely temporary measure, the grouping of Dundas Street-Ravensbourne, and Cargill Road-St. Clair-Broad Bay-Otakou be continued." (St. Kilda to remain a separate Circuit.)

3. That recommendations 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 be sustained.

4. That recommendations 4 and 10 be referred back to the Executive for further consideration.

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

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.

Maori Hill, North East Valley and Woodhaugh (see Commission Report above).

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

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.

That the staffing of Eltham-Kaponga Circuit be a Minister and a Home Missionary, the appointments to be referred to the Home Mission Board for serious consideration.

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU.

Waipukurau.—Conference is strongly of the opinion that as soon as possible a suitable agent should be appointed at Waipukurau, with a suitable grant.

Norsewood.—That a suitable agent be appointed to Norsewood.

WELLINGTON.

That the staffing of Paraparaumu be two Home Missionaries, the second agent to reside at Paekakariki.

NORTH CANTERBURY.

That a Probationer be appointed to Riccarton Circuit as second agent.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.

Dunedin Central Mission.—That the following be the appointments for 1945:—

- (1) A preacher and pastor responsible for the Spiritual work of the Mission.
- (2) A Social Service Director to supervise matters relating to properties, institutions and finances, who shall be General Superintendent.
- (3) A Probationer to specialise in Youth activities.

Resolved: 1. That the recommendations be referred back to the Dunedin Central Mission for further consideration, and to report to next Conference.

2. That the Central Mission should prepare for taking a second married Minister at next Conference.

3. (a) That this Conference Executive Committee record its appreciation of the measure of success of the work of the Co-ed Club, and commends the action of the Central Mission in making its premises available for the club in 1943. (b) That the thanks of the Executive be extended to the Youth Board and to Rev. M. A. McDowell for their contribution to the success of the club. (c) That the Executive record its regret that, owing to the serious shortage of suitable trained men, a Probationer cannot be appointed for the special oversight of this work this year. (d) That, in view of this fact, and also that this is so typically Central Mission work, the Central Mission Quarterly Meeting be requested to make arrangements to permit the Rev. R. F. Clement to give leadership to the club this year. (e) That to facilitate this, the Central Mission Quarterly Meeting be urged to make arrangements as soon as possible for a residence for a second married Ordained Minister, on the assurance of the Executive that, should a Chaplain become available for appointment during the course of the year, consideration will be given to appointing him at the earliest possible moment to assist in the preaching and pastoral work of the Mission until next Conference, when the appointments would be reviewed.

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?

Auckland East is due, but is relieved for a third year.

Otahuhu (2nd) is due, but is relieved for an eleventh year.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Greytown-Featherston is due, but is relieved for a second year.

Johnsonville-Ngaio is due but is relieved for one year.

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

Christchurch East is due, but is relieved for a second year.

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

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

Dunedin Central Mission is due, but is relieved for a fifth year.

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

LIST OF STATIONS OF THE **Methodist Church of New Zealand**

President: REV. ROBERT B. TINSLEY.

Vice-President: MR. CHARLIE E. BELLINGER.

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

STATIONS OF MINISTERS, 1944.

(N.B.—Each of the places mentioned in these Stations and numbered consecutively 1 to 130 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 Superintendent or other Minister or Ministers stationed in or appointed to the several Circuits or Missions is or are appointed by the Conference to preach and perform all acts of religious worship and Methodist discipline in each and every one of the Methodist Churches already erected, or to be erected, in each Circuit respectively, during the current connexional year, 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, V. Roy Jamieson, Herbert Spencer, Howard C. Matthews; Sandringham, One Wanted; Harold T. Peat (C.F.), F. Gardner Brown (C.F.), Edmund D. Grounds (on Active Service), John Olphert, George P. Hunt, Ralph J. Liddell (Supernumeraries). A Deaconess.

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

THE HOME MISSION DEPARTMENT.—George I. Laurenson, General Superintendent. Harry J. Odell, Assistant Superintendent; Maharaia Winiata (without Pastoral Charge).

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), Percy N. Knight, B.A., John John (Supernumeraries).
4. **Auckland East.**—William Walker, J. Francis Jack (Mount Eden), Basil Metson (Remuera), John J. Lewis, M.A. (Mission Bay); William R. Francis (C.F. Overseas); Charles H. Laws, B.A., D.D. (Foundation Fellow of Trinity College), William A. Sinclair, William J. Elliott, Harold E. Bellhouse (Connexional Editor) (Supernumeraries).

Epsom Orphanage Chaplain.—William Walker.

TRINITY THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.—Principal: One Wanted; Resident Tutor: Eric W. Hames, M.A. (Acting Principal).

WESLEY PREPARATORY SCHOOL.—Chaplain: Basil Metson.

5. **Auckland** (Avondale).—Walter Parker, One Wanted (Glen Eden), Leslie F. Bycroft (Avondale); Arthur Mitchell, Harry Ranston, M.A., Litt.D., Fellow of Trinity College, Henry Ryan (Supernumeraries).
Mt. Albert Orphanage Chaplain—Walter Parker.
6. **Auckland** (Devonport).—Herbert A. Cochrane, Bernard M. Chrystall, B.A. (C.F.); Arthur R. Witheford (C.F. Overseas); E. Percy Blamires (Supernumerary, with permission to reside in England).
7. **Auckland** (Takapuna).—John H. Bailey, Joseph C. Draper (C.F. Overseas); Thomas R. B. Woolloxall, William Wills (Supernumeraries).
8. **Auckland** (Birkenhead).—Andrew J. Johnston (Organiser Centennial Fund), a Home Missionary.
9. **Onehunga**.—D. J. Donald Hickman, Wesley Parker, M.A. (C.F.); Frank E. Leadley (Supernumerary).
10. **Otahuhu**.—Percy I. Cooke. One Wanted.
11. **Papakura**.—Wallace S. Neal.
12. **Pukekohe**.—J. Ainsley Daglish (who shall supervise the Bombay-Tuakau H.M. Station).
Wesley Training College, Paerata:—J. Ainsley Daglish, Chaplain.
13. **Waiuku**.—Charles B. Jordan, M.A., B.D., F.R.E.S.
14. **Mahurangi**.—One Wanted (Warkworth); A Home Missionary.
15. **Paparoa**.—One Wanted.
16. **Dargaville**.—Ivo M. Raynor; A Home Missionary (Te Kopuru).
17. **Ruawai**.—One Wanted.
18. **Whangarei-Hikurangi**.—George E. Brown. One Wanted.
19. **Whangaroa**.—H. Kilford Brown (Kaeo).
20. **Port Albert**.—One Wanted. John R. Metcalfe (Supply).
21. **Kawakawa-Kaikohe**.—One Wanted.
22. **Mangonui**.—Leslie R. M. Gilmore.
23. **Hokianga**.—Charles B. Oldfield.

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

(1) **Auckland**—

Matarae Tauroa (Tuakau).
Ranginohoora Rogers (Waima).
13 Home Missionaries.
5 Deaconesses.

BOMBAY-TUAKAU.—A Home Missionary.

NORTH WAITEMATA.—Two Home Missionaries.

ALBANY.—A Home Missionary.

BAY OF ISLANDS.—A Home Missionary.

NORTH HOKIANGA.—A Home Missionary.

COLPORTEUR WORK.—A Home Missionary.

E. THOMAS OLDS, Chairman of the District.

ALFRED E. WAITE, Financial Secretary.

II.—SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

24. **Thames.**—Francis J. Handy; George F. Stockwell (Super-numerary).
 25. **Hauraki Plains.**—George W. Cramond.
 26. **Paeroa.**—John R. Nelson (who shall supervise the Hauraki Plains Circuit).
 27. **Waihi.**—Arthur H. Ivory, LL.B., B.Com.; Reginald Day (without pastoral charge).
 28. **Te Aroha.**—Leslie A. G. Brooks.
 29. **Morrinsville.**—John L. Mitchell; One Wanted.
 30. **Cambridge.**—J. Stanley Waite.
 31. **Hamilton.**—Charles H. Olds, B.A., James W. Parker (who shall supervise the Huntly Circuit and Ngaruawahia H.M. Station); Robert H. Allen, Arthur T. Kent (Raglan Union Church, who shall work under the direction of the Chairman of the District).
 32. **Hamilton East.**—William Gatman.
 33. **Huntly.**—Albert Jolly.
 34. **Matamata.**—Howard H. Jeffreys (who shall supervise the Putaruru Circuit).
 35. **Putaruru.**—Harold A. Darvill.
 36. **Rotorua.**—John B. Dawson; Walter J. Oxbrow and William H. Speer (Supernumeraries).
 37. **Tauranga.**—Arthur A. Bensley (who shall supervise the Whakatane and Opotiki Circuits). A Home Missionary.
 38. **Whakatane.**—One Wanted.
 39. **Opotiki.**—One Wanted.
 40. **Te Awamutu.**—Hector C. Orchard.
 41. **Otorohanga.**—William E. Moore.
 42. **Te Kuiti.**—Gordon V. Thomas.
 43. **Taumarunui.**—Lawrence Greenslade (who shall supervise the Ohura Home Mission Station).
 - (2) **Waikato**—
 One Wanted (Ngaruawahia).
 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.
 OHURA.—A Home Missionary.

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

III.—TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

44. New Plymouth.—Ernest D. Patchett, Ivan S. Williamson. A Home Missionary; Charles M. Roberts (Resting); John Nixon (Super-numerary).
45. Waitara.—William C. Jenkin.
46. Stratford.—Gordon R. H. Peterson.
47. Eltham-Kaponga.—L. Gordon Hanna.
48. Hawera.—Samuel J. Werren.
49. Manaia.—J. C. Aldwyn Williams.
50. Opunake.—Robert E. Fordyce. A Home Missionary.
51. Wanganui.—Ernest B. Chambers (who shall supervise the Rae-tihi-Ohakune Home Mission Station); J. Frederick Martin (Supernumerary).
52. Wanganui North.—Alan O. Jones. A Home Missionary.
53. Gonville.—W. Selwyn Dawson.
54. Taihape.—Leonard V. Willing.
 - (4) Taranaki-Waimarino—
Rakena P. Rakena (Hawera).
12 Home Missionaries.
3 Deaconesses.
- INGLEWOOD.—A Home Missionary.
- MARTON.—A Home Missionary.
- RAETIHI-OHAKUNE.—A Home Missionary.
- PATEA.—A Home Missionary.
- DOUGLAS.—A Home Missionary.

ERNEST D. PATCHETT, Chairman of the District.

IV.—HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

55. Napier.—Fred Copeland (who shall supervise Wairoa Circuit), One Wanted (Greenmeadows), Alfred Sanft (on Active Service).
56. Hastings.—Robert B. Tinsley, President of the Conference; Arthur Hopper (Supernumerary).
57. Gisborne.—Albert Blakemore. A Home Missionary.
58. Wairoa.—One Wanted.
59. Dannevirke.—Thomas Skuse.
60. Woodville.—Athol R. Penn.
61. Pahiatua.—Edwin S. Harkness.
62. Palmerston North (St. Paul's).—Clarence Eaton.
63. Palmerston North (Cuba Street).—Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A. (who shall supervise the Foxton-Shannon H.M. Station).
64. Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe.—Frederick B. Lawrence.

65. Feilding.—William T. Blight, B.A., B.D. A Home Missionary.

66. Sanson-Rongotea.—Herbert Ford.

WAIPAWA-WAIPUKURAU.—Two Home Missionaries.

FOXTON-SHANNON.—A Home Missionary.

APITI.—A Home Missionary.

NORSEWOOD.—A Home Missionary.

ROBERT B. TINSLEY (President of the Conference),
Chairman of the District.

WILLIAM T. BLIGHT, B.A., B.D., Financial Secretary.

V.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

67. Wellington Central.—Ashleigh K. Petch; Campbell P. Lucas (Brooklyn); William Rowe (C.F.), Fred Greenwood (Supernumerary). Ernest O. Blamires, is a minister resting and is permitted to serve in connection with the Bible in Schools' League. YOUTH DEPARTMENT.—Clifford T. Symons, M.A., B.D., Senior Youth Director.

68. Wellington (Webb Street).—One Wanted.

69. Wellington West.—Frank Bateup, Charles E. Dickens (Thorndon); Moses Ayrton (Supernumerary).

70. Wellington South.—John D. McArthur.

71. Wellington East.—William A. Burley, M.A., Robert Thornley, M.A., Dip.Soc.Sc. (Island Bay), Ralph E. Patchett, Wilfred E. Falkingham, Harry S. Kings (C.F.), John Churchill (C.F.), Harold W. Burley (on Active Service).

72. Johnsonville-Ngaio.—Victor Mead, L.Th., William J. Morrison (Porirua), Ronald G. Bell (Ngaio); Samuel H. D. Peryman (Supernumerary).

73. Hutt.—Frederick J. Parker, Wesley L. Long; Thomas W. Vealie, R. Purcell Keall (Supernumeraries).

74. Petone.—Archer O. Harris (who shall supervise the Upper Hutt Home Mission Station).

75. Greytown-Featherston.—J. Henry Woolford; G. Knowles Smith (Supernumerary). Hedley White resides in the Circuit and is without pastoral charge.

76. Carterton.—Reginald Grice (who shall supervise the Greytown-Featherston Circuit).

77. Masterton.—George H. Goodman; A Home Missionary.
Masterton Children's Home.—Chaplain: George H. Goodman.

78. Eketahuna.—Harry V. Utting.

79. Levin.—G. Raymond Harris; Charles A. Foston (Supernumerary).

80. Otaki.—William B. Pickering (who shall supervise Paraparaumu Home Mission Station); George S. Cook (Supernumerary).

PARAPARAUMU.—A Home Missionary.

UPPER HUTT.—A Home Missionary.

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

VI.—NELSON DISTRICT.

81. Nelson.—Charles Blair, One Wanted (Nelson South).
82. Richmond.—John D. Grocott (who shall supervise the Wakefield-Dovedale Home Mission Station).
83. Motueka.—Thomas Coatsworth.
84. Blenheim.—Harold A. Sharp, E. Clarence Leadley (Picton).
85. Reefton.—One Wanted.
86. Westport.—Hubert G. Brown (who shall supervise the Granity Home Mission Station).
87. Greymouth.—Ernest S. Hoddinott.
88. Hokitika.—Leslie A. D. Hayman, B.Sc., Agc.
WAKEFIELD-DOVEDALE.—A Home Missionary.
HAVELOCK.—A Home Missionary.
MURCHISON.—A Home Missionary.
GRANITY.—A Home Missionary.

CHARLES BLAIR, Chairman of the District.

VII.—NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

89. Christchurch (Durham Street).—Raymond Dudley, M.A., F.R.E.S., Clifford G. Brown (Somerfield Street); William A. Mills (C.F. on Active Service), William Grigg, Henry L. Blamires, Ben Dudley, F.R.A.S., Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A., Benjamin J. James (Super-numeraries).
CONNEXIONAL SECRETARY AND AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE.—M. A. Rugby Pratt, F.R.Hist.S.
Youth Director.—Matthew A. McDowell.
90. Christchurch East.—J. Henry Allen, Herbert W. Payne, W. E. Allon Carr, Wesley A. Chambers, John K. Watson, B.A. (C.F. Overseas); Jacob Featherston, Albert H. Fowles, Raymond Richards (Supernumeraries).
91. Christchurch (Cambridge Terrace).—Norman P. Larsen.
92. Christchurch (Woolston).—Ernest E. Sage, Alan F. Collins (Opawa). A Home Missionary (Sumner).
93. Christchurch (Sydenham).—George B. Hinton.
94. Christchurch (Addington).—John Dennis.
95. Christchurch (Riccarton).—Harris Whitfield; One Wanted.
96. Christchurch (St. Albans).—David O. Williams, M.A., Litt.D., Charlie O. Hailwood; Edward Drake, Arthur Liversedge (Supernumeraries).
97. Christchurch (Papanui).—Cecil R. Taylor.

SOUTH ISLAND ORPHANAGE.—Cecil R. Taylor, Chaplain.

98. Lyttelton.—John Silvester, M.A.
99. Springston.—Harry Cottom.
100. Leeston.—H. Leslie Richards.
101. Kaiapoi.—Gordon Parker, M.A.
102. Ohoka.—H. Ian K. Hopper.
103. Rangiora.—Alfred M. Costain, Dip.Soc.Sc.
104. Woodend-Sefton.—James H. Hall (who shall supervise the Hawarden H.M. Station).
105. Greendale.—Robert McGregor.
106. Oxford.—One Wanted.
- TAI TAPU.—A Home Missionary.
- HAWARDEN.—A Home Missionary.
- WADDINGTON.—A Home Missionary.

J. HENRY ALLEN, Chairman of the District.

VIII.—SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

107. Timaru (Banks St.).—James Richards.
108. Timaru (Woodland St.).—Oswald Burnet.
109. Timaru South.—William W. Avery.
110. Waimate.—Henry Benny; Jonathan H. Haslam (Supernumerary).
111. Temuka.—Charles H. Kendon.
112. Geraldine.—Frederick O. Prosser.
113. Ashburton.—Robert B. Gosnell (who shall supervise Rakaia-Methven Circuit); Angus McBean (Supernumerary). A Deaconess.
114. Willowby.—Thomas H. Carr.
115. Oamaru.—Robert W. Mayson, B.A.
116. Rakaia-Methven.—One Wanted.

WILLIAM W. AVERY, Chairman of the District.

IX.—OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

117. Dunedin (Trinity).—William G. Slade, M.A.; A Home Missionary; George Clement (Supernumerary).
118. Dunedin Central Mission.—Leslie B. Neale, B.A., F.R.G.S., Robert F. Clement; Two Deaconesses.
119. Dunedin (Dundas Street).—Haddon C. Dixon, M.A.
120. Dunedin (Cargill Road).—Bert M. Tasker, B.A., Dip.Soc.Sc.; A Home Missionary (St. Clair).
121. Dunedin (St. Kilda).—Leonard C. Horwood (who shall supervise the proposed Dunedin South Circuit).
122. Dunedin (Caversham).—William R. Laws, M.A.

123. Dunedin (Morningside).—Howard E. Harkness, M.A.
 124. Dunedin (Roslyn).—Clifford L. Duder, James S. Willoughby (on Active Service).
 125. Port Chalmers.—Walter J. Enticott.
 126. Milton.—Leslie T. Norwell (who shall supervise the Lawrence H.M. Station).
 127. Roxburgh.—Charles H. Bell.
 128. Invercargill (Central).—William W. H. Greenslade (who shall supervise the Riverton Home Mission Station).
 129. Invercargill (St. Peter's).—Alfred E. Jefferson (who shall supervise the Otautau-Tuatapere and Nightcaps Home Mission Stations); Samuel Bailey (Supernumerary).
 130. 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.
- BALCLUTHA.—A Home Missionary.
- EDENDALE.—A Home Missionary.
- LAWRENCE.—A Home Missionary.
- CROMWELL.—A Home Missionary.
- OTAUTAU-TUATAPERE.—A Home Missionary.
- NIGHTCAPS.—A Home Missionary.
- RIVERTON.—A Home Missionary.

WILLIAM G. SLADE, M.A., Chairman of the District.

WILLIAM R. LAWS, M.A., Financial Secretary.

X.—SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT.

«5) Roviana Circuit—

John Francis Goldie

One Wanted

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.
One Wanted, 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.—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 first and second Sundays in June.

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 FOR 1944.

Auckland District—

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

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

Auckland Central.—C. W. Brown (Retired).

Auckland West.—One Wanted.

Auckland, Avondale (Glen Eden).—Supply (Student H. Moore), J. Belshaw, C. W. Brown, and C. Duncan (Retired), W. M. Jones (Wesley Home).

Auckland, Takapuna.—W. Sussex and W. H. Wilson (Retired)

Auckland, Birkenhead 2nd (Northcote).—One Wanted.

Bombay-Tuakau.—R. C. Patchett.

North Waitemata.—L. E. G. Sharp and W. J. Anderson.

North Hokianga (Kohukohu).—J. H. Thompson.

Albany.—One Wanted. J. H. Edmondson (Retired).

Dargaville (Te Kopuru).—One Wanted.

Ruawai.—W. G. Peate.

Port Albert (Wellsford).—One Wanted.

Otahuhu (Papatoetoe).—One Wanted.

Mahurangi Circuit.—R. Coombridge. One Wanted.

Bay of Islands.—Supply (G. R. Rotherham).

Whangarei-Hikurangi (Hikurangi).—M. D. Turkington.

Kawakawa—Kaikohe.—D. I. Robertson.

Paparoa.—Supply (W. Watson).

Home Mission Department—

Colporteur Work.—Supply (Sister Rita F. Snowden).

Maori Mission—

Matauri Bay, Kaeo.—Supply.

Batley.—Supply.

Kakakawa.—Tawai Te Riri Kawiti.

Paihia.—Hone Tamati.

Punakitere.—Te Hira Ratete.

Waimate North.—Supply.

Te Karae.—Rameka Eru.

Kaikohe.—Wiremu Wi Hongi.

Whananaki.—Nehana Pu.

Rewiti.—Supply.
Dargaville.—Wiremu Paki Ihaka.
Poutu (Kaipara Heads).—Paraire Paraone Kena.
Pokere (Bay of Islands).—Piripi Livingstone.
Matakana.—John Harris.
Mangamuka.—Paoa Rakena.
Auckland.—Huru Wiperi and Paikea H. Toka.

South Auckland District—

Hamilton.—A. L. Witheford (Retired).
Ngaruawahia.—One Wanted.
Tauranga (Te Puke).—One Wanted.
Coromandel.—C. Aker.
Kawhia.—A. P. Dorrian.
Ohura.—M. H. Taylor
Opotiki.—D. G. Sherson, B.A.
Morrinsville (Waitoa).—One Wanted.
Whakatane.—A. F. Attwood.

Maori Mission—

Te Kuiti.—John Nicholls.
Te Kuiti Rural.—Tahiora Poihipi Tokoroa.
Pukeatua.—Heemi Rihimona.
Ohiapopoko.—Te Aho-o-te-Rangi Pihama.
Cambridge.—Supply.
Mokau.—Supply.
Ngaruawahia.—Ngaweke Tuhimata.
Waimiha.—Supply.
Aramiro.—Wiremu Tonga.
Raglan.—Honehone Kereopa.
Rakaunui.—Wene Herangi.
Waitomo.—Aihe Huirama.
Otorohanga (Otewa).—Hoani Tonga.
Whatawhata.—Poo Kingi.
Hangatiki.—Wetini Hotu.
Taharoa.—Supply.
Huntly.—Hori Te Awa.
Rangiriri.—Supply.
Te Kohanga.—Supply.
Hauraki Plains.—Supply.
Thames (Puru).—Supply.
Hamilton.—Roi Moke.
Maketu Pa.—Supply.
Te Kopua (Te Awamutu).—Supply.

Te Waitere.—Te Paki Kinita.
Raglan Rural.—Tuteao Manihera.
Marokopa.—Wiremu Kamana.
Kawhia.—Te Urunga Wetere.

Taranaki-Wanganui District—

New Plymouth (St. Aubyn's).—Rev. C. M. Roberts (Supply),
H. Ashworth and T. W. Featherstone (Retired).
Opunake (Okato).—J. C. R. Ashworth.
Manaia.—C. Robinson (Supply).
Patea.—C. S. L. Oliver.
Raetihi-Ohakune.—One Wanted.
Wanganui North (Wanganui East).—One Wanted.
Douglas (under Stratford Superintendent).—Vacant.
Inglewood.—A. Currie.
Marton.—Francis H. Parker.

Maori Mission—

New Plymouth.—Paahi Moke.
Rahotu.—Supply.
Nukumaru.—Supply.
Urenui.—Supply.
Pariroa Pa.—Supply.
Whenuakura.—Rangiira Tumahuki.
Kai Iwi.—Hoani Hakaraia Te Uawiri.
Wanganui.—Supply.
Rangitikei.—Supply.
Raetihi.—Supply.
Wanganui River.—Supply.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District—

Feilding (Halcombe).—R. T. Alexander.
Napier (Greenmeadows).—One Wanted.
Foxton-Shannon.—Supply (H. Thornley).
Apiti.—C. Robinson.
Norsewood (under Dannevirke Superintendent).—One
Wanted.
Waipawa-Waipukurau.—W. J. Henderson; One Wanted.
Gisborne (Second).—Vacant.
Wairoa.—D. Haylock.

Wellington District—

Wellington (Webb Street).—Supply (Rev. M. Ayrton).
Upper Hutt.—Supply (Rev. R. P. Keall).
Paraparaumu.—H. R. Wright and Supply (J. W. Bayliss,
Retired) (Paekakariki).
Masterton (Kuripuni).—One Wanted.
Levin.—J. Common (Retired).
Otaki.—S. Keen (Retired).

Nelson District—

Havelock (under Blenheim Superintendent).—Vacant.
Murchison.—P. D. Ramsay.
Granity.—K. A. Robinson.
Wakefield-Dovedale (under Richmond Superintendent).—One Wanted.
Nelson (Nelson South).—One Wanted.
Reefton.—J. F. Amos.

North Canterbury District—

Christchurch East.—C. Strand (Retired).
Christchurch.—St. Albans (Bryndwr).—Supply (Rev. E. Drake).
Christchurch—Woolston (Sumner).—One Wanted.
Christchurch—Durham Street (Cashmere).—Supply (Rev. A. N. Scotter, B.A.).
Christchurch—Addington (Lincoln Road).—Supply. (H. J. Malcolm, Retired).
Waddington.—G. R. Woodfield.
Tai Tapu.—L. D. Rolinson.
Hawarden (under Woodend Superintendent).—Vacant.
Oxford.—Green Hall.
Christchurch.—Riccarton (Sockburn).—One Wanted.

South Canterbury District—

Rakaia-Methven.—One Wanted.

Otago-Southland District—

Waikouaiti-Palmerston.—E. J. Carter.
Dunedin—Trinity (North East Valley).—One Wanted.
Ravensbourne-Broad Bay.—One Wanted.
Cargill Road (St. Clair).—B. J. Hilder.
Dunedin (Maori Hill).—B. H. Riseley.
Mosgiel.—N. R. Hooper.
Lawrence (under Milton Superintendent).—Vacant.
Balclutha (under Milton Superintendent).—T. Steele.
Cromwell.—One Wanted.
Edendale.—One Wanted.
Otautau-Tuatapere.—W. J. Bryant.
Nightcaps.—H. M. Brasell.
Riverton (under Invercargill Central Superintendent).—Vacant.
Bluff.—C. E. Roke.

DEACONESS APPOINTMENTS, 1944.

I.—Home Work.

- 1920—Sister Mildred West, Ashburton.
- 1928—Sister Rita Snowden, Home Mission Dept., Auckland.
- 1935—Sister Madeline Holland, Deaconess House, Christchurch.

II.—Maori Work.

- 1921—Sister Eleanor Dobby, South Island.
- 1921—Sister Nicholls, Te Kuiti.
- 1927—Sister Netta Gittos (working under Kurahuna Committee).
- 1928—Sister Ivy Jones, Auckland.
- 1929—Sister Airini Hobbs, Hamilton (Supply).
- 1931—Sister Atawhai Wilcox, Bay of Islands.
- 1933—Sister Olive Bott, Hokianga.
- 1936—Sister Heeni Te Teira, Hamilton and Lower Waikato.
- 1939—Sister Evelyn Marriott (working under Rangiatea Committee).
- 1939—Sister Dorothy Pointon, Opunake.
- 1940—Sister Violet Kruse, Ratana Pa.
- 1943—Sister Anne Wilson, Hawera.
- 1943—Sister Davidson, Auckland.
- 1944—Probationer Ruth Hilder, Outer Auckland.

III.—Foreign Work—Solomon Islands—

- 1923—Sister Elizabeth Common.
- 1924—Sister Lina Jones.
- 1934—Sister Ada Lee.
- 1937—Sister Effie Harkness.
- 1938—Sister Merle Farland.
- 1938—Sister Joy Whitehouse.
- 1939—Sister Grace McDonald.

All evacuated owing to war conditions.

IV.—Retired for Special Service—

- 1908—Sister Ruth Fawcett, c/o. Bible Society, Otago.
- 1914—Sister Annie Tocker, Government Service, Wellington.

V.—Retired or Resting—

- 1907—Sister Mabel Morley, retired.
- 1913—Mrs. W. J. Williams, retired.
- 1913—Sister May Barnett, retired.
- 1918—Sister Winifred Beaumont, retired (Lower Hutt Supply).
- 1918—Sister May Ralph, retired.
- 1923—Sister Lily White, retired.
- 1928—Sister Olive Coleman, retired.
- 1936—Sister Edna White, retired.
- 1914—Sister Ethel McMillan, retired.
- 1935—Sister Vera Cannon, retired.

VI.—Students in Training—

- Miss Jean Miller (2nd year).
- Miss Winifred Poole (Nursing Training).
- Miss Evelyn Viney (2nd year).
- Miss Joyce Webber (1st year).

QUESTION XXX.—Who are Elected as Chairmen and Secretaries of Districts and as Statistical Secretaries for the ensuing year?

1. CHAIRMEN OF DISTRICTS.

- Auckland—E. Thomas Olds.
- South Auckland—Charles H. Olds, B.A.
- Taranaki-Wanganui—Ernest D. Patchett.
- Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Robert B. Tinsley (President of the Conference).
- Wellington—William A. Burley, M.A.
- Nelson—Charles Blair.
- North Canterbury—J. Henry Allen.
- South Canterbury—William W. Avery.
- Otago-Southland—William G. Slade, M.A.
- Solomon Islands—John F. Goldie.

DISTRICT AND STATISTICAL SECRETARIES.

- General Statistical Secretary—Ernest B. Chambers.
- Auckland—Alfred E. Waite.
- South Auckland—John L. Mitchell. Howard H. Jeffreys (Statistical Secretary).
- Taranaki-Wanganui—Gordon R. H. Peterson.
- Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Athol R. Penn.
- Wellington—Frederick J. Parker.
- Nelson—John D. Grocott.
- North Canterbury—Cecil R. Taylor.
- South Canterbury—Robert B. Gosnell.
- Otago-Southland—J. Montgomery Blight.

QUESTION XXXI.—Who are elected as President and Secretary of the Conference for the year 1945?

RESOLUTIONS.

I. Presidency.

1. That the election of the President for 1945 shall be by postal ballot.

2. That the following shall be an electoral panel to conduct the ballot for the election: Messrs. H. de R. Flesher (Returning Officer), J. E. Purchase, W. C. Francis, and H. Chapman.

3. That the Secretary of the Conference shall compile the roll of Ministers from whom the President may be elected, namely, all Ministers of not less than fifteen years' standing (at 17th February, 1944), with the exception of the President of the Conference, Rev. R. B. Tinsley. (See Law Book, page 31, pars. 124 and 125.)

4. That the Secretary of the Conference shall compile a Roll of all Ministers and Laymen entitled to vote at the election, these being all Ministers who were in full connexion on the date fixed for the opening of Conference, namely, 17th February, 1944, and all elected Lay Representatives whose names were supplied to the Secretary of the Conference.

5. That the Electoral Panel shall prepare and issue to each voter through the Conference Office at Christchurch, before 1st June, 1944, a voting paper, such paper to contain voting instructions, drafted by the Electoral Panel, and to be returnable to the Returning Officer not later than 30th June, 1944.

6. That the Returning Officer shall notify the President of the Conference of the result of the ballot and if any Minister shall have received an absolute majority of the valid votes cast, the President shall declare such Minister to be President-Elect.

7. That, if no Minister shall at the ballot receive an absolute majority of the valid votes cast, the Electoral Panel and the President shall determine what names receiving the largest number of votes shall be submitted for a second ballot. If more than two names shall be submitted to the voters, the voting shall be on the preferential system. The Returning Officer shall report the result of the voting to the President who shall declare the Minister receiving an absolute majority of votes to be President-Elect for 1945.

II. Secretary.

That the election of Secretary be left until next Conference.

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

In an endeavour to set the present Statistical Returns in true perspective, I have taken out an abstract of figures so that comparisons may be made with the position as reported ten years ago, and also with 1939, the year of the outbreak of the War. To make comparisons only with the previous year does not give a true indication of the general trend of the development of the Church. Owing to circumstances difficult to define, there are variations from year to year which sometimes cause alarm, but when a closer analysis is made, and the latest figures are compared with those of five or ten years earlier, one's concern is at least modified.

A perusal of the abstract of figures following shows that, as far as our Senior membership is concerned, our numerical strength is practically the same as it was ten years ago. This cannot of course be regarded as satisfactory. Ten years of labour simply to maintain our position is discouraging, to say the least. At the same time the comparison should be a corrective to the assumption widely held that the Church is set on a downward course, with gathering momentum. Compared with last year we show a loss of 329 members, but compared with 1939, the position is practically the same. It is reasonable to assume that with the new method of assessing Connexional Charges, too, there has been a purging of the rolls in some Circuits, so that the present membership returns are not likely to be inflated, but as true a record as we are likely to get.

The Junior membership returns, as compared with last year, show an increase of 212, but when the figures for 1933 are examined, there is revealed a loss of 307 for the ten-year period.

We start well with our families in that there is an increasing number of Infants being received into the Church. There are 2,281 more Infants on our rolls to-day than there were in 1933, and over a thousand more than in 1939. Incidentally the same applies to the Cradle Roll where there has been an increase of 1,518. Here is the young life committed to our care. It would seem we still have a lot to learn in the matter of the nurture and education of the young in order to prevent the losses which begin to make their appearance so early in the child's relationship to the Church.

It is to be hoped that the increase of 10 in the number of Preaching Places represents a reversion of the trend revealed by an examination of the figures presented below, for although there are these additional places on our Plans, we are still ministering to 91 fewer places than in 1933.

The number of Local Preachers continues to decrease. We have lost 6 during the year, and 95 since 1933. While there is a drop of 658 Communicants for the year, compared with ten years ago, we have gained 405. It is not possible to make the longer comparisons with Members received and Infants baptized during the year. Last year was a special year of endeavour to secure new members. That will account for the difference of 488 fewer Members received. To have received a further 1835 little ones in baptism this year, after receiving 1914 last year, presents the Church with a great challenge.

| | 1933 | 1939 | 1942 | 1943 | Comparison 1933 |
|------------------------------|------|------|------|------|--------------------|
| Churches | | | | | |
| Other Preaching Places | | | | | |
| Schoolrooms | | | | | |
| Parsonages | | | | | |
| Ministers and Probationers | | | | | |
| Home Missionaries | | | | | |
| Deaconesses | | | | | |
| Local Preachers | | | | | |
| Members on Roll | | | | | |
| Members on Probation | | | | | |
| Junior Members | | | | | |
| Infant Members | | | | | |
| Communicants | | | | | |
| Members Received during year | | | | | |
| Infants Baptized | | | | | |

Coming to Youth Statistics, it is not possible to make comparisons over the ten-year period by reason of the fact that the methods of compilation have been changed. It is possible, however, to compare the position in 1939 with 1943. This is good if for no other reason than that it enables us to see something of the sacrifice the Church has had to pay for the War in the loss of her young people. On the other hand it is satisfactory to notice over the same period that there has been some increase in the number of children in our Sunday Schools.

Youth Statistics.

| | | | | | Comparison with |
|-------------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------------------|
| | 1933 | 1939 | 1942 | 1943 | 1939 |
| No. on Cradle Roll | 3,588 | 3,911 | 4,693 | 5,106 | -1,195 |
| Received during Year | | 1,108 | 1,348 | 1,290 | -182 |
| S.S. Roll | | 18,024 | 18,294 | 18,405 | -381 |
| No. of Teachers—Men | | 938 | 602 | 661 | -277 |
| Women | | 1,670 | 1,792 | 1,831 | -161 |
| No. of Societies | | 463 | 305 | 399 | 64 |
| Membership of Societies | | 9,842 | 6,093 | 8,028 | -1,814 |
| No. of B.C.'s. | | 786 | 556 | 521 | -265 |
| Y.W.—Junior | | 1,327 | 1,206 | 1,088 | -239 |
| Intermediate | | 951 | 713 | 642 | -309 |
| Senior | | 1,478 | 954 | 744 | -734 |
| Leaders | | | 263 | 247 | .... |
| Y.M.—Junior | | 1,113 | 1,037 | 889 | -224 |
| Intermediate | | 843 | 634 | 590 | -253 |
| Senior | | 1,477 | 345 | 329 | -1,148 |
| Leaders | | | 220 | 210 | .... |

I have already drawn attention to the considerable increase in the Cradle Roll—1290 new names were added during the year.

The detailed fluctuations in the various sections of the Sunday Schools are indicated on the scheduled returns, there being a net gain of 111 scholars for the year. Going back to 1939 we find that to-day we have 381 more children in our Sunday Schools. While the increase is not great, it is an increase, and again belies a widely-held view concerning the impending end of the Sunday School. It is also gratifying to note an increase during the year in both the number of men and women teachers—59 in the case of the former and 39 in the latter. Furthermore, there is an increase in the number of Young People's Societies to the number of 94, while the membership in these Societies has grown in a year by 1,935. There is still a lot of leeway to be made up before the 1939 figures are reached, but it is pleasing to note that the trend is in the right direction.

In the case of the Bible Class Returns, the statistics are not nearly so encouraging. During the war period serious losses have occurred in every section of our Bible Classes. The past year has brought no improvement, as a reference to the schedule will reveal. A further 35 classes have lapsed in the past twelve months, making a total loss of 265 classes since 1939. Similar serious losses have taken place in the membership of the classes. After making allowances for those serving in the forces, there is a net loss of 364 young women and 277 young men from the Bible Classes. While the war is doubtless responsible for the major part of these losses, it is difficult to see how that accounts for the decrease of 118 Junior Girls during the year, and 148 Junior Boys, unless it is that shortage of Bible Class

Leaders is compelling boys and girls to remain longer in the Sunday School. The deterioration in the strength of the Bible Classes in the war period is shown by the following figures:—

| | | | | | |
|---------------------|--|---------------|------|------|-------|
| Losses—Young Women, | | Juniors | .... | .... | 239 |
| | | Intermediates | .... | .... | 309 |
| | | Seniors | .... | .... | 734 |
| | | | | | 1,282 |
| Losses—Young Men, | | Juniors | .... | .... | 224 |
| | | Intermediates | .... | .... | 253 |
| | | Seniors | .... | .... | 1,148 |
| | | | | | 1,625 |
| Total | | | | | 2,907 |

While these losses are grievous, it yet remains that there are 2,842 members in our Young Women's Bible Classes, and 2,999 Young Men. These are the foundations upon which we must proceed to build. It is doubtful if those who have gone from the classes into War service will return to the Bible Classes again, but they must not be lost to the fellowship of the Church. Some, we know, will come back to be leaders of our young people, with a valuable contribution to make. We must certainly make it our aim to make it easy and natural as possible for all those who have been lost to the Bible Classes through the war to resume an intimate and living relationship with the Church.

I will not comment on the last section of the Youth Returns, which has to do with the Church Membership of Sunday School Scholars and Bible Class Members, except to emphasise again the unsatisfactory nature of these figures due to the confusion in the minds of many making returns. As an indication of this, and of the urgent need for the question of Infant and Junior Church Membership to be settled, one of the largest Circuits in a provincial town, returns neither Infant nor Junior members. When this problem has been resolved it should be possible to devise a simple schedule, making for more reliable returns.

I regret to report again that I have received no Maori Returns apart from South Auckland. I would recommend that our Maori brethren be required to fill in a simple yet informative schedule in order that proper records may be kept and the development of the work noted from year to year. This schedule should be presented to the Synod and sent from the Synod to the General Statistical Secretary.

E. B. CHAMBERS, General Statistical Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the President (Rev. R. B. Tinsley) and the Revs. H. L. Fiebig, C. T. Symons, W. T. Blight, and E. B. Chambers be a committee to consider the Report, and present its findings to next Synods and Conference. Convener: Rev. W. T. Blight.
3. That sub-committees be also set up in Auckland, Dunedin and Christchurch, to consider the Report and present findings to the Hawke's Bay-Manawatu Committee. (See 2 above.)
4. That the personnel of the sub-committees be determined by the various District Executives.

5. That the following recommendation be referred to the General Statistical Secretary to report to Synods and Conference:—

“That the form for Circuit Returns be altered to define:

‘Members received during the year—

(a) Received by Confession of Faith;

(b) Received by Transfer.’

‘Members removed during year—

(a) Deceased;

(b) By transfer;

(c) Ceased to Attend.’”

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

REPORT FOR 1943.

I.—DANCING (Conf. Mins. 1943, p. 55).

The Welfare of the Church Committee considers that the matter of Dancing on Church property should be considered not so much as a question of right or wrong, but as a question of wisdom or foolishness. It offers the following considerations:—

1. It is difficult to see that dancing nurtures our spiritual life in any way or that it increases our usefulness towards God and our fellows.

2. If our young people were adequately challenged to the service of Christ it is doubtful whether they could find time for dancing and similar pursuits, as the service of God would demand all their time and talents. Further, the experience of other churches which allow dancing does not lead us to suppose that any permanent good eventuates.

3. If permission to dance were left to the discretion of Leaders' and Trustees' Meetings it is likely that a dangerous precedent would be created.

4. The Manifesto on Dancing as set forth in the 1938 Minutes is a reasonable and accurate summary of the position. It adequately sets forth the principles involved and keeps the matter on the highest ethical level. The lapse of five years has not brought forward any new facts that necessitate departure from the conclusions reached.

5. Because of the seriousness of the issues involved, it seems desirable that Conference, rather than local courts, should decide the matter.

6. In these days the Church is fighting for her very life. In view of the momentous and critical issues before us all and remembering the intense need to concentrate on the fundamental tasks of our calling, Conference can scarcely afford to spend time on what is at most a side-issue.

The Committee therefore moves the following resolution:

That we re-affirm the 1938 Manifesto on Dancing and postpone any further discussion until suitable occasion offers.

II.—PRESIDENT'S GOWN (Conf. Mins. 1943, p. 149).

The Committee has considered this matter and points out the following facts:—

1. The present gown was given by the Trustees of Wesley Church and accepted by Conference for a specific purpose, i.e. for the use of each President of Conference during his term of office.

2. Great pains were taken to make the gown an exact replica of that worn by John Wesley. Owing to war conditions it would not be possible to obtain another like it for some years to come.

In view of these facts the Committee has no recommendation to make.

III.—VISIT OF PRESIDENT TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

(Conf. Mins. 1943, p. 149).

The Committee desires further time to consider this matter and hopes to be able to send a report to Conference.

W. G. SLADE, Chairman.

J. S. WILLOUGHBY, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received.
2. **Dancing.** That this matter be deferred until next Conference.
3. **President's Gown.** That the finding of the Committee be sustained.
4. **Welfare Committee for 1944.** Members of the Otago-Southland District Executive. Convener: Rev. H. C. Dixon, M.A.
5. That the Welfare of the Church Committee give further consideration to the visit of the President to the General Conference.

B.—LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

N.Z. METHODIST LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL REPORT, 1943-44.

In submitting the Annual Report for the year the Dominion Executive desires to express its gratitude to God for the many blessings received and the many opportunities given to serve Him.

Condolence.

During the year several of our Brethren have been called into the presence of their Lord. Their loyalty and their devotion through long periods of years have been an inspiration to those who remain. Our prayer is that the bereaved relatives may be sustained and comforted.

Long Service Diplomas.

These have been presented to:—

J. W. Shackleford, 62 years (replacing one issued on the completion of 50 years).

W. H. Allen, 34 years.

J. Shaw, 30 years.

P. Thornton, 25 years.

Bro. J. W. Shackelford.

It is pleasing to draw attention to the honourable record of our veteran Brother who during the year has retired from preaching after 66 years of great activity. For 62 years his name has continuously appeared on the one Circuit plan. This must surely constitute a record!

New Local Preachers.

The Regiment of Local Preachers is constantly in need of Reinforcements. Casualties through death and retirement are all too frequent. Recruits are always urgently needed. Let every Minister, Local Preacher, and Circuit Official be a recruiting agent. And not a recruiting agent only. Let us all see to it that we give every likely young man or woman every encouragement, help and opportunity that is possible.

Connexional L.P. Examination.

That some folk have paid attention to the need suggested in the previous paragraph is evidenced by the fact that a number of Candidates have successfully completed the Written Examination and have been accepted as fully accredited Local Preachers. We congratulate these and their Tutors. Some of the unsuccessful Candidates do not appear to have been adequately prepared for the examination.

So much more than the actual examination depends upon the early training of a Local Preacher that no excuse need be offered for here drawing attention of Ministers and Circuit Officials to the necessity of their ensuring that Candidates have the right Text Books and are properly tutored.

Whittomes Efficiency Course.

Nine copies of this have been presented to successful Candidates at Public Recognition Services.

Brethren with the Forces Overseas.

The Executive has tried to compile a list of Brethren overseas, but it has been most difficult. In some cases a name has been supplied without the Service address. This is most disappointing as the Executive has desired to keep in touch with those who are away. Recently we have supplied Text Books for a young man to study for the Examination in the Middle East.

Book Scheme.

Several Book Orders have been handled but the general situation prevents any widespread use of this service of the Association. We trust that in the near future it may be possible to make this service of wider benefit.

The Past.

The close of this year and the presenting of this Report marks the end of a six-year period during which the Executive of the Association has been localised in North Canterbury. Most of that period has been overshadowed by the international conflict, consequently most of the work of the Executive has been of a routine nature. While work of such a character may not mean much to the Executive it does mean much to the Secretary, and during those six years Bro. A. E. Lawry has been a most faithful and painstaking Secretary. The financial side has been ably attended to in the first two years by Bro. G. Armitage and in the other years by Bro. John Pugh. The Executive is glad to be able to pay this tribute to the services of these Brethren.

All the members of the Executive desire to record their appreciation of the privilege that has been theirs to serve the Church and the Kingdom in this way.

The Future.

After Conference the Executive will be located in Auckland. The following Brethren have been nominated:—

President: R. Thomas. Vice-Presidents: T. L. Hames, T. Clark. Secretary: J. F. Roberts, Platina Street, Remuera, S.E.2. Treasurer: S. E. Chappell, Valley Road, Mt. Eden, S.1. Committee: J. E. Cocks, G. Wilson, T. W. Hemer, W. S. Mackay, H. P. Mourant, E. R. Warburton, R. Hames, J. C. Tietjens.

To these we extend our very best wishes, and pray that circumstances may soon permit them to pursue a vigorous policy.

Fraternally submitted.

J. E. HORRELL, President.

The Dominion Executive places on record the effective and painstaking Presidency of the Association covering recent years. In Brother W. Chas. Francis we had for the earlier part of the term one thoroughly versed in Executive duties and responsibilities. He gave of his best, and that is known throughout our Connexion to be something really worth while. He handed over for personal reasons, and Brother J. E. Horrell has proved a worthy head in this apostolic succession of our lay itinerancy. This demanded not only much valuable time of an already very busy man, but a wide and sympathetic outlook on the responsibilities, difficulties and efficient conduct of the affairs of the brotherhood. It should be recorded that, through many obstacles, our President has kept in personal touch with all our overseas brethren that he could contact, even to the extent of sending text books to the Middle East for study by prospective local preachers. The Executive is deeply grateful for the wise and sympathetic leadership over its six years domicile at Christchurch.

On behalf of the Executive,

JOHN H. PUGH, Treasurer.

A. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

Resolved—That the Report be received and adopted.

METHODIST MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

ANNUAL REPORT, 1944.

The Auckland District Committee has again had the responsibility of functioning as the Dominion Executive.

During the year two branches which had ceased to function have been resuscitated and are now in a very flourishing condition, making a total of 30 branches.

All branches continue to render useful service in one form or another in the service of the Master in the Church to which they belong.

The work of the Onehunga Branch is deserving of special mention. At a recent Fellowship Fair, the sum of £70 was raised to provide equipment for a recreation centre for the young people of the Church and for the men of the Forces as they return from Active Service.

In Auckland the work of the Social Services of our Church has been materially assisted by the men of the Fellowship in collecting goods for the "Goodwill Industries" of the Central Mission. The men have also staffed the Servicemen's Club at Pitt St. during the evenings.

The Dr. Rutter Hospital Equipment Fund of £84 is being held pending the time when the Doctor returns to the Mission work in the Solomon Islands, which day we trust may not be far distant. The Fund will then become available for any extra equipment that the Doctor requires.

The Conference of 1943 granted the request that the "Men's Fellowship" should be represented at the Church Courts. This was referred to the Law Book Revision Committee, and will, we understand, come up for confirmation at this year's Conference. The Men's Fellowship will then have the right to direct representation on Quarterly Meetings, District Synods, and the Conference.

The Executive would again emphasise the desirability of having an active Executive Committee appointed in each District. Such a committee can do much to stimulate and co-ordinate the activities of the branches within its District.

In August the Auckland Executive arranged a gathering in honour of the President and Vice-President of the Conference. After an inspiring address by the President, Rev. C. H. Olds, B.A., some 140 men partook of the Communion, a memorable time of Christian fellowship and inspiration.

We regret to report the retirement from office of Mr. W. S. Mackay for health reasons. Mr. Mackay, who has been Dominion Secretary and Treasurer for the past two years, was our first President, and his vision and energy did much to establish the Men's Fellowship. We wish him comfort and happiness in his retirement.

The problem of the rehabilitation of returning soldiers into Church life and Communion is one that calls for the attention of us all, and the Executive commends the matter to the careful consideration of each branch. Some are already facing the matter in a very practical way, and we trust that all will endeavour to solve the problem in their own localities.

We would again thank the Ministers who have so faithfully assisted in maintaining the work of the Men's Fellowship.

GEO. E. SPOONER, President.

W. E. BURLEY, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Dominion Executive be located in Auckland until next Conference.
3. That the following be the Dominion Executive: Revs. W. Walker, J. F. Jack, D. J. D. Hickman, and B. Metson; Messrs. G. E. Spooner, W. S. Mackay, V. E. Wills, W. E. Burley, G. Stubbs, H. S. Saunderson, E. Crabtree, S. Yeoman, J. M. Barker, L. Bare, S. Dimmery, W. Howe, J. A. Steele, C. Gibson, F. Penn, R. Laking, J. Penny, L. Hayman, S. Luker, A. Williams, J. C. Tietjens.

4. District Committees:

AUCKLAND.—The Dominion Executive.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.—The Minister and Members of the Matamata Men's Fellowship.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.—The Executive of Hawera Men's Fellowship.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.—Messrs. H. S. Tate, C. E. Taylor, A. H. Fisher, Junr., and C. Woodfield (Convener).

WELLINGTON.—The Committee is included in the District Executive.

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

NORTH CANTERBURY.—Appointed by the District Executive, C. C. Sandford (Convener).

SOUTH CANTERBURY.—The Executive of Oamaru Men's Fellowship.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—Appointed by District Executive.

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

YOUTH DEPARTMENT.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The work during the year has been marked by a continuation of the ordinary work of the Sunday Schools and Bible Classes and by efforts to extend the activities of the Youth Department in several significant ways, which will receive due mention throughout the report. The Directors have continued their lecture programmes, as well as assisting in general organisation and in the supervision of other activities.

Youth Sunday. The past year was especially notable for the inauguration of the Christian Youth Movement—Methodist. This was launched in many places on Youth Sunday, June 20th. Special Orders of Service were issued by the Youth Department. The Morning Service endeavoured to show how the various sections of the youth work are parts of the one Church, within whose fellowship they each find their purpose and life. Considerable appreciation was expressed of this service. The Evening Service replaced the usual Bible Class Afternoon Rally in a number of places. This helped to integrate the Youth Movement into the full life of the Church, which is one of the aims of the C.Y.M.M. A number of young people signed the pledge of the Movement and in some places youth made their first stand for Jesus Christ. The Sunday Evening Service was especially designed to call Youth to accept Jesus Christ as Leader, Saviour, and Lord. This occasion should increasingly become the chief evangelistic service of the year. The C.Y.M.M. aims, pledge and programme definitely make this possible, and the Movement can become the Church's most effective and regular means of evangelism amongst youth. Conscientious preparatory work throughout the year by teachers, leaders and ministers can naturally and spontaneously find their culmination in the evening service of Youth Sunday.

District Youth Councils. This year has seen the District Youth Councils getting down to their task. Where necessary, Committees have been set up to deal with the various phases of the work and fresh forms of activity indicate that our leaders are realising the need for adventuring along new ways to reach the big number of unchurched youth of the community. During the year, Sub-Councils have been established in Hawkes Bay, North Auckland and Wairarapa.

Campaign for Christian Order. The Campaign for Christian Order Youth Week was enthusiastically observed by a number of our Churches. This, again, may become a means of bringing our young people, not only into fellowship with youth of other Denominations, but also into the fellowship and service of Jesus Christ. The needs of the day call for greater co-operation and fellowship amongst all Christian leaders of Youth, and the Youth Department has willingly promoted such wherever possible. Many of our youth problems would be much more easily solved if there were increasing fellowship and co-operation amongst the youth workers of all the Churches.

Missions. A poster setting out the Youth Missionary Objectives was forwarded to all Sunday Schools and Bible Classes during the year. The Objectives preserve all those undertaken by Sunday Schools and Bible Classes in the past, and call for greater efforts. Still films on Home and Maori Missions (the work of Sister Margaret Nicholls) and Foreign Missions (the work of Sister Ada Lee) have been produced for circulation amongst Sunday Schools and Bible Classes. A long-range programme for such films and other Missionary Education projects has been worked out, and will be gradually implemented as time and funds permit. The Youth Board has been in consultation with the Mission Boards and the M.W.M.U., and ways of closer co-operation are being formulated.

Dunedin "Co-ed Club". For several months of this year the South Island Director has been in Dunedin organising a young people's club. The work was commenced last year by a group of University students who invited these non-churched young people on a Sunday night from the city streets to a city gathering in the Y.W.C.A. building. It was realised after a time that if anything worthwhile was to be accomplished with these young people, a programme would have to be developed that would require more than voluntary leadership. The controlling committee, therefore, decided this year, when the work recommenced, to seek the services of Mr. McDowell for three months in order to put the Club on a proper footing. The Board felt that this was a work of worth and significance, and a work which they have envisaged, and they released Mr. McDowell from his itinerant duties for that time.

During the three months the work showed signs of promise. Boys' and girls' clubs were started, a library set up, and various activities engaged in, in addition to the Sunday night meeting which drew an average attendance of from seventy to eighty youth.

At the end of the three months it appeared as if the work would have to close down on Mr. McDowell's return to Christchurch, as leadership could not be found to ensure its continuation. Strong representations were made by the Chairman of the District, the Chairman of the Controlling Committee of the Club, the Rev. L. B. Neale and the District Executive, for Mr. McDowell's services to be continued for a further term, and the Youth Board, conscious of the importance of the work, granted the request.

The control of the Club has now been vested in the Methodist Central Mission, and the work is being carried out in the Mission buildings, though people of various denominations continue to give service.

The work is a real endeavour in the name of Christ to reach some of the eighty per cent. of the adolescent youth of the Dominion who are outside the Church. It has been proved that they are approachable, and their interest and confidence can be won on the basis

of genuine friendship expressed through a programme embracing the physical, mental and spiritual aspects of life. Already there have been some evidences of spiritual results, and an intelligent interest is being shown in the Christian message.

Beach Work. During January, 1943, a fourteen days' programme of Beach Work among children was undertaken at Brighton, Dunedin, by Revs. B. M. Tasker, B. H. Riseley, and M. A. McDowell, on behalf of the Otago District Youth Council. There was a daily average attendance of eighty children to enjoy the programme of singing, stories, sandwork, games, etc. In addition parent contacts were made and help given through literature and conversation. An open-air talkie show one evening demonstrated the possibilities of the use of the film by the Church for propagating the Gospel in the open air, as well as indoors. A full report of this work has been prepared and is available at the Youth Office for any who may contemplate similar enterprises.

Children's Missions. Two successful experiments along the line of Children's Missions were conducted during the year. One of these—at Hastings—was handled by local workers under the Campaign for Christian Order, and the other at Tātuanui in the Morrinsville Circuit was in charge of Mr. A. E. Bate. There is no set form for the conduct of these Missions, but for the information of others contemplating something of the kind, one or two things are worth noting. When the Mission is held on school days, if possible, the children are gathered in the Church for brief morning prayers before school. Then an after-school session is held, and at this there is worship, instruction, expression or written work, pictures, memory work, etc.—the whole lasting about one hour. In the instruction period, it is better not to follow usual Sunday School lines and materials, but to deal with some of the foundational truths of the Faith. Adaptations of the Junior Catechism, freely illustrated by story and diagram, provide a basis for doctrinal teaching suitable for the child. Such instruction helps to crystallise the teaching the children receive in Sunday School. Towards the close of the Mission, the children are invited to indicate in writing any decision or affirmation they wish to make, following the teaching and work of the Mission. The children are guided in this, but no pressure is brought to bear upon them to this end. When the ground work has been well done, the children are naturally responsive. The Mission usually extends over 8 to 10 days.

Another similar experiment was a Vacation School conducted in Birkenhead Circuit in the August-September vacation by Rev. A. J. Johnston. With much more time available, this experiment permitted a much wider programme of Expression Work and activity than the Missions referred to above. The programme, too, attracted a large number of children not associated with our Sunday Schools. Very good results are reported.

It is hoped that similar experiments will be made in increasing numbers—the results will more than justify the efforts made. Detailed reports of these activities will be available at the Youth Office, and information may be obtained from the Youth Directors.

Holiday Centre. A "Holiday Centre" for girls was held at Wesley Church, Wellington, during the August school holidays. (The boys were catered for by other Institutions.) This was attended by over a hundred different children, about twenty-five per cent. of whom were not associated with Sunday Schools. Devotions were taken by several ministers and postcard pictures of Biblical stories were distributed.

A like venture was undertaken at Sydenham (Christchurch) with similar results. This constitutes a means of enabling the Church not only to cater for the needs of Church children, but also for many not associated with religious organisations, and to bring some Christian influence to bear upon them.

Temperance Education. Temperance posters have been forwarded to Sunday Schools and Bible Classes during the year. A Temperance still film has been produced and three still film projectors have been purchased for use with such films. Arrangements are being made with District Youth Councils for their circulation. It is hoped to obtain a projector for every District and Sub-District as soon as possible so that both Temperance and Mission film strips may be circulated more widely and more quickly.

Easter Camps. Easter Camps for 1943 seem to have maintained the standard, and the statistics are quite gratifying under the circumstances. There were 14 Girls' Camps and 7 Boys' Camps, attended by 642 girls and 592 boys respectively, and two mixed Camps, attended by 199 young people. One Boys' Camp was combined with the Presbyterians. This was also quite a successful venture. Easter Camps in the Otago and Southland areas had to be abandoned on account of the infantile paralysis epidemic, although a small Young Women's Camp was held later at the King's Birthday week-end.

Permanent Camp Sites. The question of Permanent Camp Sites for Youth work has received serious consideration by some District Youth Councils. The Youth Department has also been represented on a combined Committee of the Youth Committee of the Council of Religious Education, which has made approaches to the Government on behalf of the Inter-Church Council on the matter.

Correspondence Work. This work still continues to meet definite needs in the case of children and young people beyond the reach of the regular Sunday Schools and Bible Classes. It is in three sections—a Bible Class Section catering for 20 adolescents under the Superintendency of Mrs. B. Low, a Sunday School Section catering for 129 children under the Superintendency of Mrs. W. A. Smith, who has a staff of 55 teachers, and a Maori Section of various ages under the Superintendency of Sister Effie Harkness. Sister Harkness has 63 scholars on her roll, and is assisted by 28 teachers. The literature for this work, to the value of approximately £40, is supplied free in all cases by the Youth Department. A few contributions have been received towards the cost of this work. Miss G. Jones is preparing special lessons for the Maori Correspondence Sunday School from 1944 onwards.

Leadership Training. Leadership Training has occupied a good deal of attention in some quarters. This attempts to equip our leaders for all-round leadership of youth in Club work, as well as in Sunday Schools and Bible Classes. Ready co-operation has been given by the Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A., the Education Department, and Internal Affairs Department, to several of the Denominations. This type of leadership training requires increasing attention. Plans are in hand for considerable expansion in some areas.

Leadership Schools. These continue to attract those of our Youth Leaders who are able and desirous of equipping themselves for better work. Programmes followed the usual course—although in many schools, due to the presence of more Sunday School Teachers than formerly, more attention was given to subjects of value to this

section of our Youth Workers. There were 6 schools, with an attendance of 146 Youth Workers and others.

National Committees—Thanks. The best thanks of the Board are due to the Dominion Leader and Teacher Training Committee, the National Leadership Schools Committee, the Dominion Committee on Recreation and Leisure, the editor of the "Link," Mrs. W. A. Smith (Correspondence Sunday School), Mrs. Brian Low (Correspondence Bible Class), and Sister Effie Harkness (Maori Correspondence Sunday School).

Rallies. In a number of centres Youth Workers' Rallies have been held on Saturday afternoons and evenings and King's Birthday weekend. A three nights' Refresher Course was held during one week in one of the larger provincial centres. All of these aimed at training more effective leadership. Thanksgiving Rallies for Bible Class members have also been held in some places and have helped to strengthen the fellowship of the C.Y.M.M.

Graded Lessons. The proposed curricula for the Australian and New Zealand Graded Lessons for 1945-1947 were submitted to a number of people during the year. The suggestions received have been forwarded to the Melbourne Committee for consideration. Owing to extreme war difficulties in Australia, which were quite unavoidable, there was some delay in obtaining the Lesson Handbooks for the second half of this year. Every effort is being made to prevent a recurrence of this.

Bible Class Syllabuses. A special Committee, representative of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Associated Churches of Christ Youth Departments, has been set up to deal with the compilation and production of the Bible Class Syllabuses. It is hoped that a number of improvements will be inaugurated as conditions permit.

Scripture Examinations. As a result of several enquiries, the Board is giving consideration to the possibility of Scripture Examinations for our Sunday Schools.

Still Films. Further still films illustrating various aspects of youth work have been prepared. These include "Clubland" (illustrating the work of the Rev. James Butterworth in London), "The Teacher Prepares," "Bible Class Easter Camps," "Expression Work in the Sunday School," "Beach Work," "Holiday Centre." Others are being prepared. It is hoped to make these available for use apart from the visits of the Youth Directors. A still film library is being formed at the Youth Office.

Parents' Groups. The tremendously important place of the home in the scheme of religious education is being increasingly recognised both in New Zealand and elsewhere. In our own Church this is evidenced by the growing interest in parents' groups. Assisted by the showing of the film on the Home and Cradle Roll Department, some new groups have been started during the year, and courses of study based on the Campaign for Christian Order pamphlets, "Papers for Parents," or other suitable literature embarked upon. The home aspect of our work cannot be too strongly recommended to every Church. A second film—"Religion in the Home"—will be available next year for use in these groups.

Newsletter. The "Newsletter" to members of the Armed Forces has been continued. Appreciative references have been received from men overseas.

Long Service Diplomas. Twelve of these were issued during the year.

Senior Youth Director. Owing to the continuation of Mr. McDowell at Dunedin, the Senior Youth Director is to give a fortnight to the North Canterbury and South Canterbury Districts in October, and a week to the Nelson District in November. He also visited Auckland and Whangarei in July, and gave lectures to the students of Trinity College. He has also represented our Church on the Youth Committee of the Campaign for Christian Order, the Campaign Executive, and the Youth Committee of the Council of Religious Education.

Board Committees. In order to cope more effectively with the work of the Youth Department, the Board has been formed into four Committees. These are: (1) Executive and Consultative Committee; (2) Religious Education Committee; (3) Leadership Committee; (4) Evangelism Committee.

Board Secretary. The Board desires to place on record its great appreciation of the devoted and enthusiastic services rendered by Mr. N. R. Seddon, both as a member of the Board for many years and as Secretary for three and a half years. His leadership has been of great value to the Youth work of the Church, and on his retirement from the Board he takes with him the highest regard and deepest appreciation of all members.

Office Staff. Increasing demands are being made upon the Office staff because of war conditions and the development of the Department's work. These have been met with characteristic devotion and efficiency.

Hospitality. Keen appreciation is expressed by the Youth Directors for the Christian hospitality they have experienced throughout the year.

Finance. This is the first year in which the thank offerings from Bible Classes have been remitted to the Board through the local Circuit Stewards instead of through the Bible Class Movements as before. At the present time, preliminary figures only are available showing the results to date for the whole connexion, but it is anticipated that when the final results are known they will be at least as satisfactory as on previous occasions.

The Board also gratefully acknowledges a bequest of £100, free of duty, from the late Mr. J. A. Clothier of Te Aroha.

The Youth Board is deeply conscious of the increasing opportunities and challenges which present themselves in regard to Youth Work to-day. These can be adequately met only as the whole Church stands behind the efforts made to win youth for Jesus Christ, and as it expresses the spirit of adventurous faith. We therefore commend our Youth work to the prayerful support of all our people.

W. A. BURLEY, Chairman.

E. G. HEGGIE, Secretary.

C. T. SYMONS, Senior Youth Director.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Financial Statements be adopted.
3. Designation of Directors. See special resolution, Question LVI.

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4. **Directors and District Youth Councils.** Recommended that the Youth Directors be ex officio members of the District Youth Councils in their districts, and that the Senior Youth Director be an ex officio member of every District Youth Council meeting that he might attend.

5. That Conference expresses appreciation of the work of the Youth Directors.

6. That Conference records its sincere appreciation of the devoted and enthusiastic service for the cause of Methodist Youth rendered by Mr. N. R. Seddon during the past twenty years, first as Secretary and President of the Young Men's Bible Class Movement, then as Secretary of the Sunday School Executive Council, and latterly as a member of the Youth Board and for the past three and a-half years its Secretary. His leadership has been of outstanding value to the Youth Life of the Church during the formative and often difficult stages of the work of the department. His work as Secretary of the Board revealed a great capacity for creative thought and tireless work in the way he handled the administrative and secretarial responsibilities involved in his office. His presentation of the policy and claims of the Youth Department at Synods and Conferences has always been forceful yet persuasive and courteous. His has been a unique contribution and upon his retirement from the Board and the Department, Conference desires to express its gratitude for his excellent service.

7. **Dunedin Co-ed. Club.** (a) That Conference records its hearty thanks to the Rev. M. A. McDowell for his work with the Co-ed. Club during the year, and also to the Youth Department for making his services available.

(b) That the matter of a grant of £100 to the cost of the work in 1944 be referred to the Home Mission Board for favourable consideration.

(c) **Appointment of Probationer.** See Question XXV. (a).

8. That the following recommendations of District Synods be referred to the Youth Board for consideration and report to next Conference.

(A) Recommendation of Board re Youth Year, together with allied recommendations of District Synods as follows:—

"Youth Year" and additional staff for the Youth Department.

(a) That Conference designate 1944 as "Youth Year" wherein special prominence shall be given to the Youth Work of the Church.

(b) That the programme for "Youth Year" include such events as Youth Sundays, Christian Youth Movement Weeks, extension work and community service.

(c) That Christian Youth Movement Weeks include, where possible, such activities as—Children's Missions, Youth Missions, Teacher and Leader Refresher Courses, Parents' Meetings, Family Services.

(d) That in view of the urgent needs of Youth Work in the face of the acute problems of to-day, the need to provide Christian Youth Centres as evangelistic and cultural centres for youth, and as a means of rehabilitating our young men and women into positions of effective leadership in Church and Youth Work after the War, Conference affirm the desirability of appointing two additional Youth Directors, one of whom shall be a Specialist to concentrate on the establishment of Christian Youth Centres, and the other a Woman Director to assist in District work.

(e) That permission be given to the Youth Board to raise, as part of the programme of "Youth Year" in 1944, the sum of £5,000, which is the estimated cost of the two additional Directors for a period of six years.

(f) That the Board submit to Conference nominations for such appointments as soon as three years' finance is in hand, preference being given to the appointment of the Specialist Director.

Synods received and adopted the Annual Report and also the respective District Reports.

2. Youth Year and Additional Staff.

AUCKLAND—Approved (a), (b), (c), but referred back (d), (e), (f) to the Youth Board to report to the Synods of 1944, and Conference of 1945.

SOUTH AUCKLAND—

(a) No recommendation.

(b) Amend "Youth Year" to read "next year."

(c) Approved.

(d) That this Synod is of the opinion that a policy of separated Chairmen should be given priority to the proposed policy of additional Youth Directors.

(e) and (f). No recommendation.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI—Approved recommendations with the following amendment to (d): Substitute "a Returned Soldier to concentrate on rehabilitating Methodist youth for as long as the need may exist," for "a woman Work."

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU—In (a) amend 1944 to 1945 and add "and that 1944 be a year of preparation."

Approve (b).

From (c) delete "Movement."

No recommendation re (d), (e), and (f).

WELLINGTON—All recommendations approved.

NELSON—Recommendation approved with additions:

To (a), "provided that such a programme does not clash with the Spiritual Advance Programme of 1944."

To (e), "provided it is raised other than by a general appeal to the Church."

NORTH CANTERBURY—That the entire section be deleted and the following be substituted:—

1. That Conference affirms that the primary function of the Youth Department is in the winning of young people to full allegiance to Jesus Christ, to vital connection with the Church, to the building of Christian character and to training for life and citizenship.

2. That in view of the perils to youth arising from the disturbing conditions of social and moral life to-day the ensuing Connexional year be designated "Youth Year," for which the Youth Department shall inaugurate and organise a sustained Sunday School and Youth Campaign, to be prosecuted in co-operation with the campaign of the H.M. Department, the two Departments to present a unified scheme to Conference.

3. That the objectives of the Campaign be:—

- (a) An increase of interest and concern on the part of ministers and congregations regarding our work amongst the young.
- (b) An increase of interest and co-operation on the part of parents.
- (c) An increase of earnestness and efficiency and numbers within our schools and young people's organisations.
- (d) The winning of the young for Jesus Christ.

4. That the Campaign be launched simultaneously throughout the Connexion on Sunday, 4th June, 1944, and that it continue as one of the main efforts of the Connexional year.

5. That every minister and home missionary secure the closest co-operation of church, school and youth groups for these services.

6. That the District and Local Youth Councils and the March Quarterly Meetings give serious consideration to planning for the Campaign, and that the promoting of its organisation be the chief work of the May Synods.

7. That the June and subsequent Quarterly Meetings give special attention to the progress of the Campaign.

8. That after the September Quarterly Meeting every circuit and Home Mission station forward to the Youth Department through the District Young People's Department Secretary a progress report of results obtained.

9. That the Youth Department prepare a scheme for the inauguration of a series of Christian Youth Movement Weeks which shall include Easter Camps, Children's Missions, Youth Missions, Teacher and Leader Refresher Courses, Parents' Meetings, Family Services, Youth and Sunday School Teacher Rallies.

10. That special attention be given to the holding of services for young people in parks, gardens and on the beaches.

11. That definite activity be continued by the Youth Department for sustaining interest in the Church amongst young men and women serving with the Armed Forces, and that practical proposals be framed for re-establishing vital ties with the Church immediately members of the services return to civilian life.

12. That we seek to co-operate with other Churches in fostering combined work amongst young people without religious attachments and in creating Church youth centres where deemed desirable.

13. That in view of the urgent needs of Youth Work in the face of the acute problems of to-day, the need to provide Christian Youth Centres as evangelistic and cultural centres for youth, and as a means of rehabilitating our young men and women into positions of effective leadership in Church and Youth Work after the War, Conference affirm the desirability of appointing two additional Youth Directors, one of whom shall be a Specialist to concentrate on the establishment of Christian Youth Centres, and the other a Woman Director to assist in District work.

14. That permission be given to the Youth Board to raise, as part of the programme of "Youth Year" in 1944, the sum of £5,000, which is the estimated cost of the two additional Directors for a period of six years, and that the Youth Board be requested to communicate with the Home Mission Department with a view to amalgamating through the appeal with the special appeal for 1944 proposed by the H.M. Department.

15. That the Board submit to Conference nominations for such appointments as soon as three years' finance is in hand, preference being given to the appointment of the Specialist Director.

16. That favourable consideration be given by the Youth Board to the appointment in each District of a Minister as District Young People Department Secretary, such Minister to be the link between the Youth Department and the Circuits, and to lead his District in implementing the policy of the Youth Department, as approved by the Conference.

(B) Correspondence Sunday School.

That Correspondence Sunday School work be put on a wider basis with a full-time paid expert assisted by relays of young people of the Order of St. Stephen and other qualified teachers when opportunity affords.

(C) B.C. Syllabus.

That the Junior and Intermediate syllabuses be so framed as to give definitely Biblical teaching after the pattern of "The Carpenter of Galilee" series, and the more abstract and ethical studies be confined to the Senior syllabus.

(D) Training Centres.

Having in mind the serious position which is arising as a result partly of the war and partly because the churches are at present exerting an influence on only a small section of the youth of this country (80% of the adolescent youth are outside the church and unattracted by it), it is recommended that the Methodist Church of New Zealand and National Council of Churches and C.Y.C. should investigate the possibility of combining with churches of other denominations with a view to establishing a training centre with a fully qualified and experienced staff for the purpose of training chosen men and women to organize and control Christian Youth Centres and work among the great body of the youth outside the influence of the Church.

9. A. Youth Board.

The Chairman of the District; the three Youth Directors and the Youth Office Secretary. Ministerial Representatives: Revs. J. D. McArthur, R. Thornley, M.A., R. E. Patchett, A. K. Petch. Lay Representatives: Dr. I. Blair, Messrs. E. G. Heggie, B.Com., C. A. Russell, Mrs. G. C. Burton. Y.M.B.C. Representatives: Rev. W. J. Morrison, Messrs. S. Fellows, I. Ramsden, N. P. Alcorn. Y.W.B.C. Representatives: Misses D. Horwood, M. Bucknall, G. Will, O. Clist. S.S. Representatives: Mesdames E. L. Masters, C. P. S. Boyer, Miss J. Young, B.Com., Mr. A. G. Mackie. Secretary: Mr. E. G. Heggie. Treasurer: Mr. S. Fellows.

B. District Youth Councils.

AUCKLAND—Chairman of District, Rev. H. C. Matthews, D. J. D. Hickman, H. A. Cochrane. Lay Representatives: Misses R. Joynt, M. Waddingham and Mr. D. Moore. S.S. Teachers' Fellowship: Misses K. Smith and H. H. Marter, and Mr. R. B. Verry. Y.W. Fellowship: Misses L. Hendra, D. Brooke and A. Rogers. Y.M. Fellowship: Messrs. G. Dean, G. H. J. Yearbury, and I. Fordham. Secretary: Miss H. H. Marter.

NORTH AUCKLAND SUB-COUNCIL—Ministers of Whangarei, Hikurangi and Dargaville Circuits. Lay Representatives: Miss E. B. Cannell, Messrs. A. Cameron and J. W. George. Y.W.B.C.: Misses G. Bickers, A. Hills and M. Slade. Y.M.B.C.: Messrs. A. Lovatt, R. Lawrence and J. S. Hills. S.S.: Misses L. George, A. Hooper and M. Lane. Secretary: Mr. J. S. Hills.

SOUTH AUCKLAND—The Chairman of the District, Ministers of Huntly, Frankton and Cambridge Circuits. Sunday School Representatives: Mrs. H. Cook, Miss B. Smith, and Mr. H. Fow. Y.W.B.C. Representatives: Misses Z. Peace, L. Fulton, and I. Morrison. Y.M.B.C. Representatives: Messrs. J. Jebson, A. Clement, and D. H. Burt. Correspondence S.S. Superintendent: Mrs. W. A. Smith (ex officio). Secretary: Miss Lorna Ewan.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI—Chairman of the District. Ministerial Representatives: Revs. G. R. H. Peterson, I. S. Williamson, and S. J. Werren. Y.M.B.C.: Messrs. L. V. Hosking, R. Bird and F. Ranford. Lay Representatives: Messrs. A. Symmans, L. Haycock and Mrs. R. Thayer. Y.W.B.C.: Misses K. Ellett, C. Squire and D. Bennett. S.S. Representatives: Mrs. A. Symmans, Mr. E. J. Yearbury and Rev. L. G. Hanna. Secretary and Synod Representative: Rev. L. G. Hanna.

WANGANUI SUB-COUNCIL—Rev. E. B. Chambers (Vice-Chairman), Rev. W. S. Dawson (secretary), Minister of Wanganui North, and H.M. at Marton. Lay Representatives: Messrs. W. Thrush, J. Thompson and Representative from Martin. S.S. Representatives: Mr. W. Howells, Miss J. Jenkinson and Miss Powell. Y.M.B.C.: Messrs. E. Bassett and E. F. Buxton. Y.W.B.C.: Misses M. Ginn, N. Scott and R. Blakeley, and Mrs. E. L. Hale, and Sister stationed at Ratana Pa.

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU—The Chairman of the District, the Superintendents of the Feilding, St. Paul's and Cuba Street Circuits. Laymen: Messrs. R. Waite, A. H. Fisher, O. Bettany. Y.W.B.C. Representatives: Misses M. Tutty and H. Johansen, Mrs. G. Bird. Y.M.B.C. Representatives: Messrs. L. Bycroft, W. A. Boniface and C. V. Woodfield. S.S. Representatives: Mrs. W. A. Boniface, Messrs. E. Lock and F. Flavall. Secretary: Mr. O. Bettany.

HAWKES BAY SUB-COUNCIL—Revs. R. B. Tinsley and F. Cope-land. Laymen: Messrs. H. S. Devonport and H. Toothill. Y.W.B.C.: Mrs. R. Adams, Misses E. Beale and T. Gibbs. Y.M.B.C.: Messrs. C. H. Bisson and H. H. Curry. S.S.: Mrs. M. Richards, Mr. J. H. Oldham, Misses H. King and M. Bradley. Secretary: Mrs. M. Richards.

WELLINGTON—Chairman: Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A. Ministers: Revs. C. E. Dickens, W. E. Falkingham and C. P. Lucas. Lay Representatives: Messrs. W. E. Howe, R. H. Ellis and Miss L. Musker. Sunday School: Mrs. Cooper, Messrs. A. G. Mackie and D. Tayler. Y.M.B.C.: Messrs. H. R. Laws, N. Tobin and W. Eisner. Y.W.B.C.: Misses P. Yearbury, P. Patrick and C. Cottingham. Synod Representative: Mr. A. G. Mackie. Secretary: Rev. C. P. Lucas.

WAIRARAPA SUB-COUNCIL—Deputy Chairman: Rev. G. H. Goodman. Ministers: Revs. H. V. Utting, R. Grice and H. Woolford. Lay Representatives: Mrs. Ross, Miss D. Jamieson, Mr. C. D. Shoosmith. Sunday School: Mesdames Ordish, H. Smith and Miss Smith. Y.M.B.C.: Messrs. A. Griggs, J. D. Blundell and T. Mannell. Y.W.B.C.: Misses E. Willis, K. Willis and one other to be appointed. Secretary: Miss D. Jamieson.

NELSON—Revs. C. Blair, J. D. Grocott, T. Coatsworth, Nelson South Appointment. Y.W. Representatives: Misses J. Bannister, S. Pitt, G. Holdaway. Y.M. Representatives: Messrs. H. R. Holdaway, C. Mayson, L. White. Lay Representatives: Mrs. H. R. Holdaway, G. James, and one wanted. S.S. Representatives: Misses E. Bolitho, L. Mayson, Mr. A. Thomas. Secretary: Mr. G. James.

NORTH CANTERBURY—The Chairman of the District, Revs. J. Silvester, H. Whitfield, H. W. Payne, Messrs. A. A. Dingwall, N. James, G. McKenzie, A. E. Lawry, P. T. Battersby, W. J. Burnell, Misses R. Turnpenny, D. Caygill, E. Collins. Secretary: Rev. J. Silvester. Synod Representative: Mr. F. Allot.

SOUTH CANTERBURY—The Chairman of the District, the Ministers of the Timaru Circuits, Mesdames W. Matthews, and O. Burnet; Misses M. Beswarick, N. Toynbee, J. Gudsell, R. Hodson, E. Duggan, and M. Longson; Messrs. J. Thompson, P. Woodnorth, J. Diack, and H. Smith. Secretary: Miss E. Duggan.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND—The Chairman of the District, Revs. B. M. Tasker, B.A., W. R. Laws, M.A., H. E. Harkness, M.A., H. C. Dixon, M.A., Mrs. Lawry, Misses F. Nixon, R. Prout, M. Catchpole, L. Hetherington, Messrs. H. Wilson, W. Foote, and one other to be appointed. Secretary and Synod Representative: Mr. C. Chirdside.

SOUTHLAND SUB-COUNCIL—Revs. A. E. Jefferson (Chairman), W. H. Greenslade, J. M. Blight; Mesdames S. Brown, Mercier, Needham and T. Thomson; Misses J. O'Halloran, H. Carter; Messrs. V. Troon, A. Gandell, N. Lee, G. Winwood, Miss E. Mitchell, and one other. Secretary: Miss E. Mitchell.

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

PUBLIC QUESTIONS COMMITTEE.

ANNUAL REPORT.

BIBLE IN SCHOOLS.

The Resolutions on pages 75-6 of Minutes of Conference, 1943, indicate a desire for Statistical information. This was published in the Methodist Times. The preparation of Bible pictures to correspond with the Bible in Schools League's Syllabus must be postponed at least until after the war, but attention is drawn to supplies normally held by such firms as A. H. Reed's; present stocks are depleted, however, and import restrictions prevent much replenishment. Gospels for home study are available from the League, but little result appears from the Conference resolution on page 75, though there is an increase of home study of the Gospels noted through League channels in a general way. The League wishes to indicate that the desire expressed by Conference for a generally approved curriculum can be met by the agreed N.Z. Syllabus of Religious Instruction which is increasingly used. The Conference resolution urging co-operation was brought before the Executive of the National Council of Churches and the League Council. A Joint Consultative Committee was set up during the year with the League Secretary as Secretary of the Joint Committee also, and a statement of policy on religious education drawn up. A copy is to be forwarded to each governing Court of the Churches concerned by the Secretary of the National Council of Churches seeking endorsement. It follows largely the principles expressed in the Religious Instruction in Public Schools Enabling Bill, later endorsed by the League in an 8 point basis of discussion, widely distributed among teachers. By arrangement the statement of policy was introduced to the notice of the Executive of the N.Z. Educational Institute in a round table Conference where the Church representatives were appointed by the National Council of Churches with the advice of the Joint Consultative Committee. Approaches to the Government and to the Educational Institute are to be made—by mutual

agreement between the National Council and the League—by the National Council, while both organisations retain their independence. The Minister of Education has announced that a conference to deal with education will be called together either this year or early in 1944, and Church representatives will participate, with the question of religious education in view. Endeavour will be made to secure for Christian teaching a place integral and fundamental in the life and curriculum of the public school. Appreciation is expressed of the financial response made last year by 24 circuits to the League's appeal and of the splendid voluntary service rendered by ministers and others in the Bible lessons given weekly in the schools.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES.

STATEMENT OF GENERAL POLICY ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.

Preamble. The National Council of Churches holds that true Education is the training of children in a way of life which is grounded in the Christian faith and fellowship, sustained by Christian worship and expressed in a common concern for the common good.

It believes that as well as equipping young people with knowledge and technical skill, such education should create in them conviction and character. The pattern of our national life has been largely shaped by Christian teaching and Christian influences, and cannot be preserved if such teaching and influences are allowed to disappear. Therefore the Council claims that adequate facilities should be provided in all our educational institutions for Christian worship and the imparting of religious knowledge, which involves not merely the bare teaching of Bible stories, but also the history of the Bible itself as a book, and the history of the religion it reveals, and that these should be integral in the instruction and life of our schools.

The Council maintains that if this aim is to be achieved in N.Z. there must be the fullest co-operation between the Church, the Home, the Schools and community organisations specially concerned in the welfare and training of the young.

The Council therefore submits the following statement on general policy as a basis for negotiations among all the parties concerned:—

1. The Education Act. The Council stands for:—

- (a) Legal provision in all public educational institutions for religious worship and instruction.
- (b) Provision for religious instruction to be given at any convenient hour.

2. Machinery.

- (a) **Local Area Committees** which shall comprise representatives of all the interests involved (i.e. Home, Church, and Education) shall be responsible for implementing the policy and for providing competent persons to impart religious instruction.
- (b) Area Committees shall make every effort to provide systematic training in Christian Education for voluntary teachers.
- (c) **Co-ordinating Control.** The Co-ordinating control of Christian Education shall be vested in a Christian Education Department of the National Council of Churches in which there shall be representation of Home, Church, and Education, and by which books of services of worship and agreed syllabuses to be used by all teachers of religious knowledge shall be approved.

3. Safeguards. The Council believes that:—

- (a) Pupils should not be segregated in denominational groups, but that instruction should be carried out in accordance with class grading, regard being had to what the pupil requires and can assimilate at various stages of growth.
- (b) Pupils whose parents so request should be released from their school obligations during the time of religious instruction in order to attend classes arranged by the authorities of their own faith, or alternatively, should attend classes for secular instruction arranged by the head teacher.
- (c) Members of the school teaching staffs should be allowed to take part in Christian Education if they desire to do so; but no member of the school teaching staff should be subject to religious tests or be required to give religious instruction contrary to the dictates of his own conscience.

4. General.

- (a) Radio Broadcasts should be provided for schools where insufficient teachers are available for Christian Education.
- (b) The cost should not involve any additional form of State Expenditure, but such charges should be met by the participating Church organisations and by voluntary contribution.

TEMPERANCE.

It is somewhat significant of the trend in social morality during the war years, that recently, in two of the largest cities of the Dominion, conferences of responsible and representative citizens were called by the civic leaders to deal with the alarming situation which had arisen affecting public morals. It is not altogether surprising that, during the abnormal conditions created by war, there should be a lowering of moral standards, however much we may wish it otherwise. But the precipitous decline in the standards of moral conduct which the present situation reveals, constitutes a severe threat not only to the foundations of our social life, but to our future existence as a nation.

The arresting feature in the reports of the citizens committees, which were appointed in the cities already mentioned, is that among the contributing causes, stress is laid upon the liquor question as a root cause and as probably the most difficult to deal with.

In spite of the Emergency Regulations affecting the manufacture, sale and advertising of intoxicating liquor, which were introduced last year, the liquor traffic continues to take an increasing toll on the moral and spiritual health of the community. After-hours trading continues unabated, sly-grogging abounds, while immorality and venereal disease have become grave social problems. In the four years of war, while saving and elimination of waste have been demanded everywhere, New Zealand has spent £40,000,000 on intoxicating liquor, which represents an increase in the consumption of liquor of 46% over pre-war years.

The Police report figures reveal a serious increase in the number of illegal sales to youths under 21, from 12 in 1935 to 95 in 1942, while in the case of illegal sale and supply to Maoris there has been an increase from 146 in 1935 to 573 in 1942. Charges of selling or exposing liquor for sale without a license have increased from 63 in 1935 to 225 in 1942. These figures speak for themselves.

During the year the Mayors of four towns in the King Country no-license area requested the Government to restore licenses for the selling of intoxicating liquor in the King Country, but effective protests were made by the Maori leaders themselves, the ministers of different denominations, and temperance societies in the district concerned, with the result that the Government wisely refused to grant such a request.

The Committee has given effect to the various resolutions passed by last conference. The Chairmen of Districts were asked to approach Education Boards in their districts, together with representatives of other churches, on the question of implementing Temperance Teaching already provided for in the school curriculum. Only one reply was received and in that instance the other churches were found to be unsympathetic to such an approach. The Committee decided to arrange for a deputation, together with representatives from other churches, to interview the Ministers of Education and Health after the Elections.

It is encouraging to learn that the Prime Minister has stated the Government's intention to appoint a Royal Commission to investigate the whole liquor question, and the Church should be concerned to see that the personnel and the terms of reference of such a Commission are adequate.

The position of the wine industry is under review by the Government at present, and after consulting Mr. Milner of the N.Z. Alliance, it was thought wise not to take any action at the present juncture.

The following resolution from the Christchurch Ministers' Fraternal was considered and forwarded to the Minister of Defence:

"That there be separate military camps for territorials, cadets and other personnel under 21 years of age, who are being called up for periods of training, and that in these camps there be no Wet Canteens either for officers or men."

The N.Z. Alliance is to be congratulated on its greatly improved advertising for the recent poll on the Prohibition issue. At the moment the final count on this issue has not been taken, but the preliminary count reveals an almost stationary position in the vote on the National issue, while the position in Invercargill and Mataura at present is very precarious.

The need for increased education on this question is obvious, and it is encouraging to learn that the Temperance Programme of the Youth Department has been implemented during the year with the aid of projectors and Temperance film-strips, and that wherever the latter have been shown, keen interest has been created.

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY.

Attention is drawn to the report in Conference Minutes 1943, pp. 72-74, for a helpful analysis of, and a guide to the understanding of, the question of Juvenile Delinquency.

The report of the Child Welfare Department reveals that for the year ending March 31st, 1943, the total number of children appearing before the courts was 3,071, being an increase of 135, or 4.6% on the previous year. This is the first increase reported since the beginning of the war.

This total, of course, includes children brought before the Court on all counts, including indigency and other complaints, not necessarily casting any reflection on the conduct of the child. The state of affairs which these figures portray can only be realised when it is remembered that these charges fall into two main classes, (a) Environmental Causes and (b) Defective Behaviour.

(a) **Environmental Causes.** Under this class are listed charges such as "Indigence," "Not under proper control," "Living in a detrimental environment," "Neglected," and these represent the main factors contributing to the defective home environment of children, serious enough to necessitate action being taken to protect the family concerned. The latest figures show an increase of 110 charges, from 515 in 1941-42, to 625 in 1942-43, and this represents an increase in the number of defective homes in the community. Included in these figures is an increase of 102 in the number of children dealt with as not under proper control.

The Church needs to consider what these figures mean in terms of parental irresponsibility.

(b) **Defective Behaviour** is usually an offence committed by the child concerned. The charge may be "delinquent behaviour," or any offence such as "theft," "breaking and entering," "arson," or "conversion." The number of children answering charges for offences under this heading, according to the Child Welfare Report is 2,446, as against 2,421 in the previous year, and of these charges, 1,273 were for "theft" and "conversion" as compared with 1,207 the year before, while there were 246 for "delinquent behaviour," contrasted with 207 in 1941-42.

The total increase in the number of offences under this category for the year, is 1%, but allowance must be made for offences in those cases where children were dealt with by the Courts as "not under proper control," thus making the increase for the year approximately 3%. The Child Welfare Report concludes, "In view of the present conditions, this increase is not surprising; but no one connected with child welfare can be satisfied with any rise, however small, and all social agencies—State, Churches, and private—must increase their efforts for our young people in these difficult times."

This report, however, does not give the complete picture concerning the increase of juvenile delinquency, as it does not include the returns of the youthful offender between the ages of 17 and 21 years who appears before the S.M. Court.

The conclusions to be drawn from this official report are but a further illustration of the fact (see Conference Minutes 1942, page 73), that the predominating causes of Juvenile Delinquency are parental irresponsibility and example, lack of religious education and training, and the need for education regarding the use of leisure.

There is evident need for the Church to diagnose and analyse the causes of the lack of parental responsibility and take more effective action to deal with this, the most serious threat to home and family life. The whole question of religious education in the schools is at present under consideration by a Committee of the National Council of Churches, but must not the Church train those parents within its fellowship to fulfil their responsibility for the religious training of their children, within the home, which is the only satisfactory basis of religious education in the school? During the year practical steps have been taken in Wellington, Wanganui, Hastings and Birkenhead, to cater for the leisure time activity of children, especially in school holidays. The Director of Education believes that such work can best be undertaken by voluntary organisations, and the Church certainly has an opportunity to use its buildings and equipment to provide adequate programmes for children's leisure time activity. Such activity, however, should not be allowed to further minimise the responsibility of parents for supervising their own children's leisure time, and where these centres of activity are organised, parents should be invited to share the responsibility of organising and supervising them.

CHRISTIAN ORDER.

The two most important events in New Zealand this year, as affecting Christian Order, have been:—

(1) The publication of the Manifesto entitled "Action for Christian Order" by the National Committee of the Campaign for Christian Order, and its circulation to the majority of homes throughout the Dominion. Months of preparation had gone into this bold and timely statement which expressed the mind of the Christian Church in New Zealand concerning the principles which must be recognised and obeyed if Christian Order in the social, economic, and political life of this country is to be a reality. The main emphases of the Manifesto were given wide publicity through the public Press, and, coming as it did, prior to the elections, the Manifesto served a vital purpose in stimulating thought concerning the great Christian principles which should be the motivating force in all political and economic activity.

(2) The visit of Dean Warren of Christchurch to the International Round Table of Christian leaders at Princeton in July, as the representative of the N.Z. National Council of Churches. Some sixty Church Leaders, representing twelve different countries, were assembled at Princeton, and the main findings of the Conference are summarised in the booklet "A Christian Message on World Order," which all thinking Christians should read and study. As stated in this message, the purposes which this Conference sought to accomplish were:—Dean Warren, since his return, has been engaged on a lecture-tour through the country bringing to the Churches of New Zealand the Message of Princeton.

The growth of study groups throughout the Dominion dealing with aspects of Christian Order as affecting the Family, Education, Personal Relationships, Economics, Politics, etc., is evidence of the growing interest in the idea of Christian Order, and is to be encouraged in all our Churches. Earnest thought on all matters relating to Christian Order should ever be followed by bold and determined action.

It is the privilege and responsibility of the Church to hold before the people the vision of Christian Order, and to make explicit the principles of such Order, as the only satisfactory foundations for a Just and Durable Peace. As Dr. Temple, in his enthronement address as Archbishop of Canterbury declared, "The hope of the world is in the Ecumenical Movement of the Church."

REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS.

The Inter-Church Council on Public Affairs, situated in Wellington, continues to play an increasingly important part in the relations between the Church and the Government, and the Church and the Community. Meetings are held monthly, but more often when occasion demands. The growing influence and status of the Council is fully recognised by the Government, Civic authorities, and the public alike, as is evidenced by the fact that during the past year, the Council has received deputations from the Wellington City Council, the Physical Welfare and Recreation Department, and the National Council of Women.

The Council has had to make decisions and take action on many urgent matters during the year, and its efforts have not been without results. The following are some of the more important questions:—

Theological Students and National Service. In consultation with the National Service Dept., improvements in the Regulations concerning Theological Students and National Service, with a view to meeting the minimum requirements of the Churches, have been obtained, and anomalous cases dealt with.

Prison Reform. A commission has been appointed by the Council, to consider conditions prevailing in New Zealand prisons, in the light of Christian principles, and to make recommendations. This commission will commence its work next year.

Marriages between American Servicemen and New Zealand Girls. The increasing number of such marriages has caused the Council grave concern, owing to the wide differences of background and tradition with regard to home and family life and the uncertainty of such unions entered into during the war-period. After discussions with the Divisional Chaplain of the United States Marine Corps in Wellington, a letter was sent to the Heads of the Churches, stating, for the benefit of clergy and ministers, the serious difficulties and dangers associated with such marriages, and drawing attention to the strong measures taken by the American Authorities themselves to reduce such marriages to a minimum. Clergy and ministers were asked to co-operate in placing the dangers and risks involved before the girls concerned and their parents.

State and Youth. In view of the Government's action in taking steps to deal with the question of the physical welfare of young boys and girls leaving school at the age of fourteen, a deputation from the Council interviewed the Minister of Internal Affairs on two occasions and received the assurance that the Government had no intention of using compulsion in any scheme organised for the physical welfare of the young people of the Dominion. The Council believes that the Government is anxious to co-operate with all voluntary Youth organisations with a view to making adequate provision for, and attaining a required standard of proficiency in the physical and recreational training of young people. The Council urges that wherever possible, Churches should combine to form recreational centres in their town and district, and to avail themselves of the facilities offered by the Government, particularly for the training of leaders in this work. Already an instructor from the Physical Welfare and Recreation Dept. has conducted courses in physical and recreational training for Christian Youth leaders. Statements concerning these matters have been circulated to Heads of the Churches, Editors of Church Papers, and the Youth Departments of all participating Churches.

Visitation of Detention Camps. Owing to the action of the Council in bringing the matter before the Controller of Detention Camps, Regulations have been issued permitting each denomination to send selected representatives into Detention Camps for the purpose of administering Communion and of interviewing individual members of their particular Churches, in the exercise of pastoral oversight of such members.

Staffing of Mental Hospitals. At the request of the Controller of Manpower, the Council circularised the Heads of the Churches with a view to an appeal being made through the Churches for volunteers for work on the nursing staff of mental hospitals, as it was felt that members of Churches would be possessed of the necessary qualities of character for such work.

Chaplain to Prisoners of War. In conjunction with the Y.M.C.A., the Council was instrumental in securing the appointment of a qualified Chaplain to minister to Japanese Prisoners of War in New Zealand.

Moral Reform. During the year the Council initiated a move to deal with dangerous moral conditions, in the city of Wellington, created by the presence of large numbers of servicemen and war-workers stationed in and around the city, by sending a deputation to the City Council and urging the Mayor to call a Conference of representative citizens to take action on the matter. This resulted in the appointment of a Citizens' Committee on which the Council was represented, which brought forward a series of important recommendations, to be placed before the Prime Minister.

A Commission on Moral Reform has been appointed by the Council, to meet in Christchurch.

Sunday Observance. Several effective protests have been made against blatant desecration of the Lord's Day. A protest against organised sports on Sunday, which were being used for the raising of Patriotic Funds, resulted in a deputation from the Mayor and Councillors, at which the assurance was given that such abuses would not recur.

Royal Commission on the Liquor Question. A unanimous recommendation that a Royal Commission to investigate the whole position concerning the Liquor Question, be set up by the Government, was forwarded by the Council to the Prime Minister.

Appellate Tribunal. The Council has again taken up with the Government the necessity for the setting up of an Appellate Tribunal, similar to that in Great Britain, thus granting the right of a re-hearing to conscientious objectors whose appeals against war-service have been dismissed by the Armed Forces Appeal Boards.

Unsupervised Children. The question of unsupervised children out of school hours, especially those whose mothers are in essential industry, has been taken up with the Education Department, and during last Christmas holidays, the Department conducted several holiday centres for such children, but the attendance was very disappointing. Successful experiments, however, have been made in Wanganui by the Council of Christian congregations, in Wellington by the Y.M.C.A., the Boys' Institute and the Methodist District Youth Council, and in Birkenhead and Hastings, by the Churches, and the Council is anxious that other districts should experiment along similar lines.

Fund for Starving Children in War-Stricken Countries. The Council is approaching the Government and the International Red Cross Society on the urgent question of sending food to starving children, expectant mothers, and invalids in war-afflicted countries. Representatives of the Council are also to attend a Conference to be called by the Society of Friends, and the International Red Cross Committee, to consider the question of training personnel to undertake Relief Missions to such countries immediately after the cessation of hostilities.

Cinema Christian Council. The Council has asked the National Council of Churches to approach the Auckland Inter-Church Council with a view to its assuming the functions of the Cinema Christian Council, because of the great number of National Inter-Church Committees in Wellington.

General Matters. Church Parades for Headquarters personnel of the W.A.A.F., the raising of Patriotic Funds by Taxation, Sunday Parades of Air Training Corps, release of keymen from Home Guard and E.P.S. parades on Sundays, the provision of a Hospital Chapel for nurses and patients, Jewish refugee children from Vichy France; the removal of Mr. O. E. Burton from Napier Prison to a prison more accessible to his family, petrol for ministerial removals, Church representations as receptions to Returned Servicemen, removal of wet-canteens from Camps no longer occupied by men 21 and over, the procuring of military camp-sites for Christian Youth Camp-sites after the war.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received.
2. **Bible in Schools.**
 - (1) That Conference approve the statement of policy on religious education, viewing it as entirely consistent with its past affirmation of the policy of the Bible-in-Schools League.
 - (2) That Conference reaffirm its support of the work and policy of the Bible-in-Schools League and commend to Quarterly Meetings a financial appeal on lines similar to those of previous years.
 - (3) That the representatives on the Dominion Council of the Bible-in-Schools' League be the Revs. W. A. Burley, M.A., and A. K. Petch of Wellington, and the Revs. M. A. Rugby Pratt and J. H. Allen of Christchurch.
 - (4) That Conference record its appreciation of the faithful and successful work of the Rev. E. O. Blamires as organising-secretary of the Bible-in-Schools League.
3. **Temperance.**
 - (a) That Conference express its pleasure at the intention of the Government to set up a Royal Commission on the liquor question and urge that the matter be expedited.
 - (b) That with regard to the setting up of such a Commission, Conference request the Government to give serious consideration to the following recommendations:—
 - (i) That the personnel of the Commission be widely representative and consist of not fewer than seven and not more than twelve members other than the Judge.
 - (ii) That the purpose of the Commission be:
"To enquire into the working of the laws concerning the sale and supply of intoxicating liquor and into the social, moral and economic aspects of the question, and to examine and report on proposals that may be made for amending the law in New Zealand in the public interest."
 - (iii) That the widest possible publicity be given to the evidence and findings of the Commission.
 - (c) That the North Canterbury District Executive appoint a special Temperance Committee to investigate and prepare proposals to be brought before the Commission. Convener: Rev. R. Dudley. Rev. W. H. Greenslade, of Invercargill, to be a Corresponding Member.
 - (d) That Conference urges the re-introduction of the Local Option issue in the Licensing Poll in all electorates.

4. Juvenile Delinquency.

That the attention of Quarterly Meetings and Local Youth Councils be drawn to the opportunity which exists at present for the utilizing of Church Halls and the training of Teachers to supervise children's leisure time out of school-hours and especially during school holidays, and urge that experiments on the lines of the children's work done in Wanganui, Wellington, Auckland and Hastings be undertaken in other districts.

5. Food for Starving Children in Occupied Countries.

That Conference supports the Inter-Church Council on Public Affairs in its attempts to influence the New Zealand Government to urge the British Government to grant navicerts for the entry of food-stuffs into occupied countries for children under sixteen, expectant and nursing mothers, and invalids.

6. Appellate Tribunal.

That Conference strongly urges the Government to set up an Appellate Tribunal similar to that in Great Britain before which, without any expense to the appellant, all persons whose appeals, on grounds of conscientious objection, against service in the Armed Forces have been dismissed, shall have the right to a re-hearing.

7. Public Questions Committee.

That the members of the Public Questions Committee for 1944 be: Revs. W. A. Burley, M.A., E. O. Blamires, J. D. McArthur, R. Thornley, M.A., C. T. Symons, M.A., B.D., A. K. Petch (Convener), C. P. Lucas, Mrs. H. J. Steptoe, Misses A. Tocker, A. Cottingham, Messrs. A. B. Cochran, M.A., C. H. Hain, A. C. Barrington, J. V. Burton, M.A., Cyril Burton, T. M. Pacey, and G. E. Rushworth.

8. National Council of Churches.

(a) That the representatives of the Methodist Church on the National Council of Churches be Revs. M. A. Rugby Pratt, W. A. Burley, M.A., and J. H. Allen, with the Rev. R. Dudley, M.A., as alternate representative.

(b) That in all our Churches a retiring collection be taken in aid of the funds of the National Council of Churches and that the President commend this matter to our people.

(c) That our representatives on the Inter-Church Council on Public Affairs be Revs. W. A. Burley, A. O. Harris, and A. K. Petch.

9. Inter-Church Council on Public Affairs.

That the Methodist Church representatives be Revs. W. A. Burley, A. O. Harris, and A. K. Petch.

10. That Conference appoint a special Committee to consider ways and means of establishing a bureau to assist in the rehabilitation into civilian life of Methodist men and women demobilised from the Armed Forces or released from Detention Camps, and whose cases are not otherwise provided for.

11. R.C. Literature.

That Conference learns with grave concern that the Roman Catholic Church has distributed throughout N.Z. a catechism containing the statement that men and women married by a non-Catholic minister or before the Civil Registrar are not married at all, and refers that matter to the Public Questions Committee to take whatever action may be deemed necessary.

12. **Campaign for Christian Order.** (a) Conference expresses its thanks to the Rev. F. H. Robertson as Director of the Campaign for Christian Order.

(b) Conference expresses its gratification that the work hitherto carried out by the Campaign for Christian Order will still be prosecuted by the National Council of Churches.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

13. That the following Standing Resolutions be referred back to the Committee for further consideration and report to Synods.

I.—Bible in Schools. That the standing resolutions concerning Bible in Schools be as follows:—

1. That the Bible is the supreme text-book of the Christian religion.

2. That the fundamental test of a sound education from the Christian viewpoint is the integration of life, centred in God.

3. That Christian worship and instruction in the precepts and practice of Christianity are an essential part of school life in any well-balanced system of education.

4. That while sectarian divisions exist in a community it is inadvisable to obtrude them in the school society which seeks to provide ideal conditions in preparing children for life; hence, the use of the school class grading with agreed syllabuses of religious teaching is preferable to denominational segregation when the schools are national.

5. That coercion of teachers or parents, with compulsory participation in view is disapproved, the rights of conscience must be upheld in permitting exemption, with alternatives for minorities on the one hand, and in making adequate provision for the majority on the other.

II.—Temperance. That the standing resolutions concerning Temperance be as follows:—

1. That in conformity with the conclusions of medical science, the consumption of alcoholic liquor in any quantity whatever, except where medically necessary for a specific purpose or condition, is harmful. (See Report "Alcohol, Its action on the Human Organism," prepared by the British Medical Research Council (1938) Chapter 8, "Poison Action of Alcohol," pp. 98-120.)

2. That the harm done is physiological and psychological and may lead to moral impairment.

3. That the moral consequences to the individual, the family and society are the worst aspects of the harm done, and are frequently disastrous.

4. That the ideal of complete abstinence for the whole community can best be achieved only by the will of an educated citizenship that this demands a continuous process of education in the nature and effects of consumption of alcohol, together with a continuous reform of social and individual life, so that the causes which pre-dispose citizens to the use of alcoholic liquor are progressively removed, that an urgent duty is laid upon the Church to do all within its power to stimulate and assist in the reform of individual and social life.

5. That it is the duty of the Church and State and all other organisations and all individuals who desire the welfare of their fellowmen to organise and carry through a process of education as that referred to in (4) above, this education to be factual, dispassionate, and commonsense.

6. That much good can be immediately achieved by using the legislative powers of Parliament to curb some of the worst evils resulting from the consumption of alcoholic liquor by enacting laws for the better regulation of the liquor trade, and that these enactments deal with reduction in hours of sale, alcoholic content, import of liquor, availability of materials for manufacture, control of advertising, control of conditions under which liquor is sold, and control of profits, or elimination of profit.

7. That the inevitable goal of such educational processes is the total cessation of the use, manufacture and sale of intoxicants for beverage purposes.

8. That Conference regards the N.Z. Alliance as the co-ordinating body in all temperance work, and assures it of its constant interest and support.

III.—Conscientious Objectors. That the standing resolutions concerning conscientious objectors be as follows:—

1. That conscience is the moral sense of right and wrong, providing a moral imperative and judgment of the whole integrated personality upon moral and ethical issues, that it is a product of inner light and experience, understanding, knowledge, nurture, education and of the soul's vision of what constitutes truth and goodness and that, for the Christian it is illuminated and led by the Holy Spirit and checked against the life and teaching of Christ.

2. That conscientious objection to participation in war is not inconsistent with the Christian Gospel.

3. That such objection should therefore be respected by the Church and the State.

4. That punishment, therefore, for refusal, on grounds of conscience, clearly established, to participate in war, is morally indefensible.

5. That to test the sincerity of one who conscientiously objects to war there should be established special courts, with Appellate Tribunals, both of which should be comprised of men with special qualifications for this purpose.

IV.—Gambling.

1. That realising the increasing prevalence of Gambling and its consequent evils, Conference urges the people of our Church to refrain from this vice in all its forms.

2. That to this end, Conference refuses to countenance the use of Gambling or "Near-gambling" in any effort to raise Church funds.

3. That in view of the widespread ignorance regarding the Gambling habit, especially amongst the Youth of our Church, Conference directs that periodically, definite teaching on this subject be given in our Sunday Schools, Bible Classes, and to our congregations.

4. That the Public Questions Committee be asked to confer with similar Committees in other Churches with a view to the publication of suitable literature in a combined Educational Crusade against the Gambling evil.

14. That the following Synod recommendations be referred to the Committee for consideration and report.

(a) That the Report from the Public Questions Committee should deal with the activities within the Methodist Church and recommendations therefrom.

(b) Peace Conference.

That this Synod recognises the deep spiritual issues involved in the War, and is convinced that no righteous or abiding peace is possible apart from the embodiment of Christian principles in the Peace Treaty; and further, in view of the fact that many native and backward peoples whose rights and needs are best understood by the Church which has laboured to Christianise them, will be vitally affected by the terms of the Peace settlement, it therefore requests Conference to make representations to the National Council of Churches to give earnest consideration to the need for the Church to be represented officially at the Peace Conference. In the event of the Council agreeing to support this proposal, it shall then forward the request to the British Council of Churches, the Federal Council of Churches in U.S.A., also the World Council of Churches in Geneva, for final consideration and action. In support of this request, Synod calls attention to the fact that "Freedom of Religion" is one of the Four Freedoms of the proposed New Order.

(c) Prison Reform.

That the Government be requested to set up a Commission to enquire into the New Zealand Prison System with a view to its replacement by a more enlightened, civilized and Christian approach to the treatment of men, women and young people who come into conflict with the law.

(d) Gambling.

That the attention of the Education Board of Nelson and Canterbury be drawn to the wide use of gambling methods in the raising of school funds, and suggests that the method is unworthy of the aim.

(e) Domestic Problems.

That in view of the great difficulty many men and women who have spent one or more years in the service of their country will experience on their return to home and family life, Ministers and Home Missionaries and other religious leaders be urged now to make a study of these problems and their remedies, and be ready to contact particularly with such people and homes connected with their various Churches.

(f) Post-War Problems.

1. That Conference urge upon our Methodist people their willing co-operation with all efforts made by the Government to economise the consumption of food with a view to alleviating food shortages in other parts of the world.

2. That Conference, being impressed with the finding and recommendations of the United Nations Food Conference held at Hot Springs, U.S.A., in May and June, 1943, strongly urges upon the Government the pursuance of the same.

(g) Women Police.

That Women Police be stationed in Timaru.

(h) Appeal of L. C. Clements.

That we inquire of the Government what has been done concerning the very favourable recommendation given in the case of Leslie C. Clements for a re-hearing of appeal against military service on conscientious grounds.

STATEMENT ON SUNDAY OBSERVANCE.

That this be the Resolution of Conference on Sunday observance: The Jewish Sabbath and the Christian Sunday have many similarities. Both are observed as days of rest and worship, but whereas the Sabbath was the seventh day of the week, Christian practice, from the time of the apostles onwards, has been to observe the day of Christ's resurrection, the first, the Lord's Day. It is a day for Christian fellowship, which should be of a joyful nature, because of the Resurrection. It is not to be spent in idleness, but in doing all that tends to the culture of the spiritual. Besides this, it gives the Church its supreme opportunity of educating its youth in Christian doctrines and practices. In a secular age, the Church must guard the Lord's Day so that this unique opportunity is not filched from it.

In the observance of Sunday a great deal of liberty must be given to the individual Christian who must exercise his own conscience as to what he may or may not do. But it must be made plain that it is a conscience, enlightened by the Spirit of God, which must pronounce on this. Nevertheless, the Church has always insisted on the paramount need for public worship on that day, and all Christians, unless unavoidably prevented, should attend regularly on that means of grace, both for their own sakes and that of the whole Church membership.

For those who do not recognise the Lordship of Christ, the Sunday is at least a day of rest from ordinary work. As such it is a proved necessity for every man, and the community which does not observe it will ultimately suffer. The Church must accept responsibility to preserve the day of rest, and must exert all her influence to resist the encroachments on this day, which, in a time of war, are so insistent. It is not the duty of the Church to seek to enforce on every citizen the Christian view of the observance of Sunday. The true observance is a matter of the spirit.

Yet it must be stated that the Church is opposed to organised sport, and Government sanctioned excursions on that day. The duty of the Government in a country with a strong Christian heritage, is to facilitate the moral and spiritual work of the Church. This involves the safeguarding of the Sunday with its opportunity of rest, for the good of all, and of worship and service for the development of Christian character.

(No finding was reached on this section.)

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

A.—GENERAL REPORT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.

The following matters were reported to the various Synods:—

1.—Properties Acquired.

Whangarei—1 acre 10.5 perches. £435.

Silverdale—1 acre and house. £650.

Hawera—36 perches. £500. No debt.

Hokowhitu—32 perches. £145 for school.

Levin— $\frac{1}{4}$ acre. £122 for tennis courts.

Naenae—1 rood. £297.

Raumati—Gift of Church site.

Cambridge Terrace—29.4 perches and dwelling. £1,930.

Sockburn—Gift section and hall, and additional section.

Invercargill Central— $\frac{1}{4}$ acre. £600 net.

2.—Erections and Additions.

Campbell's Bay—Additions. £399. No debt.

Astley Home—Additions. £985. No debt.

Ohura—Alterations. £62.

Opotiki—Parsonage, additions £22.

Foxton—Parsonage, additions £54. No debt.

Riccarton—Class Rooms. No debt.

Sockburn—Hall cost, £730. No debt.

Clifton—Bible Class Room, £75. No debt.

3.—Sales and Extended Leases.

Sandringham—1/3 acre, £249. Proceeds to East Street Hall trust.

Birkenhead—Dwelling and Section, £875. Proceeds for new parsonage.

Onehunga—2 roods, 3.7 perches. £125. Proceeds to G.P.T. Board.

Rawene—1 acre 2 roods 27 perches. £10. Proceeds for capital expenditure.

Silverdale—Property for £220. Proceeds for new parsonage.

Stratford—Part Broadway property, £1,900.

Cambridge Terrace—Parsonage in Manchester Street, £1,800, proceeds for new parsonage.

4.—Circuit Accounts.

RECEIPTS.

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|----------|----|----|
| To Credit Balance from last year—General Account | 9,382 | 14 | 5 |
| „ Balance from last year held for Special Purposes | 52,933 | 19 | 9 |
| „ Loans from Church Building and Loan Fund | 2,649 | 6 | 3 |
| „ Loans from other sources | 3,175 | 0 | 11 |
| „ All other Receipts | 76,309 | 1 | 10 |
| Total Receipts | 144,450 | 3 | 2 |
| Debit Balances | 13,891 | 4 | 9 |
| Total | £158,341 | 7 | 11 |

EXPENDITURE.

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|----------|----|----|
| By Debit Balance from last year | 20,647 | 3 | 7 |
| „ Loan Fund Instalments | 4,248 | 17 | 9 |
| „ Other Loans Repaid | 12,437 | 12 | 11 |
| „ Interest on Loans and on Bank Overdraft | 4,753 | 11 | 2 |
| „ Purchase of Land, Erection or Additions to Buildings | 9,193 | 4 | 4 |
| „ Rents, Rates, Cleaning, Lighting, Repairs, etc. | 35,188 | 10 | 9 |
| Total Expenditure | 86,469 | 0 | 6 |
| Credit Balances | 16,740 | 11 | 5 |
| Balances held for Special Purposes | 55,131 | 16 | 0 |
| Total | £158,341 | 7 | 11 |

5.—Statement of Debt.

| | | | £ | s. | d. |
|--|------|------|---------|----|----|
| Mortgage Debt at end of previous year | .... | .... | 128,415 | 2 | 10 |
| Add New Loans received during year | .... | .... | 6,025 | 0 | 11 |
| Total | .... | .... | 134,440 | 3 | 9 |
| Deduct Loans repaid during year | .... | .... | 18,990 | 5 | 2 |
| Amount of Mortgage Debt at end of year | .... | .... | 113,449 | 18 | 7 |
| Unpaid General Accounts | .... | .... | 955 | 15 | 5 |
| Unpaid Interest | .... | .... | 15 | 11 | 2 |
| Contingent Liability | .... | .... | 2,000 | 0 | 0 |

6.—Fire Insurance.

| | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|------|------|----------|----|---|
| Total of Fire Insurance Reported | | | £850,941 | 10 | 5 |
|----------------------------------|------|------|----------|----|---|

7.—District Secretaries for Church Property.

Auckland—Mr. S. E. Chappell, 61 Valley Rd., Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.2.
 South Auckland—Mr. W. B. L. Williams, 60 River Rd., Hamilton.
 Taranaki-Wanganui—Mr. G. H. White, 329 Devon St. W., New Plymouth.
 Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Mr. C. E. Taylor, Ranfurly Rd., Feilding.
 Wellington—Mr. S. T. S. Martin, 11 Millward St., Wellington, S.1.
 Nelson—Mr. W. D. Pike, "Honiton," Main St., Blenheim.
 North Canterbury—Mr. J. W. Hillary, P.O. Box 552, Christchurch, C.1.
 South Canterbury—Mr. A. Langdon Hudson, P.O. Box 244, Timaru.
 Otago-Southland—Mr. G. S. Gapper, Heriot Row, Dunedin.

8.—General.

The General Property Returns show very pleasing results. The total receipts exceed those of the previous year by £11,631. The total expenditure has decreased by £4,841. Whereas debit balances have dropped by £6,595 the credit balances have increased by £7,607. The moneys held for special purposes aggregate £55,131, being an increase of £2,261 over the previous year. The mortgage debt shows the substantial reduction of £13,252.

The District Secretaries have done their work with great satisfaction. All are nominated by re-appointment save in Otago-Southland District which has not yet made a nomination. It is noteworthy that Mr. W. D. Pike, the senior District Secretary, has completed his twenty-sixth year of continuous service for the Nelson District.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT,

General Secretary for Church Property.

Christchurch, 22nd December, 1943.

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 service and that those named in the report be appointed for the ensuing Connexional year.

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 10th December.

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.)

B.—CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.

REPORT FOR 1943.

For the year ended 30th September the audited statements show the position of the Fund. The amount received in repayment of loans has been £4033/1/9. New loans have been advanced aggregating £3203/18/6. Loans now current amount to £20,640/2/6. Ten loans have been fully repaid during the year. Grants of £50 each have been made for the acquirement of sites at Hokowhitu and Sockburn. Grants have also been promised towards the acquirement of sites at Naenae and Greymouth. Gisborne trust refunded £100 to the Sites Fund on the sale of the Ormond Road dwelling. The Committee has been endeavouring to stimulate interest in the direction of site acquirement for extension work in the new housing districts. Advice has been given to trustees on many property matters. The Committee has been encouraged by the response of trustees to efforts to elevate the standard of designs in church buildings.

Details of all current loans have been sent to the respective Synods. In very few cases do they call for serious attention.

Each Synod is requested to nominate one minister and one layman to act with the Chairman of the District (convener) and the District Secretary for Church Property as a District Property Advisory Committee.

The following are nominated by the Committee for next Connexional year: The Connexional Secretary, the Chairman of the North Canterbury District, the Superintendents of Durham Street, Christchurch East, Woolston, Addington and Papanui circuits, and Rev. E. Drake, together with Messrs. H. de R. Flesher (Lay Treasurer), R. W. Brighting, H. J. S. Harrington, S. Sayers, W. Melville Lawry, S. H. Maddren, H. R. Best, R. A. Marsh, and W. F. Stock.

As directed by Conference the Committee has had before it the proposal to set up a Conference Committee of Review to consider annually the accounts of all local trusts conducting revenue producing projects. The Committee is in consultation with all the major trusts concerned and will later submit a report.

The Committee has counselled trusts that are contemplating extensive work after the war to recognise that both the nature and method of building systems are in a stage of transition, and revolutionary changes appear to be inevitable in relation to structure, materials, heating, lighting, sanitation and other features of building.

The Committee makes the following recommendation: "That Resolution 5 on page 29 of the Minutes of Conference for 1935 be rescinded and that one-third of the net proceeds of the recent sale of the Franklin Road Church and school area be paid to the Auckland West circuit in full settlement of all claims by that circuit upon the Franklin Road trustees."

N.B.—The Committee has deferred consideration of the application of the remaining two-thirds of the proceeds of sale pending receipt of a further communication from the Franklin Road trustees.

The Committee has given its sanction to the sale of the properties listed below, but the sanction will lapse if not acted upon by 31st March, 1945.

SALES.

Wesley College Board.—(a) 16 sections in Landscape Road and Parau Street for an aggregate price of £3760. (b) About 65 acres at Mount Wellington at £50 per acre plus £100 for 67 feet frontage.

Epworth Orphanage Board.—Property for £2100 net.

Franklin Road.—Church and school area for £3500. Allocation of proceeds to be decided by Conference.

Brown's Bay.—Section £80, proceeds for Campbell's Bay Health Camp.

Birkenhead.—(a) Parsonage for £850. (b) One-third of section for £50. Proceeds for new parsonage.

Birkdale.—School hall to be offered by tender.

Otahuhu.—Section for £275. Proceeds for new parsonage.

Stratford.—Parts of shops property for £1900. Proceeds to liquidate mortgage debt.

Inglewood.—Parsonage for £700. Proceeds to acquire new parsonage.

Gisborne.—Ormond Road dwelling £900. Proceeds to repay debt.

Thorndon.—(a) Goring Street dwelling £1550. (b) Rossmoor Crescent and Tinakori Road. £4200. Proceeds to extinguish debts. Balance for new parsonage to serve Thorndon and Northland.

Brooklyn.—Bruce Street dwelling £1000. Proceeds to extinguish parsonage debt.

Petone.—Richmond Street dwelling, reserving 20 feet at rear. £1050 cash. Proceeds to G.P.T. Board. £500 to be held in trust for a new building and needed part of balance for additions and alterations to church and school buildings.

Motueka.—(a) Parsonage for removal £70, section not included. (b) Two other sections at £90 each, and a fourth at £70.

Cambridge Terrace.—Manchester Street dwelling £1800. Proceeds for new parsonage.

Leeston.—Section 12 in Market Street £60. Proceeds to pay final instalments of parsonage loan.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

J. H. ALLEN, Chairman.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Secretary.

Christchurch,

15th October, 1943.

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, 1945.)

3. That the District Property Advisory Committees be as named below, together with the respective District Chairmen and District Property Secretaries as members ex officio:—

Auckland—Revs. W. Walker, D. J. D. Hickman, Messrs. J. Tyler and J. W. Shackelford.

South Auckland—The Ministers of Hamilton and Hamilton East circuits, Messrs. E. J. Davey and W. B. Young.

Taranaki-Wanganui—Rev. I. S. Williamson, Mr. M. Barnitt.

Hawkes Bay-Manawatu—Rev. C. Eaton, Mr. C. V. Woodfield.

Wellington—Revs. J. D. McArthur, F. J. Parker, Mr. C. H. Hain.

Nelson—The Ministers of Blenheim circuit, Messrs. H. Oldham, F. H. Southgate and J. S. White.

South Canterbury—Rev. O. Burnet, Mr. H. C. B. Withell.

Otago-Southland—Revs. L. B. Neale, W. H. Greenslade, Messrs. C. F. Roberts and A. S. Froggatt.

4. That a bequest of the late Rev. Thomas Fee of a sum of £50 for an unspecified purpose be added to the Capital Fund of the Church Building and Loan Fund, and be known as the Thomas Fee Bequest.

5. Committee for 1944. That the Committee for 1944 be as set forth in the Report.

6. That the consideration of the matter of Trading Trusts be deferred until next Conference, viz.—

“Trading Trusts. The Committee has been in communication with the principal trusts carrying on revenue producing projects, relative to a proposal to set up a Conference Committee of Review to consider the accounts of such trusts. There is a fairly general conviction that such a Committee is not necessary or desirable. It is feared that the contention may be advanced that Conference accepts financial responsibility for trading trusts if it annually reviews their transactions. The Loan Fund Committee therefore does not support the proposal.”

B. Franklin Road Property Sale. Portion of the Franklin Road Church and school property having been sold it was resolved:—

(1) That Conference rescind Resolution 5 on page 29 of the Minutes of Conference 1935.

(2) That one third of the net proceeds of the recent sale of Franklin Road property be paid to the Auckland West circuit in full settlement of all claims by that circuit upon the Franklin Road trustees.

(3) That the remaining two thirds be allocated as follows:—

(a) £250 to be held in trust by the Franklin Road trustees to be utilised if future extension or developmental work is undertaken in the Franklin Road area.

- (b) £50 to be given to Takapuna trustees towards the cost of erection of a new Sunday school at that place.
- (c) £50 towards the cost of a proposed new church at Campbell's Bay.
- (d) The whole of the balance towards the cost of the proposed new buildings for the Auckland Methodist Central Mission.

C. Peace Memorials.—The Conference heartily endorses the proposal to mark the cessation of hostilities and the proclamation of peace by liberal and sacrificial gifts for the erection of churches, schools and parsonages as worthy memorials.

D. Company Bay Enterprise. The Conference puts on record its appreciation of the work of the Rev. L. B. Neale in freeing from debt the Company Bay Settlement which is said to have cost £65,000. The Settlement comprises three homes and many outbuildings and its social service activities are said to cost approximately £5,000 per annum.

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

During the year a number of church deeds have been received for safe custody. Many trust registrations have been effected and former registrations revised. The customary details have not been tabulated in view of the necessity to conserve space in these abnormal days of paper shortage.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT,

Custodian of Deeds and Authorised Representative.

Christchurch,

15th October, 1943.

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 1944-1945.
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.

The Board has pleasure in reporting upon a satisfactory year.

The renovations and repairs carried out over the past few years have had the effect of reducing maintenance costs during the past year, and we are happy to report that for the first time in 25 years we show a bank credit balance of £442 on the working account.

It will be recalled that 8 years ago the debit balance was £2,152. It is almost impossible to increase revenue from additional rents, so increased earnings can only be obtained from reduced expenditure.

With the large liabilities the Board have decided to build up a fund from all surplus moneys for mortgage reduction. Thus larger contributions cannot be made to the Theological College for many years.

Since the close of our year, the Board has suffered loss by the death of two members, Messrs. Walter Ambury and Arthur J. Buttle. We deplore the loss sustained, and wish to record the excellent service rendered to the Church and Connexional Trusts over a long period. The Board recommends that the vacancies be filled by the appointment of Messrs. Edwin Allen Astley and Percy Dellow.

The members of the Board are:—Revs. E. W. Hames, M.A.; Dr. Laws, Dr. Ranston, Messrs. E. A. Astley, J. H. Blackwell, P. Dellow, T. L. Hames, W. E. Lewisham, A. W. Parker, J. Stanton, Jas. Tyler, and F. Winstone.

JAS. TYLER, Chairman.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report and Financial Statements be adopted.

2.—PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Financial Statement be adopted.

2. That the question of a forward movement in the Secondary Education Policy of our Church be referred to the Prince Albert College Trustees and the Auckland District Synod, who shall report to next Conference.

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

REPORT FOR 1943.

The Board of Management has met as needed during the year to deal with applications for assistance, and 36 persons have received grants.

The Statement of Income and Expenditure shows that the sum of £333/19/10 has been distributed in grants, and there is a balance in hand of £210/15/11, of which £25 is reserved for needs after the War. The value of our inscribed stock is £11,391/15/10.

We regret to report the passing of Mr. Walter Ambury, who was for many years a very valued member of the Trust.

The Board has recently decided to set aside, if possible, £100 of its Income each year for probable contingencies after the war.

The present members of the Board are:—Rev. Dr. Ranston (Chairman), Rev. W. A. Sinclair and Mr. J. Stuart Caughey (Treasurers), Revs. W. Walker, H. E. Bellhouse, G. I. Laurensen, Messrs. J. E. Astley, C. K. Wigglesworth, L. Peak, F. Penn, Miss A. E. Rogers (Secretary).

H. RANSTON, Chairman.

A. E. ROGERS, Secretary.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report and Financial Statement be adopted.

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

Annual Report for Year Ended 31st December, 1943.

We have pleasure in presenting to the Conference the Annual Report of the Board of the Wellington Methodist Charitable and Educational Endowments.

Masterton Children's Home.

The selection of Mr. and Mrs. Bateup as Master and Matron of the Home has proved itself a happy one, and the Board records its appreciation of their work.

The work done by the staff and the Home Committee and by Dr. Prior is also gratefully acknowledged.

The Home has benefited during the year as a result of bequests totalling £277/9/5, which have been added to the Capital Account of the Home, bringing the balance in the account to £8060/6/4.

The Masterton Committee has reported separately to Conference, and the recommendations for the 1944 Committee contained in the report are endorsed by the Board.

On the occasion of the resignation of Misses Allan and Henderson, retiring allowances of £150 and £25 respectively were granted in appreciation of their many years of faithful service to the children.

Rangiatea Maori Girls' School.

A move towards the establishment of the School on a permanent basis has been made during the year, and the purchase of a site has been completed. An advance of £3,000 by way of loan has been made by the Committee to complete the purchase.

The usual grant of £400 for the maintenance of the interim school has been paid.

It is recommended to Conference that Messrs. A. E. Hurley and N. R. Seddon be appointed to the Board of Governors of the School as representatives of the Wellington Board.

Financial.

Net revenue for the year amounted to £1312/14/6. Expenses in connection with the Home at Masterton showed a big advance, owing to the cost of earthquake repairs, and payment of retiring allowances. The net cost of the Home to the Board was £699/0/8 (including £150 depreciation written off buildings). Excess of income over expenditure and grants amounted to £213/13/10, and this amount has been transferred to Capital Account which now stands at £42,897/18/5.

General.

The improvements on the last of the Board's Kelburn properties have been sold and the land leased for a period of 21 years with right of renewal.

During the absence of the Secretary on military duties the secretarial work of the Board has been carried out by Mr. E. W. A. Kellow in an honorary capacity.

Mr. H. P. Mourant, a trustee for many years, has now taken up residence in Auckland, and consequently tendered his resignation, which has been accepted with regret. The Board records its appreciation of his devoted service and unflinching interest in the welfare of the children under the Board's care.

The Board unanimously recommends to the Conference that the Rev. W. A. Burley be appointed Chairman for the ensuing year.

W. A. BURLEY, Chairman.

E. W. A. KELLOW, Acting Secretary.

Resolved—That the Report and Financial Statements be adopted.

**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.

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

7.—NORTH ISLAND REST HOUSE.

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

**8.—THOMAS EVE TRUST (ASHBURTON).
RESOLUTION.**

That Conference directs the Trustees to present to Conference each year, through the South Canterbury Synod, a report and financial statement showing the position and operations of the Trust.

9.—ROBERT GIBSON TRUST (TARANAKI).

Training Farm for Boys.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That Conference approves of the establishment of a Methodist Training Farm for boys from Orphanages and other orphan boys, in the Dominion, on the estate bequeathed for that purpose to the Methodist Church by the late Robert Gibson, of Manaia, preference being given to orphan boys whose parents are either of the Methodist or Presbyterian faith, in accordance with the testator's wish.

2. That when the capital sum of £5,000 has been accumulated to provide the buildings as stipulated by the testator, the Board of Management suggest that the farm be divided and portion be made available for the Training Farm and the balance be revenue producing for the purposes of the Trust.

3. That the income from the "Orphanage" Property be applied to augment the Building Fund of £5,000 until such time as the Building Fund is completed.

4. That the Trustees be: The Chairman of the District, and Messrs. O. T. Parry, Edwin Dixon, R. R. Cook, J. A. Pettigrew, C. E. Bellringer, L. M. Moss, Alfred E. Williams, Herbert Hooper, and K. F. Andrews.

**QUESTION XXXVIII.—What is the Report of the Board on
Connexional Insurance?**

REPORT OF THE BOARD, 1943.

The audited statements of accounts for the year ended 31st October are presented with this report. The income from all sources was £3,658/11/3. The Accumulated Fund still stands at £32,500. The Fire Loss Reserve Account amounts to £3,565. The Investment Contingency Reserve Account shows a balance of £692/12/1, and a sum of £100 is held as a Natural Calamities Reserve Appropriation. A sum of £5,039 is invested on first mortgage security and £31,756/16/- in Government Stock and local body debentures. The net fire loss during the year has been £25. Much unremunerated work has been caused by the operation of the War Damage Insurance Act. Alterations to this Act are promised by the Government with a view to making a reduction in the premium and possibly extending its scope to cover risk from natural calamities. After making provisions for reserves as required by Conference there is, this year, a substantial divisible surplus of £1,217/7/10.

There has been a substantial increase of business during the year. The fire risks carried on church properties aggregate £812,191. Much of this is covered by re-insurance. Other insurances in which our fund is interested but in respect of which it carries no risk total £150,831. The fund is thus concerned with covers totalling £963,022. Seventeen years ago covers stood at only £452,609. The risks on our church properties alone now number 993, made up of 420 churches, 238 schools and halls, 179 parsonages, and 156 miscellaneous risks which include colleges and other institutions.

During the year the Board gave close attention to a contention that the Methodist Church Fire Insurance Board was a Company within the meaning of the Insurance Companies Act, 1921-1922, and as such, pursuant to the provisions of the Insurance Companies Act, 1940, was liable to make a deposit with the Public Trustee. The opinion of counsel was sought and was embodied in a very lengthy document in which relevant historical facts were reviewed and important legal decisions were quoted. The accepted opinion of counsel is that the Board only manages a fund belonging to and affecting the property of the Methodist Church. The fund does not belong to the Incorporated Board nor is it vested in any trust, board or person. It is one of the Conference Funds belonging to the Church. It is a purely domestic fund managed by the Board. The Board does not carry on the business of fire insurance and is therefore not a Company within the meaning of the Insurance Companies Act, 1921-2, and is not liable to make a deposit with the Public Trustee.

The Board recommends that the following appropriations be made from the divisible surplus:—

ORDINARY.

| | | | | |
|------------------------|------|------|------|-------|
| Home Acquisition Fund | .... | .... | .... | £330 |
| Foreign Mission Fund | .... | .... | .... | £100 |
| Home Mission Fund | .... | .... | .... | £100 |
| Deaconess House | .... | .... | .... | £25 |
| Super. Benevolent Fund | .... | .... | .... | £25 |
| Church Sites Fund | .... | .... | .... | £50 |
| Youth Department | .... | .... | .... | £50 |
| "Methodist Times" | .... | .... | .... | £150 |
| | | | | —£830 |

SPECIAL.

| | | | |
|--|------|------|-------|
| Deaconess House (Mortgage Reduction) | .... | .... | £100 |
| Solomon Islands Rehabilitation Fund | .... | .... | £100 |
| Home Missionaries' Removal Expenses | .... | .... | £25 |
| Auckland Maori Centre | .... | .... | £50 |
| Church Sites Fund | .... | .... | £50 |
| Women's Missionary Union Sisters' Fund | .... | .... | £50 |
| | | | —£375 |

Grand Total £1205

The following are nominated as the Board of Management for next Connexional year:—The Connexional Secretary (ex officio), Colonel G. J. Smith, C.B.E., V.D. (lay treasurer); Revs. E. Drake, R. Dudley, J. H. Allen, Messrs. E. R. Caygill, C. H. Perkins, P. A. Le Brun, Allen A. Dingwall and W. H. Price.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

EDWARD DRAKE, Chairman.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Secretary.

Christchurch, 22nd December, 1943.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report, Revenue Account, and Balance-sheet be 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, 1943.

The reports of the various Departments administered in the Connexional Office give some indication of the scope and scale of its activities. War conditions have added to the volume and complexity of the many-sided work.

The financial statement shows a credit of £43/0/9, and the same appropriations as were voted last year are asked for, namely: Church Building and Loan Fund, £225; Connexional Fire Insurance Fund, £395; Supernumerary and Allied Funds, £521; "Methodist Times," £170; and Contingent Fund, £185.

The following are nominated as the Committee for the ensuing year:—The Chairman of the District, the Connexional Secretary, the Superintendent Ministers of the Durham Street, Riccarton, and St. Albans circuits, with Mr. J. E. Purchase (lay treasurer), the lay treasurers of the Supernumerary Fund, Fire Insurance Fund, Church Building and Loan Fund, Contingent Fund, "Methodist Times" Committee, and Messrs. E. R. Caygill and P. A. Le Brun. The Committee expresses its deep sense of loss by the death of Mr. Frank Thompson.

The Committee is required to nominate a Connexional Secretary at the Conference preceding that at which the current term will have been fulfilled. It unanimously recommends the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt for a further term of office. Mr. Pratt continues to discharge the duties of his many offices with conspicuous ability and success. He retains the entire confidence of the Committee which has abundant opportunity of appreciating both the value of his work to the Church as a whole and his own personal qualifications for the offices the administration of which the Church has entrusted to him.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,
J. E. PURCHASE, Lay Treasurer.

Christchurch, 22nd December, 1943.

RESOLUTIONS.

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

2. Nomination of Connexional Secretary. See Question LXVI. G. "Designation of Departmental Ministers and Directors."

3. That Conference places on record that the passing of Mr. Frank Thompson, a former Treasurer of this Connexional Secretaryship Committee, on Saturday, December 18th, 1943, Dominion Methodism loses a most devoted representative and honoured servant. Possessed of great executive and organising abilities, Mr. Thompson's earnest and forceful personality was enriched by wide general interests and broad sympathies. Through the years of a very busy life he found time to serve the Church with great acceptance in official

positions too numerous to mention, both locally and connexionally. With real distinction he graced every office that our Church can confer upon a layman. Capable in business, fearless in movements for moral reform, understanding with children, gifted as a leader of youth, generous in missionary work, and hospitable in his home life, he has left a record seldom equalled in the history of our New Zealand Church. Conference extends its deepest sympathy to Mrs. Thompson in her bereavement.

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

TRINITY THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

A.—REPORT OF ACTING-PRINCIPAL.

The session of 1943 has been a good one in spite of restricted war-time conditions. We numbered ten resident and one non-resident Methodist students, together with two Congregationalist men living in College and another Congregationalist Pastor attending certain lectures. Mr. R. H. Allen proved a firm and competent Senior Student, and the spirit of the Institution has been healthy, industrious and devoted throughout the year. The men vary in aptitude and educational background, but the Tutors have confidence in them.

The usual teaching syllabus has been carried through with the aid of Dr. Ranston and visiting Tutors to whom the thanks of the Church are due. Dr. Ranston taught O.T. Introduction and Exeresis, O.T. Theology, N.T. Theology, and N.T. Exegesis and Senior Greek (six hours weekly). The Acting-Principal took classes in Systematic Theology, Junior and Intermediate Greek, N.T. Introduction, Logic, Religious Education (Junior and Senior), and Elementary Hebrew (eleven hours weekly). The Rev. E. S. Emmitt lectured in Homiletics and took the Sermon Criticism class, while Mr. W. E. Burley tutored a group of men in English. Mr. J. William Bailey conducted a most helpful course in Elocution and Voice Production. Five students, Messrs. Allen, Bell, Bycroft, Chambers and Green, attended lectures at the Auckland University College.

The men have done their full share of Sunday duty, assisting in City and Suburban Circuits and practically maintaining the work in the Helensville and Ngaruawahia Home Mission Stations. They have also helped to maintain Youth Work of the Collegiate Church and taken an active part in the S.C.M. and E.U. During the Long Vacation they are employed in vacant Stations throughout New Zealand.

The experiment whereby the Conference placed a young married Candidate at Glen Eden to enable him to take a modified course at the College has proved an unqualified success. The co-operation of the Superintendent and Officials of the Circuit has been most helpful.

It is probable that the College roll will be further reduced in 1944; but it is already apparent that a vigorous policy of encouragement to likely young men will bring results, and we have reason to believe that a number of suitable candidates will be before the Conference of 1945.

E. W. HAMES, Acting-Principal.

MARRIED CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY.

(Minutes, 1943, page 120.)

REPORT BY BOARD OF STUDIES.

It is necessary to state that the course suggested for a non-resident Student is not an adequate substitute for three years residence and training in the Theological Institution. It can be regarded only as an emergency provision to meet special cases, each of which should be carefully considered on its merits. The Board would deplore any tendency to make this an alternative route into the ministry, by which young men might be encouraged to marry before becoming Candidates.

With this qualification the Board is prepared to support the proposals given on page 120 of Minutes, 1943, 13 (1) A., and to recommend them for the approval of Synods.

We also recommend that the Auckland District Executive be asked to confer with the Home Mission Board and the Superintendents of Auckland Circuits with a view to the provision of suitable openings for the employment of married candidates within reach of the College.

E. W. HAMES, Chairman.

J. F. JACK, Secretary.

B.—REPORT OF COLLEGE COUNCIL.

The Council has met regularly during the year and all the meetings have been well attended.

The duties of the Council have been somewhat restricted owing to the College building being under the control of the Auckland Hospital Board, but much useful work has been done.

The Property.—The members of the Property Committee have kept a careful watch on the College Building and it is pleasing to note that they report that the present occupants are showing all reasonable care. The Hospital Board's tenure is due to expire at the end of 1943, but that Board has applied for an extension of two years subject to provision for termination of lease by the Board at the end of 1945, provided that not less than six months' notice of termination be given by that Board, and this has been agreed to.

Training of Students. The temporary arrangements for the training of Students has, on the whole, worked satisfactorily, and both Staff and Students are to be commended on the way in which they have adapted themselves to the present conditions.

While short of single Agents, Conference is tempted to withdraw men from the College before the completion of their course. It needs to be stated most emphatically that the College course is designed on a three year plan, and that for most men the final year is the most fruitful of the three. The Church must recognise that to withdraw men from the College against the judgment of the Board of Studies is to prejudice the future both of the man and of the Church.

The Staff. There have been no changes in the staff during the year and all members have rendered splendid service in the training of the men.

Staffing for 1944. The Council recommends that Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A., continue as Acting-Principal for 1944, and that the present lecturers be reappointed.

Appointment of Principal.—The Committee appointed to deal with this matter has been in communication with prominent Church leaders in Great Britain, America and Australia, but at present have no recommendation to make. However, correspondence is still going on and new avenues of enquiries are being explored.

Thanks. The Council gratefully recognises the efficient work being done by the Acting-Principal and Tutors. By his outstanding leadership and devotion to every branch of his work, Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A., has won the confidence of all connected with the College, and it is felt that the whole Church owes a debt of gratitude to him and Mrs. Hames for the service they are rendering in the training of our future ministers. Associated with him are Dr. H. Ranston, M.A., Rev. E. S. Emmitt, M.C., Messrs. W. E. Burley, M.A., and Mr. J. William Bailey, who continue to render valuable service as Tutors.

Gifts to Trinity College. Our best thanks are extended to the following for gifts to the College Library and Museum:—Dr. Lyth, Miss Gibbs, Miss Robson, Miss Lawry, Rev. W. G. Slade, Miss E. B. Wright, Revs. W. Walker, G. Frost, F. Copeland, M. A. Rugby Pratt, E. B. Chambers, C. B. Jordan, W. J. Elliott, J. B. Dawson, E. S. Emmitt and A. E. Orr, Estate of Miss Mears, Mrs. Dadson, Messrs. W. S. MacKay, Josiah Lawry, J. J. Parker, G. C. Rodda, E. P. Salmon, and Robert Mears, Mr. and Mrs. Shackleford, Mrs. T. F. Jones, and the Pitt St. Trustees.

Supplementary. A Supplementary Report, containing the nomination of members of the Council for 1944, and any other matters not yet considered, will be submitted to Conference.

E. T. OLDS, Vice-Chairman.
J. H. BLACKWELL, Chairman.
J. F. JACK, Secretary.

C.—SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

Finance.

The Council is very pleased that its present financial position enables it to dispense with the usual grants from the Home and Foreign Mission Funds and from the Fire Insurance Fund; but wishes it to be understood that it will need to call upon these funds again, in the near future.

The cost of College administration in relation to Connexional subsidies is being investigated and a definite conclusion will be arrived at next year.

Appointment of Principal.

Any further developments or any fresh information in connection with this question will be reported to Conference by the Committee appointed to deal with the matter.

Resident Tutor.

The Council recommends, "That Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A., be designated Resident Tutor of Trinity College for a further term of six (6) years as from 1945." Mr. Hames has informed the Council that he intends, at a suitable time after the close of the war, to apply for extended leave in order to visit England and America. The Council has assured Mr. Hames that it will give sympathetic consideration to such a request.

Resignation.

After very many years of valuable service on the Council, Rev. W. A. Sinclair has had to resign owing to the state of his health. The Council has placed on record a minute of appreciation of his services.

Council for 1944.

The following are recommended to Conference as the Council for 1944: Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A. (Acting Principal), Dr. C. H. Laws, B.A. (Fellow of Trinity College), Dr. H. Ranston, M.A. (Fellow of Trinity College), Revs. H. E. Bellhouse, E. S. Emmitt, M.C., W. Walker, A. H. Scrivin, G. I. Laurenson, A. E. Orr, E. T. Olds, J. F. Jack, H. C. Matthews, C. B. Jordan, M.A., B.D., and J. H. Bailey.

Messrs. J. W. Shackelford, F. M. Winstone, Jas. Tyler, H. Radcliffe, G. Wilson, F. E. Sutherland, T. L. Hames, G. A. White, J. S. Caughey, L. W. Peak, L. E. Rhodes, J. Hargraves, C. K. Wigglesworth, J. H. Blackwell and W. E. Burley.

Officers.

Chairman, Rev. E. T. Olds; Vice-Chairman, Mr. C. K. Wigglesworth; Treasurer, Mr. F. M. Winstone; Secretary, Rev. J. F. Jack.

Gifts to Trinity College.

The following gifts have been received:—Mrs. W. Ambury, Proceedings of the Wesley Historical Society, June 1931 to March 1936; Mrs. E. J. Gatland, Old Tune Book.

J. H. BLACKWELL, Chairman

E. T. OLDS, Vice-Chairman.

J. F. JACK, Secretary.

Synods received and adopted the Reports of the Acting-Principal and College Council.

D.—REPORT OF COMMITTEE RE APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL.

The College Council is fully apprised that it is important and necessary for the Church to make a suitable appointment of a Principal as soon as conditions become favourable. However, in view of the present uncertainty regarding the duration of the War, and the decreasing number of students for training, the Council is of opinion that it would be unwise to proceed with an appointment at the present time.

The Council would assure the Conference that the work of the College is being carried on with efficiency and with satisfaction to all concerned. The replies to inquiries from overseas reveal that until such time as the Council is in a position to offer definite terms, little or no interest can be aroused in prospective applicants. It is the intention of the Council to make further inquiries concerning likely Ministers in the Dominion and overseas, and to report to next Conference.

J. H. BLACKWELL, Chairman.

W. WALKER, Convener.

E.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

For the Year Ended 31st October, 1943.

This year we have particular pleasure in presenting to Conference the Annual Accounts of the Trinity Methodist Theological College.

Not only do we forecast closing the current year ending 31st March, 1944, with a balanced budget, but with deep gratitude we have pleasure in announcing that we have completely liquidated the debt on the College property and established a Rehabilitation Fund, with a credit of £87/10/- from surplus rent received and transferred from the General Account.

By the Budget before Conference it will be seen that we anticipate augmenting this Fund by a further £1,560 by March, 1945.

The financial position attained has been made possible by amounts received from the estates of the late S. J. Ambury (£549/3/8) and the late Maurice Harding (£500).

Conference will appreciate that the Council, through the saving of interest in the Site Acquirement Account, has been enabled to budget for the coming year without calling on the Home Mission Department or the Foreign Mission Department.

We have also found it unnecessary to call upon the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund, to the Trustees of which we are deeply grateful for their most generous help during the years of financial stringency.

While we are deeply appreciative to all who have helped us to attain the satisfactory position we find ourselves in to-day, we wish to sound a note of warning to our Church not to relax in its financial support of their College.

It will be readily recognised that after the war, a period of financial difficulty for the College may recur, and while in the interim we hope to build up a substantial Rehabilitation Fund, we know we shall have to face heavy property maintenance expenses and also, the College Council wish to place the grounds of the College in a state worthy of our Institution and of the Church. It is therefore our desire that we do not have to draw on this Fund for current College expenditure.

It is likely in the post-war period, that more students will be coming into the College, and the current expenditure of the College, therefore, may be reasonably expected to be on a higher basis than in the past, and for these reasons the College Council will still find it necessary to appeal to your generosity.

In the management of the business affairs of the College life the Acting-Principal, the Rev. E. W. Hames, ably assisted by Mrs. Hames, has shown outstanding executive ability, and commands the highest respect and regard of the students.

The College Council recommends to Conference the adoption of the Budget attached to the Annual Accounts.

FRANK M. WINSTONE, Hon. Treasurer.

PROPOSED BUDGET.

For the Year Ending 31st March, 1945.

INCOME.

| | | | | | | £ | s. | d. |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|--------|----|----|
| Probert Trust Board | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 250 | 0 | 0 |
| Emsly Trust | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 96 | 0 | 0 |
| Contingent Fund | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 740 | 0 | 0 |
| Students' Contributions | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Collegiate Church | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Congregational Church | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 160 | 0 | 0 |
| College Sunday and Friends of Trinity College | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Rents, Auckland Hospital Board | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 2,310 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | | | <hr/> | | |
| | | | | | | £3,706 | 0 | 0 |

EXPENDITURE.

| | £ | s. | d. |
|--|--------|----|----|
| House and Service | 750 | 0 | 0 |
| Stipends | 425 | 6 | 0 |
| Tutors' Fees | 220 | 0 | 0 |
| Connexional Charges | 90 | 0 | 0 |
| Quarterages | 80 | 0 | 0 |
| Rates | 190 | 0 | 0 |
| Insurance | 100 | 6 | 0 |
| Telephones | 24 | 0 | 0 |
| University Fees | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Furnishings | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Repairs | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| Printing, Stationery and Postages | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| Advertising Church Services | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| Rent Board Room | 14 | 0 | 0 |
| Sundries | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| Rent Surplus to Rehabilitation Fund A/c. | 1,560 | 0 | 0 |
| | £3,706 | 0 | 0 |

While we are thankful that this year it is not necessary to Budget for any amounts from the Home and Foreign Missions or from the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund, we must look for assistance from them again when the necessity occurs.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the reports of the Acting Principal, the College Council, the Treasurer, and the Treasurers of the College Library and Prize Fund be received and adopted.

2. Thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Acting Principal and Mrs. Hames, and also to Dr. Ranston and the visiting lecturers, Rev. E. S. Emmitt, Mr. W. E. Burley, B.A., and Mr. J. W. Bailey, and that the Conference tender its congratulations to the Council upon the extinction of the debt upon the College site, and especially to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. F. M. Winstone, who has guided the finances of the College through a difficult period with patience, generosity and skill.

3. That the following appointments be made for the ensuing year: Treasurer of the Students' Library Fund and the various prize funds: The Acting Principal and Mr. F. E. Sutherland.

Co-Treasurer, College Rehabilitation Fund: Mr. F. E. Sutherland.
Auditors: Messrs. R. Lovie, B. Verry, R. Blayney, and P. Dellow.

4. Conference commends the observance of College Sunday to all our circuits both as a means of augmenting the regular income of the Institution, and as a method of interesting our people in its essential work. We urge all Supt. Ministers to see that the day is used to encourage young men who may be turning their minds toward the ministry as a calling.

5. Conference reaffirms resolution of last year that, "In view of the inevitable shortage of ministers after the war, Conference urges that all Circuit Ministers and officials seek out and give every encouragement to suitable young men likely to become candidates for the Ministry and that the names of such men, both in N.Z. and overseas, be reported at once to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners."

6. That the following recommendation be referred to the Board of Studies: "In view of the approaching rehabilitation and new order and the added necessity for an enlightened and efficient ministry Synod considers it desirable that all candidates for the ministry give evidence of having engaged in a particular occupation for at least 18 months prior to acceptance."

7. That College Council be requested to keep constantly in mind the completion of the College building scheme by the erection of a College Chapel in keeping with the rest of the building.

8. That the special report given in re the appointment of Principal be received and adopted.

9. That the Wellington (1) and (2), and South Canterbury (3) recommendations, be referred to the Board of Studies.

10. That the Board of Studies be requested to consider that there be an external examination in O.T. and N.T. Introduction.

11. That the attention of the Church be drawn to the fact that there are over forty appointments in Circuits and Home Mission Stations for which no Agents are available, and that a circular stating the facts be issued at an early date by the Home Mission Board, signed by the President and Secretary of Conference and the Chairman of the Board, requesting ministers to bring the urgent need of the Church before their people both by public reference and private interview. It is suggested that wherever possible reference should be made to the subject on College Sunday.

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

REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1943.

A. THE BOARD'S REPORT.

The Board is glad to be able to report the successful conclusion of negotiations which have enabled it to enter into possession of the munificent bequest of the late Mr. Maurice Harding. Mr. Harding left to Wesley College the residue of his estate after providing for payment of a large number of legacies, and for a life interest to Mrs. Harding. The latter is still living, and legacies amounting to £7,000 remain to be paid after her death. By the good offices of Mr. Ernest Close the Board was able to arrange with the Trustees for an immediate transfer of all the Estate assets in consideration of the Board paying to the Trustees a sum of £7,704 to provide for unpaid legacies and other liabilities. The Board thus becomes the owner of the fine property of 230 acres at Mount Wellington, where our Preparatory School has already been established, and in addition mortgages and other assets worth approximately £6,000, all unencumbered.

There is no doubt that the assets and resources of the Board have been very considerably increased and improved by this transaction, and we all feel grateful to Mr. Harding's Trustees, Mr. Close, and the New Zealand Insurance Company, who worked so hard to bring the Estate through its previous difficulties, and the Board was glad to be able to lend some assistance in arriving at the present happy position.

Whether the Preparatory School should remain permanently at Mount Wellington is a matter for serious consideration, but in any event no move is possible under present conditions.

The Principal's report shows how war necessities have dominated the activities of the Board, both on the scholastic and the agricultural side, but we are preparing for a resumption of our real functions as soon as possible.

Sales of sections on the Board's remaining suburban properties have been active during the year, the sale of 15 sections of the Mount Roskill Estate for £1,970 completely disposes of the frontage of this property, and we are now negotiating for the sale of the balance of the property. One section in Landscape Road has been sold for £250. About 65 acres of the rocky area of the Mount Wellington property is in the process of being sold for £3,350.

The Board has paid the sum of £2,366 off its Long Term Mortgage with the Bank of New Zealand, reducing the principal to £7,472.

When the Third Liberty Loan was launched we thought it our duty to subscribe for £1,000 of 3% Stock.

From Mr. S. J. Ambury's Estate the Board has received during the year the sum of £543, being the Board's share of the proceeds of the sale of that Estate's shares in Amburys, Limited.

Information has just been received that the late Mr. J. A. Clothier of Te Aroha has bequeathed to the Board (subject to certain life interests) the sum of £2,000 for the establishment of a Clothier Scholarship at Wesley College. One of Mr. Clothier's grandsons was formerly a pupil at Wesley College.

These benefactions are gratefully appreciated, and to those Methodists who are able to help deserving causes we would like to commend Wesley College, and especially the plan of establishing scholarships which will enable boys who could not otherwise do so to have the benefit of an education at the College.

J. STANTON, Chairman.

L. KNIGHT, General Secretary.

B. THE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT.

The occupation by the Army of the building at Paerata continues, and for the greater part of this year the premises have been used as a divisional base hospital for allied forces. Extensive additions have been made, many of a permanent character, and generally the buildings and grounds have been well maintained and in some ways improved. It will nevertheless be necessary before the College is reopened to undertake certain renovations, in part consequent upon the military occupation, but also due to the fact that for some time past it has been necessary to reduce such work to a minimum. The sum of £500 per annum is being set aside from the rental received and it should now be possible to attend adequately to several matters, pointing of brickwork, painting, provision of up-to-date cooking equipment, etc., which have for some time been overdue.

The Board has recently approached the Military Authorities to ascertain the likelihood of their obtaining possession of the school buildings in time to reopen the College at the beginning of the coming year.

The Preparatory School has now completed its first year and 24 boys have been in residence. A large number of applications for admission have of necessity been declined, and it would seem that approximately twice the number could have been enrolled. It is true that present conditions favour boarding school enrolments, but there is nevertheless, and this has been shown over many years at Paerata, a real need for a boarding school for primary school boys. In the Auckland Province there are three such schools all controlled by or in close connection with the Church of England, and there are several Roman Catholic Schools admitting young boys, but there is no Methodist, Presbyterian or Baptist school of this type. The schools controlled by the Church of England charge fees which make them ex-

clusive and beyond the means of parents of average incomes. The only schools charging fees comparable to our own are the Roman Catholic and the secondary school hostels. There are many reasons which make primary boarding schools necessary, such as rural isolation, lack of understanding of child nature, overconcern, and need for change of environment of either school or home. Here is a worthy work for our Church to do, and one which will help, feed, and be the complement of Paerata.

It was fortunate that the buildings at Mount Wellington were so easily and immediately adaptable to the requirements of the new school, but it has been found necessary to erect a new and larger classroom, and plans are now in hand for such a building, together with a playroom, which it is hoped to have completed for the coming year.

The farming activities at the College have been conducted under difficult conditions due partly to the general shortage of suitable labour and the lack of adequate fertiliser, accentuated by a particularly dry autumn and hard winter. We have also had a lessened area due to the impressment by the military of several paddocks in the middle of the farm. These factors have adversely affected production and have necessitated some reduction in the number of cattle carried. About 30 of the younger cattle and some sheep have been transferred to the Mount Wellington property, the greater part of the dairying land of which has also been compulsorily taken over for military purposes, leaving only the rougher stony land for grazing. Sufficient cows only have been retained here to provide for the school requirements.

R. C. CLARK, Principal.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Reports and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. That Conference approve the sale of a portion of the College Farm at Paerata, the area, price and terms to be subject to the approval of the Church Building and Loan Fund.
3. That the proposed donation of £200 to the Building Fund of the Roskill Methodist Church be authorised.
4. Board for 1944: Mr. J. Stanton (Chairman), Revs. Dr. H. Rantson, A. H. Scrivin, W. Walker, E. T. Olds, G. I. Laurenson, E. W. Hames, M.A., and E. Te Tuhi, Messrs. A. Best, J. T. Bryant, W. E. Burley, E. H. Burton, J. S. Caughey, K. J. Dellow, P. Rushton, E. P. Salmon, A. C. A. Sexton, J. Tyler, and A. W. Westney.
5. That the recommendations of Synods (Agenda, p. 65) be referred to the Board to report to next Conference.

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

1.—SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

REPORT OF THE BOARD, 1943.

The Supernumerary Fund Board, as required by the regulations, presents its report for the year ended 30th November, 1943, together with the various financial statements duly audited.

Annuitants and Membership.

The last Conference added three supernumeraries to the list of beneficiaries and continued two ministers as temporary supernumeraries. Five supernumeraries have died during the year and also the widows of three deceased ministers. Four of the deceased supernumeraries each left a widow. The wife of one supernumerary minister has died. The wife of a minister who contracted a second marriage has been placed on the Fund. There are now 43 supernumeraries and 42 widows in receipt of annuities.

Finance.

The position of the Fund is fully disclosed in the financial statements. The cost of administration continues to be low. The Accumulated Fund now stands at £151,902/18/6. This shows an addition of £820/12/- to meet accruing demands of future claimants. Mortgage investments amount to £80,241/2/6. Investments in Government Stock and local body debentures total £62,100/19/7, and investments in freehold property £52,721/1/7.

Earnings.

Legislative interference with private contracts and other economic factors still press heavily upon the Fund by restricting the earning power of capital. The net earnings of the Fund have been £6,089/9/7 after setting aside £600 to provide for investment fluctuation, for doubtful debts, and for depreciation of freehold property. The effective average interest earning rate, calculated on the actuarial basis, has been 4/2/- per cent. By adopting the accountancy method the net earnings would show at £3/14/8 per cent. Omitting office expenses, as is often done with similar funds, the calculation would show a return of 4/0/10 per cent. The net revenue from Epworth Chambers has been £3/10/3 per cent.

Allied Funds.

The personal accounts of contributors to the Home Acquirement Fund aggregate £15,396/2/10. During the year payments were made amounting to £468/9/9. The Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund shows a sum of £6363/19/1 in the personal accounts of contributors. Retiring allowances to the amount of £890/3/2 have been paid out, and £120, representing forfeited subsidies, has been refunded to the Home Mission Board. From the Deaconess Retiring Fund allowances amounting to £115/18/3 have been paid, leaving a balance in the personal accounts of contributors of £6860/11/9. The Benevolent Branch of the Supernumerary Fund has been drawn upon to the extent of £92/5/10. The General Purposes Trust Board Fund is dealt with elsewhere.

Taxation of Annuities.

The Board has continued its efforts to secure the removal of the injustice imposed upon those who have exercised sacrificial thrift in seeking to provide for their declining years and who suffer the disability of deprivation of full State benefits while compelled to contribute substantially out of their small annuities towards the tax-free and, in consequence, frequently larger pensions of the State beneficiaries. The Board has pressed for the removal from the law of the present unfair anomaly and has urged that provision be made as speedily as possible for all superannuitants with small pensions to be placed in the same position as Social Security beneficiaries. The Prime Minister stated that the representations made would be carefully considered. They were referred to the Hon. A. H. Nordmeyer, the Minister in charge of the Land and Income Tax Department. Mr.

Nordmeyer sent a lengthy reply that utterly failed rightly to appreciate the position in relation to what he described as the "financial disadvantages suffered by a relatively small class of contributor" to the Social Security Fund. Other organisations joined in the demand for justice and equity for all superannuitants. Ultimately the Prime Minister was reported to have stated from the public platform that the Government, during the first month after the election, would give friendly and sympathetic consideration to the question, which would receive complete re-examination with a view to removing any anomalies or possible injustices. He was satisfied that there was room for inquiry and re-adjustment and this would be facilitated.

Social Security.

The last Conference emphatically declared that as the Board had already made a thorough investigation of the Supernumerary Fund in relation to the Social Security Scheme, and as Conference had already approved of the results of such investigation as embodied in the comprehensive special report published on pages 107 to 111 in the Conference Minutes for 1942, there is no present necessity for further investigation. The Board has, however, been seeking information from various sources regarding the commutation of annuities, the retention of an annuity of only £52, and the application of lump sum payments towards the purchase of homes for superannuitants. One Church and one Diocese in another have given a conditional option of commutation but since the regulation came into force in the first case only one minister had elected to commute, and in the second case five had applied for commutation. Of these three applications had been granted and two declined. The Board is closely watching every element affecting the administration of the Fund so as to ensure the maximum benefit for all our ministers.

The Supernumerary Fund Levy.

The Board has consistently expressed its desire for exclusion from the new basis of imposing Connexional levies. It preferred the old basis of a levy of £15 for each minister actually employed. As Conference included the Fund in a scheme that was to be operative for a period of five years the Board was compelled, in harmony with the requirements of the actuarial basis on which the Fund is established, to provide for an annual levy of £15 for each minister who might possibly be employed within the quinquennium. Provision had to be made for such contingencies as the return of chaplains to circuit work, a small increase in the number of ministers, and the possible return to active work of ministers who are temporarily superannuated, or who are resting or are employed by other organisations. It was foreseen that this would result in overtaxation and overpayment by the Districts. The amount paid in excess of £15 for each minister actually employed amounts to about £300, and this has been placed in a Levies Contingent Reserve pending a decision by the Conference. If the Conference should again place the levy for the Fund on the old basis the Board can be empowered to make a just allocation of the surplus revenue that has resulted from the operation of the new scheme.

Proposed Exemption from Membership of the Fund.

The last Conference (Minutes 1943, page 101, Resolution 7) referred to the Board a proposal to consider such an amendment to Rule 14 on page 140 of the Law Book as would exempt certain ministers from membership of the Supernumerary Fund and permit their continued membership of the Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund. The proposal before Conference was to permit a minister who was re-

ceived into full Connexion after not less than fifteen years' continuous contribution to the Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund to elect to continue his membership in that Fund in lieu of the Supernumerary Fund.

The Board is strongly opposed to any such proposal regarding optional membership as involving a contravention of a principle recognised throughout world-wide Methodism; as being inequitable for all ministers other than senior ex-home Missionaries, and as imposing also unjustifiable disabilities upon such senior home Missionaries as may qualify for reception into full Connexion.

The bond between the minister and the Church is life-long on both sides. While a minister lives, or while his widow survives, the Church undertakes to make some provision for their needs from a fund provided by personal subscriptions and Church contributions. The ministers constitute a brotherhood of equals and the element of Christian brotherhood is illustrated by their mutual provision for larger than actuarial benefits to any brother who breaks down in health after a brief term of service. The present proposal involves the destruction of the democratic principle which puts all ministers on the same footing, and it undermines the mutual basis on which the ministerial brotherhood in Methodism is everywhere built. Such a vital departure from principle and from usage cannot be justified to meet very exceptional cases. To exempt any home missionary would be inequitable to all his ministerial brethren and would be a disadvantage to himself.

A home missionary who has paid his contributions to the Retiring Fund for 15 years has to his credit a very substantial capital sum. These savings on his admission to the ministry can be invested. The interest thereon will more than pay the difference between his Retiring Fund contribution of £8 and the Supernumerary Fund subscription of £10. If a minister were exempted from joining the Supernumerary Fund and continued to contribute to the Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund he would on superannuation receive only a lump sum payment and would thereafter have no claim on the Church for support for himself or for his widow or for doubly orphaned children. He has contracted out of the scheme of mutual benefits in an equal brotherhood. His interest in the Retiring Fund is a purely personal deposit account for the sole benefit of himself and his own personal estate. This rules out the idea of a mutual brotherhood. The circuit levies are paid not for individual men but for all members of the fund and any benefit from these levies provides for exigencies throughout the whole brotherhood and not for individual ministers.

The proposal, however, involves injustice to such members of the ministerial brotherhood as may be separated into a differential group. Members of the Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund no longer get the big bonuses that prevailed before the Home Mission Department got refunds of forfeited payments. To permit an ex-home missionary's continued membership of the Retiring Fund is to rob him of benefits to which membership of an equal ministerial brotherhood would entitle him. A senior home missionary admitted into the full ministry at once secures better conditions. These include not only improved status, a guaranteed appointment instead of a temporary engagement, an increased stipend, the advantages of the Children's Fund and the benefits of the Home Acquirement Fund, but, in addition, membership of the Supernumerary Fund which gives to him the guarantee upon retirement of a furniture grant of £75, and in lieu of one final lump sum payment to himself or his estate, it assures both to the man and to his widow an annuity for the whole term of life, and benefits for their doubly orphaned children, whatever changes may come in their

economic circumstances. No available lump sum payment could compensate for the forfeiture of these Supernumerary Fund benefits of which no minister should be allowed to deprive himself.

If one class of minister be granted the option of exemption from membership in the Supernumerary Fund, other classes of ministers, for example those with what at present appear to be adequate private resources or insurances or inheritance expectations, could not equitably be denied a similar option, although reliance on such expectations would run counter to every law of prudence.

It is proposed to continue the circuit levy of £15 for ex-home missionaries and out of it to pay £12 subscription to the Retiring Fund. The minister would supplement this by the present personal payment of £8. He would thus pay towards his retirement less than his brethren. The Supernumerary Fund would benefit by £3 a year from the levies of circuits to which a man of the differentiated group might be appointed. It is to be feared that some circuits might object to paying £15 towards the retirement of a member of a fund which required only £12. Successive ministerial changes would complicate such a position.

Moreover as Supernumerary Fund circuit levies are credited quarterly to the ledger account for each District and not to any individual ministers, the adoption of the present proposal would necessitate a diversion from the main Fund of such carefully calculated proportion of levies as affected ex-home missionary ministers who elected to come under the proposed new scheme, to the individual accounts of the small differentiated group. Such a situation might easily create obvious complications.

The proposal also undermines the actuarial basis for the valuation of the Supernumerary Fund because payments to it are for the benefit of the Fund and of all members of it without distinction. If £12 of any circuit levy goes to the Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund it will belong to one individual only and will be ultimately drawn for his sole benefit.

For the foregoing reasons the Board opposes departure from the compulsory mutual scheme and the creation of any differential group.

Personnel of the Board.

The Board has suffered a severe loss by the death of its senior lay member, Mr. Mark Kershaw. It is proposed to fill his place by the appointment of Mr. E. H. Andrews, the Mayor of Christchurch. The following are nominated as the Board for the next Connexional year:—The Connexional Secretary (Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt), Revs. E. Drake, W. Grigg, R. Dudley, D. O. Williams, C. R. Taylor; Messrs. G. S. Salter (lay treasurer), L. G. Steven, R. H. Miles, S. H. Maddren, W. Charles Francis, and E. H. Andrews.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

L. G. K. STEVEN, Chairman.

G. S. SALTER, Lay Treasurer.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Managing Treasurer.

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 Conference endorses the judgment of the Board that no Minister or Probationer should be exempted from membership in the Supernumerary Fund.

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

There are now more than fifty separate Trusts being administered by this Board. During the year the Board has been entrusted with the administration of the Sister Lenna Trust, the Enos Stephenson Trust, and the Pakuranga Cemetery Trust. Moneys held aggregate £20,315, and the capital value of properties administered represents an additional £25,000.

Stipends Augmented.

From the original "George and Mary Winstone Trust" a sum of £250 was distributed to augment the stipends of 17 underpaid ministers and home missionaries. This trust has now been merged in the newly-created and larger "Winstone Memorial Trust Fund" which is held and administered on the trusts and for the purposes set forth in the relative Deed of Settlement by which certain moneys are to be used for the purpose of augmenting stipends that are below the standard minimum as fixed by the Conference. To enable the Board wisely to fulfil this trust, information was asked for from all Chairmen of Districts. This has been followed by a questionnaire designed to elicit all relevant information regarding the stipends of all ministers, probationers, and home missionaries, and also the state of the circuit funds as at the end of the calendar year.

A Suggested Investigation.

During the year the Board gave very careful consideration to a letter from the Home Mission Department suggesting that the Board should investigate the provisions of the Deed of Settlement of "The Winstone Memorial Trust Fund" in relation to cases of hardship created by inadequate allowances being made for circuit travelling. The General Purposes Trust Board fully recognises that travelling allowances and transport arrangements impinge directly, and often with unfortunate results, upon the standards for stipends, and it feels strongly that definite action should be taken to ensure the provision of adequate travelling allowances in all cases, but such action by this Board is impossible.

Having judicially considered every point raised, the following findings were reached by the Board:—

1. The General Purposes Trust Board has been incorporated solely with the object of holding and administering any real or personal property transferred, devised, or bequeathed to the Board or in any other manner vested in the Board, and it must decline to undertake any such investigations as have been suggested, such investigations being entirely outside its legal constitution and its objects.

2. The General Purposes Trust Board having accepted the administration of "The Winstone Memorial Trust Fund" in terms set out in the Deed of Settlement entered into between the Settlers and the Board, it is under obligation faithfully to administer its trust in strict accordance with the definite conditions laid down. For the Board to entertain any proposal to carry out an investigation of the regulations of the Fund with a view to applying them to circumstances outside the very clear and specific provisions of the Deed would be an act of faithlessness to its trust and would destroy all confidence in itself. Any such action as has been suggested could be initiated by the Settlers alone and by no other person or body.

The Newbold Bequest.

In response to the request of last Conference for particulars relative to the Newbold Bequest, the Board reports that complete information, including the relevant portion of the will of the late Rev. T. W. Newbold, has already been supplied to the Conference and is to be found on page 101 of the Minutes for 1939. The Conference of that year also determined "that amounts available from the Newbold Estate be lodged with the General Purposes Trust Board (Inc.) to earn compound interest until such time as Conference shall determine their destination in harmony with the provisions of the late Rev. T. W. Newbold's will." In accordance with that resolution the Board now holds in trust the sum of £1092/6/-, and the fund is increasing each year pending such decision as may be legal and as to the Conference shall seem fit.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

L. G. K. STEVEN, Chairman.

G. S. SALTER, Lay Treasurer.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Managing Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS.

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

2. That the Revenue Account and Balance-sheet of The Winstone Memorial Trust Fund be adopted and printed in the Minutes, and great satisfaction be expressed at the result of the operations of this Fund.

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 the year ended 31st December, 1943.

The following payments of £10 each have been made:—

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| Auckland | | | | | 52 |
| South Auckland | | | | | 16 |
| Taranaki-Wanganui | | | | | 19½ |
| Hawke's Bay-Manawatu | | | | | 12 |
| Wellington | .... | .... | .... | .... | 34½ |
| Nelson | .... | .... | .... | .... | 26 |
| Canterbury | .... | .... | .... | .... | 5½ |
| North Canterbury | .... | .... | .... | .... | 7½ |
| Otago-Southland | .... | .... | .... | .... | 9½ |
| | | | | | 183½ |

being payments for nine children more than last statement.

The Circuit Levies have proved insufficient to pay claimants, and the Treasurer has had to draw on our credit balance.

The present credit of Fund is £135/15/11, which is £85/11/- less than last statement presented.

We estimate that £1810 will be required for 1944 payments, which is £60 more than provided for in Circuit Levies, and not taking into consideration any new birth recorded during the year.

The Credit Balance of the Fund at 31st December, 1943, is

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| Bank N.S. Wales, Wellington | 111 | 7 | 11 |
| Due by Otago-Southland District | 24 | 8 | 0 |
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E. W. A. KELLOW,
W. A. BURLEY, Treasurers.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be adopted.
2. That the Treasurers, Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A., and Mr. E. W. A. Kellow, be thanked and re-appointed.
3. That the Contingent Fund Treasurers be authorised to make a grant, up to and not exceeding £100, to the Children's Fund, provided that the resources of the Children's Fund are deemed to warrant such grant.

4.—CONTINGENT FUND.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for 1943 be received and adopted.
2. That the following grants be authorised:—

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| Trinity Theological College | 740 |
| Connexional Secretary's Department | 185 |
| Deaconess Institution | 100 |
| University fees | 40 |
| N.Z. Council of Churches | 20 |
| Grant for Affliction | 25 |
| Methodist Times Editorial | 55 |
| Methodist Times Special | 75 |
| Children's Fund Special | 100 |

£1,340

3. That the Consultative Committee for 1944 be:—Rev. E. T. Olds, Messrs. J. Tyler and F. E. Sutherland.
4. That the Auditor, Mr. I. J. Wilson, B.Com., be thanked for his services and be re-appointed.
5. That the Treasurers, Rev. W. Walker and Mr. J. H. Blackwell, be thanked for their services and be re-appointed.

5.—REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND.

ANNUAL REPORT, 1943.

Removals carried out during the year number 58, at a cost of £1279. One has yet to be made and will cost another £31, making the total of £1310.

The levy, if fully paid, will produce £1090. This means an excess of expenditure over revenue of £220. Last year the expenditure exceeded income by £258, so that the Capital Account will be drawn on during the two years to the extent of £478, and now stands at the lowest figure in the history of the Fund.

Claims amounting to £174/10/3 have been paid for removals of Chaplains' families towards which amount no contribution has been made.

The Committee places on record its deep regret at the death of Mr. Mark Kershaw, who has been a valuable member of the Committee for many years, and for two years acted as Lay Treasurer during the absence from the Dominion of the present Lay Treasurer. The Committee expresses its deepest sympathy with Mrs. Kershaw, in her sorrow.

The Committee draws attention to the fact that the last sentence of Resolution 6, page 106 of Minutes of Conference, 1943, was not adopted by Conference.

J. ALLEN, Chairman.

H. CHAPMAN, Lay Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be adopted.

2. Committee for 1944 to be:—The Chairman of the District, the Connexional Secretary, Revs. J. Dennis, E. E. Sage, R. Dudley, and Messrs. H. Chapman, J. E. Purchase, M. Hosking, W. G. Wright, and S. H. Maddren. 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 FOR 1943.

During the greater part of the year our Solomon Islands District has been largely under Japanese occupation, and much of it is still in enemy hands. New Georgia and Vella Lavella were recaptured by the Allies in August after much bitter fighting, thus preparing the way for the hoped-for move through Bougainville and Buka to Rabaul. While letters from the Field are now received more frequently, the information they contain is meagre. There is no room for doubt, however, that we have suffered grave material loss, and that our people have passed through a critical ordeal.

The Field.

Although considerably restricted in his movements in the early part of the year by Japanese occupation and later by Allied military conditions, the Rev. A. W. E. Silvester continued to render splendid service until his return to New Zealand for furlough in October. Both officers and men of the New Zealand Forces on Vella Lavella have paid high tribute to his work.

Every possible avenue has been explored for the return of Mr. Goldie and his colleagues to the Field, and we have received much courtesy and consideration both from N.Z. Army Headquarters and the Prime Minister's Department. Permission had actually been granted for Messrs. Goldie and Luxton to leave in September to relieve Mr. Silvester, but their passage was cancelled by a general order of the Officer Commanding South Pacific.

The Rev. A. H. Voyce, who had proceeded to the Solomons in September as a Chaplain to the Forces, was temporarily released from military duty to take Mr. Silvester's place, and has been able to render outstanding service to the Native Church, and as a liaison officer between the native people and the Allied Forces. We are greatly indebted to Major-General Barrowclough, O.C. Vella Lavella, for this generous action. Mr. Voyce has been able to contact many

of our teachers and people in the Roviana and Vella Lavella Circuits, and his reports are most heartening.

On December 24th, the Resident Commissioner of the Solomons advised Mr. Joyce that he had asked the High Commissioner of the Western Pacific for the return of Mr. A. G. Rutter. This raises our hopes that our Medical Ministry may soon be fully restored. In fact, the general position in the South West Pacific is such that there seems reasonable ground for hope that much of our work may be resumed in the near future.

It has been reported from Fiji that a Teop native had seen the Rev. D. C. Alley working in a garden at Rabaul, with other interned missionaries, under Japanese guard, but the report gave no indication of the time. Apart from this, no information has reached us regarding Mr. Alley, our enquiries through official channels having been in vain. All our missionaries are eager to return to their work and their people. Their leadership and help would be of tremendous importance to the Native Church at this time, and in our applications for permits for their return the paramount importance of spiritual leadership at such a critical time has been stressed. The Fijian Ministers, Uziah Sotutu and Aaron Kotosoma, were taken to Fiji for rest in August. Uziah particularly had rendered great service on Bougainville to the Native Church and others, and both men were often in grave danger. The Revs. Paul Havea and John Afu have continued in the Solomons and word has reached us via Tonga that they were well earlier in the year.

The work of the native ministers and pastor-teachers has suffered serious interference in nearly all parts of the District, but while school work has been impossible in many places, the preaching services, in the areas from which news has been available, have been well maintained. The spiritual leadership exercised by the native ministry must be of untold value to our people, so many of whom have been driven from their homes.

It is a source of much joy and profound gratitude to God, that amid the tragic years of war the Native Church has manifested such outstanding faith and courage. Their service to the Allies, particularly the sick and wounded, and their cheerful courage and steadfastness have been convincing witness of the reality of their faith and the worth-whileness of the work of Mr. Goldie and his colleagues during the past 41 years. The work of our Mission has been vindicated in a remarkable way and the Board appreciates the many tributes that have come from all Allied ranks, including the Officer Commanding all forces on Vella Lavella. Particularly pleasing was the fine gesture of the 17th Field Regiment, N.Z. Artillery and associated Units in contributing 1,000 dollars for memorial cots or a small ward in the new hospital as a token of their appreciation.

Rehabilitation.

Stations. The total loss of our District Training Institution at Kokengelo (Munda), the Head-Station of South Bougainville at Kihili, and our property at Gizo was reported last year. Further news has confirmed that not a vestige of these fine stations remains. Our 170 acre coconut plantation at Munda was destroyed by the Japanese to form an aerodrome, as was our fine young plantation at Kihili. News came to hand in August that nothing was left of Bilua—Head-station of the Vella Lavella Circuit and headquarters of the Medical Unit. At Bilua was situated the Helena Goldie Hospital and doctor's and nurses' homes. Later we were advised of the de-

struction of Sasamanga, Head-station of the Choiseul Circuit. From scraps of information received, it also seems evident that little or nothing is left of our stations at Teop and Skotolan. Much valuable educational and medical equipment, etc., has been lost, and steps have already been taken by the Board for the replacement of some of it. Sister Lina Jones is now engaged full time in the effort to replace school equipment, lesson aids, etc.

Boats. The "Bilua" has been purchased outright by the Special Board controlling Allied Shipping for £1,275 (including stores, etc.) and the "Fauro Chief" is under charter to the same Board. As far as we are able to ascertain all our other boats have been destroyed.

The Fund. The Mission Board has been greatly encouraged by the generous response on the part of many of our people to the Rehabilitation Appeal, and is grateful for the special organisation set up in districts and circuits. It is apparent that the Home Church is being stirred by the loss and suffering of our Solomon Islands District, and the fact that New Zealand has been spared similar desolation largely because the Salomons proved to be her bastion of defence. We have also been moved by the faith and courage of the Native Church. We are, however, still a long way from our goal of £25,000, and the Board respectfully requests that the urgent claims of this Fund be presented by every Church Member before the end of the Connexional Year. It will cost £60,000 to reconstruct our stations and replace our boats, equipment and plantations, and much of it will be urgently needed long before possible war damage compensation is available. It is imperative that funds be available immediately our workers are able to return to the Field.

Rebuilding. Planning and rebuilding our Mission Stations will involve much time and thought on the part of both Mission Board and Staff in collaboration with the Native Church. Sites, nature of buildings, etc., have been discussed, but it is impossible to reach finality until the Pacific question is clearer. There is no doubt, however, that quite a number of experienced builders will be required for several years, and it is encouraging that enquiries are being made already by skilled men who are feeling the challenge of the situation.

Post-war Problems. The most difficult of all the problems confronting us during the period of reconstruction will be the guidance of the native people whose minds and outlook have been profoundly affected by this world war. Their economic life has been disrupted and their standard of values has undergone radical change. Prices are being paid for their produce and labour that cannot possibly be maintained, and necessary readjustment will not be easy. Moral and spiritual problems of an unusual type are created when large forces invade and occupy a primitive country, as has happened in the Solomons. These problems will call for much wisdom and patience on the part of our Missionaries, who will be concerned not only with the sad and sordid aftermath of war, but also with seeking for our Native people the rights and privileges we claim for ourselves and for which we have fought. The Atlantic Charter must include the inarticulate peoples of the Solomons equally with the people of New Zealand. In facing these and many other difficulties, Mr. Goldie and his colleagues will be counting on the constant prayers and practical support of the Home Church. In many parts of the world a great deal has been written recently regarding readjustment, reconstruction etc., after the war. We have worked for a long time under two Govern-

ments in our Solomon Islands District, under which conditions, certain disabilities are inevitable. Whatever political adjustments may result we have every right to assume that the general recognition during the critical years of war of the high value of our missionary enterprise together with the clear terms of the Atlantic Charter and the Four Freedoms will assure for us ample scope for the continuation and extension of our work.

The National Missionary Council of New Zealand has been considering for some time the desirability of a South West Pacific Conference to discuss missionary work and problems of that area. The National Missionary Council of Australia has expressed agreement, and it is hoped that the Conference will be held early in 1945, probably in Auckland. The Board is fully represented on the National Missionary Council and will play its part in this important event.

It is a matter for satisfaction that overlapping of missionary spheres is not an acute problem in the South West Pacific, and, with the exception of Roman Catholics and Seventh Day Adventists whose tenets preclude close co-operation, does not exist at all in the Western Solomons.

M.W.M.U.

The vision and loyalty of the M.W.M.U. during a critical year have greatly helped and encouraged the Mission Board. Particularly, have we been grateful for the Union's decision to continue to pay the salaries and allowances of the Solomon Islands Sisters during the period of evacuation. All money thus saved by the Board will be earmarked for the rehabilitation of Sisters' work and will be spent in collaboration with the M.W.M.U. Executive. The Board extends its congratulations and appreciation to Mrs. C. E. Taylor and her Feilding Executive upon three years of successful and inspirational leadership, and thanks them for constant loyalty and co-operation. In congratulating Mrs. H. Nicolson and her Wellington Executive upon their assumption of office, the Board anticipates the same happy fellowship and unity of purpose, and is confident that the high traditions of the M.W.M.U. will be fully maintained.

Sisters.

With one exception all the Sisters evacuated from the Solomons are eager to return at the earliest possible moment. In addition three more fully trained nurses have been accepted by the Board for appointment, and three others well advanced in their training have offered for the Field. We rejoice that there is such eager response to God's call, and are anxious to hear of qualified teachers willing to help those who are already valued members of our staff.

Youth Movement.

The Board is grateful for the Missionary Appeal sent out by the Youth Directors and their Board of Sunday Schools, Bible Classes, C.E. Societies, etc., to extend their activities in the interests of the Solomons. We greatly appreciate the continued fine work of the children and youth in many circuits and pray that clearer still will come the vision without which the people perish. We trust that the Youth of the Church will share worthily in the Rehabilitation of our Mission Stations.

Samuel Gorman of Nelson.

At the age of 92, Samuel Gorman entered the fuller life and a complete understanding of what the Bequest that bears his name means to the Solomons. That Bequest will be increased substantially

by part of the residue of the estate and, together with other contributions, will ensure the continuity of the Medical Unit. The Gorman Wards at Bilua have been destroyed, but will be rebuilt, and within them will walk the spirits of Clara and Samuel Gorman, rejoicing that in this ministry of healing, the people of the Solomons see something of the tender compassion of Jesus Christ.

Obituary.

The Board suffered grievous loss during the year by the death of four of its highly valued members—Messrs. J. P. Blair, W. Ambury and F. Thompson, and Miss Gladys Griffith, M.A. Each one of these has rendered outstanding service over many years, and the Board has placed on record its high appreciation.

Conclusion.

The Board faces the most difficult and critical period in the history of the Solomon Islands District, but does not face it alone. He, who by His gracious power, has led primitive savages out of the bondage of their superstition and fear into the liberty of His love is the same, yesterday, to-day and forever.

"We'll praise Him for all that is past,
And trust Him for all that's to come."

E. T. OLDS, Chairman.

A. H. SCRIVIN, General Secretary

TREASURERS' REPORT.

For the Year Ended 31st December, 1943.

The Treasurers have pleasure in presenting the Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account for the past year.

The Income from the Home Church, excluding Special Funds, was £13,060/18/-, being £1,281/4/3 more than for 1942, and £1,060/18/- over the estimate. £1,300 in all has been contributed by the Women's Auxiliaries and £180 by the Y.W.B.C. Movement.

The Medical Fund Income, including interest on the Capital of that fund, was £1,025/15/9, and as there has been no medical expenditure during the year, this sum has been added to the Rehabilitation Fund, for Medical work. Income for the Leper Fund was £179/15/2, and since closing the books, a further sum of £500 has been received from the Lepers' Trust Board for building and equipping a dispensary for lepers in our Mission District.

The Boat Insurance Fund has been augmented by transfer from the General Account of £150 (including interest £83/4/6), and by the net sum so far received from the charter of the "Fauro Chief," viz. £166/14/4. This fund, which in future years will enable the Board to make considerable savings in insurance, now stands at £2,616/14/4.

Apart from one item of £5 shown as Solomon Islands Income, workers evacuated from the Field have made their personal contributions through various circuits.

The Rehabilitation Appeal inaugurated at last Conference has been well supported by the Church. Including £1,261/17/1 transferred from the Equipment Fund, £467/11/2 subscribed for Sisters' Rehabilitation by the Women's Auxiliaries, £1,025/15/9 Medical Income, and legacies, a total of £18,657/3/2 was received up to the time of closing the books. Considerable sums are outstanding in promises.

We have been notified that under the will of the late Mr. Samuël

Gorman, the Mission will receive a bequest which is expected to exceed £23,000. One half of this sum is to be added to the Capital of the Medical Fund, and the income from the other half used for the General Fund. No part of the capital will be available for rehabilitation.

The expenses in New Zealand, including payments to Trinity College, the Deaconess Institute, and the National Missionary Council, were £1,563/1/3, being £24/16/3 more than the estimate. The Mission District Expenses now consist chiefly of stipends and allowances of workers—European and Native—still on the Field and on furlough. It should be noted that the item "Native Agents" is necessarily an estimate, but it is considered to be adequate.

This year there has been a profit of £37/1/3 on our papers. The "Open Door" and "Lotu" have circulations of 5,725 and 7,700 respectively.

The loss of £4,217/0/1 reported last year, owing to the destruction of assets in the Islands because of enemy occupation, has now been covered by the Rehabilitation Fund, leaving a debit balance still remaining in the Income and Expenditure Account of £1,002/1/5.

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

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Reports and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

2. That Conference extend affectionate greetings to the Native Church, commending all its members to the care of God, and urging them to continue steadfast amid their present trials.

3. That Conference convey cordial greetings to the members of the Mission staff, rejoicing with them concerning the fidelity and devotion of the Native Christians through the trials of enemy invasion. It extends earnest sympathy to Mrs. Alley and her boys in their anxiety concerning Mr. Alley, and prays that all may experience the sustaining grace of God.

4. **Rehabilitation.** The Conference records its gratitude to God and to all contributors for the measure of success that has attended the Solomon Islands Rehabilitation Appeal thus far, and urges all circuits that have not already done so to organise and finalise their special effort for this fund before the end of the Connexional Year.

5. **Proposed South-west Pacific Conference.** That Conference rejoices to learn of the proposed South-west Pacific Missionary Conference to be held probably in Auckland under the auspices of the National Missionary Council of New Zealand, and undertakes to do all in its power to ensure its success.

6. **Pacific Policy.** Conference notes with interest clauses 28-31 of the terms of the Pact between Australia and New Zealand on Pacific policy under the sub-heading "Welfare and Advancement of Native Peoples," but regrets that the suggested personnel of the proposed "South Seas Regional Commission," with advisory powers, does not include representatives of the native races.

It respectfully submits that where the native races are not sufficiently developed to be represented by their own people, they be represented on the proposed Commission by missionaries duly approved by the people themselves.

7. **Remission of Taxation.** That the following proposal be referred back to the Board, with power to act: That the President, Vice-President, Ex Vice-President, Principal Officers of the M.W.M.U., General Secretary, Revs. M. A. Rugby Pratt, R. Dudley, W. A. Burley, F. Cope-land, C. Eaton, Messrs. T. L. Hames, J. H. Blackwell, J. Tyler, L. Peak, E. W. A. Kellow, P. E. Patrick, N. R. Seddon H. Chapman, E. Dixon, J. H. Oldham (Napier) and C. E. Taylor, be appointed by Conference to make representation to the Government for remission of the duties assessed and paid in respect of that portion of the residuary estate of the late Samuel Gorman, bequeathed to the Methodist Church for its work in the Solomon Islands.

8. Home Base Estimates, 1944.

| | £ | s. | d. |
|--|--------|----|----|
| General Secretary—Stipend | 300 | 0 | 0 |
| House Allowance | 150 | 0 | 0 |
| Travelling | 70 | 0 | 0 |
| Hospitality Allowance | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| Clerical Treasurer—Honorarium | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Connexional Charges | 52 | 0 | 0 |
| Office Assistance | 270 | 0 | 0 |
| Rent—Office and Telephone | 85 | 0 | 0 |
| Printing and Stationery (Reports £90, General £60) | 150 | 0 | 0 |
| Stamps, Exchange, Cables, etc. | 110 | 0 | 0 |
| Auditor's Fee | 15 | 15 | 0 |
| Deputation Expenses | 110 | 0 | 0 |
| Annual Board Meeting—Travelling | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| Deaconess Institute | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| "Methodist Times" | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| National Missionary Council | 7 | 10 | 0 |
| Sundries, Legal Expenses, etc. | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| S.C.M. Chaplain's Fund | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| | £1,490 | 5 | 0 |

General Estimates, 1944.

INCOME.

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---------------------------------|---------|----|----|
| New Zealand— | | | |
| General £12,500, Medical £1,400 | 13,900 | 0 | 0 |
| Solomon Islands | 500 | 0 | 0 |
| | £14,400 | 0 | 0 |

EXPENDITURE.

| | £ | s. | d. |
|------------------------------|---------|----|----|
| Solomon Islands (?) | 10,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Home Base (as above) | 1,490 | 5 | 0 |
| Interest | 150 | 0 | 0 |
| Imperilled Missions, 1943-44 | 200 | 0 | 0 |
| Debt Extinction | 1,002 | 1 | 5 |
| Rehabilitation | 1,557 | 13 | 7 |
| | £14,400 | 0 | 0 |

Expenditure from Equipment Fund, 1944.

| | |
|-------|-----|
| Films | £50 |
|-------|-----|

9. Conference records high appreciation of the generous co-operation of the M.W.M.U. and conveys its sincere thanks to Mrs. C. E. Taylor and her Executive for their services during the year. It congratulates Mrs. H. Nicolson on her assumption of office and wishes her and her Executive the richest blessing during her term of office.

10. That Conference conveys its thanks to the Youth Board for its co-operation in creating missionary interest among the children and youth of the Church, and to the Young Women and the North Canterbury Young Men's Fellowship respectively for the support of Sister Ada Lee and the Rev. Nathan Kera.

That the Executive of the M.W.M.U. and the Youth Board consult on the question of fostering missionary interest amongst youth, and report to next Conference.

11. That the best thanks of the Board be extended to district and circuit secretaries, and all collectors, whose devoted work is so vital to the Missionary effort.

12. **General Secretary.** See Question LVI. (g).

13. **Board:** The President of the Conference (Rev. R. B. Tinsley), the Chairman of the Auckland District (Rev. E. T. Olds), the Chairman of the Solomon Islands District (Rev. J. F. Goldie), the General Secretary (Rev. A. H. Scrivin), the General Treasurers (Rev. W. A. Sinclair and Mr. T. L. Hames), the Revs. Dr. C. H. Laws, Dr. H. Ranson, W. Walker, F. E. Leadley, E. W. Hames, G. I. Laurenson, H. E. Bellhouse, A. E. Waite, A. E. Orr, H. C. Matthews, F. Copeland, W. W. Avery, A. A. Bensley, E. C. Leadley; Messrs. W. S. Mackay, J. W. Shackleford, J. Tyler, J. E. Astley, L. E. Rhodes, R. Thomas, L. Peak, J. H. Blackwell, W. E. Burley, E. P. Salmon, B. J. Lynneberg, C. E. Taylor, W. C. Francis, D. C. Cameron, the President of the M.W.M.U. (Mrs. H. Nicolson), the President of the Auckland W.M. Auxiliary (Mrs.) E. M. Lewis, Miss E. M. Rishworth, Miss E. J. Mather, Mrs. T. Rowe, Miss Purdie.

14. **District Secretaries.**

Auckland—Mr. W. E. Burley, B.A.

South Auckland—Rev. A. A. Bensley.

Taranaki-Wanganui—Rev. G. Hanna.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Mr. J. H. Oldham.

Manawatu Sub-Committee—Mr. C. E. Taylor.

Wellington—Rev. A. O. Harris.

Nelson—Rev. C. E. Leadley.

North Canterbury—Rev. W. E. A. Carr.

South Canterbury—Rev. W. W. Avery.

Otago-Southland—Rev. W. E. Harkness, M.A.

Southland Sub-Committee—Rev. A. E. Jefferson.

15. **District Committees.**

AUCKLAND—The Superintendents of the Auckland City and Suburban Circuits, Messrs. W. S. Mackay, A. Whitehead, F. G. Steinert, W. E. Burley, B.A., the President of the A.W.M.A., Miss E. M. Rishworth. Convener: Mr. W. E. Burley, B.A.

SOUTH AUCKLAND—The Chairman of the District, the Ministers of Matamata, Hamilton, and Hamilton East Circuits; Messrs. C. Raynor, W. B. Young, P. Rushton; Mesdames A. A. Bensley, S. Couch and Miss W. Thomas. Convener: Rev. A. A. Bensley.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI—The Chairman of the District, the Ministers and Circuit F.M. Secretaries of Eltham-Kaponga, Hawera, Manaia and Opunake Circuits. Convener: Rev. L. G. Hanna.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU—Convener: Mr. J. H. Oldham.

WELLINGTON—Appointed by District Executive. Convener: Rev. A. O. Harris.

NELSON—The Committee as in Minutes of Conference, page 113.

NORTH CANTERBURY—Appointed by the District Executive.

SOUTH CANTERBURY—The Ministers of Timaru and Temuka Circuits; Mesdames R. McAlister and G. Nelson; Messrs. C. W. Keinan, T. Simmons, A. A. Dale. Convener: Rev. W. W. Avery.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND—Appointed by District Executive. Convener: Rev. H. E. Harkness.

16. National Missionary Council Representation: The General Secretary (Rev. A. H. Scrivin), the Chairman of the Wellington District (Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A.), Mrs. H. Nicolson, Rev. A. O. Harris, Mr. T. M. Pacey.

17. That the President of the Women's Missionary Union have a seat in the Synod of the District in which she resides.

18. That Conference expresses deep and profound gratitude to God for the safe return to New Zealand of the Rev. A. W. E. Silvester, after he had spent one year and nine months in the Solomon Islands, during the occupation of the Japanese forces.

ABRIDGED ANNUAL REPORT M.W.M.U., 1942-43.

It is with feelings of deep thankfulness that we present the Annual Report for the year ending August 31st, 1943. We are glad to state that progress has been the dominant note through all departments, and our hearts can proclaim "To God be the Glory, Great things He has done."

Statistics: The women of the Church now linked with this movement number 4343, comprising 103 Auxiliaries and 83 Branches. Neither numbers nor Auxiliaries can show any marked increase. Westport, Putaruru and Geraldine have formed new Auxiliaries, and Riccarton and Rehia new Branches.

Finance: Income from Auxiliaries totals £5667/6/3, an increase of £406/1/9 on last year. The Special Objective total of £720/18/8 marks a new record for any Objective, and portrays the keen interest of our members in equipping the Welfare Centre for Maori Youth Extension work in Auckland.

The Rehabilitation Fund has warranted its inclusion in our efforts, a total of £509/8/2 having been forwarded.

Sales of salvaged stamps brought in £376/7/7, a splendid result considering the sharp drop in prices.

The amount of £185/6/6, which is not included in the foregoing total income, has been donated to provide Xmas gifts for our people in the Solomons.

Sisters: Although all the overseas Sisters with the exception of Sister Merle are employed in N.Z., the M.W.M.U. has contributed £1345 to the F.M.B. toward their rehabilitation, and a further £100 to the Dr. Fund.

The support of seven N.Z. Sisters has been undertaken and met by payment to the H.M.B. of £1136.

Kurahuna Maori Girls' School: Many problems have had to be faced by the Committee. Changes and resignations and the prevailing unrest caused by present-day conditions have caused much concern.

The fine support accorded by Auxiliary women provides sufficient funds adequately to carry on this work. Amounts totalling £604/1/7 have been received for maintenance.

Literature Department: Duplications totalling 4145 have been made and circulated regularly to Auxiliaries. A monthly message from the President keeps Auxiliaries in touch with the Sisters and Auxiliary interests generally.

Conventions: The following 12 centres held Conventions in May: Whangarei, Auckland, St. Paul's, Hamilton, Paeroa, New Plymouth, Palmerston North, Wellington, Westport, Christchurch, Waimate, Milton and Invercargill. A Day of Prayer and Fellowship was arranged by Greymouth and Hokitika. These gatherings do much as a means of education and inspiration.

General: Many Auxiliaries have been visited by Sisters, Missionaries' wives, and Ministers, to whom we owe our thanks for much added interest manifested by members generally. Rev. J. F. Goldie has not spared himself in the Rehabilitation interests, and Rev. A. H. Voyce has been a tower of strength to our Stamp Secretaries.

As an Executive we would thank all who have so greatly encouraged us by their appreciation of what we have endeavoured to do in the Power of the Holy Spirit during our term.

We hand on the torch with every confidence to the Wellington Executive, to whom "He has promised, Strength from above, Unfailing sympathy, Undying love."

I. A. TAYLOR, President.

B. A. FLAVALL, Hon. Secretary.

Resolved: That the abridged Report of the M.W.M.U. be received.

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 1943.

Our people do not need reminding that this has been a difficult year. However we are glad to report very faithful work by our staff throughout the year. Members of the Board and Standing Committees have also been called upon for a great deal of time and service.

Maori Work. A report of more than usual urgency is presented separately. It will be followed by a supplementary report and recommendations to Conference.

H.M. Removal Expenses Fund. This Fund is now in operation. It has been called upon for heavy expenditure this year and its resources will be greatly strained. A couple of unexpected developments affecting staffing during the year have added to the calls upon the Fund.

Literature and Colporteur Society.

(a) **Bookroom.** The Manager reports a continued demand and an increased turnover. Publishing costs and wartime transport are having an adverse affect on the bookselling business in general, in which, naturally, we share. The Manager and his staff are to be commended for their work in a period fraught with increased anxiety, and amidst

conditions that rob their work of much of its zest. With their co-operation we are assured of at least a minimum stock—which is almost a miracle these days.

(b) **Publications.** The main publication has been the booklet "What does it mean?", a message to parents on the occasion of the Baptism of their child. This booklet, written by Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D., and attractively printed, should be widely distributed. We seek the co-operation of all ministers in this, and call their attention to other excellent literature already published, e.g. "Prophets and Prophecy," by Rev. C. T. Symons, M.A.

In the Campaign for Christian Order, a Daily Bible-Reading Card was printed, which met with an excellent reception. Negotiations are under way for the printing of a similar card to serve the combined Churches in 1944.

(c) **Wesley Circulating Library.** The Library is growing in demand, and will continue to do so as the extra funds available allow new additions to be made. The Library is now enrolled as a subscriber to the Religious Book Club of America, which means that the Book Club's monthly selection of books is available to our members.

(d) **Films.** Our Picture Plant has been much in demand to show the recently purchased Home Mission Deputation Film. In the near future it is hoped to see it more widely used still. Negotiations are afoot between our Committee and similar committees of the other Churches for the united development of the use of religious films in N.Z. "Sermons in Celluloid" will fill an increasing place in the Church life of the future.

Maori Mission History. This matter is not being lost sight of, and further negotiations are being carried on with a view to having an authoritative history of the early years of our Maori Mission produced in a few years.

Spiritual Advance Committee. During the year, the Committee has been preparing plans for 1944, as well as seeking to encourage District initiative in the way of a Spring Offensive.

Chairmen of Districts and also District Home Mission Committees have been communicated with. In some Districts there has been active co-operation with other denominations, particularly in the Christian Order Weeks that have been held; in other Districts very little special effort seems to have been made.

For 1944 we plan a Church "Week of Dedication" wherein all our people will be challenged to dedication; such a week to commence a campaign of intensive evangelism, which should characterise the Church throughout the entire year. Special consideration will, we hope, be given to intensive pastoral and visitation evangelism.

Matters referred by Conference.

1. **Overseas Visitors.** Mins. of Conf. 1943, page 118, No. 4. The President General, Rev. H. M. Wheller, was officially invited to visit N.Z. during his term of office, but regretfully had to decline our invitation in the meantime, owing to staff problems. We are continuing our efforts to arrange a visit to the Dominion of the next Cato Lecturer.

2. **Stipends of Home Missionaries.** Mins. of Conf. 1943, page 119, No. 12. In view of the general increase in the cost of living and in taxation, and taking into account the undoubted fact that incomes generally have been increased, it is evident that present stipends for Home Missionaries represent real hardship, particularly for married men with families. This fact also applies to the stipends of Ministers.

Travelling Allowances and Arrangements. Investigation during the year has shown that many cases of personal hardship exist for Ministers and Home Missionaries owing to the inequalities in travelling arrangements throughout the connexion. Some men, receiving full stipend, but with inadequate travelling, are in a worse position than men receiving less than the minimum stipend but receiving a worthier travelling allowance.

Co-operation with other Churches. The following suggestions for closer working with a view to prevent overlapping, have been sent forward to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church and the Conference of the Congregational Union of New Zealand. We submit them for the endorsement of our Conference.

(a) That the three negotiating Churches agree to erect no more Church or Sunday School buildings in permanent materials without friendly consultation with the other Churches working in that area.

(b) That all local agreements re spheres of influence be subject to periodic review by the District counts, say, after terms of five years.

(c) That if such agreements are reached, a system of inter-Church membership be adopted (as for the Maori membership adopted last year), and that the members of the Churches not represented in such areas be officially urged by their respective higher courts to throw in their weight with the Church which is working in their midst.

(d) That the proposed basis of wartime working, submitted to last Conference, be broadened to cover other areas wherever possible. That if this is acceptable to the higher courts of the three negotiating bodies, it be commended to the Presbyteries and other District Courts, and to Methodist Quarterly Meetings. (Mins. of Conf. 1943, page 119, Shortage of agents.)

The Home Mission Fund. An urgent report. We would draw the attention of the whole Church to the following facts arising from a perusal of the figures covering the period during and immediately following the last war:—

In 1918, the Home Mission Fund had a credit of £583, in addition to which a previous surplus had been voted into a post-war Reserve Fund. By 1919, the credit, together with this Reserve Fund already mentioned, amounted to £2,144/18/7. Immediately after the war, many claims came upon the fund for rehabilitating the work, and by 1923 the whole reserve had been eaten up, and the H.M. Fund was overdrawn to the extent of £1311. In other words, in four years, £3,450 was spent more than receipts.

During this war, we are not only carrying a serious overdraft, but this year we are spending £1,000 more than came in last year from all sources. It is evident that if we are to be enabled to carry the inevitable increase in heavy demands that will fall upon us in the post-war years, this very grave position of Home Mission finances will have to be faced seriously.

Conclusion. These days are presenting an increasing challenge to the Christian Church in this country and throughout the world. Many forces are operating to challenge the Christian interpretation of life. We hold in our Christian Gospel the basic message on which any new order must be erected if it is to stand. Let us proceed to this task of the evangelisation of New Zealand, convinced of the need of

the day, and convinced of the efficiency of our message to meet that need. We still strive under our slogan, "New Zealand for Christ."

E. T. OLDS, Chairman.

A. E. WAITE, Secretary.

GEO. I. LAURENSEN, General Superintendent.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

2. (a) That a "Week of Dedication" be observed in all Circuits and Home Mission Stations. During this period meetings shall be held and sermons preached, emphasising the dedication to God of self, home, service and substance.

One of the services shall be a service of dedication or re-dedication of all office bearers, according to the order of service officially provided in our service book. One of the services on either Sunday could contain the service of reception into membership of youth prepared after the Easter Camps, such service to stress the dedication of the individual to Christ and the Church. Arrangements shall also be made for holding a Family Service, with an emphasis on the need of dedication of the Home to God.

(b) That immediately after the Week of Dedication, Ministers, Home Missionaries, Preachers and Leaders, shall unite for team work, moving from one Church to another, holding special services of Inspiration and Appeal. Teams will vary from Circuit to Circuit, but all Circuits will be visited by a team, to quicken evangelistic outlook and zeal. The May Synods could be used for finalising arrangements for this District Team work.

(c) That a Campaign of sustained pastoral and visitation evangelism be attempted during the year, a suggested method being circulated to all Quarterly Meetings.

(d) To assist with visitation evangelism, the Spiritual Advance Committee be instructed to prepare or make available a series of attractive Tracts which shall be available to Churches and Circuits at a low price.

(e) That to nurture those seeking Christ, and Membership in the Church, as a result of the Visitation Evangelism, cottage meetings for prayer and group Bible Study be encouraged among all our people.

3. Matters referred by Conference.

(a) **Overseas Visitors.** Mins. of Conf. 1943, page 118, No. 4. The President General, Rev. H. M. Wheller, was officially invited to visit N.Z. during his term of office, but regretfully had to decline our invitation in the meantime, owing to staff problems. We are continuing our efforts to arrange a visit to the Dominion of the next Cato Lecturer.

(b) Stipends.

(i) That a Committee be set up to consider the matter of the standard of stipends of Ministers, Home Missionaries, and Deaconesses, and report to next Conference. The Committee to be: Messrs. J. H. Blackwell, J. Tyler, W. E. Burley, W. S. Mackay, D. E. Parton, S. E. Chappell, and G. W. Turley. Convener: Mr. W. S. Mackay.

(ii) That the following basis for Home Missionaries be brought into immediate operation wherever possible, as an immediate step to improve the position, pending the report of the Conference Committee:

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| Single H.M. Probationers, now | £154 to be £160 |
| Single H.M.'s, now | £176 to be £185 |
| Married H.M. Probationers, now | £198 to be £210 |
| Married Home Missionaries, now | £220 to be £235 |

(iii) That the Secretary of the Conference, the Connexional Secretary, and the Statistical Secretary, be a sub-committee to collect and collate information in regard to stipends being paid and other relevant material.

4. **Travelling Allowances.** That a Committee in Wellington investigate the whole question of travelling allowances and arrangements and report to next Conference, the Committee to be: Revs. W. A. Burley, F. Bateup, Messrs. P. E. Pattrick, B. O. Stokes, N. R. Seddon, D. Tayler, A. J. Johnston, S. Roberts, C. R. Edmond, and T. M. Pacey (Convener), such to be also the Central Committee on Stipends (see p. 160).

5. **Co-operation with other Churches.** That the action of the Board be endorsed.

6. That the Home and Maori Mission Appeal be launched for 1944 as the N.Z. Methodist Home and Maori Mission "N.Z. for Christ, Appeal."

a. The aims of the appeal shall be to provide funds for—

(1) The rehabilitation into the Home Church of men in the Forces, Chaplains and Ministers on active service, other Church members, men and women, who are out of the active church life because of the war.

(2) A programme of advance. To claim the new residential areas for Christ, to prepare to receive the immigrants who will arrive under the national policy of immigration, to open pioneering work in untouched areas, to strengthen struggling causes for a new era of advance.

(3) To build an adequate Maori Mission staff and give solid support to the present team who are carrying the present burden, and to claim the rapidly increasing Maori race for Jesus Christ.

(4) To launch a fresh campaign of vital evangelism.

(5) To replace the staff in areas where war conditions have necessitated temporary reductions.

(6) To reopen fruitful fields, temporarily closed.

b. The financial objectives shall be:—

(1) Greatly increased regular support for the Home and Maori Mission Fund.

(2) Many new special subscriptions by personal canvass.

(3) Wipe out the H.M. overdraft and create a fighting fund.

(4) Every Methodist wage earner a regular subscriber.

c. That on Home Mission Sunday an appeal be made to gather £25,000 in addition to the annual subscriptions.

d. That this campaign be confined to the recognised period of the year for the Home Mission Appeal in each Island, and that it be given clear right-of-way. That other authorised appeals and local objectives be organised so as to facilitate the meeting of this urgent and grave situation.

7. **Treasurers for 1944.** That the treasurers for 1944 be, Rev. H. J. Odell and Mr. Frank Penn.

8. (a).—Home Mission Board. For personnel see p. 6.

(b).—District Home Mission Secretaries.

AUCKLAND—Rev. H. A. Cochrane.

SOUTH AUCKLAND—Rev. L. A. G. Brooks.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI—Rev. S. J. Werren.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU—Rev. F. B. Lawrence.

WELLINGTON—Rev. F. Bateup.

NELSON—Rev. H. A. Sharp.

NORTH CANTERBURY—Rev. E. E. Sage.

SOUTH CANTERBURY—Rev. O. Burnet.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND—Rev. B. M. Tasker, B.A.

SOUTHLAND SUB-DISTRICT—Rev. W. H. Greenslade.

(c).—District Home Mission Committees.

AUCKLAND—Chairman of the District, Revs. W. Parker, A. E. Waite, A. J. Johnston, D. J. D. Hickman, and H. A. Cochrane; Messrs. F. Penn, W. S. Mackay, A. Williams, L. Crawford, G. Freeman. Convener: Rev. H. A. Cochrane.

SOUTH AUCKLAND—The Chairman of the District, the Ministers of Hamilton, Hamilton East, Cambridge, Te Aroha, and Morrinsville Circuits, Messrs. R. P. Kilham, J. T. Johnson, R. J. Melville, and R. B. Young. Convener: Rev. L. A. G. Brooks.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI—The Chairman of the District, Ministers of New Plymouth, Opunake, and Waitara Circuits, the Home Missionary at Okato, Messrs. C. E. Bellringer, G. W. Kirk, M. Barnett, E. Dixon, and T. P. Hughson, Senr. Convener: Rev. S. J. Werren.

Wanganui Sub-District H.M. Committee—The Ministers of the Wanganui Circuits; Messrs. G. Blakely, F. Whitlock, S. Newsome. Convener: Superintendent of Wanganui North Circuit.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU—The Superintendent Ministers of the St. Paul's, Cuba Street, Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe, and Feilding Circuits, Messrs. L. Bycroft, C. E. Taylor, L. Gwynn, Miss F. Gray. Convener: Rev. F. B. Lawrence.

Hawke's Bay Sub-District H.M. Committee—The Superintendent Ministers of the Napier and Hastings Circuits, with Messrs. G. C. Laws, P. Loach, H. Shearer and J. H. Oldham. Convener: Rev. F. Copeland.

Corresponding Member: Minister of Gisborne Circuit.

WELLINGTON—To be appointed by the District Executive. Convener: Rev. F. Bateup.

NELSON—Committee, page 122, Minutes of Conference. Convener: Rev. H. Sharp.

NORTH CANTERBURY—To be appointed by the District Executive. Convener: Rev. E. E. Sage.

SOUTH CANTERBURY—The Chairman of the District, the 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. O. Burnet.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND—To be appointed by 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: Superintendent of Invercargill Central.

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

A.—REPORT FOR 1943.

We present this report on the work of the Maori Mission for another year, feeling deeply our dependence upon Almighty God for grace and wisdom in facing many complex situations. There is much to cause deep thanksgiving for very faithful work done by the staff in a day when there are many cross currents within and without the Maori life making a great need for wise and steady leadership.

New Workers. The opening of the Auckland Maori Centre and the centring of staff in the city, necessitated the appointment of an additional Deaconess in the Auckland area, and we have been glad to welcome Sister Nance Davidson on to the staff. She has commenced her duties with vigour and ability. A similar tribute can be paid to the work of Sister Anne Wilson who took over the work in Hawera and South Taranaki. Two new Maori Home Missionaries have taken up their work as honorary agents during the year, Messrs. Heemi Winiata of Whirinaki, and Ngakao Rapana of Owairaka Pa in the Waikato.

Staff. The staff of Maori Ministers and Home Missionaries, as well as the Deaconesses, has continued with a heavy programme of work. Owing to the loss sustained a little while ago, by the death of Rev. Matene Keepa, the position of Superintendent of the Waikato Maori Circuit has been supplied by Rev. A. J. Seamer, and the Board have greatly appreciated the close attention he has given to the work in the Waikato-King Country.

Voluntary Helpers. Many voluntary workers are giving excellent assistance to the work, particularly in youth activities. We value this assistance, especially that given by Mr. Flewellen King who has continued his splendid work with lantern lectures on the life of our Lord, and also giving information throughout the field on the work of the Church.

Auckland Maori Centre. Since last report, this activity has come into being. It is filling a great need. The opening day was a memorable occasion. We especially wish to thank the M.W.M.U. for the splendid result of their special objective of assistance in fitting and furnishing the Centre. A similar activity, linked with a hostel, is greatly needed in Hamilton at the earliest possible date.

The Election. The recent Parliamentary election reveals an intensified interest of the Maori people in Maori affairs. The results of the election are a fresh expression of trust in the promise of the Government to see that long-standing Maori claims will have some positive attention. Closely related to these matters is the question of the status of the Treaty of Waitangi on which the Maori people are waiting eagerly for a constructive statement.

Schools. Another year of excellent service has been seen in Kura-huna and Rangiata Maori Girls' Schools. The need for re-establishing the work among Maori boys and young men is very urgent. Not only do we need Wesley College re-opened very soon, but at an early date there should be established a farm school, possibly in Taranaki, where boys could in addition receive some preparatory training for Mission service. We would re-emphasise the great necessity for keeping the "Mission" and "Maori" emphasis adequately prominent in these schools.

Special Review. In fulfilment of the intention expressed at the last Conference Home Mission Committee, the Board has given very full and special consideration to the whole of the Maori work, at two well-attended full day meetings. Every report and every aspect of the question has revealed two outstanding features requiring urgent attention.

(a) The question of adequate staff.

(b) Superintendency and guidance of the work.

(a) **Adequate Staff.** We would draw the attention of the Church to the fact that there is a growing field, with a growing membership.

In 1926, the census returns showed 4,066 Methodists, being 6.39%.

In 1936, the number was 5,743, being 6.98% of the Maori population.

Our Church returns show a similar increase.

In 1930, we showed (including juniors nearly full status) 3,655.

In 1940, there were 3,156 Senior, 3,027 Junior and Infant. Total 6,183.

In 1943, there were 3,081 Senior, 3,637 Junior and Infant. Total 6,718.

In spite of an increase in the number of Deaconesses, our male staff has been seriously depleted until we now have only four ordained Maori Ministers, one Maori Probationer, three fully-employed Home Missionaries, and twenty-eight honorary Home Missionaries. The growing field is being ministered to by a decreasing staff. The load on each Circuit Superintendent has grown to be almost overwhelming. These few men are called at short notice to all corners of their large circuits to handle many types of work, with the result that it is increasingly difficult to maintain a regular timetable of preaching appointments.

The individualisation of Maori land, with the resulting breaking-up of the Maori village life, makes pastoral contacts and the holding of central services more difficult. In addition, a certain proportion of the members of all the tribes are being compelled to seek employment at a distance from their former home centres.

It is fortunate that we have been able to build up a small staff of Deaconesses who have splendidly supplemented the work of the Ministers, and their co-operation has meant a lot to the work. They have built up a vital work in Sunday Schools, Women's Fellowships and home contacts which have assisted to give continuity and stability to the Church work among the people.

This staff, however, of both men and women, is pitifully insufficient to grapple with the huge work needing to be done.

(b) **Superintendency and Guidance of the Work.** The growing responsibilities resting upon the present leaders of the Department, together with the decreasing number of active workers on the field, has resulted in an inevitable reduction in the number of individual contacts that can be made with the homes and settlements of the people. In two ways the problem can be met.

(1) By the full time superintendency of the work by a European Superintendent to co-operate with the Senior Maori Superintendent.

(2) By the closer linking of the work with adjacent European Church life, with the friendly but official co-operation of advisers in selected areas.

(1) **Superintendency.** The Board is of the unanimous opinion that the time has come when there must be a full-time European Superintendent of the Maori Mission, to co-operate with the Senior Maori Superintendent. Three methods of obtaining this objective are listed below, but finality has not been reached within the Board on the matter. A further report will be submitted to Conference. The three alternatives are submitted for the information of the Synods.

(2) **Closer Links with European Work.** The following recommendations are submitted:—

1. Conference be asked to direct that every European Minister and Home Missionary appointed to Circuits or Stations covering sections of our Maori Mission Area, shall give every possible co-operation in pastoral activity with the Maori workers, who in turn shall be instructed to welcome and make effective this co-operation. Maori B.C.'s and Youth Clubs will increasingly need to be developed in close unity with the European Church.

2. That Area advisers be appointed by Conference from among the European Circuit Ministers, with necessary travelling grants, to assist the Maori Mission workers, and to endeavour to co-ordinate particularly the Youth work with the European Church life.

3. That as far as possible, the needs of the Maori work be taken into account when the stationing of European Ministers is considered.

4. That the Maori Mission will remain as at present under the personal control of the General Superintendent of the Department and the Home Mission Board.

Recommendations re Staffing and Superintendency.

Immediate.

1. The appointment of two full-time Maori Home Missionaries. One in Auckland City, the other in North Taranaki.

2. The appointment of three additional Deaconesses as supplies. One in Whangarei or Dargaville, one in Hamilton, and one in New Plymouth.

3. The appointment of seven European area advisers in areas to be suggested to the Conference.

4. The appointment of a full-time Superintendent of the Maori Mission, to co-operate with the Senior Maori Superintendent and the Maori staff.

The three alternative methods being considered are:—

A. The appointment of an additional Assistant Superintendent, who shall give full time to Maori work in co-operation with the General Superintendent, and the Senior Maori Superintendent. The other Assistant Superintendent to concentrate on European work with special reference to inspirational work and organisation in Aided Circuits and Home Mission Stations.

or B. The appointment of a General Superintendent of Home Missions and Church Extension, and a Superintendent of Maori Missions. That is, the separation of functions of the two offices at present.

or C. The appointment of a General Superintendent of Home and Maori Missions and a Superintendent of Maori Missions. That is the making of the duties of the Assistant Superintendent entirely Maori work, in co-operation with the General Superintendent and the Senior Maori Superintendent.

Future Policy. In addition, we recommend:—

1. At the earliest possible moment the appointment of an additional four Deaconesses, to be appointed at Pukekohe, North Auckland, Inner Waikato, and South Island.

2. The seeking and training of suitable Maori Young Men and Women, and European Young Women to ensure the provision of an adequate staff for future replacements and extensions. We desire the Maori young men to have training for the full status of the ministry.

In all, the above policy will involve the expenditure of at least an additional £3,000 per annum. In view of the fact that our Church recognises its responsibility and gives generous support to our native Mission overseas, it is not too much to ask that our Church should recognise its responsibility for evangelising our native race within New Zealand. To their credit, the Presbyterian Church with a Maori Census Membership of some 1115 members, finds it possible to spend some £6,565 per annum on its Maori field work. Our Church, with a huge field, and with some 5,743 Census members, spends less than £6,000 at present.

We must ask the whole Church to face the urgent needs of the Maori Mission by providing at least the additional £3,000 for Mission activities in this important field as soon as possible. It can be done. It must be done if we are adequately to take advantage of the present opportunities for service.

Brethren, pray for us. We are looking to you.

E. TE TUHI, Senior Maori Superintendent.

E. T. OLDS, Chairman of the Board.

GEO. I. LAURENSEN, General Superintendent.

B.—SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

Having given full and careful consideration to the resolutions of the several Synods on the Maori Mission Report and its recommendations, the Home Mission Board now presents this supplementary report and definite recommendations on policy.

On all sides it is becoming recognised that at present the Maori people are facing the greatest crisis of their transition period—a crisis brought about by a superimposed change of environment which has been developed more rapidly than the thought forms of any primitive people could keep pace with.

We would urge Conference to call upon all our Church members and adherents and the public generally, to give the most sympathetic co-operation and practical brotherly helpfulness in all Maori movements aiming at the social and spiritual amelioration of the present problems of this noble race. All constructive and positive forward movements should be encouraged, and particularly those that seek improvement in health and character. There are some aspects of the situation to-day requiring restrictive measures, but this is not peculiar to the Maori race. Moreover, restrictive measures imposed upon the Maoris by Pakehas sometimes defeat their own purposes, and in general such measures should be imposed by the Maori leaders. It needs to be recognised that the greatest curses among the Maoris to-day, such as the drinking and gambling evils, have been introduced by Pakehas and are fostered by Pakehas. Many of these things, if not immediately countered, will react seriously upon the descendants of both races. We would therefore call upon all Pakehas of good will, living in Maoriland, to exert self-sacrificing efforts to solve problems created chiefly by the advent of the Pakeha.

In order in some measure to meet, at the present serious crisis in Maori progress, the urgent need that exists for strengthening our Maori Mission organisation, while at the same time encouraging and exploiting the developing sense of racial responsibility, and the demand for Maori leadership so evident to-day, we recommend to Conference the adoption of the following constructive policy:—

1. Maori Leadership. (a) That Conference express to the Maori Mission workers and members, its very deep interest in the work of the Mission, and assures them of its desire to encourage in every possible way the development of the Maori Christian leadership of this important work. Conference will welcome every sign of this development and will offer all possible friendly co-operation from the European side of the work.

(b) To this end, Conference affirms the following policy. "That the Maori Circuits be encouraged to nominate for the Ministry more of their young men, to whom specialised training will be given. On passing the prescribed tests, they will be appointed to suitable spheres of service, and, with the aid of our Maori members and adherents, will be given reasonable financial support."

2. Immediate Appointments. That the following appointments be made immediately:—

(a) Two additional full-time Maori Home Missionaries.

(b) Three additional Deaconesses or supplies.

(c) A suitable young European Minister as a full-time Missionary in the Maori work.

3. In explanation. (a) Note: There are a number of our part-time and honorary Maori Home Missionaries who would render excellent service as full-time agents were the necessary finance available.

(b) These paragraphs will amend or replace paragraphs in the original report in the following particulars:

Synod Agenda, p. 22. (b) Superintendency and guidance of the work. Paragraph (1). Superintendency. Replace with the words, "By the appointment of a full-time European Missionary in the Maori work, to co-operate with the Senior Maori Superintendent."

Delete the larger paragraph (1) on Superintendency.

Delete under "Recommendations re staffing and superintendency" the paragraph 4, together with the accompanying clauses giving the alternative methods being considered, and replace with the following:

"The appointment of a full-time European Minister as a Missionary in the Maori work, to co-operate with the Senior Maori Superintendent and the Maori Staff."

Paragraph (4) under closer links with European work, be amended to read, "That the Maori Mission will remain as at present, under the direct control of the General Superintendent of the Department, and the Home Mission Board."

(c) At present there is no fully trained and ordained Maori Minister to fill one of the Maori Circuit Superintendencies. The Home Mission Board therefore recommends:

4. Appointment and duties of Maori Missionary. That the above mentioned European Missionary be appointed to supply the vacant Maori Circuit for the present, as Acting Superintendent. That half his time be given to that task, thus gaining at first hand the experience and essential knowledge of the problems peculiar to the Maori

work—problems which baffle mere onlookers and visiting organisers, however able they may be. He will at the same time study to gain a thorough knowledge of the Maori language. That the other half of his time be given to preliminary work throughout the rest of the Maori field in preparation for his permanent duties which shall be as follows:—

(1) To assist the General Superintendent in all Maori Mission activities in the field (not in the office).

(2) To collaborate closely as a brother Minister with the Senior Maori Superintendent, Maori Circuit Ministers, and other Maori Mission Staff.

(3) To develop gradually, as the work in each Circuit reaches the suitable stage, closer co-operation with contiguous or adjacent European Circuits.

(4) In full co-operation with the Maori Ministers and Home Missionaries, to organise educational and inspirational Missions in the more advanced districts.

(5) To foster in every possible way the Christian consciousness of our Maori people and their sense of personal and racial responsibility for sustaining the work of the Mission, and what is even more important, the assimilation and expression in Maori terms, of the basic principles of Christian doctrine and ethics.

(6) On taking up these permanent duties, this Missionary to the Maoris shall hold the status of an assistant Superintendent, concentrating on the Maori Field Work.

5. **Nomination.** The Home Mission Board has pleasure in strongly recommending Rev. E. Clarence Leadley for appointment at the forthcoming Conference to the above position.

E. T. OLDS, Chairman.

E. TE TUHI, Senior Maori Superintendent.

G. I. LAURENSEN, General Superintendent.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received.
2. That, with the exception of Recommendation 5, "Nomination," which is deleted, all recommendations be adopted.

"RANGIATEA" MAORI GIRLS' SCHOOL.

A.—REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL.

It gives me great pleasure to present the fourth annual report of the above school, and in doing so it is not my intention to give a detailed outline of all that is attempted in the school curriculum, for this has been included in previous reports. Nor is it my intention to report all the successes in the work here; rather would I seek to tell of some of the things in which we know we have not achieved our aim.

Staff. Sister Ada Lee is still fulfilling her war-time appointment as teacher here, while Sister Evelyn Marriott is attempting to fill the double position of Principal and Matron.

A teacher comes in once a week to give instruction in the Maori language. One hour is not long enough for this as many of the girls are at different stages in this subject and this necessitates two classes.

We are fortunate in having the services of the District Nurse and the Plunket Nurse for teaching Home and Plunket Nursing.

Pupils. All the year there have been twelve girls in residence, their ages ranging from thirteen to eighteen. The standards at present cover Form I and Form III inclusive. Last year, Form II girls both gained their Proficiency Pass.

Sports. A side of school life, and a most necessary one, which it has not been possible to develop very much is the sports life. Lack of space for a sports field compels us to leave this most necessary side of school life undeveloped.

Gardening. Much time has been spent in endeavouring to grow vegetables for the school supply. Results have been most discouraging as the soil is worked out. Compost heaps have been made with a view to enriching the soil. This is an unfortunate position as the lack of results does not stimulate interest in gardening among young people.

Spiritual. Regular Bible Class and Sunday School have been conducted and instruction in Scripture has been given during the week. Six senior girls attended Church Membership Class at Whiteley Church and five of them joined the Church. An end of term service was conducted by the girls in our own Church, our Chairman, Rev. E. D. Patchett, giving a very suitable address.

Musical Ability. This particular group of girls has been very fond of singing and several concerts have been given during the year. The purchase of a piano and a radio have certainly been an acquisition to the musical life of the school. Several of the pupils are taking music lessons from an outside teacher.

Conclusion. There have been added difficulties in our work because of the war situation. There has been a shortage of some commodities and also certain equipment has been difficult to procure. It is natural also that the unsettled state of the world should show itself in these young Maori girls. Often there has been the lack of much home training, or the training is slack because the fathers are serving in the Army. Then there is the added attraction of all military uniforms which seem to have such an appeal to youthful minds. But we feel that if we can only plant the Master's seed faithfully some day the girls may feel that they have, in the hour of need, a Friend in our Saviour, to Whom we are seeking to bear witness in our own lives.

EVELYN B. MARRIOTT, Principal.

B.—REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON "RANGIATEA" MAORI GIRLS' SCHOOL.

(Minutes of Conference, 1943, Page 127, Resolution 7)

A full attendance of the Committee was held, together with a representative of the Maori Mission, and a representative of the Centennial Thanksgiving Fund Committee. After considering various reports on properties which had been inspected by the local committee and visiting committees in the past, the choice of the Committee fell upon an eminently suitable property of 51 acres just outside the New Plymouth Borough on the Main Road to Opunake.

Subject to the approval of the newly appointed Commission, this property is being purchased for the sum of £4,500. The Grey Institute Trustees are acting as interim Trustees for the property, pending the appointment by Conference of a Board of Governors. The Grey Institute Trustees have been authorised by the Home Mission Board to

advance the balance of the original £3,000 held by them for the School, and the Wellington Methodist Charitable and Educational Trustees are being asked to advance the balance of the purchase price.

A committee was appointed to draft a constitution for the proposed Board of Governors, to embody the following representation:—

The Minister of Whiteley Church, two representatives each from the Home Mission Board and the Wellington Methodist Charitable and Educational Endowments Trust, one representative each from the Grey Institute Trust, and the Kai Iwi Farm Trust, one representative from the Maori Mission, and a further Maori appointment representing the Maori people of the District, two resident ladies from New Plymouth, and a further lady representative, preferably with educational qualifications.

The personnel of the first Board of Governors will be nominated by the respective bodies through the Taranaki-Wanganui Synod to Conference.

We are glad to report the promising stage at which this project has now arrived.

E. D. PATCHETT, Chairman and Convener.
GEO. I. LAURENSEN, Interim Secretary.

C.—“RANGIATEA” MAORI COLLEGE TRUST BOARD.

The Rev. E. D. Patchett presented a draft constitution of the “Rangiatea” Maori College Trust Board.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That after the Draft Constitution has been considered by the Board of Governors and the Trustees it be forwarded to the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee for its consideration.

2. That the Trust Board take cognisance of the fact that the major objective of the 1940 N.Z. Centennial Appeal was the establishment of a Maori Girls' College in Taranaki, and that the £3000 from the 1922 Centennial Fund Appeal, used as part purchase of the site, was raised for the same general objective.

3. That the connection between the interim school and the new College shall be recognised.

4. That the following be the Board of Governors and Trustees of the Taranaki Methodist Maori Girls' College, lands and property: Rev. G. I. Laurenson and Mr. F. Penn (H.M. Board), Messrs. A. Eaton Hurley and N. R. Seddon (Wellington E. & C.E. Trust), two persons to be nominated by the Grey Institute Trust, Rev. E. B. Chambers (Kai Iwi Farm Trust), Superintendent of New Plymouth Circuit, Rev. E. Te Tui and Mr. Haua Tauraka Awarua (Maori Representatives), Mrs. H. Aburn and two additional lady members.

5. That the Centennial Fund Treasurers be requested to refund the amount of £3000 borrowed from the Wellington Education and Charitable Endowments Trust, for the purchase of the site.

6. That the Board of Governors immediately consider and take in hand the lay-out of the grounds and the planting of trees.

7. That any lease or renewal of lease be for a period of less than three years.

8. That the income from the farm be held by the Board and applied by them to outgoings on the land and on improvements and maintenance, repairs or erection of buildings, and generally for the purposes of the Trust.

9. That Mr. L. M. Moss be appointed legal adviser to the Trust, and Mr. W. P. Okey Secretary and Treasurer.

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

A.—AUCKLAND METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION.

Without the help of our Heavenly Father, further progressive work at the Mission during the year could not have been achieved. The steady building up of the congregations, the increase in consecrated youth, extensions at both the Health Camp and Astley House, the development of the Goodwill Industries, and the augmenting of the New Building Fund register consolidation and extension of the work without incurring any debt.

Sunday Service: Attendances have increased and twenty-six members added during the year. We have found that the screening of religious films during the worship as well as educational and travel films at the close of the evening services, has been a helpful adjunct to our work. We have been pleased to welcome a considerable number of service men from America, Australia, Tonga, England and other countries, as well as many of our own boys. Our organist, Miss M. Cater, and our Choirmaster, Mr. J. Letcher, have increased the effectiveness of our services.

New Building Fund: The Fund now stands at over £7,000—£1,242/18/8 of which was received from the Thanksgiving Fund. We have in sight another £2000 as well as other donations which will bring the Fund to over £9,000. The Trustees have submitted the sketch plans, which have been approved by the Church Building and Loan Fund, as a basis for our appeal through the North Island next year. When sufficient funds are in sight, detailed plans and specifications will be submitted for further approval. Premises to meet our needs will cost within the vicinity of £35,000.

Health Camp: 170 children have benefited during the year, and 380 youths and older people have been helped by their stay over long week-ends. Many mothers and convalescent people have also recuperated and the Camp (really a home) is in constant use. Extensions to the extent of £400 have been made and at present the cottage is being erected for housing further Mission staff. We record our grateful thanks to Miss M. Cowley for her faithful and ungrudging service.

Campbell's Bay Church Trust: This Trust is comprised of members from the Central Mission, Takapuna Church, and the Campbell's Bay Society, and is at present in the Central Mission Circuit. When the time is opportune the section will be handed over to the Takapuna Circuit, together with moneys in hand.

Astley House: The generous gift of Mr. Wm. Astley at Mt. Albert nearly two years ago, has been a distinct blessing for elderly ladies. Since the House was opened in May, 1942, seventeen hundred pounds (£1700) have been expended in extensions and furnishings. There are now twelve ladies in residence and a staff of three. Miss B. Cutforth and Mrs. L. Dick are rendering valuable service.

Goodwill Industries: In spite of restrictions, we are grateful to all Goodwill contributors who have made our work possible. The total amount spent in this Department for the current year was £1623 12s. The Home Mission Van has been purchased, but further extension is difficult on account of the lack of materials for new bags. We desire to thank Mrs. N. Gallavin (Store), Men's Fellowships, the McKenzie Trust, and all interested friends, for their co-operation.

Franklin Road: After long deliberation and much prayer, the Trustees and the members of Franklin Road, as well as the Board of Management, agreed to sell the Church and School for the sum of three thousand five hundred pounds (£3,5000). Further negotiations are proceeding with the Church Building and Loan Fund. The services are continuing at 11 a.m. each Sunday. There is a strong Ladies' Guild, and the Parsonage is still the property of the Trustees. The organ (valued at £200) has been donated to the Waterview Church. The seating given to the Roskill cause for their new Church, and other furniture and fittings have been suitably placed.

The folk at Franklin Road should be congratulated by the whole Church on their magnanimous spirit and the unanimity which has characterised all their decisions.

Youth Work: We are greatly encouraged by the deepening of the lives of our young people, many of whom have recently registered their decision for Jesus Christ. A well organised Retreat is held each year at the Health Camp. The work, which is carried on by a large band of voluntary workers, is most encouraging.

Prison and Down and Out Work: There have been very few to whom we minister in prison this year, but regular services have been conducted and personal interviews made. The men's meetings on Saturday evenings have been ably conducted by Mr. W. J. Collison.

Women's Work: In the absence of a Deaconess, Mrs. R. Scelly is in charge of the Guild and Mrs. Orr conducts the Women's Fellowship. Each of these groups is very active.

Staffing: We have been fortunate in securing the services of Mr. and Mrs. V. Poninghouse for our general Mission work, and Mrs. N. Gallavin to manage the Goodwill Store. The Mission and its work has nine full-time workers, while the large band of voluntary workers is a constant inspiration.

Finance: Strenuous efforts have been made to maintain and extend the work. The debt of all the Mission properties is £40. The expenditure on all our Social Services totals £4640/5/9. The Church funds, which pays the salaries of the Minister and the Acting Deaconess has a debit of £1/1/11. We record our thanks to the Pitt Street Trustees for a donation of £25 towards our Social Work. A legacy of £206/19/- has been received from the estate of the late Karl W. Wilson.

General: The generosity of the East Street Trustees, the Ladies' Guild, many individuals and firms, as well as business and professional men, has encouraged us. Miss Brooke continues to make a distinct contribution. We have co-operated with other Churches in public services. The Superintendent has represented the Mission on a number of Community Committees.

The Board of Manafement believes that the present policy commends itself to all concerned, and has no hesitation in placing its claims before those who are able and prepared to assist us in the maintenance and extension of the work.

A. EVERIL ORR, Superintendent.

WALTER WOOD,

F. M. SOUSTER, Circuit Stewards.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Financial Statement be received and adopted.
3. Conference commends the work of the Mission and urges our people to support the appeal for the new building scheme in 1944.
4. Conference expresses its appreciation to Rev. A. E. Orr and his staff of voluntary workers of the Central Mission.

B.—DUNEDIN METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION.

53rd Annual Report.

Routine activity, constant readjustment to changing conditions, consideration of future policy and the claims of departmental institutional work have engaged much of the time and energy of the staff. Details incident to city mission activity such as pastoral visitation, personal interviews, youth organisations and spiritual work have received full attention.

The Dunedin Mission work since its inception has had its peculiar problems which succeeding years have failed to eradicate. To-day we are in the unfortunate position of having an inadequate staff, small membership, few outstanding laymen, unsuitable buildings, heavy financial commitments, and a programme of work which taxes all available resources. Nevertheless, under the blessing of God there has been progress.

Staff Appointments.

For some years a developmental policy has been pursued which began with the purchase of property and the building of institutions—the idea being to place the Dunedin Mission in the same category as the outstanding Methodist Missions in Australia, England and America. A stage has been reached in the history of the work when it exceeds the capacity of one superintendent. Realising this, the Board of Trustees has decided to request the Conference of 1945 to effect the following alterations in staff appointments:—

- (1) A preacher and pastor responsible for the spiritual work of the Mission.
- (2) A Social Service director to supervise matters relating to properties, institutions and finance.
- (3) A probationer to specialise in youth activities.

Such division will make for efficient supervision and more effective service.

Superintendent to go Overseas.

The Board has in mind the appointment of the Rev. L. B. Neale as Social Service Director and deems it advisable for him to visit Australia, England and America to gain first-hand information of Missions and Social Work. The Social Service building which the Mission has at present is out-dated and lacks the facilities to cope with the recreational and spiritual needs of youth. Incorporated in the new building will be a kindergarten, a cafeteria, distributing depots, storerooms, rest rooms, chapel, games hall, Sunday School, library, caretaker's and staff rooms.

Youth Work.

The Youth Department on account of the War has necessarily suffered in membership, though the primary and junior departments

show an increase. Scholars having been given an interest in organisational and detail work have evidenced added interest. There are three girls' Bible Classes and one boys' Class with encouraging attendances. The Rev. R. F. Clement has made youth work his particular sphere of influence with commendable results.

Co-ed Club.

With a view to developing Christian citizenship and reaching the hundreds of young people who roam the streets on Sunday night apparently untouched by the orthodox church ministry, a movement known as the Co-ed Club has been formed and meets every Saturday night in the Mission Hall. Most of the boys and girls yet, in their teens are responding to friendship and personal interest. In addition to the Sunday night gathering, week-night clubs for boys and girls have been started and the work is full of promise. Application was made to the Youth Department for the services of the South Island Youth Director for six months which request was granted. The wisdom and value of such a step has revealed itself in many ways, and this the Committee gratefully acknowledges.

Mission Homes.

A most pleasing feature of the year's work has been the completion of the Mission Homes at Company Bay, and the extinction of all debt on the properties. On an average, there are fifty women in the Women's Home, and the Eventide Cottage for couples is always full. This cottage is specially designed for aged couples, the idea being to keep them together in the eventide of life. Every year forty to fifty children receive special care in the Children's Home. The Board regretfully reports the resignation of Sister McDonald. In the Women's Home Sister Hayward and her staff have rendered most devoted service deserving special recognition. Sister McDonald was for seven years superintendent of the Eventide Home and during that period gave devoted service and ministry.

Early History.

The need for recording in permanent form the beginning and history of the Mission is becoming increasingly urgent. Realising that the years are thinning the ranks of the pioneers, it has been decided to collate in brochure all available material concerning the initial stages. Apart from the historical value of such a record it will be helpful in publicising present developments.

Radio Church.

The membership of the Radio Church of the Helping Hand now stands at approximately 2,000, and the income 1942-43 was £1,144/17/11. Every Sunday morning at 9.30 a spiritual message is broadcast from Station 4ZD (1010 k.c.) by the courtesy of the executive of the Otago Radio Association. It is interesting to note that the inaugural meeting of the Association was held in the Slade Hall of the Mission during the ministry of the Rev. Clarence Eaton. The Board of Trustees expresses appreciation of the co-operation of this Association.

Finance.

During the year £1,000 has been repaid to the Dunedin Savings Bank reducing the mortgage on the Octagon property to £17,525. The contract with the former tenant ceases in two years when the Trustees will be able to reduce the mortgage by greater annual instalments. The following is a summary of the income and expenditure of the main funds for the year ending 30th September, 1943:—

| | Income. | | | Expenditure. | | |
|--------------------------------|---------|----|----|--------------|----|----|
| | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
| Trust Fund | 4,711 | 7 | 7 | 4,890 | 9 | 11 |
| Social Service Department | 11,063 | 1 | 3 | 11,978 | 19 | 3 |
| Central Mission Homes | 4,919 | 17 | 11 | 4,836 | 14 | 9 |
| Circuit Account | 1,201 | 16 | 0 | 1,249 | 15 | 5 |
| Grand Totals | £20,896 | 2 | 9 | £22,955 | 19 | 4 |
| Debit on all Departments | £2,059 | 16 | 7 | | | |

Assets approximate £100,000 and the Mortgage £17,525.

Staff and General.

During the year the health of the staff has been good. It is interesting to note that in addition to several voluntary workers there is a paid staff of 22. Valuable service has been given by the chief executive officers, Messrs. H. H. Johnson and W. Aitken. Sunday services have been well maintained with increasingly large attendances at Communion. The Women's Guild, under the presidency of Mrs. H. H. Johnson, has provided opportunities for friendship and service. Consecrated young women are urgently needed for executive positions in all branches of the work—particularly for the Homes. Here is a City Mission of which the Church and community should be proud, exercising from day to day a service which reaches out to the masses striving against many limitations and seeking for its ministries the prayers and gifts of men and women who sense their value and urgency.

For and on behalf of the Board of Trustees,

L. B. NEALE,

R. F. CLEMENT, Ministers.

H. H. JOHNSON,

W. AITKEN.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report be received.

QUESTION XLVII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference with regard to the training of Deaconesses?

ANNUAL REPORT 1943.

REPORT FOR 1943.

We thank God for a very successful year of work in our Institution where four young women have been training for service, one for the Solomons and three for Home and Maori Missions. The Foreign Mission Board is arranging for Miss Poole to take a further course in nursing, and the Home Mission Board will appoint Miss Hilder to a position in the New Year. Miss Miller and Miss Viney will continue their training.

Lectures have been regularly given by Revs. E. Drake, A. H. Fowles, D. O. Williams and C. O. Hailwood, and we are indebted to them for this capable service. Lectures in Maori have been given this year by Mr. N. M. Bell, M.A. Examination results show that good progress has been made.

Reports of work amongst the Maoris have been sent in by the Sisters on the Field and show that, amid many difficulties and discouragements, they are working faithfully to uplift and guide both old and young in the Maori settlements and in the suburbs of some of our towns.

The Ladies' House Committee supervises the work on the domestic side. Twenty Training Students are boarders and with our Trainees make a large family, under the capable care of Miss Purdie. Sister Madeleine Holland has been of great assistance in this work. Miss Purdie has deepened the interest of the members of our Women's Missionary Union, and several additional donations have been received.

We regret to report the passing of Mr. M. Kershaw, who has rendered much valuable assistance to the Committee. Our sympathy is also expressed to Mrs. Provost, Secretary of the Ladies' House Committee, in the sudden death of her husband.

The Annual Statement of finance and the nominations for the Committee for 1944 will be made to Conference.

The Committee has considered the relationship to the Order of Deaconesses of one who marries and submits the following for the approval of Synods and Conference:—

Any Deaconess or Probationer who decides to marry shall give at least three months' notice of her intention to the Deaconess Committee and also to the circuit, committee or Board by which she is employed. Upon her marriage her membership of the Order of Deaconesses shall cease save in exceptional cases declared to be such by a two-thirds vote of the Deaconess Committee. In such exceptional cases the Committee shall determine the conditions that shall govern continued membership of the Order. A Deaconess or Probationer retiring under this regulation shall receive from the Retiring Fund the amount to which she may be entitled under the rules of such Fund.

Re Resolution of Otago-Southland Synod.

The Committee is glad to hear that there are definite positions available for nurses and nurse-deaconesses, but cannot advertise these openings unless further information is to hand as to places and salaries offering. One Deaconess who is a fully trained nurse has resigned from the order because she knew of no acceptable position in our Church for a full-time nurse. Unless the Committee is informed of positions for Deaconesses in our Circuits, it cannot urge young women to train and then give them no position. Assurance of employment is given to Deaconesses approved by the Mission Boards. Moreover, the Committee does not have authority to visit Circuits to seek out trainees for our work. A number of enquiries from young women have been answered during the year and they have been referred to their Ministers for information.

The following Committee is recommended for this year:—The Chairman of the District, the Connexional Secretary, Revs. E. Drake, A. N. Scotter, R. Dudley, D. O. Williams, E. E. Sage, N. P. Larsen, H. Whitfield, C. O. Hailwood, Mesdames G. Bowron, H. E. Lamb, A. A. Sandford R. Dudley, S. H. Provost, A. Allen, S. Orchard, Sister Mabel Morley, Messrs. C. A. Newman (Life Member), H. Chapman, J. E. Purchase, E. H. Andrews, W. C. Francis, A. A. Harrow, with Mrs. W. R. Featherson for M.W.M.U.

J. H. ALLEN, Chairman.

D. O. WILLIAMS, Treasurer.

A. N. SCOTTER, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Supplementary Report be received and adopted.
3. That the Financial Statements be adopted.
4. That the matter of the relationship to the order of Deaconesses of one who marries be deferred until next normal Conference.
5. That the following recommendations be referred to the Deaconess Committee for consideration:—

“(a) We express our regret that while one young woman is being trained for work in the Solomon Islands and three for Home and Maori Missions, none is being prepared specifically for City Mission Work. We urge upon our young women the claims of our cities in which there is so much scope.

“(b) That the Deaconess Institution Committee be urged to prepare a suitable statement of the opportunity of service in the Deaconess Order, and that this statement be presented at every young women's Bible Class camp by an approved person with a view to seeking candidates for the Order.

“(c) Synod requests that Conference give favourable consideration to the following: ‘The N.Z. Methodist Deaconesses’ Association, comprising all Methodist deaconesses in active work, unanimously applies for representation at the annual Conference of the Methodist Church of N.Z., in line with that afforded the N.Z. Methodist Local Preachers’ Association and the Methodist H.M. Association.’”

6. That the Committee be as named in the Report.

QUESTION XLVIII.—What are the Resolutions of Conference respecting Connexional Orphanages?

A.—THE AUCKLAND CHILDREN'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE, MT. ALBERT AND EPSOM.

THIRTIETH ANNUAL REPORT, 1943.

We present this 30th Annual Report with deep gratitude to God for His unfailing blessing upon the work of our Homes throughout another year. In spite of difficulties and anxieties there is a constant sense of Divine Guidance for which we are profoundly grateful.

Admissions and Withdrawals. During the year ended September 30th, 28 children were admitted, and 30 were withdrawn. At Wesley we have 31 boys under our care and 4 boarders, while at Epsom there are 22 girls, 6 small boys, and 5 boarders, a total of 68.

Girls' Hostel. At its July meeting the Board decided to establish a Hostel to meet the needs of the senior girls in our charge. This will enable us to accept more small children at the Epsom Home. A suitable building is now being sought.

Staffing. Upon the establishment of a Girls' Hostel, several changes in staffing will take place at the Epsom Home. The present Matron, Mrs. R. M. Butterworth, will take charge of the Hostel, and a Master and Matron will be appointed at Epsom. It is with deep regret that the Board has accepted the resignation of Miss Anderson, Assistant Matron, who, after 18 years of devoted service in the Epsom Home retires into private life. The Board has expressed its admira-

tion of this record of fidelity and success. At Wesley Home, Mr. and Mrs. B. Cooke have requested the Board to release them at the end of December from the position of Master and Matron, a position which they have held with great acceptance for the past two years.

The Board's Officers. At the end of June the Rev. A. Everill Orr retired from the position of Secretary to the Board, owing to increasing duties in connection with the Central Mission. Mr. Orr was sincerely thanked for his services during the past three years. The Clerical Treasurer, Rev. F. E. Leadley, was then appointed to the dual position of Secretary-Treasurer, and conducts the Board's business at the City Office, Probert Chambers, Queen St., Auckland, C.I.

New Home, Mt. Roskill. There is some encouragement to hope that the easing of the building situation will enable the Board to proceed with the erection of the new Home in the near future. Already the necessary excavation and levelling have been completed, and plans are being finalised. A building permit has been applied for. The Board has appointed a strong committee to have charge of building operations.

Street Appeal. The Auckland Orphanages United Council is rendering increasingly valuable assistance to the 15 Denominational Orphanages and Children's Homes in the Province. The annual Street Appeal in September, 1942, divided upon a per capita basis, yielded £434 to our funds, an increase on the previous year of £78.

Finances. We are pleased to report an increase in Maintenance Fees, and that Christmas Offerings and Annual Donations from Circuits and Home Mission Stations continue to grow. The income from Bequests (£1240) is a little less than last year; and we take this opportunity of urging sympathetic friends to remember the work of our Homes when making wills.

During the year we were able to acquire a Chevrolet Motor Van, which has largely solved the problem of the carriage of supplies.

At the end of September the "Epworth" property was sold privately for £2100. The deposit of £100 only comes into the year's accounts.

Excess Revenue of £2096, and income from legacies of £1240, enable us to transfer the sum of £3336 to Capital, for the New Building Fund.

Appreciation and Thanks. The sincere appreciation and thanks of the Board are offered to the Honorary Medical Officers, to Mr. G. Fritchley, S.S. Superintendent, to Mr. K. W. White, Chemist, to Messrs. C. Martyn and Sons, Opticians, to Mr. L. S. Dearing, Butcher, to Messrs. R. Cranston and Sons, for lawn mower repairs, to Mr. W. Bridge, Mrs. Freeman and Messrs. Platt, for fruit, to the Salvation Army for vegetables; to several Ladies' Guilds, for supplies, to the Ladies' Committees of both Homes, to the Auckland Travel Club, for making garments, to the many business houses whose contributions in cash or goods have been secured through the City Collector, Mr. J. H. Whitburn, and to all other friends whose services so willingly rendered throughout the year have helped to give variety and pleasure to the children.

General. The year has brought many problems, the greatest of which is the problem of adolescence. Increasing temptations to moral laxity among young people emphasise the importance of the work

we are undertaking. It is service to the community—often hard work, sometimes disappointing. The difficulties do not decrease as the years go by, but the work goes on. Children's lives are being safeguarded. And that is our supreme task.

Board of Management for 1944: Mrs. W. R. Emerson and Mr. Wm. Astley (life members); Revs. E. T. Olds (Chairman), F. E. Leadley (Secretary-Treasurer), E. W. Hames, M.A., H. E. Bellhouse, W. Walker, B. Metson, W. Parker, A. E. Orr; Mesdames A. H. White, T. Clark, A. Peak, A. L. Caughey, C. H. Burton, C. K. Wigglesworth; Misses A. Mason, E. Mason, E. Waddingham, I. Buttle, C. E. Wagstaff, C. Veale, B. M. Brooke; Messrs. J. E. Astley, T. Clark, F. Penn, A. Williams (on leave), F. L. Rudd (on leave), J. S. Caughey (on leave), A. L. Caughey (on leave), J. H. Whitburn, J. Hargraves, J. Tyler, R. T. Garlick (on leave), G. W. Turley, D. E. Parton, W. H. Faulkner, C. K. Wigglesworth, C. E. Goode, and the Chairman and Secretary of the South Auckland District.

E. T. OLDS, Chairman.

F. E. LEADLEY, Secretary-Treasurer.

30th September, 1943.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be adopted.
2. That thanks be tendered to the Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. F. E. Leadley.
3. **John Currie Bequest.** That in connection with the bequest of the late John Currie for a cottage home for destitute orphan children, such home to be under the joint management of the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches, and in view of the impracticability of carrying out the exact wishes of the testator, the Board of Management of the Auckland Methodist Orphanage is hereby fully empowered to take such action as may be necessary for the legacy to be equally divided between the two Churches named for their existing orphanage work in the Auckland District.
4. That the Board of Management be as named in the Report.

B.—MASTERTON CHILDREN'S HOME.

**Report of the Management Committee for the Year ended
30th September, 1943.**

Children.

At the beginning of the year we had 25 children in residence—admissions numbered 14 and removals 12. (Six to the wider activities of adolescent life and six returned to parents.) Leaving 27 children in the Home at 30th September, 1943.

The health of the children and their progress at school has been very satisfactory.

Staff.

Early in the year the Committee received and accepted with regret the resignations of Miss M. I. Allan (our Matron for 17 years), and Miss O. Henderson (our cook for many years). Both these ladies had served the Home with faithfulness, zeal and ability and take with them them appreciation and thanks of the Committee for service given over a long period of years.

In January Mr. and Mrs. H. Bateup took up their duties as Master and Matron and have Miss M. Potter associated with them as Assistant. All have rapidly become acquainted with their duties and the requirements of the Home, and possess the entire confidence of the Committee and the affection of the children.

Committee.

We have to report the departure from Masterton, and consequent loss to the Committee, of Rev. and Mrs. H. S. Kings. For some months Mr. Francis Parker carried out the duties of Chaplain, and in April Rev. and Mrs. G. H. Goodman joined the Committee along with Misses R. Elliott and L. Cocker and Messrs. T. H. Crosbie and D. A. Barns. Mr. J. H. Conly is on leave of absence while serving with the forces.

Thanks.

The Committee extends thanks to the many kind friends and supporters of the Home in the circuits and Sunday Schools through whose interest the record sum of £528/12/2 has been received by way of collections and donations, to the many who have made other gifts of books, fruit, hobby materials, etc., and to the good folk who have received the children into their homes during holiday periods. The assistance and co-operation of the Wellington Board—so cordially given—has been most appreciated by the Masterton Committee.

Committee for 1944:

Officers: Chairman, Mr. F. E. Wells; Deputy Chairman, Mr. G. F. Whitlock; Physician, Dr. N. H. Prior; Secretary-Manager, Mr. W. R. Nicol; Assistant Secretary, Mr. W. H. J. Watson.

Other Members of Committee: Mesdames J. Cocker, F. C. Daniell, J. Elliott and G. H. Goodman; Misses Burton, L. Cocker and R. Elliott; Rev. G. H. Goodman; Messrs. D. A. Barns, J. H. Conly, T. H. Crosbie, A. H. Daniell, and W. H. Judd.

For the Committee,

F. E. WELLS, Chairman.

W. R. NICOL, Secretary-Manager.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Committee be as named in the Report.
3. That thanks be expressed to the Manager and Matron, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bateup.

C.—SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME.

REPORT FOR CONFERENCE, 1944.

For the joy of another year of service for the little ones we give thanks to the children's Saviour. Naturally, the War is still producing problems—in the necessary provision for extra children, in increased costs, and in the difficulty of securing an adequate staff for our work. At present, there are 76 children in the Home and there are two others under our care. Of the old boys serving with the Forces, several have visited the Home, and have been gladly wel-

comed. One on furlough has married since his return, and one or two have been hospital cases. In all our work we have had the ready assistance of the Child Welfare Department.

The Matron, Miss Barclay, continues her untiring and able service, watching over the physical, mental, and spiritual welfare of each member of her flock with great understanding and faith. During the year the Board appointed Miss Lyth, of Dunedin, as sub-matron, and she has proved herself most efficient and enthusiastic in her work. Through recent months staff difficulties have been less than for some time. In addition to loyal service, there is remarkable concord among the members, so that work otherwise so arduous becomes comparatively pleasant and easy. On the whole, the health of the children has been good, some cases of measles and scarlet fever causing some anxiety. At present, all the children are in the best of health.

We express our gratitude to the Ladies' Committee, and to Mrs. Pratt, as President, for untiring and excellent service. We thank those ladies, also, who have rendered help in sewing. To Dr. A. J. Orchard and Mr. Sevicke Jones we are deeply indebted for honorary professional services—now extending over many years. The Board has sustained a great loss in the death of its Treasurer and Property Steward, Mr. Mark Kershaw. His ability, his courtesy, and indefatigable service so ably rendered will not soon be forgotten. (A suitable resolution will be submitted to Synod.)

The Rev. C. R. Taylor succeeded the Rev. J. Richards as Chaplain. Already he finds much encouragement in his work. He coached the children for the Scripture and Band of Hope examinations, with excellent results. The senior boys and girls who made decision at the last B.C. Camps have been formed into a Christian Endeavour Society in the Home itself. The work is full of promise, and spiritual experience and understanding are being developed. Voluntary attendance at the evening Church service has increased.

Mr. C. R. Sheat continues his oversight of the grounds and farm, and Mr. D. Hawke as gardener, renders faithful service.

We are indebted to the Christchurch City Council for granting a Street Day for the Combined Orphanages' Appeal. Though the day was wretchedly wet the results passed all records. The Broadcasting Authorities are thanked for the Radio Concert. The young people of our Churches rendered fine service in connection with both sides of the appeal. Our share of the proceeds amounts to over £635, a very welcome addition to our funds, which are always taxed to the utmost. In this connection the Board wishes to stress the fact that some quite well-to-do Circuits so inadequately help the funds of the South Island Orphanage, either by collections, donations or otherwise. We would appeal for a more generous response to a real need.

We look back with gratitude and we look forward with hope and faith. He Who has been our Helper is our Helper still. We go forward in His strength.

The following Committee is nominated for next year:—Mrs. Bowron and Sister Mabel Morley (life members), Revs. M. A. Rugby Pratt, W. Grigg, A. N. Scotter, C. R. Taylor, J. H. Allen, E. E. Sage, Raymond Dudley, D. O. Williams, and N. P. Larsen; Messrs. F. A. Sheat, W. S. Worner, H. Holland, H. de R. Flesher, J. E. Purchase, W. H. Marshall, H. J. S. Harrington, and W. G. Wright; Mesdames Pratt, W. Cock, M. Opie, F. C. Thornton, J. Allen, C. W. Barrell, with Miss Horrell: General Secretary: To be appointed.

J. H. ALLEN, Chairman.

E. DRAKE, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and Financial Statement adopted.
2. That thanks be expressed to Rev. E. Drake.
3. Conference records its unqualified appreciation of the sterling Christian character of the late Mr. Mark Kershaw, and of his devoted service to many causes of the Methodist Church, and especially to the work of the South Island Methodist Children's Home.
4. That the Committee be as named in the Report.

QUESTION XLIX.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Connexional Literature?

A.—“METHODIST TIMES” AND LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

REPORT FOR 1943.

It is gratifying to report that despite the high costs of production and the continued necessity to conserve supplies of newsprint, the “Methodist Times” has maintained a satisfactory standard. The Rev. H. E. Bellhouse, as editor, holds the confidence of the Connexion, and he is well supported by his associate, the Rev. G. R. Harris. The best tribute of appreciation of editorial work is the steadily sustained increase in the number of subscribers.

Both the editor and his associate are nominated for re-appointment. The Committee will, after the ensuing Conference, consider the whole matter governing editorial appointments, including the suggested departure from the custom of an annual appointment.

A year ago our printers received a demand for a retraction and an apology, and were threatened with a claim for damages in respect of the publication of an article entitled “This Morality of Ours.” The Committee refused to sanction either a retraction or an apology and guaranteed the printers against financial suffering. The complaining party, however, did not proceed to action.

The Committee places on record its warm appreciation of the co-operation and consideration always given by the printers. It also records its thanks to all who have maintained their interest in the paper, especially to the contributors of regular features and to the circuit agents and reporters.

The financial position is shown in the printed statements. The Committee asks for the usual subsidy of £150 from the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund and, from the Contingent Fund, for a reduced subsidy of £75 plus one-half of the honoraria for the Editors and their contingent expenses in accordance with the standing regulations.

The Committee nominated for the new Connexional year is as follows:—Revs. M. A. Rugby Pratt (ex-officio), E. Drake, R. Dudley, J. H. Allen, J. Dennis, N. P. Larsen, H. W. Payne, and Messrs. H. Holland, C.B.E. (lay treasurer), W. A. Bascand, E. H. Andrews, W. G. Wright, C. C. Sandford, and H. de R. Flesher.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. H. ALLEN, Chairman.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report, Revenue Account and Balance-Sheet be received, adopted, and printed in the Minutes.
2. That Conference records its appreciation of the valuable editorial service rendered by the Rev. H. E. Bellhouse, and that he be re-appointed.

3. That the Rev. G. R. Harris be heartily thanked for his services as Associate Editor, and that he be re-appointed.

4. That grants be approved of £150 from the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund, and £75 in addition to the standing grant of one-half of the honoraria for the Editors and their contingent expenses.

5. That Paragraph 204, clause (9) on page 55 of the Low Book, dealing with the order of business for the quarterly meeting, be amended to read:—

(9) (a) How many subscribers are there to the connexional paper in this circuit?

(b) Have the subscriptions all been paid?

(c) What steps can we now take to improve the circulation?

(d) Has a circuit reporter been appointed?

B.—PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE.

The Publications Committee has met as required during the year, and has to report as follows:—

1. It has approved the publication of the following:—

(a) "A Word to Parents," a pamphlet on Infant Baptism, prepared by Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D., to be published by the L. & C. Committee.

(b) "Statement on Membership, for Young Maoris," being an explanation of the implications of Membership, written by Rev. G. I. Laurenson, to be published privately.

2. It has recommended the L. & C. Committee to investigate the possibility of issuing a series of study booklets, to be known as "The Epworth Booklets," such to be suitable for Church Fellowships, and Youth Groups.

3. It has noted that progress is being made with the "Exposition of the Statement of Faith" by Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A., and also the "Manual on Membership" by Rev. C. T. Symons, M.A., B.D.

4. Duties of the Committee: The work of this Committee has been under review, and we make recommendations accordingly.

E. T. OLDS, Chairman.

H. C. MATTHEWS, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

2. That Conference draw the attention of Circuits and Home Mission Stations to the fact that supplies of "Prophecy, Yesterday and To-day" (Symons); "The Devotional Life" (Penn); and "How to Study the Bible" (Blight), are still available on application to the Epworth Bookroom.

3. (a) That the duties of the Publications Committee be: To grant approval (or otherwise) of the publication of MSS. submitted. So that this may be facilitated, the MSS. of all suggested publications shall be submitted for approval before publication is undertaken.

(b) The Publications Committee shall offer suggestions for future publications, and encourage prospective authors to submit MSS. for approval, publications thus initiated being published by the L. and C. Committee of the H.M. Board.

4. That the Committee for 1944 be:—Revs. E. T. Olds, W. Walker, A. H. Scrivin, G. I. Laurenson, A. J. Johnston, E. W. Hames, M.A., H. C. Matthews, and Dr. Ranston; Miss Rishworth; Messrs. J. H. Blackwell, F. Penn, T. L. Hames, W. S. Mackay, and T. W. Hemer. Convener, Rev. H. C. Matthews.

QUESTION L.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference concerning Military and Naval Affairs?

SENIOR CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

Our Church rejoices in the splendid work being done by our team of Chaplains in the active work for our Church, and the reports which reach me from time to time refer in warmest terms of praise to the work our Padres are doing both overseas and in the Dominion. At the moment of writing this Report we have thirteen Chaplains in the active work, four in the Middle East, four in the Pacific, one Air Force Chaplain overseas, with two Air Force Chaplains and two Army Chaplains in New Zealand—Chaplains J. C. Draper, W. A. Mills, W. R. Francis and J. K. Watson are with the Middle East Forces. Chaplains Wesley Parker, A. T. Kent, T. H. Carr and A. H. Joyce are in the Pacific. In New Zealand we have Chaplains A. R. Witheford and B. M. Chrystall in military camps, and Chaplains W. Rowe and H. S. Kings in New Zealand Air Force Stations.

Overseas Chaplains.

At last Conference mention was made of the return of the Rev. F. Gardner Brown from the Middle East after a splendid term of service as Chaplain. Tributes have come in from a number of sources telling of the worthwhileness of his work.

Since writing the last Report, Chaplain V. R. Jamieson, who was our first Chaplain to go overseas, has returned to the Dominion for a much needed rest. He has done valiant service for his Church and has earned a noted place in the annals of chaplaincy work. In writing of his work the Senior Chaplain in the Middle East says, *inter alia*, "We are sorry to lose Jamieson from our staff: he is a tough soldier and has won high praise. Of the many Chaplains we have had over here, Jamieson is one of four who has never been in hospital. He has had hard and continuous service in Greece and the Western Desert. He holds the record among our men for desert work. He was mentioned in despatches for his work in Greece. In my opinion he deserves more recognition. I have had nothing but good reports from his O.C. and from the men. His unit is indeed sorry to lose him."

To replace Chaplain Jamieson, the Rev. J. K. Watson who had enlisted in the ranks and was due for ordination, was appointed a Chaplain and ordained "over there."

At the request of the officer commanding the Pacific, the Rev. A. H. Joyce was commissioned as a Chaplain and has gone up into the Pacific to assist largely in rehabilitation work in the Solomons, as that area is cleared of the enemy. It will be a specialised form of chaplaincy work.

Chaplaincy Work in the Dominion.

This work has been considerably curtailed during this year in view of the great reduction of men in camp. A number of the lesser camps have been closed and there are still more to follow. In May, 1943, we had to reduce our quota of Dominion military chaplains to two, but other movements taking place absorbed several of our Chaplains. Chaplain T. H. Carr passed the medical grading for the Pacific

and was appointed there, and likewise Chaplain J. Churchill, who was appointed our first Air Force Chaplain in the Pacific. To fill the latter Chaplain's place at Rongotai Air Force Station, Chaplain H. S. Kings was transferred from Army to Air Force and took up station at Rongotai. Chaplain J. Dennis returned to his Circuit, and Chaplains H. T. Peat and T. Skuse were available for circuit work, leaving Chaplains A. R. Witheford and B. M. Chrystall as our representatives in the Dominion. Padre Skuse sought permission of the President to enter the Y.M.C.A. work, and this was granted. Meanwhile Padre H. T. Peat had developed shoulder trouble resulting from an accident he had while on service in Fiji: he had to enter hospital and is still undergoing treatment. We wish for him a speedy recovery.

Present Policy in the Dominion.

The Government has now decided to proceed with the training of men for a period of one month per year on a Territorial basis, but it is the intention that such trainees will enter the three major camps of the Dominion which are already fully staffed with Chaplains. At the moment, therefore, there seems little likelihood of further chaplaincy calls for Dominion service.

Air Force Chaplains.

During the year opportunity came for our Church to have an Air Force Chaplain in the Pacific zone, and Chaplain J. Churchill was appointed. He will serve in Fiji and the surrounding area for a short period and may then move up to the Solomons area. Our New Zealand Air Force work is very well maintained by Chaplain W. Rowe at Levin and Chaplain H. S. Kings at Rongotai.

Finance.

War Services and Chaplaincy Fund. This Conference Fund is raised by means of retiring offertories and by special subscriptions. The major task of this Fund as laid down by Conference is to provide the wherewithal to maintain the Chaplains in the Active work, other than the payment of salary. Until now by the expressed policy of the Conference, the Fund has had to bear a furniture grant, to each Chaplain vacating a Parsonage, of £100, plus the equivalent of the Circuit contribution to the Supernumerary Fund as well as the personal payment to that Fund for all Chaplains proceeding overseas. So far it has taken practically the whole of the contributions to the Fund to provide for these payments and the small incidental expenses necessary. Some criticism has been forthcoming from the Church that this Fund does not do more for the men, but we find in actual practice that the £1 per week granted by the Patriotic Fund Board to each Chaplain on Active work overseas is sufficient to cover the general needs of the Chaplain in the interests of the men. As in the last war so in this the greatest contribution by the Church to the men is in the actual provision of the Chaplain to minister to them. The Advisory Board but carries out the policy of the Conference and if the Fund is not to pay out these grants to Chaplains then they would have to come from the Contingent Fund with an added increase in the levy on all Circuits. This latter course was actually put forward as a proposition to the Conference in the earlier stages of the war but was emphatically rejected.

Our greatest task at the moment lies in the provision of suitable strong literature for distribution to men of the Forces, and now that all the grants in sight have been paid, the Board desires to launch its literature campaign, but in view of the somewhat tardy response

from the Circuits, little can yet be accomplished. The strongest appeal is therefore now made to all the Synods and to Conference to back up this Fund in accordance with the policy of our Church and let us have the necessary funds to carry out this much needed work. The comparatively small amount of literature that we have been able to send to our Chaplains has nevertheless been found to be of great service in the work.

Each Synod will be supplied with a list of Circuits contributing, and Synods are asked to look into each case where no contributions have been forthcoming.

We must not let either our Church or our Chaplains down.

FREDERICK J. PARKER, Senior Chaplain.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Statements of Receipts and Expenditure be received and adopted.
3. That Chaplains H. T. Peat, T. Skuse, A. T. Kent, T. H. Carr, and V. R. Jamieson, return to Circuit work.
4. That the Rev. F. G. Brown be appointed to Chaplaincy work.
5. That Conference hears with pleasure of the splendid work being done by our Chaplains, overseas and in the Dominion, and sends cordial greetings and good wishes to them.
6. That Rev. H. S. Kings, C.F., be appointed Corresponding-Chaplain to communicate with overseas Chaplains.
7. That Conference directs that all Circuits take retiring collections for the Chaplaincy Fund at least each half year.
8. That Rev. F. J. Parker be re-appointed Senior Chaplain.
9. That the Connexional Secretary and Mr. H. de R. Flesher be re-appointed Trustees of the War Services and Chaplaincy Fund.
10. That in the event of the Rev. H. T. Peat's being discharged from Active Service as a Chaplain to the Forces, information thereof shall be sent by the Senior Chaplain to the President of the Conference. If Mr. Peat is unable, through physical disability, to receive a Circuit appointment, the President shall advise the Supernumerary Fund Board, which is hereby empowered to deal with Mr. Peat's application for superannuation.
11. That the Chaplaincy Board be requested to consider the matter of appointing Naval Chaplains in the main ports of New Zealand and be empowered to arrange for such appointments.
12. District Chaplains' Advisory Boards:
AUCKLAND: All Chaplains in Auckland City and Suburbs; Messrs. F. E. Sutherland, G. Winstone, F. M. Winstone, J. H. Blackwell, W. E. Lewisham, S. Barnett. Convener: Rev. W. Walker.
WELLINGTON: Revs. W. A. Burley, F. J. Parker (Senior Chaplain), J. D. McArthur, Messrs. T. M. Pacey, A. J. Johnston, B. O. Stokes, P. E. Patrick, S. Roberts, and R. H. Boys.
NORTH CANTERBURY: Revs. W. Grigg, E. Drake, H. L. Blamires, M. A. Rugby Pratt, R. Dudley, E. E. Sage, J. Dennis, H. Whitfield, Messrs. W. G. Wright, E. R. Caygill, C. H. Perkins. Convener: Rev. J. Dennis.
OTAGO: The Chairman of the District, and all Chaplains in and adjacent to Dunedin, Messrs. J. Winton and H. H. Johnson. Convener: Rev. L. C. Horwood.

QUESTION LI.—What is the Report of the Custodian on Early Records, Libraries and Museums?

A.—THE CONNEXIONAL OFFICE.

During the year Mrs. Jakins has presented an oil painting of her late father, the Rev. J. B. Richardson, who when President, was drowned in the wreck of the Tararua. Mrs. H. E. Flesher has presented the trowel used by the late Mr. W. Flesher when laying the foundation stone of the Richmond, Christchurch school. The Rev. J. H. Allen has presented the Bible and hymn book that were given to Mrs. Ritchie when laying a memorial stone at East Belt on 19th July, 1881.

The Rev. E. S. Hoddinott has deposited records relating to Staffordtown, Kumara and Greymouth. Mr. K. Robinson has lodged records of the Granity station from 1890 to 1924. The Rev. J. Silvester has sent a Lyttelton baptismal register from 1861 to 1883, and a quarterly meeting minute book for the period 1887-1901. The Rev. W. H. Greenslade has lodged various Invercargill Central records from 1864 to 1929. The Rev. D. Hickman has sent an Onehunga quarterly meeting minute book from 1899 to 1931; and the Rev. C. H. Olds, Hamilton trust records from 1900 to 1935. Conference Minutes have been given by Miss Arnold, Mr. Strand and the Rev. W. W. Avery. Mr. V. Bedwell has lodged a St. Albans schedule book covering the years 1872-1891. Mr. P. W. Goldsmith has given an Irwell class book for 1875 to 1881, and Mr. W. Bate has forwarded the first issues of the Bible class paper, "The Echo," for 1921-22.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Custodian.

Christchurch, 22nd December, 1943.

B.—TRINITY COLLEGE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM.

During the year a number of friends have donated books to the library. The most interesting items that have come in are mentioned below:—

Miss Lawry; from library of late Rev. A. C. Lawry, Bible presented to Rev. H. H. Lawry on the occasion of his marriage.

Dr. Lyth: Life of Virgin Mary, illustrated by Albert Durer; complete Works of John Bunyan, etc.

Miss Gibbs: Bust in china of John Wesley.

Mr. Robson: Dr. Southwell's New Book of Martyrs, and Family Bible.

Rev. W. G. Slade: Works of Valerius Maximus, published in Venice, 1569 (gift in memory of Rev. Wm. Slade). An early and valuable copy.

Mrs. E. B. Wright: Coffee Pot and Bed Curtains associated with John Wesley (in memory of John Bishop Kelsey, late of Motukaraka).

Mr. E. P. Salmon: Set of B.C. Echo, and Link, almost complete, bound.

Rev. E. B. Chambers: Autograph lecture notes of Rev. C. H. Garland.

Mrs. T. F. Jones: Well-bound copies of Gibbon's Decline and Fall of Roman Empire, and Josephus.

Mr. E. Harris: 17th Century Bible, with very curious illustrations (deposited), and other interesting books.

Rev. A. E. Orr: Many volumes of the Aldersgate Magazine.

Rev. G. Frost: Set of Free Methodist Magazine (N.Z.), 1875-1881.

Pitt St. Trustees: Service Book used in Hobson Street Wesleyan Church.

Mr. Josiah Lawry: MSS. Recollections, dealing with Rev. Walter Lawry, Rev. H. H. Lawry, Wesley College, and Trinity College site, etc.

Also the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt continues to supply copies of the publications of the Royal Historical Society, of which he is a life Fellow.

E. W. HAMES, Custodian.

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.

WESLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

(N.Z. BRANCH.)

The Society has continued its work of gathering material of historical interest, and preparing for the publication of the quarterly issues of "Proceedings."

During the year, the history of "Orouaiti Chapel" by Rev. A. J. Johnston was issued.

The President, Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt, F.R. Hist. S., is preparing an account of the Mission associations with Wairau. Dr. C. H. Laws is preparing a short outline of the earliest period of our Maori Mission, to be issued as two numbers of our Proceedings. Rev. E. Drake is planning an outline of the Primitive Methodist Church in New Zealand, up to the time of Church Union. These will constitute the 1943-4 issues.

Other brochures are in preparation and will be issued in due course, dealing with Grey Institute, Dunedin Methodism, Three Kings College, etc.

The President of the Society is publishing in the "Methodist Times," with the co-operation of the Editor, a list of historical dates each month.

We commend the work of the Society to our Church. An increased membership will facilitate the issuing of more extensive material in our Proceedings. The Committee will always be glad to receive any material which can be tabulated and if possible published in the interests of historical research.

G. H. LAWS, Chairman of Standing Committee.

G. I. LAURENSEN, Hon. Secretary.

Resolved: That the Report be received and adopted.

QUESTION LII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on Matters previously remitted to Synods or Committees for Report?

**I.—CHURCH UNION.
REPORT OF COMMITTEE.**

The Committee appointed by last Conference (Minutes 1943, pp. 134 and 135) has met twice during the year in Wellington, devoting a whole day on each occasion to the business of formulating a new Basis of Union. The attendances at both meetings were excellent. Mr. T. M. Pacey was appointed Secretary of the Committee and has rendered valuable service in this capacity. It was found that in practice the office of co-convenor was not readily workable. The Committee therefore appointed Rev. W. A. Burley Acting-Convenor for 1943.

Important amendments to the original Basis concerned the eldership, the Settlement of Parishes, representation in the Higher Courts and the constitution and function of the Lower Courts. These were drawn up in the light of the amendments submitted by the Quarterly Meetings of 1942.

On September 14th a Combined Committee of the three negotiating Churches met at Wesley Church, Wellington, for an all-day Conference. The meeting was composed of 8 Presbyterian, 7 Methodist, and 6 Congregational Church representatives. Rev. H. W. Newell ably presided over the meeting which lasted all day. The chief business was the consideration of the amendments proposed by the Methodist Committee. The following was resolved upon by the Committee: "Agreed that the representatives of the negotiating Churches inform their respective Courts, that this Joint Committee reports progress, in that valuable informative discussions have been held with special reference to the Eldership, the qualifications for membership of the Higher Courts, and questions of ministerial tenure. The Joint Committee is happy to state that agreement has been reached on the possibility of following the procedure contained in one of the Amendments of the Methodist section prepared for this meeting, and cordially recommends the continuation of the negotiations."

The proposal on which agreement was reached referred to above, reads as follows: "In the management of their local affairs, the various churches, charges, circuits or congregations of the negotiating churches existing prior to Union shall be entitled to continue the organisation and practices enjoyed by them at the time of the Union, subject in general affairs to the legislation, principles and discipline of the United Church. This provision permits any pastoral charge existing previous to Union at any time to adopt any features of the polity as set forth in the Basis of Union."

The joint committee is to meet again in Wellington on December 1st.

Arrangements have been made for the President to be present at one or more of the sessions of the Presbyterian Assembly and at the meeting of the Congregational Union. Rev. W. G. Slade (Secretary of the Conference) and Mr. G. S. Gapper have been appointed to represent our Church as "observers" at the Presbyterian Assembly.

Co-operation is being fostered by our Home Mission Department and by the Youth Department. In some circuits Presbyterians and Methodists have combined services, and the reports of these indicate a good measure of success. In one district the Congregational Church and our own are co-operating in a practical way.

The Committee is convinced that more education in the general question of Church Union should be given to the membership of the Church, and intends to do this in the coming year.

While the prospects for final organic Union are good, there is general agreement in all three committees and indeed in all three Churches, that it must not be unduly hurried. Patience is necessary for a successful termination to our efforts and for the best interests of the Union that we are convinced is the will of God.

C. H. OLDS, President of the Conference.
W. A. BURLEY, Acting-Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report (with necessary verbal adjustment) be received and adopted.

2. That Conference express gratification that negotiations have been continued for Church Union with the Presbyterian and Congregational Churches, and instructs the Committee to continue their work.

3. That in every circuit (where possible) steps be taken to co-operate with the Presbyterian and Congregational Churches by combined gatherings, united services, etc.

4. That the Committee for 1944 be as follows:—The President (Chairman), the Ex-President, and the Secretary of Conference, Revs. E. T. Olds, W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D., E. D. Patchett, R. Thornley, M.A., M. A. Rugby Pratt, J. H. Allen, E. W. Hames, M.A., G. I. Laurenson, E. Te Tuhi, R. Dudley, M.A., and W. A. Burley, M.A. (convener); Messrs. J. H. Blackwell, C. E. Taylor, N. R. Seddon, T. M. Pacey, P. E. Patrick, J. E. Purchase, J. Tyler, C. E. Bellringer, H. de R. Flesher, G. S. Gapper, W. B. L. Williams, and Mrs. Nicolson.

II.—NEW ZEALAND CENTENNIAL METHODIST THANKSGIVING FUND.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That Rev. A. J. Johnston continue as organiser in order to keep in touch with donors.

2. That a District Agent in every District be appointed, preferably a layman, who shall on behalf of the Secretary, be responsible for the collecting of outstanding district moneys.

3. That each Quarterly Meeting appoint a circuit representative, who shall keep in touch with the district agent, and whose business it shall be to interview personally donors whose moneys are still outstanding.

4. That the attention of circuits and trust treasurers be drawn to the fact that all moneys held on behalf of the connexional objectives should be remitted forthwith to the Treasurers, together with a full statement of all moneys received.

5. Conference expresses to Rev. A. J. Johnston its thanks for his untiring efforts during the year.

6. That the Recommendation from Taranaki-Wanganui District, re moneys allocated to the District, be referred to the Centennial Fund Committee.

7. That the Committee for 1944 be: Revs. E. T. Olds, W. Walker, G. I. Laurenson, H. J. Odell, E. W. Hames, M.A., A. H. Scriven, A. E. Orr, A. J. Johnston; Misses E. M. Rishworth and E. Mather; Messrs. F. Penn, R. Thomas, T. Clark, D. E. Parton, S. E. Chappell, and J. F. Roberts.

8. That the District Agents be:—

Auckland—Mr. D. E. Parton.

South Auckland—To be appointed by May Synod.

Taranaki-Wanganui—Mr. T. P. Hughson, Senr.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—

Wellington—

Nelson—

North Canterbury—Mr. W. C. Francis.

South Canterbury—Rev. R. B. Gosnell.

Otago-Southland—

III.—CONNEXIONAL CHARGES.

REPORT OF CENTRAL FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Conference in 1942 changed the method of levying Connexional charges. The Central Finance Committee was set up and directed to inquire from the Treasurers of the Contingent, Children's, Removal Expenses, and Supernumerary Funds their financial requirements for the ensuing five years, and then to determine the assessments for each District. No instructions were given to the Committee as to the manner in which the District assessments were to be made. After careful consideration the following procedure was adopted. The Committee obtained from each Treasurer the amounts paid by the various Districts to each Fund over a period of years, and thus ascertained the total amounts received in levies and the amounts paid by each District. Averages were then taken and the proportions were allocated on a percentage basis. The Committee ascertained that the total sum required for the whole of New Zealand was £8610, and allocated this sum amongst the various Districts. The District allocations are set out on Page 138 of 1943 Minutes. Such allocations are fixed until the end of the Connexional year 1947-48.

Each District Committee has allocated to each Circuit within its bounds the Circuit's share of the District assessments. In making such assessments the District Committee gave consideration to these five factors: (A) Income, (B) Liabilities, (C) Membership, (D) Ability to pay, (E) Number of Ministers.

In the event of a disagreement between a Circuit and a District Committee, the Circuit may appeal to the Central Finance Committee, whose decision is final.

Out of the 130 Circuits in New Zealand only 8 lodged appeals against their assessments. This shows how fairly the District Committee made their assessments. Before the Central Finance Committee considered the appeals it gave each Circuit an opportunity to submit its case in writing and also obtained from the District Committee all relevant information.

The Committee has simply carried out the directions it received from Conference. It is, of course, competent for the Synod to recommend and for Conference to make any improvement in the basis of Connexional Taxation.

The Committee is of the opinion that a definite date should be fixed by which any appeal should be lodged, and therefore recom-

mends that Conference fix the 31st December in each year to be the date by which any appeal be lodged.

The Committee has suffered a severe loss during the year by the passing of Mr. M. Kershaw. It nominates Mr. Francis to fill the vacancy.

J. H. ALLEN, Chairman.

H. de R. FLESHER, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Committee be: The District Chairman, Revs. M. A. Rugby Pratt, Messrs. H. Chapman, W. C. Francis, L. G. K. Steven, and H. de R. Flesher (Convener).
3. That from April 1st, 1944, in respect to the Supernumerary Fund, the levy be on a flat rate of £15 for each Minister employed.
4. That the Supernumerary Fund levy having been restored to the old basis of £15 for each Minister actually employed as from the 1st April, 1944, the Supernumerary Fund Board, in consultation with the Central Finance Committee, be empowered to make a just allocation of the surplus revenue that has resulted from the operation of the new scheme.

IV.—CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON STIPENDS.

(Minutes of Conference, 1943, Page 140).

For personnel see Question XLIV., p. 129, Resolution 4.

QUESTION LIII.—Who are the Members of the Committee of Privileges?

(See Law Book, pp. 97, 98.)

The President, Vice-President, Secretary of Conference, the Connexional Secretary, Revs. W. A. Burley, A. O. Harris, J. D. McArthur, and F. J. Parker; Messrs. J. Stanton, E. W. A. Kellow, N. R. Seddon, S. T. S. Martin, T. M. Pacey and H. de R. Flesher, M.A., LL.B. 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 the District Executive Committees?

AUCKLAND—1. Revs. E. T. Olds, E. W. Hames, A. E. Waite, A. E. Orr, B. Metson, W. Parker, J. H. Bailey, A. J. Johnston, Minister of the Dominion Road Church, and D. Hickman; Messrs. S. E. Chap-pell, J. Tyler, T. L. Hames, W. E. Burley, J. H. Blackwell, L. E. Rhodes, G. K. Wigglesworth, A. E. Freeman, J. Stanton, E. D. Marshall. Convener: Rev. D. J. Hickman.

2. In accordance with the minutes of Conference, 1943, p. 142, a Northland Sub-District Executive be set up, to be located at Whangarei.

3. That the Sub-District Executive consist of the Superintendents of the Dargaville, Ruawai, Whangarei-Hikurangi, and Hokianga Circuits, together with the Ministers or H.M.'s of the Whangaroa, Pt. Albert and Mangonui Circuits, and Messrs. W. J. Court, T. P. Lane, T. Spooner, H. Neal, N. Simpkin, C. N. Taylor, and A. Cameron. Deputy Chairman: Rev. G. E. Brown.

4. That Conference empowers the Northland Sub-District Executive once a year at its June meeting to discuss Maori work, at which meeting four members of the Maori Mission shall be associated with the Executive, such members to be appointed by the Home Mission Board.

SOUTH AUCKLAND—The Chairman of the District (ex officio), Ministers of Hamilton, Cambridge, Matamata, Morrinsville, Te Aroha and Te Awamutu Circuits, and Messrs. H. C. Wood, W. L. B. Williams, W. B. Young, P. Rushton, A. Bettany, C. Raynor, J. R. Cullen, and W. A. Clark.

WELLINGTON—The Chairman of the District (ex officio) Revs. J. D. McArthur, A. O. Harris, F. J. Parker, F. Bateup, V. Mead, R. Thornley, A. K. Petch, C. E. Dickens, C. P. Lucas, C. T. Symons, Messrs. T. M. Pacey, H. W. Smith, N. R. Seddon, D. H. Payne, T. W. Treen, Mesdames Bramwell Scott and G. Trembath, Miss P. Yearbury, together with one layman from Johnsonville-Ngaio Circuit and one layman from Wellington West Circuit.

NORTH CANTERBURY—Chairman of District, and Superintendents of Durham Street, Woolston, Riccarton, Papanui, St. Albans, Addington, Sydenham, Christchurch East Circuits, Revs. M. A. Rugby Pratt and E. Drake, Messrs. W. C. Francis, J. E. Purchase, S. D. McHarg, H. de R. Flesher, P. A. Le Brun, A. Dingwall, S. Sayers, J. Holland, T. Walker, and Miss Wise.

SOUTH CANTERBURY—That this matter be referred to the May Synod.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND—The Ministers in Full Connexion in Dunedin City and Suburban Circuits, together with the Rev. T. A. Pybus; Laymen, President of the Local Preachers' Association, Representative of the M.W.M.U., District Property Secretary (if resident in Dunedin), together with seven other Laymen representing so far as possible Dunedin Circuits, the names to be forwarded to Conference by the Executive from its meeting immediately prior to Conference.

Committee for 1944.

The Chairman of the District (ex officio), Revs. T. A. Pybus, W. J. Enticott, L. B. Neale, L. C. Horwood, C. L. Duder, B. M. Tasker, H. E. Harkness, W. R. Laws, and H. C. Dixon; Mesdames S. A. Prout and J. Masterton; Messrs. G. S. Gapper, C. F. Roberts, E. J. King, F. G. Marshall, A. T. McIndoe, H. H. Johnson, A. L. Stanton, and P. Nixon. Convener: Rev. H. E. Harkness.

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?

A.—LAW BOOK REVISION COMMITTEE.

REPORT 1943.

The Committee has dealt with all questions referred to it by the last Conference. It has completely revised and consolidated the regulations relating to the training of the Ministry.

As the stock of Law Books is exhausted, it is imperative that the new editions be issued as soon as possible. The Committee will work with this end in view.

The Recommendations of the Committee are set out below.

H. de R. FLESHER, Convener.

1. (1943 Minutes, page 56, resolution 2). It is recommended that the following be added to (a) in paragraph 12 to Section 204, Law Book, page 57, "and their public reception as such." It is recommended that the following be added to (3) of paragraph 180, Law Book, page 47, "and what arrangements are made for their public reception."

2. (1943 Minutes, page 58, resolutions 6 and 7).

(a) It is recommended that the following be added to paragraph 199, Law Book, page 52, as amended in supplement:—

(m) One representative elected annually by each branch of the Men's Fellowship in the Circuit, such representative being not only a member of the branch but also an adult member of the Church in the circuit.

(b) It is recommended that the following be added to paragraph 225, Law Book, page 63:—

(m) One representative elected annually by the District Committee of the Men's Fellowship, such representative being a member of a branch within the District and being an adult member of the Church.

(c) It is recommended that the following clause be added to paragraph 239, Law Book, page 74, as altered in Supplement, page 19:—"One representative elected annually by and from the Dominion Executive of the Men's Fellowship."

Also the following be added to paragraph 241, Law Book, page 75, as amended in Supplement, page 19/20:—12. Dominion Executive of Men's Fellowship.

3. (1943 Minutes, page 145 (h)). President's Committee of Advice. It is recommended that the following be included in the Law Book: "A Committee of Advice consisting of Ministers and laymen shall be appointed annually on the nomination of the President of the Conference. Its function shall be to advise the President regarding any matter on which he may consult it. Powers and responsibilities of the President shall, however, remain as set forth in the Law Book or otherwise determined by resolution of Conference."

4. (1943 Minutes, page 145 (h)). Conditions under which a Minister who retires retains Local Preacher Status. It is recommended that the opening sentence of paragraph 152, Law Book, page 37, as amended 1937 Minutes, page 172, be repealed, and the following substituted therefor:—"No Minister, Probationer, Student or Home Missionary who resigns or who has been suspended or expelled shall act as a Local Preacher except by special resolution of Conference or with the consent of both the President and his Committee of Advice, who shall report such consent to the following Conference."

5. (1943 Minutes, page 146. 2). Retired Home Missionaries and Quarterly Meetings. The Committee and the President's Legal Adviser have considered this matter during the year, and to clarify the position recommend that the following clause be added to paragraph 198, Law Book, page 52: "All lay members of a Quarterly Meeting must be fully accredited Church members in the Circuit, except that Circuit Stewards of a Mission may hold their membership in another Circuit."

6. **Ministers and Church Membership:** The Committee and the President's Legal Adviser have considered this matter during the year, and recommend that paragraph 2 of the Law Book shall be altered to read: "The Membership of the Methodist Church of New Zealand shall comprise the Ministers and Probationers of the Church, the members of society classes, and such others" etc.

7. **The Contingent Fund:** It is recommended that the existing Regulations relating to the Contingent Fund and all amendments affecting same be repealed, and the following substituted therefor:

287—III. The Contingent Fund Regulations.

(1) There shall be a Contingent Fund which may be raised by any method which the Conference may from time to time determine.

(2) The Fund shall be managed by a clerical Treasurer and a lay Treasurer appointed annually by the Conference. The Treasurers shall examine and if satisfied pay claims upon the Fund. They shall present annually to the Conference a report and financial statement duly audited, and shall generally administer the Fund in accordance with Conference regulations.

(3) A Consultative Committee shall be appointed annually by Conference on the nomination of the Treasurers. It shall consist of five persons, namely the Treasurers of the Fund, the Chairman of the District in which the Lay Treasurer resides, and two laymen.

(4) Any matter in dispute regarding this Fund shall be referred to the Consultative Committee for settlement, and its decision shall be final.

(5) At each Conference a special Committee shall be set up consisting of such of the members of the Consultative Committee as are present, the Secretary of Conference and Chairmen of Districts, and three other members of the Conference, who shall be nominated by the Treasurers.

(6) All proposals for grants from the Fund shall be considered by the Conference Committee before the same are authorised by Conference.

(7) The financial year shall close on the 31st December. The Chairman of each District shall forward a detailed statement of receipts and expenditure together with any balance due to the Treasurers not later than the 20th January following.

(8) Moneys payable by each District shall be remitted quarterly to the Treasurers. Chairman may deduct any payments duly authorised by Conference or by the Treasurers before forwarding their remittance.

(9) The following are the ordinary charges on the Fund authorised by Conference:—

- (a) Travelling expenses to Synods of Ministers, Probationers, Home Missionaries, Home Missionary Probationers (summoned by the Chairman to attend), and District Secretaries of Church Property, also any balance that may be required to meet the expenses of the May meeting of the Ministerial Committee. (Railway travelling is on the basis of second class fares.)
- (b) Expenses of Chairmen travelling in Districts on official business, bank charges, exchange, postage, telegrams and stationery.
- (c) Cost of Synod printing, stationery, postages and telegrams.

- (d) Postage allowances for the President and Secretary of Conference and Chairmen of Districts, the amount to be fixed by Conference from time to time.
- (e) Travelling expenses to the Annual Conference of the President, retiring Vice-President, District Chairmen, Representatives of Districts, Secretary of Conference, Connexional Secretary, Editor of the Connexional paper, Probationers proceeding to Conference for ordination by direction of their Synods, and one Treasurer of the Contingent Fund, the Principal of the Theological College, the Oral Examiner, and the Secretary of the Board of Examiners. Such travelling expenses shall be limited to the following charges: Saloon steamer fares, service car fares, second class railway fares, taxi and train fares to and from steamers and trains, meals en route, telegrams on Conference business, and the sum of Five shillings to cover train fares in the Conference city. Fares shall be by the shortest route, and shall be less any concessions available. Accounts for travelling expenses must be rendered in detail.
- (f) Travelling expenses to Conference of Candidates for the Ministry as allowed by the Rules of the Equalisation Fund.
- (g) Any balance of travelling expenses of Deaconesses attending Conference for dedication after deducting the amount received on their account from the collection at the dedication ceremony.
- (h) Printing Conference Agenda, Minutes, Returns, Society Tickets, etc. Cost of Ordination Bibles, postage, telegrams, cables, stationery, and other incidental Conference expenditure, provided always that the cost of printing Departmental balance-sheets and reports shall be a charge on the departments which supply them unless the same are included in the Agenda or Minutes.
- (i) Cost of medical examination of Candidates for the Ministry.
- (j) The contingent expenses and one-half of the honoraria of the Editors of the Connexional paper.
- (k) Half the cost (the other half borne by the Home Mission Fund) of such supplies for deceased or disabled Ministers as have been duly authorised by the President of the Conference. (The supply shall be paid at the rate of £2 per week and the Minister or Minister's widow shall be responsible for his board and lodging.) Accounts for cost of supplies must be certified by the President. Such cost shall include the Circuit Levy for the Supernumerary Fund when this is not paid by the Circuit.
- (l) A grant of £10 towards the payment of fees, etc., for each first year Probationer who is pursuing a University course approved by the Board of Studies or Board of Examiners, when application for such grant is made through the Secretary of the Board of Examiners.
- (m) Expenses of Special Committees set up by Conference.

10. Special cases of affliction affecting Ministers in the active work when not provided for by Quarterly Meetings, shall be recognised as having a claim upon the Contingent Fund.

11. A copy of Conference Minutes shall be supplied free of cost to every Minister and Home Missionary, to the Lay Treasurers of the Connexional Funds, and to each lay representative attending Conference. The Secretary of the Conference shall supply the Connexional

Secretary with particulars of all copies of the Minutes sent for sale to Circuits and Book Depots. All unsold copies and proceeds of sales must be sent to the Connexional Office not later than the 30th September.

8. The Ministry: It is recommended that the following paragraphs of the Law Book relating to the Ministry and the training of the Ministry and examinations and all amendments of same and additions thereto be repealed, and the paragraphs and regulations set out hereunder be substituted therefor:

Paragraphs 51-83 inclusive. Paragraph 249, Section C. Examination Committee sub-paragraphs 1-6. Conduct of Examinations, sub-paragraphs 1-15 inclusive. Regulations for Probationers, sub-paragraphs 1-9 inclusive. Foreign Mission Probationers, 10-11, sub-paragraph relating to University Degrees. Regulations for Theological Students, sub-paragraphs 1-13 inclusive. Regulations for Home Missionary Probationers, sub-paragraphs 2, 3. Regulations for Examinations of Candidates, sub-paragraphs 1-7. Regulations for Senior Home Missionaries, sub-paragraphs 1-5 and Nota Bene inclusive. Regulations re Trial Services, sub-paragraphs 1-5. Regulations on Book Lists, sub-paragraphs 1-9.

N.B. All additions and amendments to same are also to be included with same.

Part II.

The Ministry, Section 1.

Candidates.

51. A Candidate shall be a baptised member of the Church, and a fully accredited Local Preacher, having ordinarily served as such for at least twelve months prior to the time of nomination. He shall be nominated by the Superintendent of the Circuit or Home Mission Station in which he is a member. In the latter case the Chairman of the District may authorise another Minister to act as his deputy (see paragraph 111).

51a. A Manual setting forth the conditions of entry into the Ministry, the training given, the qualifications required, and other related information, shall be prepared by the Secretary of the Board of Examiners and shall be made available for the use of Candidates, Ministers and others.

52. A Candidate shall be presented to the Quarterly Meeting in accordance with the following procedure:—

1. The Superintendent Minister, having satisfied himself as to the qualifications and general fitness of the prospective Candidate, shall, if possible, advise the March Quarterly Meeting of his intention to make a nomination at the following September Quarterly Meeting.
2. At the June Quarterly Meeting, upon the nomination of the Circuit Stewards and the Minister, a small Committee shall be set up to interview the prospective Candidate, investigate his case, and report thereon to the September Quarterly Meeting.

This Committee shall hear him preach, ascertain his acquaintance with and belief in the doctrines of the Church, and his approval of its discipline. It shall assure itself of his piety and consistency, his acceptability and his general fitness for the work of the Ministry.

3. Before the September Quarterly Meeting, a prospective Candidate shall take the prescribed Examination and shall conduct a service at which the Committee shall be present in a central Church. All Churches within the Circuit shall be notified thereof. Members of the Quarterly Meeting are expected to attend.
4. At the September Quarterly Meeting the Committee shall make a full report on the prospective Candidate. The prescribed Questionnaire, having been previously completed and signed by the Superintendent Minister, shall be presented and read. The result of the Examination shall be reported. If in his judgment these preparatory tests have been satisfactorily met the Superintendent Minister may then nominate the Candidate, and the vote on such nomination shall be taken by ballot.

52a. Superintendent Ministers shall notify their Brethren at the May Synod and on other suitable occasions before the September Quarterly Meeting of the name of any prospective Candidate.

53. Should the prospective Candidate not have resided for two years in the Circuit all necessary inquiries shall be made of the Superintendent of the Circuit in which he formerly lived, and the result duly reported to the Quarterly Meeting through the Committee set up under paragraph 52 (2).

54. If the nomination be sustained by the Quarterly Meeting the Superintendent Minister shall nominate the Candidate at the next Meeting of the District Ministerial Committee. He shall hand a completed copy of the Questionnaire to the Chairman of the District for presentation to the District Ministerial Committee and for preservation in its Journal. He shall also forward a copy to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners for presentation to the Examination Committee and for preservation in the Journal of the Conference. The Superintendent Minister shall also certify to the District Ministerial Committee that the Candidate has declared that he has read Wesley's Notes on the New Testament and the First Forty-four of Wesley's Published Sermons, and that he generally assents to their teaching, that he has read the Law Book, is prepared to accept the Polity therein set forth, and is willing to submit to the discipline therein enjoined. In the absence of the Superintendent Minister the Chairman of the District may make the nomination and certification. He may delegate such duty to any other Minister who is a member of the District Ministerial Committee.

54a. In the case of a Superintendent Minister nominating his son as a Candidate the Questionnaire shall be signed by a colleague or if he be without a colleague by the Chairman of the District. If the Chairman is nominating his son as a Candidate and has no colleague the Questionnaire may be signed by the Superintendent Minister of an adjacent Circuit.

55. A Candidate approved by the Quarterly Meeting shall submit through his Superintendent Minister to the Secretary of the District Ministerial Committee at least fourteen days prior to its Meeting, a written sermon and a book list. He shall present a medical certificate on the prescribed form. He shall conduct a Trial Service before a Committee of not fewer than three Ministers.

55a. He shall appear before the District Ministerial Committee, give an account of his conversion and call to preach, and shall submit to the prescribed Examination.

55b. The District Ministerial Committee shall give careful consideration to the personal qualifications and educational standing of the Candidate, and shall assure itself of his fitness for the Methodist Ministry and his ability to take the course prescribed at the Theological College. A small Sub-Committee shall be set up by the Chairman to meet each Candidate privately and to report when his case is under consideration.

56. After hearing the Examination and considering the report of the Trial Service, written Examination, and written Sermon, the prescribed Questionnaire and medical certificate, the Committee shall by open voting decide to recommend the acceptance or otherwise of the Candidate. In the case of a recommended Candidate the number voting for, against, and remaining neutral, shall be reported to Conference.

57. Should it be impracticable for a Candidate to attend the District Ministerial Committee, his Examination may be conducted by three Ministers appointed by such Committee.

58. A Candidate is recommended to offer himself for the general work and not for a restricted sphere of service.

59. No Minister shall encourage a Candidate to give up his ordinary occupation before his acceptance by Conference.

60. No Candidate who on the opening day of Conference is twenty-five years of age or over, and/or who is married, shall be accepted unless he receives a two-thirds majority vote of the Examination Committee and of Conference. In the case of a married Candidate he shall also satisfy the Conference of his ability to maintain his dependents and to meet all financial obligations during the probationary period.

61. A Candidate approved by the District Ministerial Committee shall appear before the Examination Committee for further examination and inquiry. Should he be recommended by the Committee and accepted by Conference, Conference may send him to the Theological College for training, appoint him to a Circuit or other Connexional work, or place him on the List of Reserve either for admission to the College or for future appointment. In the case of a recommended Candidate, the number voting for, against, and remaining neutral, shall be reported to Conference.

62. Each Candidate who is accepted for training shall through the Examination Committee give Conference a pledge that he will loyally observe the Rules and Regulations of the Theological College.

Section 2.

List of Reserve.

63. A List of Reserve shall be formed consisting of

1. Students who, having completed their training at the Theological College, are awaiting appointment to a Circuit or to other Connexional work.
2. Accepted Candidates who are exempted from training in the Theological College and are awaiting appointment to a Circuit or to other Connexional work.
3. Accepted Candidates for whom there are no vacancies in the Theological College.

64. The Conference contracts no liability in respect of the training, employment, or maintenance of those on the List of Reserve. They are at liberty to choose their own place of residence and to pursue their usual occupations, provided always that the President may appoint them to a Circuit or to other Connexional work, and in the case of Candidates he may direct them to enter College.

65. Students and Candidates on the List of Reserve are subject to oversight inquiry and discipline as to matters affecting their continued fitness for the work of the Ministry. The Superintendent of the Circuit in which any Student or Candidate resides shall report upon him annually to the District Ministerial Committee, which shall submit its report to Conference.

65a. A Candidate on the List of Reserve or a Student from the Theological College who has been sent into full work before the 25th day of June in any year, if he pass the prescribed examination, shall at the ensuing Conference be deemed to have travelled one year. Should he be employed in Circuit work at a later date in the year, his probation shall commence at the next ensuing Conference.

Section 3. Probationers.

66. A Probationer is an accepted Candidate who has been appointed to a Circuit or Department. The term of probation is four years, subject to the right of Conference to extend it in any case in which it may deem fit.

66a. The term of probation for College trained men shall be as set forth in paragraph 66. In cases where four years have been spent in the Theological College the Conference may, on the recommendation of the Examination Committee, reduce the term by one year.

66b. The Conference, in the case of men not trained in the Theological College, may, on the recommendation of the Examination Committee, extend the term of probation to five years. In these cases the course of study for the first year shall be of a preparatory nature.

67. When a Probationer is appointed to his first Circuit the Chairman of the District or his deputy shall arrange for his suitable induction.

68. Each Probationer shall pursue the prescribed course of study and be annually examined thereon in writing. He shall furnish annually to the District Ministerial Committee a list of books read. Probationers who have completed the full College course shall conduct a Trial Service in the second and final years of their probation. All other Probationers shall conduct such a Service annually. Two or more Ministers shall report on these Services to the District Ministerial Committee. All Probationers shall undergo annually an oral Examination before the District Ministerial Committee. In the case of fourth year Probationers, the Examination shall be in Theology only. In all other cases the Examiner in Book Lists shall give special attention to some selected work or works on Theology. A report on the Examination, the Trial Service, the Book List and the Circuit work, shall be presented by the Examination Committee to Conference.

68a. The Stationing Committee when appointing a Probationer shall give special consideration to his training.

68b. The Superintendent shall exercise such oversight over Probationers under his authority as will enable them to derive the utmost benefit from his personal counsel and practical guidance. He shall consider each Probationer as his pupil, counsel him as to his studies and behaviour, and at proper times make inquiry as to his Christian life and experience.

68bb. A Probationer who desires to pursue University work during his probation shall consult the Superintendent so that such studies may interfere as little as possible with his Circuit work.

68c. The Chairman of the District Ministerial Committee shall ask the following questions concerning each Probationer stationed within the District:

- (a) Does his Circuit work give evidence of general pastoral efficiency?
- (b) Do his pulpit ministrations reveal the possession of definite preaching gifts?
- (c) Does he give satisfactory evidence of administrative capacity?
- (d) Does he so commend himself by his Christian character and conduct as to win general acceptability within the Circuit?

The Superintendent shall furnish on the prescribed form written answers to the foregoing questions. Such forms shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners, and retained by him until the Probationer is admitted into full Connexion.

69. A Probationer is a member of all official meetings of the Circuit to which he is appointed except Trustee meetings. He may, however, preside at a Trustee meeting if directed by the Superintendent.

70. A Probationer is a member of the Annual District Synod.

70a. Each Probationer shall attend all meetings of the District Ministerial Committee, unless dispensation has been applied for and granted by the Chairman of the District. He has no vote in such Committee and at any time the Committee may request him to withdraw.

71. A Probationer, with the permission of the Chairman of the District, may administer the Sacraments.

72. A Probationer is authorised to celebrate marriages provided that his name has been entered in the List of Officiating Ministers under The Marriage Act.

73. Should a Probationer retire for any cause other than physical disability, his name shall be simply omitted from the Minutes of Conference.

Section 4.

Admission into Full Connexion and Ordination.

74. A Probationer, before being received into Full Connexion, shall be required to pass an oral Examination at the District Ministerial Committee, and shall declare to it that he has read Wesley's Notes on the New Testament and his First Forty-four Published Sermons. A report shall be presented to the Committee on his Trial Sermon, on his year's reading, on his pastoral visitation and his general Circuit work. If satisfied the Committee may recommend to the Conference that he be received into full Connexion.

75. A Probationer thus recommended is required to be present at the Conference and shall be examined before the Examination Committee as to his personal Christian experience, his belief in the doctrines of the Methodist Church, and his knowledge and acceptance of its discipline. He shall pledge himself to observe and enforce the discipline of the Church, and shall promise that if his views on doctrine or discipline change, he will quietly retire from the Ministry.

76. After the report of the Examination Committee as to his Trial Service, written Examination and Circuit work, together with the recommendation of the District Ministerial Committee, has been considered by the Conference, he may be received into full Connexion, be continued on Probation, or rejected or dealt with in such other manner as the Conference may deem fit.

77. The name of every Minister admitted into full Connexion and the date of admission shall be entered in the Journal and the Minutes of Conference.

78. A Minister admitted into full Connexion shall thereafter be ordained by the imposition of hands according to the form prescribed in the authorised Book of Offices. The President, Ex-President, and the Secretary of Conference, together with two other Ministers selected by the President, shall take part in the act of ordination. The ordinand may suggest one of the two Ministers to be selected by the President.

79. A Probationer who is appointed to a Foreign Mission Station may be ordained before his departure if the Conference deem it desirable.

80. (a) Wherever practicable a Minister received into Full Connexion shall be ordained during the Sessions of the Annual Conference.

(b) Where it is not practicable for such a Minister to be present at the Conference, arrangements may be made for his ordination to take place in the District to which he is appointed. In such event should the President be unable to officiate, the Chairman of the District shall take his place and shall associate with himself in the imposition of hands such Senior Ministers as he may select.

81. The Conference may under exceptional circumstances admit as a Minister of the Church any person who accepts the doctrines and discipline of the Methodist Church, and whom it may in other respects approve, provided that two-thirds of those present vote for his admission.

N.B. No Probationer shall be received into Full Connexion or receive a married Minister's appointment while his subscriptions to the Supernumerary Fund and/or the Home Acquirement Fund are in arrear.

Section 5.

Regulations as to Marriage of Probationers.

82. No Probationer shall marry except by permission of the Conference, and all applications shall be considered and reported upon by its General Purposes Committee. Written application shall be made through the Chairman of the District. The applicant shall:

1. State the special circumstances leading to his application.
2. Furnish a certificate as to whether he has any liability due to the Theological College.

3. Give proof of his financial ability
 - (a) To support himself and his dependents.
 - (b) To meet his subscriptions to the Connexional Funds.
 - (c) To discharge his liability (if any) to the Theological College.
4. Undertake in writing that he will make no claim
 - (a) For a stipend greater than that paid to a Probationer.
 - (b) For the provision by the Church of a Parsonage or dwelling-house.
 - (c) For any allowances in respect of any children that may be born to him while on probation or legally adopted by him.

82a. A Probationer appointed to the Foreign Mission Field seeking permission to marry shall make written application through the Foreign Mission Board, which shall submit a report thereon.

83. A Probationer who expects to be received into full Connexion and to marry during the next ensuing Connexional year shall give notice thereof to the Chairman of his District. The Chairman shall notify the Secretary of Conference and the Stationing Committee accordingly.

C.—BOARD OF EXAMINERS AND EXAMINATION COMMITTEE.

I. Board of Examiners.

1. A Board of Examiners shall be appointed by the Conference. It shall consist of the President and Secretary of the Conference, the Principal and Resident Tutor of the Theological College, the Ministerial Examiners for probationers, native probationers, students, candidates, home missionary probationers and local preachers, the Correspondence Tutors for probationers, and such other Ministers as shall be appointed by the Conference on the nomination of the Board. It shall meet during Conference when necessary.

2. Conference shall on the recommendation of the Board appoint one of its members as Secretary and Convener. The duties of the Board shall be to arrange the course of studies for probationers, native probationers, students, candidates, home missionary probationers, and local preachers, and to recommend for appointment such Examiners and Tutors as may be necessary.

3. The Secretary and the Principal of the College and the Secretary of the Conference shall nominate all Examiners to the Board. They may nominate laymen as Examiners in non-theological subjects. They shall also satisfy themselves that all examination papers set conform to the required standards.

4. The Board shall recommend to Conference each year for appointment an Examiner to conduct the oral examination at the next ensuing Conference. The Examiner shall be in alternative years:—

- (a) The Principal or Resident Tutor of the Theological College.
- (b) A Minister chosen from the District in or contiguous to that in which the Conference shall meet.

In the event of such Examiner not being able to attend a substitute shall be appointed by the President.

5. The Secretary shall:

- (a) Make arrangements for all examinations of probationers, native probationers, local preachers, candidates and home missionaries; collate the reports on same; assess all booklists and candidates' written sermons, receive communications from Probationers and home missionaries with regard to their examinations; receive all papers from examiners, arrange for them to be typed and forwarded to the Chairmen of the Districts; receive results of the Theological College Examinations; prepare a general report on the examinations for the Examination Committee; and report any failure to comply with any regulation.
- (b) Supply probationers, candidates and home missionaries with a code word to be used in their examinations; receive from supervisors answers from the examinees, and transmit them to the respective examiners.
- (c) Act as convener to the Examination Committee, keep a record of its proceedings, and present its findings to the Conference.
- (d) Issue from time to time a brochure embodying a list of books recommended to Probationers, Home Missionary Probationers and Candidates, together with regulations regarding such lists, and also a Manual giving full information as to admission to the Ministry.
- (e) Act generally as executive officer of the Board of Examiners.
- (f) Consult when necessary between Conferences the President and the Board of Studies.

II. Examination Committee.

1. An Examination Committee shall be appointed and shall meet on the day prior to the opening of the Conference. It shall consist of the President, the President-elect, the Secretary of Conference, the Connexional Secretary, the General Secretaries of Home and Foreign Missions, the Senior Youth Director, the Chairmen of Districts, such members of the Board of Examiners as may be attending Conference, ten other Ministers who shall be chosen by the President from those attending Conference, and three laymen who shall be appointed from the list of members of Conference by the President after consultation with the Secretary of Conference, the Secretary of the Board of Examiners, and the Principal of the Theological College.

2. The Committee shall receive and consider all relevant reports concerning probationers, native probationers, students and candidates, hear the prescribed oral examinations, and make its recommendations to Conference.

3. The Ministers of the Circuits in the city where Conference is to be held shall be a Committee to make arrangements for trial services. They shall appoint a panel of hearers to attend and report thereon. Each panel shall include at least one member of the Examination Committee, who shall present the report.

4. The Committee shall keep a careful record of its proceedings which shall be confirmed at the close thereof and signed by the President. It shall, when necessary, advise and admonish probationers as to their studies and circuit work. Any serious case shall be reported to the Complaints and Appeals Committee. This Committee may call for the relevant records of the Examination Committee.

EXAMINATIONS.

Regulations for the Conduct of Examinations.

1. The Examinations shall be held at such places as shall be appointed by the Secretary to the Board of Examiners, and at the times notified each year in the Minutes of Conference.

2. Every Examinee shall give notice in writing of his intention to present himself for any Examination, and the notice shall be sent so as to be in the hands of the Secretary by the date notified in the Minutes.

3. The Examinations shall be conducted by means of papers to be severally prepared by the Examiners. Three hours shall be allowed for each paper unless otherwise stated.

4. Examinees shall write out the answers to the questions in the presence of a Supervisor, who shall be appointed by the Chairman of the District, in accordance with such detailed instructions as may be furnished by the Secretary of the Board of Examiners.

5. The written answers shall be transmitted through the Secretary of the Board to the Examiners, who shall mark the same and report thereon to the Secretary.

6. In all examinations a minimum of 50% of marks shall be required for a pass in each subject. An Examinee securing an average of at least 80% of marks shall be recorded in the Minutes as having passed with Honours.

A.—PROBATIONERS.

1. The Examination for Probationers shall be taken in two sections.

2. The subjects shall be taken in the order for each Section as from time to time prescribed by Conference.

3. A Student from the Theological College who has been sent into full work after the 25th June shall be exempted from the Regulations relating to the first section of the examination.

4. Examinations, when not specifically limited to one particular Textbook, shall be on the subject as a whole, and the questions shall be so arranged as to require a knowledge of all the work prescribed in the Syllabus.

5. A Probationer who has completed the two-year Course at the Auckland University College shall take Hebrew Old Testament, provided that a Probationer taking a B.D. Course may substitute in lieu thereof the Hebrew prescribed in the B.D. Syllabus for that year.

6. Unless special exemption is granted by the Examination Committee, Greek New Testament shall be compulsory for all Probationers who have been through the Theological 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.

7. A Probationer taking a Theological subject for a B.D. Course may substitute the same for that set down for his Probationer year.

8. Probationers to whom either or both 5 and 6 above do not apply may take the alternative English Old Testament and/or English New Testament in lieu of Hebrew and/or Greek respectively.

9. The Examination in Hebrew Old Testament and in Greek New Testament shall be mainly on translation, grammar, and exegesis, and that in English Old Testament and in English New Testament shall be mainly on the exegesis of the section specified.

10. Greek and Theology shall be taken under Correspondence Tutors in accordance with the regulations from time to time prescribed by the Board of Examiners.

11. A Probationer pursuing a University Course shall be entitled to exemption from subjects (1) and (4) in the Course of Study for two years of his probation. Such exemption shall not be granted in his fourth year.

12. In all cases where University work is being done in lieu of regulation subjects, Probationers are required to sit for the University and College Examinations involved. A statement of the subjects taken, work done, and results achieved, shall be obtained by them from their tutors or from some University authority, and promptly forwarded to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners.

B.—FOREIGN MISSION PROBATIONERS.

1. A Probationer shall not be required to take any written Examination during his first year in the Foreign Mission Field. In subsequent years the subjects for examination shall be chosen from the prescribed curriculum by the Board of Examiners, together with any special subjects as may be determined by that Board. These may be taken in one section. Arrangements as to the time and place of the Examination shall be made by the Chairman of the Foreign Mission District.

2. The Chairman of the Foreign Mission District shall report to the Examination Committee through the Secretary of the Board of Examiners on progress made in the acquisition of the native language and also on their general studies, by Probationers who are in their first year on the Mission Field.

3. Save in special cases approved by Conference as such on the recommendation of the Examination Committee and the Foreign Mission Board, Probationers designated for the Foreign Mission Field shall spend the first two years of their probation in the Home work.

C.—THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS.

1. Theological College terms shall coincide with those of the Auckland University College, except that the first term shall commence on the first Monday in March following the opening of the Auckland University College. Students shall go out of residence during the College vacations.

2. The normal period of training shall be three years. Where pre-College training has been deficient the Examination Committee may extend the period for an additional year. It may also grant a fourth year to enable third year students to proceed to such advanced work as may be recommended by the Board of Studies.

3. (a) No student shall be removed from the College for employment in Circuit work until he has completed his full course, except by a two-thirds majority vote of the Stationing Committee and of the Conference. No President shall remove a student during his College Course without first obtaining the consent of at least two-thirds of the members of his Committee of

Advice. Such Committee shall give full consideration to any recommendation of the College Principal. Should any student be called out during the year, the President shall present in writing to the ensuing Conference a complete statement of the reasons for his action.

- (b) No invitation or approach regarding an appointment to a Circuit shall be made to any student, nor shall any student accept an invitation, during his College Course.

4. At the end of the first and second terms there shall be an examination in each subject taken. At the end of the College year there shall be an external examination in Theological subjects only, namely Systematic Theology, Old Testament Theology, New Testament Theology, Pastoral Theology, Homiletics, and an internal test in all other subjects. The College Principal shall, after consideration by the Board of Studies, furnish to the Examination Committee the results of all examinations, together with full information and comparative tables showing the progress or otherwise of each Candidate.

5. There shall be a Board of Studies consisting of eight members appointed annually by the College Council at its first meeting after Conference. Of this Board the Ministerial staff of the College shall be ex officio members. The Principal shall be Chairman. The Board of Studies, together with the Secretary of the Board of Examiners, shall act as an Executive Committee of the latter Board between Conferences.

6. The Board of Studies shall determine what students are to take Hebrew.

7. Any student proposing to offer himself for Maori work may, with the consent of the Board of Studies, substitute Maori for such subject in the curriculum as may be determined by such Board.

8. No student shall enter upon a University Course without the consent of the Board of Studies. All subjects taken shall be approved by such Board.

9. In the case of a student pursuing a Pass or Honours Course at the University the Board of Studies may make modifications in the College Course provided that no student shall be relieved from taking the full Course in Theology, Bible Exegesis, Homiletics and Greek, unless he is taking the last named subject at the University Pass or Honours standard.

10. Facilities for the study and teaching of classical Greek and Hebrew shall be provided for students desiring to take these subjects for Degree work or for other approved purposes.

11. The Board of Studies may at the end of a student's first year excuse him from further study of New Testament Greek if in his case it deems such study unprofitable, but such student shall take an equivalent intensive course in the New Testament in English.

12. Every student attending University lectures shall sit for the University or University College Examinations. The subjects of study and the results shall be reported to the Examination Committee.

13. Accepted Candidates on the List of Reserve awaiting admission to the College shall pursue their studies under the direction of the Board of Studies, which shall arrange for suitable Examinations, Trial Service and Booklists. It shall report thereon to the Examination Committee.

14. The Board of Studies shall arrange for each student to conduct a Trial Service, and shall appoint one or more of the Ministers of the Auckland City and Suburban Circuits to present a written report on same to the Examination Committee through the Auckland District Ministerial Committee.

D.—CANDIDATES.

1. (a) The University Entrance Examination, School Certificate or equivalent shall be regarded as the normal academic qualification of Candidates.
- (b) Candidates are recommended prior to candidature to pursue a University course to the completion of their degree; and are advised to consult the Principal of the College thereon through their Superintendent Minister.

E.—SENIOR HOME MISSIONARIES.

1. Home Missionaries presenting themselves as Candidates for the Ministry shall be not more than forty years of age, save in exceptional circumstances. No Home Missionary Candidate shall be accepted on the ground of seniority only.

2. The Examination Committee shall satisfy itself that a Senior Home Missionary Candidate has

- (a) Educational fitness and capacity to study.
- (b) Ability to preach.
- (c) Aptitude in the conduct of Church affairs.

3. The prescribed Examination for Candidates shall be taken by all Senior Home Missionary Candidates save in the following cases:

- (a) Where a Home Missionary has satisfactorily served for at least twelve years as a Home Missionary of the Methodist Church.
 - (b) Where on other grounds his candidature is considered by the Examination Committee worthy of special consideration.
- In cases (a) and (b) above where they have not matriculated, Bible knowledge 1 and 2, Theology and English are compulsory subjects. Geography, History and Bookkeeping are optional.

4. Senior Home Missionaries admitted to probation shall pass the usual probationary tests, but for the first year of probation they shall take the Examination only in Old Testament (English), New Testament (English), and Theology. In each of the three following years they shall take each of these subjects together with an additional subject chosen by them from the Probationers' Course of Study. Greek is an optional subject throughout their probationary Course.

5. Regulations governing preparatory year of study for Candidates without College training do not apply to Senior Home Missionary Candidates.

6. Conference may in exceptional circumstances on the recommendation of the Examination Committee grant exemption from the whole or part of these Examinations.

F.—HOME MISSIONARY PROBATIONERS.

1. The term of Probation for Home Missionaries shall be four years. Probationers shall annually conduct a Trial Service, present a Book List, and shall take the prescribed Examination. Where a Home Missionary is a Candidate for the Ministry, the Examination for Candidates shall be taken in lieu of the prescribed Examination. If such Candidate is unsuccessful the marks so gained shall be credited to him. The Chairman of the District shall report upon their work on the station.

Trial Services.

1. Ministers appointed to report on Trial Services conducted by Probationers, Students, Home Missionaries or Candidates, shall award marks before submitting their reports to the Synod, and shall use the numbers 1 to 10, 10 representing the maximum. Reports shall show:

(a) The text and main divisions of the sermon.

(b) The judgment of the appointed hearers as to its character in respect of grammar and literary style, correctness of exegesis, skill in illustration, logical arrangement, evangelical and spiritual purpose, force and earnestness, and the effect on the congregation, as well as to the gifts of the Candidate in respect of voice, manner and general appearance. Marks shall be awarded conjointly for the sermon and service.

2. Each Student on the List of Reserve shall conduct a Trial Service before a Sub-Committee of the District Ministerial Committee.

3. The Chairman of each District shall forward to the Secretary of the Board reports of all Trial Services conducted in his District.

4. District Ministerial Committees shall appoint Sub-Committees to report on written sermons. The Secretary of the Board of Examiners shall mark such sermons, using the numerals 1 to 10, 10 representing the maximum.

5. Maori Candidates and Probationers shall be subject to these regulations. In exceptional cases the services may be in Maori.

Book Lists.

1. Each Probationer shall forward to his Chairman not later than the 15th October in each year a classified Book List embodying in addition to the general reading, the bibliography of his studies during the year. The Chairman or Minister of the District appointed by him shall conduct an oral examination thereon, excepting that in the fourth year the examination shall be in Theology only.

2. Each Candidate for the Ministry shall submit through the District Ministerial Committee a Book List embodying his reading during the two years preceding the Synod.

3. Each Home Missionary Probationer shall present a Book List annually to the District Ministerial Committee, and shall be examined thereon.

4. Each Student on the List of Reserve shall present a Book List to his District Ministerial Committee, which shall report thereon.

5. All Book Lists shall be arranged in conformity with the prescribed regulations.

University Degrees.

No Minister, Probationer or Student shall be entitled to have his Degree or Fellowship printed in the Minutes until the approval of the Board of Examiners shall have been obtained.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Recommendation, Part II. (The Ministry), Sec. 3 (Probationers) Clause 68 (a)—“That the Stationing Committee, etc.”—be referred back to the Committee.
3. That the Recommendations, subject to Resolution 2, be adopted as amended.
4. That the Committee for 1944 be:—Revs. M. A. Rugby Pratt and E. Drake, and Mr. H. de R. Flesher (Convener), with Revs. Dr. C. H. Laws and W. A. Burley and Mr. J. Stanton as corresponding members.

B.—PRESIDENTIAL RULINGS.

1. RIGHT OF CONFERENCE TO DEBATE A PRESIDENTIAL RULING.

Question: Can a Presidential ruling which has been given during the year and has been endorsed by the appropriate Conference Committee be debated when it comes before Conference for approval?

Ruling: In the absence of any express provision to the contrary, Conference must be at liberty to debate such a ruling if it wishes to do so.

The Regulations (Addenda Law Book, p. 13 (2) (e) provide that Conference shall confirm, modify or disallow a ruling, and although a Conference committee may have considered and reported upon the ruling, it would not necessarily follow that Conference would be prepared to accept it without discussing the report of the Committee.

It is for Conference itself to determine whether in any particular case a Presidential ruling with the report of the Conference Committee thereon is to be voted on without debate or is to be open for full discussion. It is always open to any member of Conference to move immediately the report of the Committee is presented “that the vote be now taken.” In accordance with the Standing Orders, such a motion must be voted on without debate, but is not effective unless carried by a majority of not less than two-thirds of those voting.

The provisions of the Standing Orders (Law Book, p. 232, (15)) concerning rulings by the President from the Chair of Conference cannot be extended by analogy to apply to Presidential rulings given between Conferences. The former concern merely points of order, and are subject to appeal to Conference, in which case the question must be taken without debate. Rulings by the President during the year, binding until the next Conference, are upon the meaning or intention of any Resolution of Conference or in the interpretation of any law or regulation of the Church. Such rulings may affect matters of serious consequence.

2. CANDIDATURE OF CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR IN PRISON CAMP.

Concerning the proposed candidature of a conscientious objector at present in a prison camp:

Is it within the authority of the President to waive any of the regulations and allow the Circuit Superintendent and the District Chairman to take the case "in absentia"?

May such candidate, having been previously recommended by his Quarterly Meeting and also by his Synod, have a Quarterly Meeting nominate him "in absentia" and recommend him to the District Ministerial Committee?

Ruling: Summary of regulations as amended, including recent Conference resolution as to procedure:

1. A candidate must be recommended by the Quarterly Meeting in which he holds his membership.

2. He need not be present at the Quarterly Meeting (September) when the resolution recommending him should be passed; but

(a) The Superintendent Minister, before nominating him, shall have heard him preach and have ascertained his acquaintance with and belief in the doctrines of the Church and his approval of its discipline (including the Conference Manifesto on War—specially mentioned here because of the Candidate's known position as a Conscientious Objector).

(b) A small Committee set up by the June Quarterly Meeting shall have interviewed him and considered his Questionnaire, reporting to the September Quarterly Meeting.

(c) This procedure must be observed even in the case of a candidate offering for a second or third time. The first investigation cannot be regarded as sufficient for a subsequent occasion.

3. Subsequent steps of Trial Sermons, interviews and examinations before sub-committees of the District Ministerial and Conference Examination Committees must also be taken as required by the Law Book and Conference resolutions; and the President has no power to waive compliance with these conditions.

4. These circumstances clearly debar the candidate in question from being nominated by the September Quarterly Meeting and prevent his case being dealt with by the District Ministerial and Conference Examination Committees even if his name were sent on by the Quarterly Meeting.

3. H.M. PROBATIONERS AND SYNOD REPRESENTATION.

Law Book, p. 62, clause 225 (d). What is the effect of the deletion of the words "who may be either the Home Missionary or another member of the Quarterly Meeting"? (Minutes 1937, p. 166). Has it the force of depriving a Home Missionary Probationer from a vote as a Circuit Representative?

Ruling: A Home Missionary Probationer is clearly stated in Regulation (9), p. 129, Law Book, to be ineligible for membership in the Synod. The deletion referred to has no direct reference to H.M. Probationers. It removes an anomaly regarding Home Missionaries in full status, who, as distinct from Home Missionary Probationers, are ex officio members of Synod (see par. 225 (c) and regulation (9), p. 129). In view not only, nor indeed directly, of the deletion, but explicitly of reg. (9), a H.M. Probationer is ineligible for election as

lay representative to Synod, and consequently has neither voice nor vote in Synod. As the anomalous clause has sometimes been interpreted as including H.M. Probationers, its deletion makes the force of reg. (9) re H.M. Probationers doubly clear.

4. TIME LIMIT FOR A CONVENER INTRODUCING A REPORT.

Does the addendum to the Standing Orders, on p. 161, 1939 Minutes, granting up to 15 minutes for the mover of a motion, apply in the case of a Convener introducing a Report?

Ruling: A Convener introducing a Report moves its inception or adoption or both. He is therefore proposing a motion, and consequently comes under the regulations relating thereto.

5. RE PROVISIONAL EMERGENCY GROUPINGS OF CIRCUITS AND HOME MISSION STATIONS.

I. (a) If a Home Mission is divided by Conference as an emergency measure, and its preaching places are attached to adjacent circuits or Home Mission Stations, does it cease to exist as a separate Home Mission Station?

(b) When the matter of the division of such Home Mission Station is recommended by a District Executive, has its Quarterly Meeting the right to discuss the situation?

Ruling: (a) Such Home Mission Station is not finally absorbed into adjacent circuits, and technically still exists as a separate station, but until Conference shall otherwise determine, its preaching places are deemed to be parts of the circuits to which they are attached.

(b) Such preaching places will have representation upon provisional Quarterly Meetings belonging to the groupings to which they are respectively attached, and the original H.M. Station will not function separately so long as the Conference resolution is in force.

(c) The Quarterly Meeting of such H.M. Station, however, has the right to meet separately in order to discuss the position, and to make recommendations to the District Executive, Synod and Conference, and its members have the right to discuss the matter at the provisional Quarterly Meetings to which they have been attached.

II. Can a minister residing at one part of such divided H.M. Station, and attached to the Church located there, but acting as secretary of the trust belonging to a preaching place in the other part of such Home Mission Station, attend the provisional Quarterly Meeting to which the second preaching place is attached?

Ruling: The Law Book does not give such minister an official seat in that Quarterly Meeting, but in view of the exceptional circumstances he should be associated with it, with the right to speak and to vote upon matters affecting the Church of which he is secretary.

III. What is the basis of representation to Synod and Conference of Circuits and Home Mission Stations re-grouped as an emergency measure?

Ruling: Such re-grouping does not alter the original boundaries, nor eliminate the corresponding Quarterly Meetings. Provisional Quarterly Meetings are required for the efficient working of the preaching places re-grouped, but they cannot elect representatives to Synod and Conference, which must be appointed by the Quarterly Meetings of the Circuits and Home Mission Stations as set out in the List of Stations in the Minutes of Conference.

6. SCOPE OF MINISTERS' FURNISHING ALLOWANCE.

Re Conference Resolutions on Parsonage Furnishings, Minutes, 1943, p. 59, par. 2. Does this mean that the £2/10/- quarterly allowance is to be solely for the replenishing of linen, etc., such items as brushes, mops, etc., being excluded? If so, should the former quarterly allowance be continued to cover such other items?

Ruling: Under the new regulations the quarterly allowance for the minister's wife is expressly for the purpose of replenishing "her own linen, etc." the "etc." following the words "her own," evidently referring to blankets, cutlery and crockery. The regulation goes on to state that "all other replenishments shall be the responsibility of the Quarterly Meeting," the reference clearly being to furnishings provided by the circuit as distinct from those now supplied by the minister himself.

As the same time the regulations "assume" that the previous allowance commonly made "would cease, as the new allowance would cover such incidentals." The term "incidentals," however, could scarcely be regarded as including articles such as brushes and mops. These would come under "all other replenishments" for which, however, no extra allowance is paid to the minister's wife, unless the Quarterly Meeting or Ladies' Guild choose to make such an arrangement.

RESOLUTIONS.

That the rulings given by the President and endorsed by the Emergency Executive Committee be printed in the Minutes, and that the Law Book Revision Committee be directed to consider whether any existing Laws need to be clarified or re-drafted in harmony with such rulings. The Committee shall present its report and recommendations thereon to next Conference.

7. MANIFESTO ON PEACE AND WAR.

Question 1: Does the Manifesto on Peace and War passed by the Conference of 1940 (see Minutes, pp. 84-86) infringe upon the rights of the ministry or laity as understood in the Law Book, p. 76, par. 246, section (10)?

Question 2: Did Conference act within its rights and in accordance with the Law Book, p. 36, par. 149, or any other Law of the Church, in ceasing to recognise Rev. O. E. Burton as a minister of the Methodist Church?

Rulings.

1. The Manifesto does not infringe upon the rights of the ministry or laity as understood in the Law Book, p. 76, par. 246 (10).

This ruling is based upon the following considerations: (a) Under par. 246 (5) Conference has the power to exercise discipline upon its ministerial members and probationers. The word "discipline" is not here used in the narrow sense of punishment, nor confined to matters of misconduct, but is really equivalent to the exercise of a power of control and regulation on the part of the Conference over its ministers and probationers.

(1) Such interpretation of the term is supported by the provision of par. 247 (Law Book), which sets out what Conference may NOT do. Among such prohibitions is the following: "To make such changes in the discipline as to do away with the itineracy of

the Ministry." "Discipline" is obviously used here to indicate the scheme of control by which the practical affairs of the Church are regulated, as distinguished from matters of doctrine.

(2) This interpretation is also borne out by par. 230, Q. 5: "Is there any objection to any minister?" etc., where the observance and enforcement of "our discipline" in sub-clause (3) is differentiated from moral or religious character and doctrine, belief or teaching in sub-clauses (1) and (2). See also p. 19, par. 75.

(b) In the Manifesto it may very well be said that Conference came to the conclusion that it was not in accordance either with proper discipline or with the view it held of the proper conduct of ministers that they should use their pulpits for propaganda for or against the war, and that as a matter of regulation and discipline it decided that they should not do so.

(c) It cannot be said that such a direction affected constitutional questions or the rights and privileges of the ministry. The rights and privileges referred to in sub-clause (10), par. 246, are rights and privileges which have been expressly conferred, and which the sub-clause supposes it is suggested should be taken away or in some other manner affected. It cannot be properly said that it ever was the right or privilege of a minister to say anything he pleased from his pulpit. On the contrary, it has been and must be recognised that Conference may exercise supervision and control in the interests of good discipline.

(d) The Manifesto is not properly to be regarded as legislation, although in some sense it would not be inappropriate to call it such. If it be so regarded, however, in view of (c) above it is not legislation of the character which requires it to be submitted to Synods and confirmed by a subsequent Conference.

2. In the light of the foregoing, and in accordance with the Law Book, p. 36, par. 149, Conference acted within its rights in ceasing to recognise the Rev. O. E. Burton as a minister of the Methodist Church.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved: That consideration be deferred until the next normal Conference.

QUESTION LVI.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on other Questions?

A.—WORLD CONFERENCE ON FAITH AND ORDER.

ANNUAL REPORT.

There has been little to report from the Continuation Committee of the Faith and Order Conference this year. The work of collecting data for use at the close of the War is steadily proceeding.

Thanks to the courtesy of the Rev. J. W. Burton, M.A., our Committee has been kept supplied with the Minutes of the Transactions of the Australian Intercommunion Group.

The Group has determined upon a Declaration and Mutual Formulae to provide for a wider Commission of the Ministry that they hope will overcome any objections of what may savour of re-ordination. It is hoped by the courtesy of our Methodist Times, to place before our people and Ministers information as to what is being proposed in the Declaration and Formulae.

So far our own committee confines itself to a statement "That in our opinion whatever re-commissioning may be contemplated should be in identical form for all parties, and should not be regarded as in any sense casting doubt upon the validity of a previous ordination."

RESOLUTION.

That the Report be received and adopted, and that the Committee be re-appointed.

B.—MINISTERIAL INVITATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

(1943 Minutes, page 149.)

Alteration to the Law (Law Book, p. 21, Sec. 7, par. 89) so that Invitations to Ministers to a Circuit shall be for three years, then annually by ballot. Invitations for a fifth year to be sustained by not less than two-thirds of those present, and all subsequent years by three-fourths of those present.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report be received and consideration deferred until the next normal Conference.

C.—COMMITTEE ON BAPTISM AND MEMBERSHIP.

I.

The proposals outlined in last year's Interim Report were received by the Conference and referred to the May Synods. From replies to hand, it is evident that they were given careful consideration in each District. Seven Districts gave general approval to the new proposals, but North and South Canterbury were almost unanimous in rejecting them. This sharp cleavage of opinion on geographical lines would seem to indicate that the proposals were approached and interpreted from a different standpoint in different areas.

The Committee states emphatically that its proposals do not attack the status of the child within the Church. "From infancy all children belong to Christ, and it is their right and privilege to be received into and nurtured within His visible Church, that in due course they may accept Christian discipleship and profess the same" (Statement of Faith). But we are suggesting what we believe will prove a more comprehensive and efficient method of exercising that nurture.

The Wellington brethren recommended as follows:—

"Accepting Baptism as the normal rite of entrance into the visible Church of Christ, we recommend that at a suitable age, and on personal acceptance of Christ as Saviour and Lord, such persons be confirmed into the membership of the Methodist Church.

"That in order to give due emphasis to Church Membership, Confirmation Services be conducted by the Chairman of the District, if possible, in conjunction with the local Minister."

We are doubtful of the wisdom of using the term "Confirmation" but consider that much more official importance should be attached to Reception Services, and think it desirable that the Chairman of District or his deputy should be present at all such services.

Several Synods showed concern over the status of children in our care whose parents do not wish them to be baptised. The names of such children should be placed on the Cradle Roll, according to our usual practice.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

II.

That the Regulations relating to Infant and Junior Members (Law Book, page 4, par. 16) be repealed and the following substituted:—

1. "We assert in common with the general body of the Church of Christ, that a solemn obligation to Christ, the Church, and the child rests upon parents to present their children to Christ in Baptism, and thus to honour the ancient ordinance whereby they are joined in the visible community of Christ's people." [Memorandum on Infant Baptism adopted by British Methodist Conference in 1936. Par. adopted by N.Z. Conference, 1942.]

Baptism is to be regarded as the normal rite of entrance into the visible Church.

2. A Certificate of Baptism shall be given to the parents of every baptized child. On the Certificate of Baptism a statement shall be printed, showing (a) that the child is received into the congregation of Christ's flock; (b) the responsibilities undertaken by the parents to bring up the child in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

3. Pastoral oversight of the young shall be exercised through the following agencies:—

(a) A Baptismal Roll shall be kept in every congregation and the number of persons baptized each year shall be reported in the General Statistical Returns.

(b) Sunday School Roll:

(1) Cradle Roll to 4 years of age. Annual Greeting on child's birthday, signed by Minister and Cradle Roll Superintendent.

(2) Primary Roll 4 to 8 years. Annual Greeting signed by Minister and Primary Superintendent.

(3) Junior Roll 8 to 12 years. Annual Greeting signed by Minister and Sunday School Superintendent.

(c) Youth Roll. Young people 12 to 20 years. Annual Greeting designed to indicate to Young People the significance and call of Christian Discipleship and Church Membership, signed by Minister and Leader.

N.B. 1.—A Standard Master Roll shall be kept, containing the names and addresses of young people under (a) and (b) above, and taking the place of the Junior and Infant Rolls.

N.B. 2.—Provision should be made for recording the names and addresses of Methodist children who for various reasons are not attached to a Methodist Sunday School.

4. At a suitable time, generally not later than 16 years of age, young people shall be confronted with the call of Christ and urged to take upon themselves the obligations of membership in the Church. Those who respond shall be gathered into classes and after due instruction and with the approval of the Leaders' Meeting shall be publicly recognized as Members of the Church. To make the occasion more impressive and to represent the wider fellowship of the Church, at every such Service the Chairman of the District or his deputy shall be present and take part.

STATISTICS.

III.

If the above proposals are carried it will be necessary for Annual Returns to include the following:—

- (1) Number added to Baptismal Roll during year.
- (2) Number on Sunday School Roll.
 - a. Cradle Roll.
 - b. Primary.
 - c. Junior.
- (3) Number on Youth Roll.
 - a. Youth on Roll.
 - b. Youth on Roll of Church Members.
- (4) Sunday School Teachers.
- (5) Bible Class Leaders.
- (6) Church Roll (with necessary subdivisions).

Nos. 1 to 5 will form part of the Youth Department Statistical Return, and 6 only will be presented by the District Statistical Secretary.

E. T. OLDS, Chairman.

E. W. HAMES, Convener.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report be received and consideration be deferred until the next normal Conference.

D.—COMMISSION ON WOMEN AND THE ORDAINED MINISTRY.

CONVENER'S REPORT.

Having removed from the Auckland District, the Convener was unable during the year to discharge his duties personally, but arrangements were made for the Commission to meet when replies had been received from the various overseas organisations referred to in the Interim Report presented last year. Unfortunately, only one such reply has been received, and, while further communications have been sent to the other organisations, the Commission as yet possesses insufficient material to warrant calling the members together. It is therefore recommended that the Commission be re-appointed with a Convener residing in Auckland, and that it be requested to present a report as soon as practicable.

W. G. SLADE, Secretary of the Conference.

Resolved: That the Report be received and consideration be deferred until the next normal Conference.

E.—TAXATION OF MINISTERS.

REVISED REGULATIONS.

In the Minutes of Conference for 1940, pages 189 and 190, will be found the instructions given by the Commissioner of Taxes to all Ministers and to church officers and others who are responsible for the payment of stipend and other moneys.

The instructions in Sections numbered 1 to 10 relating to the payment of the Social Security Tax and Income Tax are now confirmed subject to the following alterations and additions.

Section 3 should read "Fees received from solemnisation of marriages and fees for the conduct of funerals are deemed to be income other than salary or wages, and must be declared accordingly."

Section 6. As the income tax form has been altered delete the following words from lines 2 and 3 of the Section: "in item 10 Part A of the form."

Section 7 (b) relating to motor cars should read: "Depreciation on a car when owned by the taxpayer, is annually allowable at the rate of 20 per cent. of the diminishing value. An asset account must be kept and depreciation written off therein, and a copy of the asset account must be attached to the annual income tax return."

The following additional matters should be noted:—

1. The annual subscription of ministers to the Supernumerary Fund is allowable as a special exemption from income tax.

2. Where the church pays the minister an allowance for the sole purpose of meeting entertainment and hospitality expenses, a deduction may be made in calculating his liability for social security charge and national security tax, but the amount of any deduction is strictly limited to the actual expenses incurred, or to the amount of the hospitality allowance, whichever is the less. This deduction applies only to any specific allowance granted by resolution of the church court expressly for hospitality purposes. It does not apply to any part of the stipend of the minister.

The foregoing matters should be carefully studied by all ministers, circuit stewards and other church officers affected.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Connexional Secretary.
Christchurch,

9th November, 1943.

RESOLUTION.

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

F.—RADIO COMMITTEE REPORT, 1943.

Apart from supplying the "Methodist Times" with a complete list each issue of Methodist broadcast services together with the names of those conducting them, the Committee has had little to do this year. We believe that this service has been greatly appreciated by our Methodist folk.

During the year a misunderstanding arose as to the intention of the National Broadcasting Service, some people gathering from a Press statement that the daily devotional services were in jeopardy. We have it on the highest authority that no such intention was ever in the minds of the Minister or Director of Broadcasting.

The Central Religious Advisory Committee has issued a statement to all the participating Churches on the ideals of religious broadcasting, and the Conference will be asked to refer this to District Committees to be set up for their consideration and report to the next Conference. These District Committees are being set up by the other Denominations for the purpose of improving the broadcasting of religious services and of discovering the men who can best use this modern and useful means of reaching the people with the Gospel message. It is hoped that this matter will be taken up immediately and that microphone tests will be undertaken to discover those who have most suitability for this work.

The following is the Statement issued by the Central Religious Advisory Committee:—

CENTRAL RELIGIOUS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

MEMORANDUM TO THE CHURCHES.

The Central Religious Advisory Committee is acutely aware that our broadcasting facilities, which provide the Churches with so powerful an instrument in reaching the people directly and intimately, are of great influence either for good or for ill in the presentation of the Gospel. Since it is the concern of the Central Religious Advisory Committee to make all religious broadcasting in this country as effective as possible, it sends out this statement for the careful and sympathetic consideration of Church Courts and their Broadcasting Committees.

1. How many listen to Religious Broadcasts?

The function of religious broadcasting is not only to arrange broadcasts for the benefit of listeners who are connected with the various Churches represented on the Central Religious Advisory Committee, but also, if possible, to bridge the gulf which exists between the Churches and the great number of men and women who are indifferent or hostile to the usual presentation of the Church's message. Attendance at Church worship is now the practice of but a small percentage of the people. Even though we recognize that religious broadcasts can never take the place of corporate worship in the House of God, it is our responsibility to see that they do their full share in keeping before the people the abiding challenge of the Gospel of Christ.

How many people listen to our broadcasts? The Director of Religious Broadcasting of the British Broadcasting Corporation says that listeners in Great Britain may be roughly divided into three groups; those who approve of religious broadcasts, those who are indifferent but not unfriendly, and those who are positively hostile, the three groups being thought of as about equal. In New Zealand it is likely that only a small proportion of listeners hears the Y.A. religious broadcasts. The Central Religious Advisory Committee proposes to get some facts about our listening public, which will be valuable in determining ways of reaching the public more effectively.

2. Effective Religious Broadcasting.

The Chairman of the Religious Advisory Committee of the British Broadcasting Corporation has always emphasized the fact that the first consideration of religious broadcasting is the effective presentation of the Christian Faith, rather than an attempt to maintain an exact proportional representation of the different Churches in the broadcasts. The stated policy of the British Broadcasting Corporation is that "within the limits of the main stream of the orthodox Christian tradition, men and churches are chosen primarily with a view to making the most effective broadcasts."

The Central Religious Advisory Committee is strongly of the opinion that as far as possible we should adopt a similar policy in New Zealand. A beginning could be made by omitting the name of the Church from the morning devotional services, the children's services and the National Broadcast Prayer; and if the name of the broadcaster is to be announced it should be at the close of the broadcast. The majority of listeners are more interested in what the

broadcaster has to say than in the particular Church to which he belongs; and it is better to use a good broadcaster frequently than a large number of indifferent broadcasters merely to give all an opportunity to use the microphone.

The various Church broadcasting committees must always keep in mind that their duty is not merely to their own Churches, but also, and more especially, to that larger body of listeners which is friendly or indifferent to the Churches, but may well be interested in the Christian message.

3. Microphone Tests.

In order, therefore, that the selection of broadcasters be made with fidelity to broadcasting effectiveness, the Central Religious Advisory Committee asks that Church Courts and committees accept loyally the principle that only those be allowed to broadcast who, with other essential qualifications, have the particular technique of speaking naturally and unself-consciously into the microphone.

This will require that the various Church broadcasting committees arrange microphone tests for their broadcasting personnel. One Church committee recently did this for eighteen of its Ministers, who submitted themselves to a test by a panel of experts in order to decide what three members should take the devotional services for the year. In another centre the recommendation of the Church Broadcasting Committee is accepted for the two of its members who shall take these services for each half year. The Broadcasting authorities will give every facility to make these tests as helpful as possible, and will give coaching in broadcasting technique to those appointed for the purpose.

The Rev. Kenneth Henderson (Editor of Special Talks, Australian Broadcasting Commission), who says quite bluntly that of the many broadcasting sins that reduce the number of listeners, the one fatal sin that loses them all at once is "parson's voice," tells us that "the good broadcaster must talk as a person to a person. If the broadcaster can convey the impression that he is himself interested, thrilled, surprised, moved to wonder and to think by the experience he is recording, if he can convey a live experience charged with a 'feel' of his own personality, if he can make his way of looking at things intelligible to others, if he can translate it into common language without losing the personal touch, if he can reduce it to script without losing the idioms of the spoken word, and if he can speak his script naturally and clearly, he is a good broadcaster."

We agree; and urge Church broadcasting committees to keep faith with the listening public by selecting and developing the best possible team of broadcasters for the various broadcast engagements of their Churches.

4. Broadcasts of Church Services.

It is the unanimous opinion of experts that an hour is the outside limit for the broadcast of a Church service; and that every minute beyond the hour spoils its effectiveness. British Broadcasting Corporation services are either 40 or 45 minutes; but they are arranged wholly for the broadcast listener. In New Zealand our services are arranged primarily for the congregation present, and a compromise has to be made for the sake of those who can co-operate fully in the worship and those who have only the "naked ear" to maintain their attention. Further, it is an accepted principle, not only by the British Broadcasting Corporation, but also by the National Broadcasting Service, that in all forms of broadcast the talk or address, no matter what the subject, should never exceed 15 minutes.

In view of these facts, the Central Religious Advisory Committee recommends that the broadcast portion of Church services should not exceed one hour in length, with not more than five minutes' grace, and that the address should last not more than 15 minutes.

It is sound advice from the Archbishop of Canterbury that the sermon should not be left to the end, but should be delivered while the "edge" is still on the listener's attention. Remember, too, that broadcast prayer is not easily listened to, that long pauses are a grave mistake, and that a change of voice is appreciated.

In order to ensure that all broadcasters will be absolutely loyal to those paragraphs in the "Outline of Religious Broadcasting Arrangements" which refer to necessary limitations to freedom of speech, to the omission of notices and any references to the Church which is broadcasting, the Central Religious Advisory Committee is printing these paragraphs in the form of a leaflet.

It is the custom to wire for broadcasting not more than three Churches of any denomination in the city. There is a real problem here which we can state but cannot solve. The Ministers have been appointed to these Churches without reference to their broadcasting abilities. They may or may not be good broadcasters. The Churches may be suitable in every way for broadcasting save for the Minister's voice or manner of delivery. One suggestion we do make, until a radical solution of the problem can be found, is that the broadcasting facilities should be regarded not as the property of the individual Church but of the communion to which it belongs; and that other Ministers with special message and good broadcasting voice be asked sometimes to be the preachers.

5. Broadcasts to the non-Church-goer.

Hitherto in New Zealand we have made few broadcast experiments of value in an endeavour to reach the non-Church-goer with the Christian message. The Central Religious Advisory Committee up to the present has done little more than provide Church broadcasts, devotional services, and children's services, which, in the main, follow a conventional pattern. Yet the listeners to such services are probably only a small proportion of the listening public. Some interesting experiments have been made by one Broadcasting Committee in Auckland, where Sunday evening studio services in place of the ordinary Church broadcasts have attracted much favourable attention. It is the use of dialogue and of the dramatic element that is the chief feature of these studio broadcasts, and evidence is now coming from the British Broadcasting Corporation that it is in this direction that one answer is to be found to our question concerning the presentation of the Gospel to the non-Church-goer.

The twelve plays of Miss Dorothy Sayers on the Life of Christ have been broadcast by the Religious Department of the British Broadcasting Corporation; and some of the comments which came from all quarters of Great Britain can be read in the foreword to the play "The Man Born to Be King," from Dr. Welch, the Director of Religious Broadcasting. He believes that "Miss Sayers has made a major contribution to the Church's essential task of revealing Christ."

It is in the field of Religious Talks, however, that the British Broadcasting Corporation has made most exploration in its endeavour to reach the ordinary listener with the Christian Message. It has produced series after series of noteworthy discussions such as "Three Men and a Parson" (6 talks), "News from the Christian Front" (in Europe) (4 talks), "Working Together: What the Churches are Doing" (3 talks), "The Church and the World Order" (6 talks),

"Prayer and Politics" (4 talks), "The Social Record of the Church" (5 talks), "Belief and Reason: The Place of Reason in the Christian Life" (6 talks), "How Far Will This Take Us?" (4 talks on the interaction of Christian Faith on social life by laymen), "My Faith and My Job" (a country parson, a doctor, a housewife, a teacher) (4 talks), "Worship and Life" (representatives of different denominations) (8 talks). And, in addition, there are many single talks from leaders of the Churches.

A recorded British Broadcasting Corporation programme called "The Anvil," somewhat resembling the "Brains Trust," in which 3 parsons, one Anglican, one Roman Catholic, and one Free Church, and a lay woman met to answer listeners' questions about Christianity, ran for a period of six weeks and had a high "listener barometer."

Our own similar programme of "Any Question" sessions arranged last year on the Z.B. Stations by the Committee of the Campaign for Christian Order, undoubtedly reached many who rarely, if ever, listen to the ordinary Church broadcasts.

If these various experiments are leading in the right direction, we must arrange talks similar to those given by the British Broadcasting Corporation, and we must search for writers of religious plays and dialogues, and for competent voices among our Church people to present them. The Central Religious Advisory Committee urges the Churches to make full and eager use of this new bridge which broadcasting provides to reach that great section of our people to whom the usual Church services are making no appeal.

6. Organisation.

To secure more effective broadcasting it is essential that all Churches represented on the Central Religious Advisory Committee should have Dominion and local broadcasting committees or representatives, and that they should give their broadcasting committees executive authority. There should be proper co-ordination between the Central Religious Advisory Committee, the local advisory committees, and the various Church broadcasting committees or representatives. And once a year a representative of each local advisory committee should meet with the Central Religious Advisory Committee.

The Central Religious Advisory Committee, on which the Church representation is Church of England 3, Presbyterian 2, Roman Catholic, Methodist, Church of Christ, Baptist, Congregational, Salvation Army and Open Brethren, one each, is of the opinion that the proportion of individual Church representatives on the local advisory committees in the four main centres should be similar to that on the Central Religious Advisory Committee, save in Dunedin, where there should be three Presbyterian representatives, two Anglican, and one from each of the other Churches.

7. Appointment of Part-time Secretary.

The Central Religious Advisory Committee is anxious that the Churches shall not miss the opportunity broadcasting has given them. To educate Church Courts to the importance of this instrument, to make the machinery in each centre effective, and the lines of communication between local committees and the Central Religious Advisory Committee work smoothly, to gather together the broadcasting experience of Churches in other countries, and disseminate it throughout our Churches, to prepare articles for Church papers, to seek out writers of radio plays, to initiate experiments in the different centres, to accept the offer of the Director of Broadcasting to allow an officer of the Central Religious Advisory Committee to work beside

the N.B.S. staff and learn the technique of effective broadcasting and preparation of material—all these things that ought to be done would seem to require the appointment of at least a part-time executive officer, man or woman. No recommendation, however, is at this stage being definitely submitted to the Churches.

8. The Opportunity.

"The air is a vast mission field," writes Kenneth Henderson, "infinitely the greatest and most varied opportunity that organized religion has ever had of reaching those outside its folds. But, like all other mission fields, this one is open only to those who can 'find' the listener in their conditions—conditions that only knowledge, sympathy and imagination, helped by experience, can disclose. Approach this field in the wrong way, or approach it casually without considering its special conditions, and it will be closed and lost not only to yourself but to others who will be handicapped by the prejudices that you create. But Religion is still a universal interest of thoughtful people. To-day there are thousands who, appalled by the volume of organized evil let loose on the world, oppressed by a sense of their own insignificance, longing for a firm standard to live by, and feeling the need for help from the heart of things—are ready to listen who never listened before. The chance is open. Let us not fail the opportunity at this time."

W. A. BURLEY, Chairman.

FRANK BATEUP, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the report be received and adopted, and that the Statement of the Central Religious Advisory Committee be referred to the District Committees for consideration and report to the next Conference through the Wellington Committee.

2. That District Committees be set up in Auckland, Christchurch and Dunedin, and that the Dominion Committee act as the Wellington District Committee. That these Committees take advantage of the facilities placed at our disposal by the National Broadcasting Service for microphone tests for all who are to broadcast.

3. That the Dominion Committee be the Wellington District Executive with the Rev. F. Bateup as Convener.

4. That Rev. W. A. Burley be the Methodist Representative on the Central Religious Advisory Committee.

5. That the Methodist Representative on the Central Religious Advisory Committee be authorised to support any action the Central Religious Advisory Committee may request the National Broadcasting Service to take in order that 65 minutes may be the maximum time allowed for the broadcast of a Church service.

G.—DESIGNATION OF DEPARTMENTAL MINISTERS AND DIRECTORS.

That the designation of Departmental Ministers and Directors be deferred until next Conference, and that the further appointment of any Minister or Director then designated shall take effect at the commencement of the connexional year following the then next ensuing Conference.

H.—LEGAL ADVISER.

That Mr. J. Stanton, LL.B., be thanked for his services and re-appointed.

I.—PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE OF ADVICE.

The Ex-President, the President-Elect, and the Secretary of the Conference, the Connexional Secretary, Revs. C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., H. E. Bellhouse, H. Ranston, M.A., Litt.D., E. T. Olds, and E. W. Hames, M.A.; the Vice-President and ex-Vice-President of the Conference, the President's Legal Adviser, Messrs. W. S. Mackay, J. H. Blackwell, H. de R. Flesher, J. Tyler, and L. E. Rhodes.

QUESTION LVII.—When and Where shall the next Conference be held?

On Thursday, 22nd February, 1945, in Dunedin, at a place to be determined by the Conference Arrangements Committee.

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. Burley, M.A. | Frank Penn, N.D.H. (NZ) | William G. Slade, M.A. |
| Wellington | 1942 | William Walker | G. H. B. Lill | William G. Slade, M.A. |
| Christchurch | 1943 | Charles H. Olds, B.A. | Hedley Oldham | William G. Slade, M.A. |
| Auckland† | 1944 | Robert B. Tinsley | Charlie E. Bellringer | William G. Slade, M.A. |

*William Greenslade, President-Elect, because of illness was unable to assume Office. Died 19th August, 1931.

†For Validating Regulations see 1944 Minutes, page 10.

A CHRONOLOGICAL LIST

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IN CONNECTION WITH THE

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| <p>1875—Nixon, John (Sup.)</p> <p>1887—Clement, George (Sup.)</p> <p> " Laws, Charles H., B.A., D.D., (Sup.) Foundation Fellow of Trinity College.</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 (Sup.)</p> <p>1891—Sinclair, William A. (Sup.)</p> <p>1892—Peryman, Samuel H. D. (Sup.)</p> <p> " Smith, G. Knowles (Sup.)</p> <p>1893—Drake, Edward (Sup.)</p> <p> " Elliott, William J. (Sup.)</p> <p>1894—Bellhouse, Harold E. (Sup.)</p> <p> " Vealie, Thomas W. (Sup.)</p> <p>1896—Blamires, Henry L. (Sup.)</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 (Sup.)</p> <p> " Haslam, Jonathan H. (Sup.)</p> <p> " Hunt, George P. (Sup.)</p> <p> " Leadley, Frank E. (Sup.)</p> | <p>1900—Liversedge, Arthur (Sup.)</p> <p> " Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A., (Sup.)</p> <p>1901—Bailey, Samuel (Sup.)</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. (Sup.)</p> <p> " James, Benjamin J. (Sup.)</p> <p> " Liddell, Ralph J. (Sup.)</p> <p> " Seamer, Arthur J. (Sup.)</p> <p>1904—Blamires, Ernest O.</p> <p> " McBean, Angus (Sup.)</p> <p> " Stockwell, George F. (Sup.)</p> <p>1905—Copeland, Fred.</p> <p> " Metson, Basil</p> <p> " Richards, Raymond (Sup.)</p> <p>1906—Avery, William W.</p> <p> " Roberts, Charles M.</p> <p> " Ryan, Henry (Sup.)</p> <p> " White, Hedley</p> <p>1907—Blair, Charles</p> <p>1908—Jordan, Chas. B., M.A., B.D. (Hons.), F.R.E.S.</p> <p> " Martin, J. Frederick (Sup.)</p> <p> " Speer, William H. (Sup.)</p> <p> " Tinsley, Robt. B.</p> <p>1909—Cottom, Harry</p> <p> " McArthur, John D.</p> |
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- 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—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—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
" Voyce, 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.
" Jeffreys, Howard H.
" Mead, Victor, L.Th.
- 1929—Dickens, Charles E.
" Horwood, Leonard C.
" Kent, Arthur T.
" Parker, Walter
- 1930—Blight, J. Montgomery
" Draper, Joseph C.
" Leadley, E. Clarence
" McDowell, Matthew A.
" Parker, Wesley, M.A.
" Symons, Clifford T., M.A., B.D.
- 1931—Carr, Thomas H.
" Carr, W. E. Allon
" Dudley, Raymond, M.A.
" Greenslade, William W. H. F.R.E.S.

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| <p>1931—Moore, William E. „ Parker, Gordon, M.A. „ Payne, Herbert W. „ Williams, David O., M.A., LittD</p> <p>1932—Alley, Donald C. „ Day, Reginald „ Hickman, D. J. Donald „ Jamieson, V. Roy „ Jenkin, William C. „ Williamson, Ivan S.</p> <p>1933—Chrystall, Bernard, M., B.A. „ Daglish, J. Ainsley „ Mitchell, John L. „ Orr, A. Everil „ Patchett, Ralph E. „ Waite, Alfred, E.</p> <p>1934—Goodman, George H. „ John, John (Sup.) „ Johnston, Andrew, J. „ Matthews, Howard C.</p> <p>1935—Duder, Clifford L. „ Hanna, L. Gordon „ Luxton, Clarence T. J. „ Mills, William A. „ Thornley, Robert, M.A., Dip. „ Witheford, Arthur R. Soc.Sc.</p> <p>1936—Hopper, H. Ian K. „ Tasker, Bert. M., B.A., Dip. „ Soc. Sc. „ Willoughby, James S.</p> <p>1937—Churchill, John „ Francis, William R., B.A. „ Mayson, Robert W., B.A. „ Norwell, Leslie T.</p> <p>1938—Harkness, Howard E., M.A. „ Hoddinott, Ernest S. „ Laws, William R., M.A. „ Long, Wesley L. „ Petch, Ashleigh K. „ Silvester, John, M.A.</p> | <p>1938—Whitfield, Harris</p> <p>1939—Cochrane, Herbert A. „ Grice, Reginald „ Hayman, Leslie A. D. B.Sc. „ (Agric.) „ Lucas, Campbell P. „ Oldfield, Charles B. „ Sanft, Alfred „ Waite, J. Stanley „ Watson, John K.</p> <p>1940—Dawson, John B. „ Dixon, Haddon C., M.A. „ Gilmore, Leslie R. M. „ Greenslade, Lawrence „ Jones, Alan O. „ Winiata, Maharaia</p> <p>1941—Bell, Charles H. „ Brown, Harold K. „ Burley, Harold W. „ Darvill, Harold A. „ Thomas, Gordon V. „ Woolford, Henry J.</p> <p>1942—Clement Robert F. „ Collins Alan F. „ Ivory, Arthur H. LLB., B.Com. „ Lewis, John J. M.A. „ Morrison William J. „ Willing Leonard V.</p> <p>1943—Brown, Clifford G. „ Cramond, George W. „ Dawson, William S. „ Falkingham, Wilfred E. „ Grounds, Edmund D. „ Jolly, Albert „ Prosser, Frederick O.</p> <p>1944—Allen, Robert H. „ Bell, Ronald G. „ Bycroft, Leslie F. „ Chambers, Wesley A. „ Williams, J. C. Aldwyn</p> |
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NATIVE MINISTERS.

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| <p>1911—Te Tuhi, Eruera 1914—Rakena, Rakena P. 1920—Tauroa, Mataarae 1930—Gina, Belshazzar 1931—Havea, Paul 1932—Kotosoma, Aaron</p> | <p>1933—Kera, Nathan 1933—Sotutu, Uziah 1937—Afu, John 1941—Kukutai, Ngatete K. 1942—Piani, Timothy „ Rogers, Ranginohoora</p> |
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AN ALPHABETICAL LIST

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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 Accountment. 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.

M.M.—Maori Missions.

Y.P.—Young People's Dept.

F.M.—Foreign Missions.

C.S.—Connexional Secretary.

Th.C.—Theological College.

| Ent. | Years. | Name and Address. | Circuit. |
|------|---------|---|----------|
| 1922 | 5 | Allen, J. Henry, 170 Fitzgerald Ave., Christchurch, C.1 | 90 |
| 1944 | 1 | Allen, Robert H., 22 Lake Road, Hamilton | 31 |
| 1932 | 9 | Alley, Donald C., c/o. P.O. Box 23W, Auckland, C.1 | [8] |
| 1906 | 1 | Avery, William W., Timaru South | 109 |
| 1924 | S | Ayrton, Moses, Karori, Wellington, W.3 | 69 |
| 1924 | 2 | Bailey, John H., 1 Tennyson Ave., Takapuna | 7 |
| 1901 | S | Bailey, Samuel, c/o. Mrs. Stanley Service, Otara, West Plains Road, Invercargill R.D. | 129 |
| 1924 | 4 | Bateup, Frank, 235 Karori Road, Wellington, W.3 | 69 |
| 1941 | 2 | Bell, Charles H., Roxburgh, Otago | 127 |
| 1944 | 1 | Bell, Ronald G., 42 Ngatoto St., Ngaio, Wellington | 72 |
| 1894 | S | Bellhouse, Harold E., 12 Ranui Rd., Remuera, Auckland, S.E.2 | 4 |
| 1921 | 2 | Benny, Henry, Coronation Street, Waimate | 110 |
| 1913 | 3 | Bensley, Arthur A., Devonport Street, Tauranga | 37 |
| 1907 | 3 | Blair, Charles, 320 Hardy Street, Nelson | 81 |
| 1923 | 5 | Blakemore, Albert, 351 Palmerston Road, Gisborne | 57 |
| 1900 | S | Blamires, E. Percy, 43a Church Street, Devonport, Auckland, N.1 (1944) | 6 |
| 1904 | 10 | Blamires, Ernest O., Beerehaven Road, Seatoun, Wellington, E.5 | 67 |
| 1896 | S | Blamires, Henry L., 23 Aikman's Rd., St. Albans, Christchurch, N.W.1 (1930) | 89 |
| 1930 | 5 | Blight, J. Montgomery, 5 William Street, Gore | 130 |
| 1917 | 5 | Blight, William T., B.A., B.D., 78 West Street, Feilding | 65 |
| 1922 | 6 | Brooks, Leslie A. G., Church Street, Te Aroha | 28 |
| 1925 | 6 | Brown, F. Gardner, c/o. 11 Horopito St., Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.1 (C.F.) | 1 |
| 1943 | 2 | Brown, Clifford G., Somerfield, Christchurch | 89 |
| 1916 | 5 | Brown, George E., Methodist Church, Whangarei | 18 |
| 1941 | 2 | Brown, Harold K., Kaeo, Auckland | 19 |
| 1924 | 3 | Brown, Hubert G., 112 Derby Street, Westport | 86 |

| Ent. | Years. | Name and Address. | Circuit. |
|------|--------|--|----------|
| 1941 | 4 | Burley, Harold W., 18 Matai Rd., Wellington, E.2 (on active service) | 71 |
| 1910 | 3 | Burley, William A., M.A., 18 Matai Rd., Wellington, E.2 | 71 |
| 1914 | 3 | Burnet, Oswald, 142 North Street, Timaru | 108 |
| 1944 | 1 | Bycroft, Leslie F., 35 Robertson Rd., Auckland, S.W.3 | 5 |
| 1931 | 1 | Carr, Thomas H., Willowby R.D., Ashburton | 114 |
| 1931 | 6 | Carr, W. E. Allon, 22 Union St., New Brighton, Christchurch | 90 |
| 1917 | 6 | Chambers, Ernest B., 33 Wicksteed St., Wanganui | 51 |
| 1944 | 1 | Chambers, Wesley A., c/o. 170 Fitzgerald Avenue, Christchurch, C.1 | 90 |
| 1933 | 2 | Chrystall, Bernard M., B.A., C.F., R.N.Z.A.F. Station, Ardmore, Auckland | 6 |
| 1937 | 4 | Churchill, John, C.F., N.Z.A.P.O. 331, Overseas | 71 |
| 1887 | S | Clement, George, Sandringham Street, St. Clair, Dunedin, S.1 (1923) | 117 |
| 1942 | 3 | Clement, Robert F., 35 Octagon, Dunedin, C.1 | 118 |
| 1902 | 4 | Coatsworth, Thomas, Pah Road, Motueka | 83 |
| 1939 | 2 | Cochrane, Herbert A., 17 Church St., Devonport, Auckland, N.1 | 6 |
| 1942 | 3 | Collins, Alan F., 19 Ensor's Road, Opawa, Christchurch, S.E.1 | 92 |
| 1901 | S | Cook, George S., Otaki Beach, Otaki (1928) | 81 |
| 1915 | 9 | Cooke, Percy I., Station Road, Otahuhu | 10 |
| 1905 | 2 | Copeland, Fred, 8 Madeira Steps, Napier | 55 |
| 1918 | 4 | Costain, Alfred M., 162 King Street, Rangiora | 103 |
| 1909 | 7 | Cottom, Harry, Springston R.D., Canterbury | 99 |
| 1943 | 2 | Cramond, George W., Methodist Church, Hauraki Plains, Waikato | 25 |
| 1933 | 2 | Daglish, J. Ainsley, Wesley Street, Pukekohe | 12 |
| 1941 | 3 | Darvill, Harold A., Marchant St., Putaruru | 34 |
| 1940 | 2 | Dawson, John B., 45 Haupapa Street, Rotorua | 36 |
| 1943 | 2 | Dawson, W. Selwyn, 6 Duigan Street, Gonville, Wanganui | 53 |
| 1932 | 2 | Day, Reginald, Connell Street, Waihi | 27 |
| 1917 | 4 | Dennis, John, 336 Selwyn St., Addington, Christchurch, S.W.1 | 94 |
| 1929 | 2 | Dickens, Charles E., 3 Rossmoor Crescent, Wellington, N.1 | 69 |
| 1940 | 1 | Dixon, Haddon C., M.A., 467 Leith St., Dunedin, N.1 | 119 |
| 1893 | S | Drake, Edward, 100 Chapter Street, St. Albans, Christchurch, N.1 (1936) | 96 |
| 1930 | 2 | Draper, Joseph C., C.F., 492317 Chaplain, 2nd N.Z. General Hospital, 2nd N.Z.E.F., Middle East Forces | 7 |
| 1935 | 1 | Duder, Clifford L., 46 Brighton St., Roslyn, Dunedin, | |
| 1898 | S | Dudley, Ben, F.R.A.S., 149 Rose St., Christchurch, S.W.1 (1938) | 89 |
| 1931 | 6 | Dudley, Raymond, M.A., F.R.E.S., 54 Chester St. W., Christchurch, C.1 | 89 |
| 1901 | 6 | Eaton, Clarence, 524 Church Street, Palmerston N. | 62 |
| 1893 | S | Elliot, William J., 32 Gladstone Rd., Parnell, Auckland | 4 |
| 1903 | S | Emmitt, Ernest S., M.C., 7 Northboro Rd., Takapuna, Auckland, N.2 | 7 |

| Ent. | Years. | Name and Address. | Circuit. |
|------|---------|---|------------|
| 1911 | 3 | Enticott, Walter J., Scotia Road, Port Chalmers | 125 |
| 1943 | 2 | Falkingham, Wilfred E., 9 Puru Crescent, Lyall Bay, Wellington, E.3 | 71 |
| 1901 | S | Featherston, Jacob, 442 Cashel Street, Christchurch, E.1 (1931) | 90 |
| 1924 | 5 | Fiebig, Herbert L., B.A., 111 Wood Street, Palmerston North | 63 |
| 1919 | 1 | Ford, Herbert, Sanson, Manawatu | 66 |
| 1916 | 2 | Fordyce, Robert E., 12 Domett Street, Opunake | 50 |
| 1914 | S | Foston, Charles A., Robinson St., Foxton (1939) | 79 |
| 1911 | S | Fowles, Albert H., 18 Lionel St., Avonside, Christchurch, N.E.1 (1941) | 90 |
| 1937 | 2 | Francis, William R., B.A., C.F., 103647, P.W. Sub. Commission, C.M.F., Middle East Forces | 4 |
| 1919 | 5 | Gatman, William, 68 Firth St., Hamilton East | 32 |
| 1940 | 3 | Gilmore, Leslie R. M., Lake Road, Kaitaia, North Auckland | 22 |
| 1897 | 43 | Goldie, John F., Solomon Islands | [5] |
| 1934 | 2 | Goodman, George H., 48 Lincoln Road, Masterton | 77 |
| 1912 | 3 | Gosnell, Robert B., Havelock Street, Ashburton | 113 |
| 1940 | 1 | Greenslade, Lawrence, Taitua St., Taumarunui | 43 |
| 1941 | 6 | Greenslade, William W. H., "Homewood," Chapman Street, Invercargill | 128 |
| 1897 | S | Greenwood, Fred., 37 Charlotte Avenue, Brooklyn, Wellington, S.W.1 (1934) | 67 |
| 1939 | 2 | Grice, Reginald, 304 High Street, Carterton | 76 |
| 1888 | S | Grigg, William, 88 Cranford Street, St. Albans, Christchurch, N.1 (1932) | 89 |
| 1928 | 4 | Grocott, John D., Queen Street, Richmond, Nelson | 82 |
| 1943 | 2 | Grounds, Edmund D. (on Active Service), c/o. 10 Hopetoun Street, Auckland, C.2 | 1 |
| 1928 | 5 | Hailwood, Charlie O., 38 Cranford St., St. Albans, Christchurch, N.1 | 96 |
| 1926 | 5 | Hall, James H., Woodend, Canterbury | 104 |
| 1923 | 6 | Hames, Eric W., M.A., "Leigh House," Trinity College, Grafton, Auckland, C.3 | Th.C. |
| 1928 | 5 | Handy, Francis J., Queen Street, Thames | 24 |
| 1935 | 2 | Hanna, L. Gordon, 8 King Edward St., Eltham | 47 |
| 1916 | 2 | Harkness, Edwin S., 64 Albert Street, Pahiatua | 61 |
| 1938 | 3 | Harkness, Howard E., M.A., 60 Lawrence Street, Mornington, Dunedin, W.1 | 123 |
| 1910 | 3 | Harris, Archer O., 37 Nelson Street, Petone | 74 |
| 1926 | 4 | Harris, G. Raymond, Cambridge Street, Levin | 79 |
| 1900 | S | Haslam, Jonathan H., "Flaxmere," Studholme Junction, South Canterbury | 110 |
| 1939 | 2 | Hayman, Leslie A. D., B.Sc. (Agr.), Tancred St., Hokitika | 88 |
| 1932 | 4 | Hickman, D. J. Donald, 77 Grey Street East, Onehunga, Auckland, S.E.5 | 9 |
| 1912 | 3 | Hinton, George B., 67 Brougham Street, Sydenham, Christchurch, S.1 | 93 |
| 1938 | 3 | Hoddinott, Ernest S., Franklin Street, Greymouth | 87 |
| 1911 | S | Hopper, Arthur, 416 Massey Rd., Hastings (1935) | 57 |
| 1936 | 2 | Hopper, H. Ian K., Ohoka, Canterbury | 102 |
| 1929 | 5 | Horwood, Leonard C., 52 Queen's Drive, Musselburgh, Dunedin, S.2 | 121 |

| Ent. | Years. | Name and Address. | Circuit. |
|------|--------|---|----------|
| 1900 | S | Hunt, George P., 116 Peary Rd., Mt. Eden, Auckland (1940) | 1 |
| 1942 | 2 | Ivory, Arthur H., LL.B., B.Com., Regent Street, Waihi | 27 |
| 1922 | 7 | Jack, J. Francis, 12 Poronui Street, Mount Eden, Auckland, S.1 | 4 |
| 1930 | S | James, Benjamin J., 22 Winston Street, St. Albans, Christchurch, N.1 (1940) | 89 |
| 1932 | 1 | Jamieson, V. Roy, 11 Horopito St., Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.1 | 1 |
| 1919 | 3 | Jefferson, Alfred E., 216 Earn Street, Invercargill | 129 |
| 1928 | 2 | Jeffreys, Howard H., Matamata, Waikato | 34 |
| 1932 | 4 | Jenkin, William C., Mowatt Street, Waitara | 45 |
| 1934 | S | John, John, 48 Porou Street, Mt. Roskill, Auckland (1941) | 3 |
| 1934 | 4 | Johnston, Andrew J., Pupuke Road, Birkenhead, Auckland, N.5 | 8 |
| 1943 | 2 | Jolly, Albert, 9 Ralph Street, Huntly, Waikato | 33 |
| 1940 | 1 | Jones, Alan O., 138 Somme Parade, Aramoho, Wanganui | 52 |
| 1908 | 2 | Jordan, Charles B., M.A., B.D., F.R.E.S., Queen Street, Waiuku | 13 |
| 1899 | S | Keall, R. Purcell, 22 Trinity Ave., Lower Hutt (1940) | 73 |
| 1916 | 2 | Kendon, Charles H., Birkett Street, Temuka | 112 |
| 1929 | 1 | Kent, Arthur T., Raglan | 31 |
| 1924 | 2 | Kings, Harry S., C.F., Station Chaplain, R.N.Z.A.F. Station, Rongotai, Wellington, E.4 | 71 |
| 1889 | S | Knight, Percy N., B.A., 9 Kerr Street, Devonport, Auckland, N.1 (1935) | 3 |
| 1927 | 3 | Larsen, Norman P., 237 Salisbury Street, Christchurch, C.1 | 91 |
| 1927 | 6 | Laurenson, Geo. I., 11 Karariki Ave., Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.1 | H.M. |
| 1912 | 3 | Lawrence, Frederick B., Ashhurst, Manawatu | 64 |
| 1887 | S | Laws, Charles H., B.A., D.D., Foundation Fellow of Trinity College, 4 Tahuri Rd., Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3 (1931) | 4 |
| 1938 | 3 | Laws, William R., M.A., 95 Fitzroy Street, Kew, Dunedin, S.W.1 | 122 |
| 1930 | 3 | Leadley, E. Clarence, Picton | 85 |
| 1900 | S | Leadley, Frank E., 26 Arthur Street, Onehunga, Auckland, S.E.5 (1940) | 9 |
| 1942 | 1 | Lewis, John J., M.A., Mission Bay, Auckland | 4 |
| 1903 | S | Liddell, Ralph J., 108 Peary Rd., Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.2 | 1 |
| 1900 | S | Liversedge, Arthur, 76 Halton Street, Papanui, Christchurch, N.W.2 (1940) | 96 |
| 1938 | 3 | Long, Wesley L., 86 Porutu St., Lower Hutt | 73 |
| 1939 | 2 | Lucas, Campbell P., 39 Washington Ave., Brooklyn, Wellington, S.W.1 | 67 |
| 1935 | 3 | Luxton, Clarence T. J., c/o. Box 23W, Auckland | (8) |
| 1908 | S | Martin, J. Frederick 32 Karaka Street, Castlecliff, Wanganui (1944) | 44 |
| 1934 | 4 | Matthews, Howard C., 27 Cambrai Ave., Roskill, Auckland, S.2 | 1 |

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|------|---------|--|----------|
| 1937 | 2 | Mayson, Robert W., B.A., Eden Street, Oamaru | 115 |
| 1909 | 3 | McArthur, John D., 24 Colombo St., Wellington, S.1 | 71 |
| 1904 | S | McBean, Angus, 2 Winter's Rd., Ashburton (1942) | 113 |
| 1930 | 6 | McDowell, Matthew A., 77 Port Hills Road, Heathcote, Christchurch, S.E.2 | Y.P. |
| 1924 | 9 | McGregor, Robert, Greendale, Canterbury | 105 |
| 1928 | 2 | Mead, Victor, L.Th., Porirua Road, Johnsonville, Wellington | 72 |
| 1916 | 25 | Metcalfe, John R., c/o. Box 23W, Auckland | [7] |
| 1905 | 2 | Metson, Basil, 14 St. Vincent Ave., Remuera, Auckland, S.E.2 | 4 |
| 1935 | 3 | Mills, William A., C.F., 21st Battalion, 5th Brigade, 2nd N.Z.E.F., Middle East Forces | 89 |
| 1890 | S | Mitchell, Arthur, 40 Mt. Albert Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2 (1930) | 5 |
| 1933 | 6 | Mitchell, John L., Thames Street, Morrinsville | 29 |
| 1931 | 2 | Moore, William E., Otorohanga, King Country | 41 |
| 1942 | 1 | Morrison, William J., Porirua, Wellington | 72 |
| 1918 | 5 | Neal, Wallace S., 35 Wood St., Papakura, Auckland | 11 |
| 1931 | 14 | Neale, Leslie B., B.A., F.R.G.S., 56 Royal Terrace, Dunedin, C.2 | 118 |
| 1917 | 6 | Nelson, John R., Arney Street, Paeroa | 26 |
| 1875 | S | Nixon, John, Eliot St., New Plymouth (1907) | 44 |
| 1937 | 2 | Norwell, Leslie T., Johnson St., Milton | 126 |
| 1915 | 6 | Odell, Henry J., 32 Mt. Albert Road, Auckland, S.W.2 | H.M. |
| 1939 | 4 | Oldfield, Charles B., Rawene, Hokianga | 23 |
| 1910 | 3 | Olds, Charles H., B.A., 18 London St., Hamilton | 31 |
| 1914 | 10 | Olds, E. Thomas, 10 Hopetoun St., Auckland, C.2 (1932) | 1 |
| 1888 | S | Olphert, J., 39 View Road, Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.1 | |
| 1920 | 2 | Orchard, Hector C., Banks St., Te Awamutu | 40 |
| 1933 | 12 | Orr, A. Everil, 10 Eden View Road, Sandringham, Auckland, S.W.1 | 2 |
| 1902 | S | Oxbrow, Walter J., Ngongotaha, Rotorua (1938) | 36 |
| 1917 | 5 | Parker, Frederick J., 1 Knights Rd., Lower Hutt | 73 |
| 1931 | 2 | Parker, Gordon, M.A., 53 Fuller Street, Kaiapoi | 101 |
| 1918 | 7 | Parker, James W., Matai Street, Maeroa, Hamilton | 31 |
| 1929 | 3 | Parker, Walter, 994 New North Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2 | 5 |
| 1930 | 2 | Parker, Wesley, M.A., C.F., Military Camp, Narrow Neck, Auckland | 9 |
| 1902 | 7 | Patchett, Ernest D., 92 Liardet St., New Plymouth | 44 |
| 1933 | 3 | Patchett, Ralph E., 39 Strathaven St., Miramar, Wellington, E.4 | 71 |
| 1931 | 2 | Payne, Herbert W., 88 Linwood Avenue, Christchurch, E.1 | 90 |
| 1913 | 1 | Peat, Harold T. (C.F.), c/o. 10 Hopetoun Street, Auckland, C.2 | 1 |
| 1927 | 4 | Penn, Athol R., 77 Grey Street, Woodville | 60 |
| 1892 | S | Peryman, Samuel H. D., Railway Ter., Johnsonville (1928) | 72 |
| 1938 | 3 | Petch, Ashleigh K., 38 McFarlane St., Wellington, E.1 | 67 |
| 1925 | 5 | Peterson, Gordon R. H., 179 Regan St., Stratford | 46 |

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|------|---------|--|-----------|
| 1920 | 2 | Pickering, William B., Kirk Street, Otaki | 80 |
| 1902 | 18 | Pratt, M. A. Rugby, F.R.Hist.S., 118 Knowles St., St. Albans, Christchurch, N.1 | C.S. |
| 1943 | 2 | Prosser, Frederick O., 222 Talbot Street, Geraldine | 112 |
| 1897 | S | Pybus, T. Arthur, De Lacy Street, Ravensbourne, Dunedin (1939) | 131 |
| 1901 | S | Ranston, Harry, M.A., Litt.D., Fellow Trinity Col- lege, 34 Alexis Avenue, Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2 (1941) | 5 |
| 1927 | 5 | Raynor, Ivo M., Normanby Street, Dargaville | 16 |
| 1911 | 2 | Richards, H. Leslie, Selwyn Street, Leeston | 100 |
| 1910 | 2 | Richards, James, 98 North Street, Timaru | 107 |
| 1905 | S | Richards, Raymond, 317 Park Street, New Brighton, Christchurch (1942) | 90 |
| 1906 | 1 | Roberts, Charles M., Sanson, Manawatu | 44 |
| 1911 | 2 | Rowe, William, C.F., 7 Liverpool St., Miramar, Wel- lington, E.4 | 67 |
| 1906 | S | Ryan, Henry, "Fernlea," School Road, Titirangi, Auckland | 5 |
| 1916 | 5 | Sage, Ernest E., 46 Radley St., Christchurch, S.E. | 92 |
| 1939 | 3 | Sanft, Alfred I., 40784 2/Lt. A. Sanft, 30th Bat- talion, 8th Rifle Brigade, 2nd Relief, 2nd N.Z.E.F., Overseas | 56 |
| 1900 | S | Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A., 9 Elmwood Road, Fen- dalton, Christchurch, N.W.1 (1940) | 89 |
| 1912 | 12 | Scrivin, Arthur H., Probert Chambers, Queen St., Auckland, C.1 (Private address: 16 Atherton Road, Epsom, S.E.3) | F.M. |
| 1903 | S | Seamer, Arthur J., Probert Chambers, Queen St., Auckland, C.1 (1939) | 2 |
| 1910 | 3 | Sharp, Harold A., 71 High Street, Blenheim | 84 |
| 1927 | 10 | Silvester, A. Wharton E., Gizo, British Solomon Islands | [6] |
| 1938 | 3 | Silvester, John, M.A., 19 Exeter St., Lyttelton | 98 |
| 1891 | S | Sinclair, William A., 16 Empire Road, Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3 (1933) | 4 |
| 1918 | 1 | Skuse, Thomas, 230 High Street, Dargaville | 59 |
| 1915 | 2 | Slade, William G., M.A., 149 Tennyson Street, Dunedin, C.2 | 117 |
| 1892 | S | Smith, G. Knowles, Main Street, Greytown, Wai- rarapa (1946) | 75 |
| 1908 | S | Speer, William H., Whakaue St., Rotorua (1937) | 36 |
| 1923 | 2 | Spencer, Herbert, 10 New Bond Street, Kingsland, Auckland, S.W.1 | 1 |
| 1904 | S | Stockwell, George F., "Whare Reka," Thornton's Bay, Thames (1942) | 24 |
| 1930 | 6 | Symons, Clifford T., M.A., B.D., 22 Webb Street, Wellington, C.2 | Y.P. |
| 1936 | 5 | Tasker, Bert M., B.A., 80 Wesley St., Dunedin, S.1 | 120 |
| 1924 | 2 | Taylor, Cecil R., 156 Matson's Road, Papanui, Christchurch, N.W.2 | 97 |
| 1941 | 1 | Thomas, Gordon V., Tawa Street, Te Kuiti | 42 |
| 1935 | 4 | Thornley, Robert, M.A., 22 Mersey St., Island Bay, Wellington, S.2 | 72 |
| 1908 | 3 | Tinsley, Robert B., 801 E. Queen Street, Hastings | 56 |
| 1927 | 2 | Utting, Harry V., Stanley Street, Eketahuna | 78 |

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|------|---------|--|----------|
| 1894 | S | Vealie, Thomas W., 35 Cudby Street, Lower Hutt (1934) | 73 |
| 1926 | 19 | Voyce, Arthur H., 118 Orakei Rd., Remuera, Auckland, S.E.2 | [8] |
| 1933 | 4 | Waite, Alfred E., 32 Arthur Street, Ponsonby, Auckland, W.1 | 3 |
| 1939 | 2 | Waite, J. Stanley, 43 Queen Street, Cambridge, Waikato | 30 |
| 1912 | 2 | Walker, William, 17 Pukehana Avenue, Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3 | 4 |
| 1939 | 4 | Watson, John K., C.F., 2nd N.Z. Div. Engineers, C.M.F., Middle East Forces | 90 |
| 1914 | 2 | Werren, Samuel J., Wesley House, 19 Regent St., Hawera | 48 |
| 1906 | 3 | White, Hedley, Pembroke Street, Carterton | 75 |
| 1938 | 3 | Whitfield, Harris, 15 Nelson Street, Riccarton, Christchurch, W.1 | 95 |
| 1931 | 3 | Williams, David O., M.A., Litt.D., 3 Repton Street, Merivale, Christchurch, N.W.1 | 96 |
| 1943 | 1 | Williams, J. C. Aldwyn, on active Service | 49 |
| 1932 | 5 | Williamson, Ivan S., 9 Paynter's Avenue, Fitzroy, New Plymouth | 44 |
| 1942 | 1 | Willing, Leonard V., Taihape | 54 |
| 1936 | 1 | Willoughby, James S., c/o. 12 Ada Street, Palmerston North | 63 |
| 1899 | S | Wills, William, 2 Seacliffe Ave., Takapuna, Auckland, N.2 (1939) | 7 |
| 1940 | 3 | Winiata, Maharaia, Probert Chambers, Queen St., Auckland | 1 |
| 1935 | 3 | Witheyford, Arthur R., C.F., Headquarters Coy., 36th Battalion, N.Z.E.F. I.P., A.P.O. 150, Overseas | 7 |
| 1941 | 2 | Woolford, J. Henry, Greytown, Wairarapa | 75 |
| 1901 | S | Woolloxall, Thomas R. B., 12 Tennyson Avenue, Takapuna, Auckland, N.2 (1937) | 7 |

NATIVE MINISTERS.

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|------|---------|--|-----|
| 1914 | 1 | Rakena, Rakena P., Waihi Road, Hawera | [4] |
| 1920 | 2 | Tauroa, Mataara, Tuakau | [1] |
| 1911 | 8 | Te Tuhi, Eruera, 519 Mt. Albert Rd., Auckland, S.1 | [1] |
| 1942 | 1 | Rogers, Ranginohoora, Waima, Hokianga | [1] |
| 1937 | 7 | Afu, John, Roviana, Solomon Islands | [5] |
| 1930 | 14 | Gina, Belshazzar, Roviana, Solomon Islands | [5] |
| 1931 | 13 | Havea, Paul, Marovo, Solomon Islands | [5] |
| 1933 | 11 | Kera, Nathan, Roviana, Solomon Islands | [5] |
| 1932 | 12 | Kotosuma, Aaron, Teop, Bougainville, Mandated Territory of New Guinea | [8] |
| 1933 | 11 | Sotutu, Uziah, Buka, Bougainville, Mandated Territory of New Guinea | [8] |
| 1941 | 4 | Kukutai, Ngatete Kerei, Te Kuiti | [3] |

MEDICAL MISSIONARY.

1938—Dr. A. G. Rutter, 101 Francis Road, Gisborne.

YOUTH DIRECTOR.

1939—Bate, Arthur E., 24 Linwood Ave., Mt. Albert, S.W.2, Y.P.

MOME MISSIONARIES.

| | Years. |
|--|--------|
| 1904—C. Aker, Coromandel | 7 |
| 1907—S. Keen (retired), Kirk Street, Otaki | 6 |
| 1909—C. W. Brown (retired), 33 Sainsbury Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2 | 6 |
| 1909—T. W. Featherstone (retired), 2 Roy Ter., New Plymouth | 7 |
| 1910—C. Duncan (retired), 24 Marunui Road, Point Chevalier, Auckland | 5 |
| 1911—C. Strand (retired), Warden St., Shirley, Ch'ch., N.1 | 14 |
| 1913—J. Common (retired), Bristol Street, Levin | 9 |
| 1915—J. H. Edmondson (retired), Albany | 11 |
| 1917—A. L. Witheford (retired), Ngaruawahia | 10 |
| 1919—J. W. Bayliss (retired), Paekakariki | 6 |
| 1919—J. Belshaw (retired), 161 Blockhouse Bay Rd., Avondale | 13 |
| 1922—H. Ashworth (retired), South Road, New Plymouth | 8 |
| 1922—C. Robinson, Hassard Street, Manaia | 5 |
| 1924—R. T. Alexander, Halcombe | 2 |
| 1924—G. Hall, Oxford, Canterbury | 4 |
| 1924—W. H. Wilson (retired), 19 Rangitoto Ter., Takapuna, N.2 | 6 |
| 1925—W. J. Henderson, Waipawa, Hawke's Bay | 2 |
| 1925—H. J. Malcolm (retired), 31 St. John St., Ch'ch., N.W.2 | 4 |
| 1926—W. Sussex (retired), Bayswater, Auckland | 6 |
| 1928—R. Coombridge, Warkworth | 2 |
| 1930—J. C. R. Ashworth, Okato, Taranaki | 4 |
| 1935—A. P. Dorrian, Kawhia | 1 |
| 1937—N. R. Hooper, Mosgiel, Otago | 3 |
| 1937—R. C. Patchett, c/o. P.O., Bombay, Auckland | 2 |
| 1938—H. M. Brasell, P.O. Box 21, Nightcaps, Southland | 6 |
| 1939—K. A. Robinson, Granity | 2 |
| 1939—C. S. L. Olliver, Patea, Taranaki | 2 |
| 1939—W. G. Peate, Ruawai, North Auckland | 1 |
| 1939—H. R. Wright, Paraparaumu, Wellington | 2 |
| 1940—W. J. Anderson, Silverdale, Auckland | 1 |
| 1940—W. J. Bryant, Otatau | 5 |
| 1940—D. I. Robertson, Kaikohe, North Auckland | 1 |
| 1940—B. H. Riseley, 24 Passmore Crescent, Maori Hill, Dunedin | 3 |
| 1944—W. Maitland Jones, Wesley Home, Mt. Albert, Auckland | 1 |
| 1944—A. F. Attwood, Whakatane | 1 |

HOME MISSIONARY PROBATIONERS.

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|---|---|
| 1941—L. E. G. Sharp, Kaukapakapa, North Auckland | 1 |
| 1941—T. Steele, Balclutha | 2 |
| 1941—J. H. Thompson, Kohukohu, Hokianga | 1 |
| 1942—M. H. Taylor, Ohura, King Country | 3 |
| 1942—Francis H. Parker, Marton | 2 |
| 1943—E. J. Carter, Waikouaiti, Otago | 2 |
| 1943—A. Currie, Inglewood, Taranaki | 2 |
| 1943—P. D. Ramsay, Murchison | 1 |
| 1943—D. G. Sherson, Opotiki, Bay of Plenty | 2 |
| 1943—G. R. Woodfield, Waddington, North Canterbury | 2 |
| 1943—M. D. G. Turkington, Hikurangi, North Auckland | 2 |
| 1944—C. E. Roke, 28 Elizabeth Street, Bluff | 1 |
| 1944—B. J. Hilder, St. Clair, Dunedin | 1 |
| 1944—J. F. Amos, Shiel Street, Reefton | 2 |
| 1944—D. Haylock, Wairoa, Hawke's Bay | 1 |
| 1944—L. D. Rolinson, Waitoa, Morrinsville | 1 |

HOME MISSIONARY SUPPLIES.

- H. Moore, non-resident Student of Trinity College, Methodist Parsonage, Glen Eden, Auckland.
 H. Thornley, Methodist Parsonage, Foxton.
 W. Watson, Paparoa, North Auckland.
 G. R. Rotherham, Russell, Bay of Islands.

MAORI HOME MISSIONARIES.

| | Years. |
|--|--------|
| 1918—Hone Tamati, Paihia, Bay of Islands | 11 |
| 1920—To-Aho-o-to-Rangi Pihama, Ohiaopopako, Raglan | 15 |
| 1920—Aihe Huirama, Hangatiki, King Country | 24 |
| 1922—Te Hira Ratete, Punakitere, North Auckland | 17 |
| 1930—Wetini Motu Hangatika, King Country | 15 |
| 1930—Paahi Moke, South Road, New Plymouth | 1 |
| 1930—Rangiira Tumahuki, Whenuakura Pa, Taranaki | 15 |
| 1932—Hoani Hakaraia Te Uawiri, Kai Iwi, Taranaki | 14 |
| 1932—Rameka Eru, Te Karae, Hokianga | 12 |
| 1932—Tuteao Manihera, Ngaruawahia Pa | 4 |
| 1932—Paikea H. Toka, c/o. P.O. Box 23W, Auckland (on active service) | 1 |
| 1934—Huru Wiperi, c/o. P.O. Box 23W, Auckland | 1 |
| 1934—Wiremu Wi Hongi, Kaikohe | 9 |
| 1934—John Nicholls, Te Kuiti | 11 |
| 1934—Poo Kingi, Whatawhata, Waikato | 11 |
| 1934—Heemi Rihimona, Box 400, Hamilton | 4 |
| 1935—Honehone Kereopa, Raglan | 10 |
| 1935—Hoana Tonga, Otewa, Otorohanga | 10 |
| 1935—Horo Te Awa, Rakaumanga, Huntly | 10 |
| 1936—Paoa Rakena, Mangamuka, Hokianga | 9 |
| 1936—Ngaweke Tuhimata, Tuakau | 1 |
| 1937—Te Paki Kinita, Marakopa, King Country | 5 |
| 1937—Roi Moke, Box 400, Hamilton | 3 |
| 1938—Paraire Paraone Kena, Poutu, Kaipara Heads | 7 |
| 1938—Piripi Livingstone, Pokere, Bay of Islands | 7 |
| 1938—Wiremu Paki Ihaka, Dargaville | 7 |
| 1939—Harris, John, Matakana, North Auckland | 6 |
| 1939—Nehana Pu, Whananaki, North Auckland | 6 |
| 1940—Wiremu Tonga, Aramiro P.O., Waitetuna, Waikato | 5 |
| 1941—Wiremu Kamana, Marokopa R.M.D., King Country | 4 |
| 1941—Weni Herangi, Te Mania, King Country | 4 |
| 1942—Taniera Poihipi, Tokoroa, Te Kuiti | 1 |
| 1942—Tawai te Riri Kawiti, Waiomio, Bay of Islands | 3 |
| 1943—Ngakao Rapana, Owairaka, via Te Awamutu | 2 |
| 1943—Heemi Winiata, Whirinaki, Hokianga | 2 |
| 1944—Te Urunga Wetere, Kawhia | 1 |

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- Sister Eleanor Dobby, Main North Road, Styx.
 Sister Nicholls, Matai Street, Te Kuiti.
 Sister Rita Snowden, 24 Empire Road, Auckland, S.E.3.
 Sister Hobbs, Box 400, Hamilton.
 Sister Ivy Jones, 8 Airedale Street, Auckland, C.1.
 Sister Netta Gittos, Kurahuna School, Onehunga.
 Sister Atawhai Wilcox, Kawakawa, Bay of Islands.
 Sister Olive Bott, Taheke, Hokianga.

Sister Madeline Holland, Deaconess House, Latimer Sq., Christchurch.
Sister Heeni Te Teira., Box 400, Hamilton.
Sister Evelyn Marriott, Rangiatea Maori Girls' College, New Plymouth
Sister Dorothy Pointon, P.O. Box 20, Opunake.
Sister Violet Kruse, Ratana Pa, Wanganui.
Sister Lina Jones, Foreign Mission Office, Box 23W, Auckland.
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Sister Merle Farland, Foreign Mission Office, Box 23W, Auckland.
Sister Joy Whitehouse, Foreign Mission Office, Box 23W, Auckland.

APPENDIX

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1943.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT

| CIRCUITS | Churches | Other Preaching Places | Schoolrooms | Parsonages | Ministers and Probationers | Home Missionaries | Deaconesses | Local Preachers | Class Leaders | Church Membership | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|----------|------------------------|-------------|------------|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|--------------|
| | | | | | | | | | | Members on Roll | Received during Year | On Probation | Junior Members | Infant Members | Infants Baptised | Communicants |
| Auckland Central .. | 6 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 10 | 1 | .. | 21 | .. | 884 | 15 | .. | 517 | 546 | 65 | 700 |
| .. Central Mis. | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | .. | .. | 6 | 2 | 151 | 18 | 5 | 61 | 69 | 11 | 123 |
| .. West .. | 4 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 4 | .. | .. | 5 | .. | 197 | 2 | .. | 50 | 40 | 16 | 201 |
| .. East .. | 9 | .. | 7 | 3 | 9 | .. | .. | 21 | .. | 832 | 42 | .. | 88 | 60 | 20 | 665 |
| Avondale .. | 7 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | .. | 10 | .. | 441 | 23 | .. | 100 | 60 | 24 | 550 |
| Devonport .. | 3 | .. | 2 | 1 | 2 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 166 | 18 | .. | 15 | 60 | 11 | 130 |
| Takapuna .. | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 2 | .. | 7 | 5 | 207 | 7 | 2 | 38 | 61 | 6 | 160 |
| Birkenhead .. | 5 | 1 | 2 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 8 | .. | 233 | 7 | .. | 66 | 60 | 13 | 170 |
| Onehunga .. | 4 | .. | 2 | 1 | 2 | .. | .. | 8 | .. | 220 | 5 | 15 | 75 | 70 | 14 | 243 |
| Otahuhu .. | 3 | .. | 2 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 9 | .. | 276 | 6 | 1 | 84 | 96 | 14 | 204 |
| Papakura .. | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 5 | .. | 144 | 10 | .. | 44 | 74 | 25 | 108 |
| Pukekohe .. | 5 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 5 | .. | 134 | 14 | .. | 33 | 52 | 10 | 100 |
| Waiuku .. | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 83 | 5 | .. | 29 | 42 | 8 | 60 |
| Mahurangi .. | 3 | 10 | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 4 | .. | 91 | 3 | .. | 31 | 30 | 7 | 98 |
| Paparoa .. | 4 | 10 | 1 | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 6 | .. | 90 | 6 | .. | 30 | 32 | 8 | 36 |
| Dargaville .. | 6 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 6 | .. | 183 | 5 | .. | 62 | 59 | 12 | 110 |
| Ruawai .. | 1 | 6 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 3 | .. | 99 | .. | .. | 24 | 43 | .. | 60 |
| Whangarei-Hikurangi | 4 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | 11 | .. | 263 | 15 | .. | 23 | 82 | 27 | 170 |
| Whangaroa .. | 2 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 45 | .. | .. | 25 | 40 | 9 | 45 |
| Port Albert .. | 3 | 5 | 2 | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 67 | 3 | .. | 48 | 44 | 4 | 90 |
| Kawakawa-Kaikohe | 2 | 5 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 57 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 18 | 40 |
| Mangonui .. | 5 | 5 | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 4 | .. | 67 | .. | .. | 39 | 76 | 11 | 65 |
| Hokianga .. | 2 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 3 | .. | 49 | 2 | 1 | 37 | 21 | 3 | 70 |
| Bombay-Tuakau .. | 3 | 2 | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 8 | 8 | 110 | .. | .. | 36 | 15 | 3 | 75 |
| Helensville .. | 1 | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | 2 | 41 | 6 | .. | 6 | 14 | 8 | 10 |
| Kaukapakapa-Silverdl' | 2 | 8 | 2 | 2 | .. | 1 | .. | 2 | .. | 58 | 4 | .. | 12 | 31 | 19 | 22 |
| Bay of Islands .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 4 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | 20 |
| North Hokianga .. | 3 | 10 | 2 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 4 | 2 | 113 | 13 | .. | 118 | 47 | 9 | 98 |
| TOTALS .. | 94 | 107 | 46 | 32 | 49 | 14 | .. | 167 | 19 | 5301 | 229 | 24 | 1691 | 1824 | 374 | 4423 |

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1942.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

| CIRCUITS | Churches | Other Preaching Places | Schoolrooms | Parsonages | Ministers and Probationers | Home Missionaries | Deaconesses | Local Preachers | Class Leaders | Church Membership | | | | | | |
|-------------------|----------|------------------------|-------------|------------|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|
| | | | | | | | | | | Members on Roll | Received during Year | On Probation | Junior Members | Infant Members | Infants Baptised | Communi-cants |
| Thames .. | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | 94 | 19 | .. | 61 | 40 | 8 | 60 |
| Hauraki Plains .. | 2 | 4 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 57 | .. | .. | 35 | 35 | 4 | 30 |
| Paeroa .. | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 56 | .. | .. | 26 | 23 | 8 | 40 |
| Waihi .. | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | .. | .. | 2 | 6 | 80 | 10 | .. | 16 | 43 | 10 | 100 |
| Te Aroha .. | 4 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 5 | .. | 236 | 8 | .. | 64 | 63 | 12 | 212 |
| Morrinsville .. | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | 7 | .. | 199 | 1 | .. | 168 | 78 | 14 | 190 |
| Cambridge .. | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 3 | .. | 131 | .. | .. | 25 | 12 | 1 | 75 |
| Hamilton .. | 4 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | .. | .. | 14 | .. | 414 | 5 | .. | .. | .. | 18 | 350 |
| Hamilton East .. | 3 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 11 | .. | 190 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 14 | 210 |
| Huntly .. | 1 | 6 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 3 | .. | 104 | 10 | 2 | 43 | 47 | 4 | .. |
| Matamata .. | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 7 | .. | 166 | 2 | .. | 44 | 45 | 26 | 145 |
| Putaruru .. | 1 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 61 | 4 | .. | 22 | 17 | 13 | 45 |
| Rotorua .. | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 93 | 13 | .. | 16 | 31 | 6 | 80 |
| Tauranga .. | 2 | 14 | 1 | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | 6 | .. | 233 | .. | 6 | 82 | 40 | 8 | 200 |
| Whakatane .. | 2 | 1 | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 73 | .. | .. | 40 | 42 | 6 | 45 |
| Opotiki .. | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 37 | .. | .. | 30 | 23 | 11 | 42 |
| Te Awamutu .. | 2 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 3 | .. | 153 | 10 | .. | 39 | 49 | 6 | 120 |
| Otorohanga .. | 1 | 11 | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 7 | .. | 73 | .. | .. | 39 | 44 | 8 | 56 |
| Te Kuiti .. | 1 | 7 | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 57 | 3 | .. | 36 | 45 | 17 | 35 |
| Taumaranui .. | 1 | 6 | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 68 | .. | .. | 29 | 46 | 9 | 97 |
| Ngaruawahia .. | 3 | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 34 | 1 | .. | 15 | 10 | .. | .. |
| Kawhia .. | 1 | 5 | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 35 | .. | .. | 5 | .. | 7 | 15 |
| Coromandel .. | 1 | 7 | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 26 | 1 | .. | 2 | 4 | 4 | 40 |
| Ohura .. | 3 | 7 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 2 | .. | 53 | 1 | .. | 24 | 34 | 2 | 30 |
| TOTALS | 49 | 101 | 21 | 24 | 25 | 3 | .. | 76 | 8 | 2723 | 88 | 8 | 861 | 771 | 216 | 2217 |

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|------|----|----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| New Plymouth .. | 9 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 11 | .. | 543 | 10 | .. | 141 | 148 | 56 | 349 |
| Waitara .. | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 2 | .. | 92 | 3 | .. | 55 | 50 | 18 | 110 |
| Stratford .. | 5 | .. | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 6 | .. | 171 | .. | .. | 50 | 100 | 31 | 155 |
| Eltham-Kaponga .. | 2 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | 8 | .. | 162 | 5 | .. | 29 | 44 | 13 | 108 |
| Hawera .. | 3 | .. | 2 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 6 | .. | 226 | .. | .. | 64 | 88 | 11 | 208 |
| Manaia .. | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 3 | .. | 72 | .. | 5 | 30 | 25 | 6 | 65 |
| Opunake .. | 6 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | .. | 11 | .. | 201 | .. | .. | 82 | 93 | 10 | 143 |
| Wanganui .. | 2 | .. | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 2 | .. | 324 | 9 | .. | 53 | 38 | 10 | 250 |
| Wanganui North .. | 3 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | 6 | .. | 167 | 7 | .. | 93 | 53 | 6 | 100 |
| Gonville .. | 2 | .. | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 89 | .. | .. | 45 | 35 | 12 | 60 |
| Taihape .. | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 2 | .. | 38 | .. | .. | 8 | 25 | 8 | 25 |
| Inglewood .. | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 3 | .. | 79 | 3 | .. | 20 | 22 | 8 | 70 |
| Marton .. | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 58 | .. | .. | 22 | 22 | 2 | 43 |
| Patea .. | 2 | 2 | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 2 | .. | 37 | .. | .. | 12 | 28 | 1 | 35 |
| Raetihi-Ohakune .. | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 2 | .. | 22 | .. | .. | 3 | 5 | 3 | 16 |
| Douglas .. | 2 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| TOTALS | 46 | 30 | 22 | 21 | 12 | 7 | 2 | 66 | .. | 2281 | 37 | 5 | 707 | 776 | 195 | 1737 |

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HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT

| CIRCUITS | Churches | Other Preaching Places | Schoolrooms | Parsonages | Ministers and Probationers | Home Missionaries | Deaconesses | Local Preachers | Class Leaders | Church Membership | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|----------|------------------------|-------------|------------|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|--------------|
| | | | | | | | | | | Members on Roll | Received during year | On Probation | Junior Members | Infant Members | Infants Baptised | Communicants |
| Napier | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 13 | .. | 319 | 6 | .. | 111 | 156 | 29 | 250 |
| Hastings | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | .. | .. | 9 | .. | 356 | 4 | .. | .. | 77 | 17 | 227 |
| Gisborne | 4 | .. | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 4 | .. | 194 | 4 | .. | 37 | 39 | 7 | 140 |
| Wairoa | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 35 | .. | .. | 10 | 38 | .. | 45 |
| Dannevirke | 1 | .. | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 2 | .. | 117 | 3 | .. | 48 | 34 | 9 | 68 |
| Woodville | 1 | 3 | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 97 | 21 | .. | 29 | 43 | 13 | 90 |
| Pahiatua | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 4 | .. | 102 | 5 | 5 | 28 | 32 | 7 | 90 |
| P.N., St. Paul's | 1 | .. | 1 | 1 | 2 | .. | .. | 7 | .. | 217 | 10 | .. | 28 | 36 | 19 | 150 |
| P.N., Cuba Street | 2 | .. | 2 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 3 | .. | 192 | 7 | .. | 39 | 63 | 14 | 123 |
| Ashurst-Bunnythorpe | 3 | .. | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 4 | .. | 121 | 23 | .. | 34 | 25 | 11 | 93 |
| Feilding | 6 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | .. | 5 | .. | 369 | 10 | .. | 148 | 178 | 28 | 240 |
| Sanson-Rongotea | 3 | .. | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 4 | .. | 99 | 1 | .. | 34 | 44 | 10 | 84 |
| Waipawa | 2 | 2 | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 3 | .. | 51 | .. | .. | 32 | 45 | 3 | 37 |
| Foxton-Shannon | 2 | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 3 | 3 | 63 | .. | 4 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 40 |
| Apiti | 2 | 2 | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 82 | 7 | .. | 14 | 45 | 2 | 47 |
| Norsewood | 2 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 50 | 2 | .. | 7 | 12 | 2 | 36 |
| TOTALS | 39 | 14 | 16 | 16 | 13 | 4 | .. | 65 | 3 | 2464 | 103 | 9 | 601 | 871 | 175 | 1770 |

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|------|----|----|------|------|-----|------|
| Wellington Central | 3 | .. | 3 | 2 | 8 | .. | .. | 6 | .. | 440 | 16 | .. | 10 | 32 | 38 | 370 |
| " Webb St. | 1 | .. | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 25 | .. | .. | 12 | .. | 10 | 20 |
| " West | 4 | .. | 3 | 1 | 3 | .. | .. | 16 | .. | 308 | 8 | .. | 105 | 85 | 10 | 350 |
| " South | 1 | .. | 2 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 2 | .. | 158 | .. | .. | 41 | 79 | 25 | 130 |
| " East | 5 | .. | 2 | 3 | 7 | .. | .. | 9 | .. | 424 | .. | .. | 154 | 136 | 33 | 294 |
| Johnsonville-Ngaio | 5 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 4 | .. | .. | 17 | .. | 274 | 7 | .. | 181 | 111 | 10 | 160 |
| Hutt | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | .. | 1 | 11 | .. | 352 | 10 | .. | 66 | 190 | 30 | 280 |
| Petone | 2 | .. | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 2 | .. | 164 | 2 | .. | 69 | 84 | 14 | 90 |
| Greytown-Feath'rst'n | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | .. | .. | 2 | .. | 56 | 4 | .. | 21 | 23 | 5 | 35 |
| Carterton | 2 | .. | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 3 | .. | 93 | .. | .. | 35 | 35 | 5 | 40 |
| Masterton | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 4 | .. | 268 | 9 | .. | 214 | 95 | 17 | 145 |
| Eketa'huna | 2 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 122 | .. | .. | 59 | 73 | 80 | 70 |
| Levin | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | .. | 2 | .. | 160 | 3 | .. | 87 | 73 | 17 | 150 |
| Otaki | 3 | .. | .. | 1 | 2 | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 108 | 6 | .. | 29 | 34 | 18 | 85 |
| Paraparaumu | 4 | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 44 | .. | .. | 16 | 9 | 3 | 42 |
| Upper Hutt | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 58 | 6 | .. | 12 | 61 | 5 | 35 |
| TOTALS | 42 | 20 | 23 | 19 | 39 | 3 | 1 | 77 | .. | 3054 | 71 | .. | 1111 | 1120 | 320 | 2296 |

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NELSON DISTRICT

| CIRCUITS | Churches | Other Preaching Places | Schoolrooms | Parsonages | Ministers and Probationers | Home Missionaries | Deaconesses | Local Preachers | Class Leaders | Church Membership | | | | | |
|-----------------|----------|------------------------|-------------|------------|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| | | | | | | | | | | Members on Roll | Received during Year | On Probation | Junior Members | Infant Members | Infants Baptised |
| Nelson | 1 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | 10 | .. | 262 | 6 | .. | 34 | 26 | 14 |
| Richmond | 4 | .. | 3 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 12 | .. | 153 | .. | .. | 75 | 21 | 12 |
| Motueka | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 6 | .. | 110 | 4 | .. | 14 | 14 | 70 |
| Blenheim | 6 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 2 | .. | .. | 11 | .. | 326 | 15 | .. | 111 | 110 | 41 |
| Reefton | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 3 | .. | 73 | 3 | 7 | 41 | 71 | 3 |
| Westport | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 112 | 9 | .. | 44 | 55 | 4 |
| Greymouth | 3 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 5 | .. | 199 | 6 | .. | 73 | 60 | 22 |
| Hokitika | 1 | .. | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 67 | .. | .. | 19 | 27 | 4 |
| Wakefield | 4 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 4 | .. | 41 | .. | .. | 18 | 9 | .. |
| Havelock | 4 | 9 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 42 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 25 |
| Murchison | 1 | 5 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | .. | 25 | .. | .. | 22 | 16 | .. |
| Granity | 3 | 6 | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 55 | 5 | .. | 19 | 22 | 10 |
| TOTALS | 32 | 36 | 17 | 11 | 8 | 3 | .. | 55 | .. | 1465 | 48 | 7 | 470 | 430 | 124 |

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|------|-----|----|------|------|-----|
| Durham Street .. | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 10 | .. | 3 | 6 | .. | 425 | 11 | .. | 72 | 70 | 17 |
| Christchurch East .. | 7 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 1 | .. | 14 | .. | 657 | 9 | .. | 249 | 212 | 56 |
| Cambridge Terrace .. | 3 | .. | 2 | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | 4 | .. | 131 | .. | .. | 29 | 21 | 8 |
| Woolston | 5 | .. | 5 | 1 | 3 | .. | .. | 7 | .. | 289 | 7 | .. | 85 | 74 | 12 |
| Sydenham | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | 4 | .. | 206 | 6 | .. | 90 | 88 | 19 |
| Addington | 2 | .. | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | .. | 4 | .. | 250 | 2 | .. | 93 | 38 | 12 |
| Riccarton | 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 155 | 6 | .. | 67 | 63 | 34 |
| St. Albans | 3 | .. | 2 | 2 | 4 | .. | .. | 10 | .. | 416 | 25 | 4 | 96 | 88 | 11 |
| Papanui | 3 | .. | 1 | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | 4 | .. | 193 | .. | .. | 100 | 27 | 9 |
| Lyttelton | 1 | .. | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 71 | 9 | .. | 19 | 23 | 8 |
| Springton | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 7 | .. | 118 | 4 | .. | 41 | 22 | 3 |
| Leeston | 7 | .. | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 3 | .. | 249 | 3 | .. | 46 | 35 | 4 |
| Kaiapoi | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 118 | .. | .. | 37 | 60 | 7 |
| Ohoka | 4 | .. | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 8 | .. | 96 | 11 | .. | 34 | 16 | 11 |
| Rangiora | 3 | .. | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 4 | .. | 155 | 7 | .. | 34 | 35 | 6 |
| Woodend-Sefton .. | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 96 | 2 | .. | 39 | 35 | 10 |
| Greendale | 2 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 3 | .. | 86 | 6 | .. | 25 | 24 | 4 |
| Oxford | 1 | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 3 | .. | 76 | .. | .. | 14 | 28 | 4 |
| Tai Tapu | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 2 | .. | 66 | .. | .. | 17 | 15 | 2 |
| Hawarden | 1 | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 29 | .. | .. | 24 | 23 | 1 |
| Waddington | 4 | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 2 | .. | 61 | .. | .. | 10 | 14 | 5 |
| TOTALS | 66 | 17 | 38 | 27 | 38 | 5 | 3 | 88 | .. | 3943 | 108 | 4 | 1221 | 1011 | 243 |

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|------|----|----|-----|-----|----|
| Timaru (Banks St.) .. | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 5 | .. | 175 | 4 | .. | 46 | 55 | 5 |
| „ (Woodlands St.) .. | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 4 | .. | 240 | 11 | .. | 60 | 50 | 8 |
| Timaru South | 3 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | .. | 83 | .. | .. | 25 | 8 | .. |
| Waimate | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | .. | .. | 2 | .. | 178 | .. | .. | 50 | 80 | 12 |
| Temuka | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 97 | 1 | .. | 25 | 50 | 9 |
| Geraldine | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 96 | 8 | .. | 21 | 23 | 4 |
| Ashburton | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | .. | 1 | 11 | .. | 327 | 6 | .. | 53 | 60 | 4 |
| Willowby | 6 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | 7 | .. | 149 | .. | .. | 20 | 35 | 4 |
| Oamaru | 3 | .. | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 2 | .. | 135 | 4 | .. | 22 | 18 | 5 |
| Rakaia-Methven .. | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | .. | 45 | .. | .. | 10 | 10 | .. |
| TOTALS | 23 | 19 | 12 | 9 | 10 | .. | 1 | 37 | .. | 1525 | 34 | .. | 332 | 389 | 50 |

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1943.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

| CIRCUITS | Churches | Other Preaching Places | Schoolrooms | Parsonages | Ministers and Probationers | Home Missionaries | Deaconesses | Local Preachers | Class Leaders | Church Membership | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|----------|------------------------|-------------|------------|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| | | | | | | | | | | Members on Roll | Received during Year | On Probation | Junior Members | Infant Members | Infants Baptised | Communi- cants |
| Dunedin, Trinity .. | 3 | .. | 3 | 1 | 2 | .. | .. | 6 | .. | 252 | .. | .. | 80 | 37 | 6 | 120 |
| „ Central Mis. .. | 1 | .. | 1 | 1 | 2 | .. | .. | 4 | .. | 183 | 10 | .. | 15 | .. | 24 | 215 |
| „ Dundas St. .. | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | 3 | .. | 82 | 7 | .. | 33 | 16 | .. | 105 |
| „ Cargill Rd. .. | 2 | .. | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | 3 | .. | 177 | 23 | .. | 59 | 63 | 13 | 120 |
| „ St. Kilda .. | 1 | .. | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 2 | .. | 155 | .. | .. | 31 | 19 | 8 | 160 |
| „ Caversham .. | 2 | .. | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 4 | .. | 153 | 7 | .. | 28 | 41 | 11 | 80 |
| „ Mornington .. | 1 | .. | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 5 | .. | 156 | 9 | .. | 37 | 37 | 10 | 150 |
| „ Roslyn .. | 1 | .. | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 70 | 2 | .. | 11 | 18 | 1 | 60 |
| Port Chalmers .. | 3 | .. | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 2 | .. | 68 | .. | .. | 18 | 16 | 2 | 55 |
| Milton .. | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 75 | .. | .. | 16 | 20 | 1 | 55 |
| Roxburgh .. | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 51 | 2 | 3 | 16 | 6 | .. | 65 |
| Invercargill, Central | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 2 | .. | 300 | 18 | .. | 83 | 40 | 16 | 220 |
| Invercargill, St. Peters | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | .. | .. | 3 | .. | 214 | 18 | .. | 69 | 35 | 2 | 200 |
| Gore .. | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 112 | 5 | 4 | 27 | 60 | 3 | 95 |
| Bluff .. | 2 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 43 | .. | .. | 35 | 32 | .. | 35 |
| Ravensbourne-Broad Bay .. | 3 | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 74 | 2 | .. | 65 | 46 | 8 | 34 |
| Maori Hill .. | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 2 | .. | 45 | 3 | .. | 24 | 29 | 4 | 30 |
| Waikouaiti .. | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 27 | 2 | .. | .. | 10 | 2 | 30 |
| Mosgiel .. | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 50 | 3 | .. | 6 | 24 | 5 | 40 |
| Balclutha .. | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 5 | .. | 60 | .. | .. | 22 | 20 | 1 | 30 |
| Edendale .. | 2 | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 73 | 6 | .. | 28 | 25 | 1 | 40 |
| Lawrence .. | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 21 | .. | .. | 11 | 16 | 2 | 16 |
| Cromwell .. | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 2 | 2 | 44 | 4 | 1 | 20 | 37 | 1 | 33 |
| Otautau-Tuatapere .. | 3 | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 55 | 3 | .. | 13 | 17 | 14 | 32 |
| Nightcaps .. | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 2 | .. | 37 | .. | .. | 12 | 12 | 1 | 25 |
| Riverton .. | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 44 | .. | .. | 5 | .. | 1 | 15 |
| TOTALS | 48 | 18 | 30 | 27 | 18 | 11 | .. | 50 | 2 | 2621 | 124 | 8 | 763 | 676 | 137 | 2060 |

Summary of District Statistical Returns

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE CLASS

| NAME OF DISTRICT | CRADLE ROLL | | SUNDAY SCHOOL | | | | | | | | | | Other Y.P. Organisations | | B.C. MEMBERSHIP | | | | | | | | | | | | | | CHURCH MEMBERSHIP | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------|--------|--------------|-------|--------------------|---------|--------|--------------|-------|------------------------------|-------|----------------------|------------|--------|--------|---------|-------------|-------|----------------|------------|--------|--------|---------|-------------|-------|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|------|-------|
| | | | No. NOW ON ROLL | | | | | AVERAGE ATTENDANCE | | | | | | | Y.W. CLASSES | | | | | | | Y.M. CLASSES | | | | | | | RECEIVED | | | | PRESENT ROLL | | | | | | |
| | No. on Roll | Recd. during year | Beginners | Primary | Junior | Intermediate | Total | Beginners | Primary | Junior | Intermediate | Total | No. of Teachers and Officers | | No. of Bible Classes | Membership | | | | | | Av. Attendance | Membership | | | | | | Av. Attendance | Infant | Junior | Senior | Total | Infant | Junior | Senior | Total | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | Men | Women | | Junior | Inter. | Senior | Leaders | War Service | Total | | Junior | Inter. | Senior | Leaders | War Service | Total | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Auckland | 1107 | 277 | 895 | 852 | 1122 | 1128 | 3997 | 552 | 570 | 782 | 802 | 2706 | 159 | 407 | 106 | 2373 | 114 | 248 | 164 | 151 | 51 | 27 | 641 | 426 | 192 | 147 | 86 | 45 | 236 | 706 | 311 | 309 | 171 | 98 | 578 | 1595 | 1485 | 416 | 3496 |
| South Auckland | 517 | 141 | 530 | 523 | 701 | 625 | 2379 | 369 | 334 | 470 | 466 | 1639 | 69 | 201 | 38 | 643 | 50 | 122 | 71 | 85 | 17 | 25 | 320 | 199 | 90 | 64 | 45 | 21 | 100 | 320 | 145 | 121 | 93 | 21 | 235 | 604 | 752 | 163 | 1519 |
| Taranaki-Wanganui | 436 | 131 | 377 | 337 | 456 | 438 | 1608 | 235 | 226 | 305 | 318 | 1084 | 59 | 147 | 18 | 429 | 39 | 88 | 42 | 68 | 20 | 14 | 232 | 166 | 58 | 32 | 20 | 18 | 61 | 189 | 93 | 87 | 81 | 19 | 187 | 677 | 696 | 128 | 1501 |
| Hawke's Bay-Manawatu | 482 | 113 | 393 | 326 | 473 | 455 | 1647 | 249 | 219 | 318 | 305 | 1091 | 50 | 149 | 22 | 326 | 39 | 83 | 41 | 68 | 20 | 11 | 223 | 158 | 78 | 35 | 18 | 16 | 52 | 199 | 96 | 84 | 52 | 22 | 158 | 814 | 544 | 114 | 1472 |
| Wellington | 646 | 159 | 656 | 481 | 703 | 642 | 2482 | 422 | 322 | 486 | 452 | 1682 | 89 | 244 | 43 | 931 | 80 | 197 | 86 | 116 | 40 | 8 | 447 | 296 | 158 | 70 | 51 | 33 | 172 | 484 | 213 | 133 | 107 | 57 | 297 | 1015 | 1063 | 235 | 2313 |
| Nelson | 384 | 99 | 301 | 240 | 287 | 271 | 1099 | 190 | 158 | 197 | 191 | 736 | 32 | 138 | 18 | 308 | 28 | 36 | 25 | 39 | 14 | 6 | 120 | 79 | 57 | 17 | 19 | 10 | 44 | 147 | 67 | 37 | 38 | 20 | 95 | 396 | 398 | 88 | 882 |
| North Canterbury | 734 | 192 | 563 | 494 | 787 | 767 | 2611 | 343 | 354 | 573 | 552 | 1822 | 111 | 277 | 79 | 1526 | 90 | 153 | 104 | 117 | 45 | 18 | 437 | 298 | 137 | 106 | 45 | 37 | 152 | 477 | 220 | 152 | 137 | 54 | 343 | 870 | 1228 | 290 | 2388 |
| South Canterbury | 239 | 36 | 141 | 123 | 166 | 251 | 681 | 102 | 89 | 127 | 204 | 522 | 27 | 73 | 25 | 524 | 30 | 44 | 45 | 44 | 14 | 3 | 150 | 109 | 40 | 47 | 17 | 11 | 54 | 169 | 77 | 28 | 5 | 23 | 56 | 305 | 335 | 192 | 832 |
| Otago-Southland | 561 | 142 | 497 | 393 | 557 | 454 | 1901 | 334 | 297 | 405 | 325 | 1361 | 65 | 195 | 50 | 968 | 51 | 117 | 64 | 56 | 26 | 9 | 272 | 188 | 79 | 72 | 28 | 19 | 110 | 308 | 139 | 126 | 53 | 30 | 209 | 722 | 165 | 165 | 1603 |
| Dom. Stat. year endg. 30/9/43 | 5106 | 1290 | 4353 | 3769 | 5252 | 5031 | 18405 | 2796 | 2569 | 3663 | 3615 | 12643 | 661 | 1831 | 399 | 8028 | 521 | 1088 | 642 | 744 | 247 | 121 | 2842 | 1921 | 889 | 590 | 329 | 210 | 981 | 2999 | 1361 | 1077 | 737 | 344 | 2158 | 6998 | 7317 | 1791 | 16006 |
| " " 30/9/42 | 4693 | 1348 | 4011 | 3750 | 5625 | 4908 | 18294 | 2588 | 2526 | 4064 | 3540 | 12718 | 602 | 1792 | 305 | 6093 | 556 | 1206 | 713 | 954 | 263 | 70 | 3206 | 2169 | 1037 | 634 | 345 | 220 | 1040 | 3276 | 1491 | 1140 | 726 | 440 | 2306 | 6867 | 6890 | 2336 | 16093 |
| Increase | 413 | .. | 342 | 19 | .. | 123 | 111 | 208 | 43 | .. | 75 | .. | 59 | 39 | 94 | 1935 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 51 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 11 | .. | .. | 131 | 327 | .. | .. |
| Decrease | .. | 58 | .. | .. | 373 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 401 | .. | 75 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 35 | 118 | 71 | 210 | 16 | .. | 364 | 248 | 148 | 44 | 16 | 10 | 59 | 277 | 130 | 63 | .. | 96 | 148 | .. | .. | 545 | 87 |

SUMMARY OF GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1943.

| DISTRICTS | Churches | Other Preaching Places | Schoolrooms | Parsonages | Ministers and Probationers | Home Missionaries | Deaconesses | Local Preachers | Class Leaders | Church Membership | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|----------|------------------------|-------------|------------|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | | | | Members on Roll | New Members | On Probation | Junior Members | Infant Members | Baptisms | Communi- cants |
| Auckland | 94 | 107 | 46 | 32 | 49 | 14 | .. | 167 | 19 | 5301 | 229 | 24 | 1691 | 1824 | 374 | 4423 |
| South Auckland | 49 | 101 | 21 | 24 | 25 | 3 | .. | 76 | 8 | 2723 | 88 | 8 | 861 | 771 | 216 | 2217 |
| Taranaki-Wanganui .. | 46 | 30 | 22 | 21 | 12 | 7 | 2 | 66 | .. | 2281 | 37 | 5 | 707 | 776 | 195 | 1737 |
| Hawke's Bay-Manawatu .. | 39 | 14 | 16 | 16 | 13 | 4 | .. | 65 | 3 | 2464 | 103 | 9 | 601 | 871 | 175 | 1770 |
| Wellington | 42 | 20 | 23 | 19 | 39 | 3 | 1 | 77 | .. | 3054 | 71 | .. | 1111 | 1120 | 320 | 2296 |
| Nelson | 32 | 36 | 17 | 11 | 8 | 3 | .. | 55 | .. | 1465 | 48 | 7 | 470 | 431 | 124 | 1088 |
| North Canterbury .. | 66 | 17 | 38 | 27 | 38 | 5 | 3 | 88 | .. | 3943 | 108 | 4 | 1221 | 1011 | 243 | 3009 |
| South Canterbury .. | 23 | 19 | 12 | 9 | 10 | .. | 1 | 37 | .. | 1525 | 34 | .. | 332 | 389 | 51 | 1017 |
| Otago-Southland | 48 | 18 | 30 | 27 | 18 | 11 | .. | 50 | 2 | 2621 | 124 | 8 | 763 | 676 | 137 | 2060 |
| TOTALS, 1943 .. | 439 | 362 | 225 | 186 | 212 | 50 | 7 | 681 | 32 | 25377 | 842 | 65 | 7757 | 7869 | 1835 | 19617 |
| TOTALS, 1942 .. | 440 | 352 | 228 | 188 | 213 | 53 | 4 | 687 | .. | 25706 | 1330 | 91 | 7545 | 7995 | 1914 | 20285 |
| Increase | .. | 10 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 3 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 212 | .. | .. | .. |
| Decrease | 1 | .. | 3 | 2 | 1 | 3 | .. | 6 | .. | 329 | 488 | 26 | .. | 126 | 79 | 668 |

MAORI RETURNS.

| | | |
|---------------------------|----|---------------------------------|
| Churches | .. | Deaconesses |
| Other Preaching Places .. | .. | Local Preachers |
| Ministers | .. | Class Leaders and S.S. Teachers |
| Home Missionaries | .. | Members |
| | | J. and Infant Members .. |

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION.
Statement of Receipts and Expenses for Year Ending December 31st, 1943.
General Account.

| RECEIPTS | | | | EXPENDITURE | | | |
|------------------------------------|-----|----|------------------|---|-----|----|------------------|
| | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. |
| To Balance | 760 | 2 | 9 | By Epworth Press, Literature Purchased .. | 11 | 11 | 4 |
| „ Book Orders for the Year £2/7/3. | | | | „ Printing Annual Reports .. | 10 | 1 | 5 |
| 10/- | 2 | 17 | 3 | „ Stationery 17/3, 7/- .. | 1 | 4 | 3 |
| „ Interest at P.O.S. Bank £4/2/11, | | | | „ Sundries and Secretary 7/6, 13/9 .. | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| £12/13/2 | 16 | 16 | 1 | „ Bank Charges 2/-, 5/-, 5/- .. | 0 | 12 | 0 |
| | | | 19 13 4 | | | | 12 18 11 |
| | | | | „ Balance | 755 | 5 | 10 |
| | | | <u>£779 16 1</u> | | | | <u>£779 16 1</u> |

Benevolent Fund Account.

| | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. |
|------------------------------|-----|----|-----------------|--------------------|-----|----|-----------------|
| To Balance | 498 | 6 | 1 | By Balance | 524 | 5 | 8 |
| „ Interest on Shares, Wright | | | | | | | |
| Stephenson & Co Ltd. .. | 4 | 14 | 0 | | | | |
| | 4 | 14 | 0 | | | | |
| | | | 9 8 0 | | | | |
| „ Govt. Inscribed Stock .. | 2 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| | 2 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| | | | 4 0 0 | | | | |
| „ Deposit at P.O.S. Bank .. | 3 | 1 | 2 | | | | |
| | 9 | 10 | 5 | | | | |
| | | | 12 11 7 | | | | |
| | | | 25 19 7 | | | | |
| | | | <u>£524 5 8</u> | | | | <u>£524 5 8</u> |

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

Balance Sheet for Year Ending 31st December, 1943.

| LIABILITIES | | | | ASSETS | | | |
|-------------|----|-----|--------------------|---|----|----------|--------------------|
| | | | £ s. d. | | | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
| To Balance | .. | NIL | 1594 11 6 | By Cash as P.O.S. Bank with interest accrued: | | | |
| | | | | General Account | .. | 732 4 11 | |
| | | | | Benevolent Fund | .. | 524 5 8 | |
| | | | | | | | 1256 10 7 |
| | | | | „ 215 Preference Shares at Wright Stephenson & Co. Ltd. | .. | | 215 0 0 |
| | | | | „ N.Z. Govt. Inscribed Stock | .. | | 100 0 0 |
| | | | | „ National Bank of N.Z. Ltd., Current Account | .. | | 23 0 11 |
| | | | <u>£1,594 11 6</u> | | | | <u>£1,594 11 6</u> |

JOHN H. PUGH, Hon. Treasurer.

19th January, 1944.

Audited and found correct.

A. G. WILLIAMS

E. R. THOMAS, F.I.I.A., A.C.S.N.Z.

} Auditors

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND—YOUTH DEPARTMENT.
Statement of Income and Expenditure for Year Ended 30th September, 1943.

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| EXPENDITURE | | | |
|--|--------|----|-------|
| | £ | s. | d. |
| To Directors' Salaries | 835 | 10 | 3 |
| „ House Allowances | 345 | 9 | 0 |
| „ Connexional Charges, etc. .. | 128 | 9 | 2 |
| „ Expenses | 276 | 11 | 1 |
| | <hr/> | | |
| | 1585 | 19 | 6 |
| „ District Youth Council Expenses | | 57 | 17 1 |
| „ Contributions to Property Trustees | | 50 | 0 0 |
| „ Supplies, etc., Correspondence S.S. | 38 | 13 | 8 |
| <i>Less Contributions Received</i> | 0 | 7 | 0 |
| | <hr/> | | |
| | 38 | 6 | 8 |
| „ General Expenses | | 4 | 11 6 |
| „ Deprec.: Projectors | 19 | 14 | 10 |
| Films | 9 | 6 | 9 |
| | <hr/> | | |
| | 29 | 1 | 7 |
| „ Deficiency from Supplies, <i>less</i> Administration Charges .. | | 5 | 13 11 |
| „ Excess of Income over Expendi- ture Transferred to Accumu- lated Funds | | 78 | 19 2 |
| | <hr/> | | |
| | £1,850 | 9 | 5 |

| INCOME | | | |
|--|--------|----|-------|
| | £ | s. | d. |
| By Contributions : | | | |
| Circuits | 1680 | 16 | 7 |
| Connexional Fire Ins. Fund | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| B.C. Movements | 63 | 1 | 11 |
| | <hr/> | | |
| | 1793 | 18 | 6 |
| „ Proceeds Conference Youth Demonstration | | 29 | 18 10 |
| „ Youth Workers' Convention .. | | 10 | 2 1 |
| „ Interest P.O.S.B. Account .. | | 16 | 10 0 |
| | <hr/> | | |
| | £1,850 | 9 | 5 |

Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1943.

Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1943.

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S. DELLOW
JOAN H. YOUNG, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z.

Wellington, 14th December, 1943.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year Ending 31st October, 1943.

JAS. TYLER, Chairman.
F. A. CLAYTON, Secretary.

THE PROBART TRUST BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.

Balance Sheet, 31st October, 1943.

| LIABILITIES | | | | | ASSETS | | | | | | |
|--|---------|----|----|----|-------------------------------|--------|----|----|---------|----|----|
| | £ | s. | d. | | | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
| Capital Account— | £ | | | | Freehold Properties— | | | | | | |
| Balance as at 31st October, 1943 | 36,565 | 4 | 6 | .. | Great North Road | 55,220 | 7 | 3 | | | |
| Income Account— | | | | | Queen Street | 24,312 | 5 | 0 | | | |
| Balance as at 31st October, 1943 | 7,677 | 0 | 0 | .. | | | | | 79,532 | 12 | 3 |
| Auckland Sinking Fund Commissioners— | | | | | Balance of Purchase— | | | | | | |
| Balance of Loans | 34,000 | 0 | 0 | .. | Avondale Property | | | | 200 | 0 | 0 |
| Emsly Trust Deposit Account— | | | | | Bank of New Zealand— | | | | | | |
| At Call | 1,900 | 0 | 0 | .. | Balance as at 31st Oct., 1943 | | | | 442 | 7 | 8 |
| Emsly Trust— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Balance as at 31st October, 1943 | 32 | 15 | 5 | .. | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | £80,174 | 19 | 11 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Memo : Liability—Rates for year ending | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 31st May, 1944 | £694 | 10 | 8 | .. | | | | | £80,174 | 19 | 11 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |

We have examined the Books and Accounts of the Probert Trust Board for the year ended 31st October, 1943 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, 1943 as shown by the Books.

J. A. GENTLES, F.P.A.N.Z.
LEONARD KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

JAS. TYLER, Chairman.
F. A. CLAYTON, Secretary.

Auckland, 22nd November, 1943.

**THE PROBERT TRUST BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH
OF NEW ZEALAND.**

EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st OCTOBER, 1943.

| | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
|--|-----|----|----|----------------|----|----|-------------------|----|----|
| Repairs, Maintenance and Renovations: | | | | | | | | | |
| No. 1 Block | | | | 37 | 1 | 4 | | | |
| No. 2 Block | | | | 52 | 6 | 0 | | | |
| No. 3 Block | | | | 30 | 3 | 6 | | | |
| Cottages | | | | 28 | 15 | 4 | | | |
| Probert Chambers: | | | | | | | | | |
| Caretaker | 168 | 4 | 6 | | | | | | |
| Electric Power Board | 11 | 12 | 5 | | | | | | |
| Lift Maintenance | 20 | 12 | 0 | | | | | | |
| Repairs and Maintenance | 77 | 7 | 8 | | | | | | |
| | | | | <hr/> 277 16 7 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | 426 | 2 | 9 |
| Insurance Premiums | | | | | | | 285 | 6 | 5 |
| Rates | | | | | | | 667 | 1 | 9 |
| Interest: | | | | | | | | | |
| Bank of New Zealand | | | | 9 | 4 | 6 | | | |
| Auckland Sinking Fund Commissioners | | | | 1530 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Emsly Trust | | | | 85 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| | | | | | | | <hr/> 1624 14 6 | | |
| Sundries: | | | | | | | | | |
| Audit Fee | | | | 8 | 8 | 0 | | | |
| Land Tax | | | | 70 | 17 | 0 | | | |
| Bank Charge | | | | 0 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| Fares and Stamps | | | | 6 | 17 | 8 | | | |
| Sundries | | | | 15 | 6 | 10 | | | |
| Secretary's Salary | | | | 50 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| 2½% Commission on Rents and Interest Collected | | | | 105 | 9 | 3 | | | |
| | | | | | | | <hr/> 257 8 9 | | |
| | | | | | | | <hr/> £3,260 14 2 | | |

REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st OCTOBER, 1943.

| | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
|--------------------------|------|----|----|------------------|----|----|
| Oct. 31, 1942— | | | | | | |
| To Balance | 516 | 1 | 0 | | | |
| Oct. 31, 1943— | | | | | | |
| To Rents Accrued | 4123 | 2 | 0 | | | |
| „ Interest Accrued | 9 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| By Rents Received | | | | 4155 | 7 | 0 |
| „ Interest Received | | | | 9 | 10 | 0 |
| „ Rents Written Off | | | | 183 | 10 | 0 |
| „ Balance | | | | 300 | 6 | 0 |
| | | | | <hr/> £4648 13 0 | | |
| | | | | <hr/> £4648 13 0 | | |

Examined and found correct.

J. A. GENTLES, F.P.A.N.Z.,
LEONARD KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z., Auditors.

JAS. TYLER, Chairman.
F. A. CLAYTON, Secretary.

AUCKLAND, 22nd November, 1943.

PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUST.

Balance Sheet for Year Ending 30th September, 1943.

Treasurers : MESSRS. J. STANTON and J. W. SHACKELFORD

| RECEIPTS | | | | PAYMENTS | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----|--------|-------|-------------------------------------|-----|--------|-------|
| | | £ | s. d. | | | £ | s. d. |
| Oct. 1st, 1942— | | | | Land Tax | | 46 | 4 8 |
| Balance Auckland Savings Bank | 229 | 19 | 6 | Loans to Pitt Street | 900 | 0 | 0 |
| Interest Auckland Savings Bank | 2 | 14 | 6 | Commission Paid | 17 | 8 | 0 |
| Interest Pitt Street Trustees | 83 | 6 | 8 | Registration of Trustees | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Rents Received | 696 | 0 | 0 | Balance Auckland Savings Bank | 48 | 3 | 0 |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | £1,012 | 0 8 | | | £1,012 | 0 8 |

Capital Account.

| | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|---|---|
| Loan to Pitt Street | £2,600 | 0 | 0 |
| Balance Auckland Savings Bank | 48 | 3 | 0 |
| | £2,648 | 3 | 0 |

E. T. OLDS, Chairman.

J. W. SHACKLEFORRD, Secretary

Audited and found correct,

L. E. RHODES

C. W. WIGGLESWORTH } Auditors.

Auckland, 3rd November, 1943.

JAMES AND MARTHA TROUNSON BENEVOLENT FUND TRUST BOARD.

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31st December, 1943.

| EXPENDITURE | | | | INCOME | | | |
|--|----|----|------------------|-------------------------------------|-------|------------------|-------|
| | | £ | s. d. | £ | s. d. | £ | s. d. |
| To Stamps | .. | 2 | 6 0 | By Interest Inscribed Stock | .. | 410 | 12 4 |
| „ Bank Charges | .. | 0 | 10 0 | „ Interest Auckland Savings Bank .. | .. | 4 | 0 1 |
| „ Cheque Book | .. | 2 | 0 0 | | | | |
| „ Secretary's Honorarium | .. | 25 | 0 0 | | | | |
| „ Filing Cabinet | .. | 6 | 0 0 | | | | |
| „ Office Rent | .. | 5 | 0 0 | | | | |
| „ Sundries | .. | 0 | 14 0 | | | | |
| | | | 41 10 0 | | | | |
| „ Grants | .. | | 333 19 10 | | | | |
| „ Balance Excess of Income over Ex- penditure | .. | | 39 2 7 | | | | |
| | | | <u>£414 12 5</u> | | | <u>£414 12 5</u> | |

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1943.

| LIABILITIES | | | | ASSETS | | | |
|---|--------|----|----------------------|--------------------------------------|----------|----------------------|-------|
| | | £ | s. d. | | | £ | s. d. |
| Accumulated Funds on 31/12/42 | 11,516 | 13 | 4 | N.Z. Govt. Inscribed Stock (4% 1946 | .. | 5590 | 0 0 |
| Add Excess of Income over Ex- penditure for the Year | 39 | 2 | 7 | „ Maturity Value | .. | 5755 | 0 0 |
| | | | <u>11,555 15 11</u> | N.Z. Govt. Inscribed Stock (3½% 1960 | .. | | |
| | | | | „ Maturity) | .. | | |
| | | | | Cash Balances at Bankers: | | | |
| | | | | Auckland Savings Bank .. | 159 0 10 | | |
| | | | | Bank of New Zealand .. | 51 15 1 | | |
| | | | | | | 210 | 15 11 |
| | | | <u>£11,555 15 11</u> | | | <u>£11,555 15 11</u> | |

8th February, 1944.

Audited and found correct.

JOHN E. ASTLEY.

THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS.

Revenue Account for the Year Ended 31st December, 1943.

| | | | | £ | s. | d. | | | | | £ | s. | d. |
|--|--|--|--|--------------------|----|----|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|--------------------|----|----|
| To Rates and Taxes | | | | 73 | 11 | 11 | By Interest | | | | 542 | 0 | 3 |
| ,, General Expenses | | | | 49 | 5 | 8 | ,, Rent | | | | 910 | 10 | 1 |
| ,, Insurances | | | | 16 | 18 | 3 | | | | | | | |
| ,, Balance carried down | | | | 1312 | 14 | 6 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | <u>£1,452 10 4</u> | | | | | | | <u>£1,452 10 4</u> | | |
| To Grant Rangiatea Maori Girls' School | | | | 400 | 0 | 0 | By Balance brought down | | | | 1312 | 14 | 6 |
| ,, Masterton Home Expenses : | | | | | | | ,, Interest on account Masterton Home | | | | | | |
| Cash remitted to Masterton Com- | | | | 529 | 12 | 5 | Investments | | | | 279 | 12 | 2 |
| mittee | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Earthquake Repairs—Masterton | | | | 124 | 0 | 5 | | | | | | | |
| Home | | | | 150 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | |
| Depreciation written off Bldgs. | | | | 175 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | |
| Retiring Allowances | | | | <u>978 12 10</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| ,, Excess of Income over Expenditure | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Transferred to Capital Account | | | | <u>213 13 10</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | <u>£1,592 6 8</u> | | | | | | | <u>£1,592 6 8</u> | | |

THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS.

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1943.

| LIABILITIES | | | | ASSETS | | | | | | |
|--|--------|----|----|---------|----|----|------------------------------------|--------|----|--------------|
| | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. |
| Capital Account, 31st Dec., 1942 | 42,684 | 4 | 7 | | | | Bank of Australasia, Current A/c. | 24 | 1 | 1 |
| Plus Excess of Income over Exp. | 213 | 13 | 10 | | | | Fixed Deposit | 1000 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | 42,897 | 18 | 5 | | | | |
| Masterton Capital Account, 31st Dec., 1942 | 7782 | 16 | 11 | | | | Post Office Savings Bank | | | 1024 1 1 |
| Plus Bequests and Donations | 277 | 9 | 5 | | | | N.Z. Govt. Stock & Liberty Loan | | | 60 19 10 |
| | | | | 8060 | 6 | 4 | Masterton Home Property | 10,100 | 0 | 0 |
| Newcombe Trust Prize Fund | 51 | 5 | 0 | | | | Less Depreciation on Buildings | 150 | 0 | 0 |
| Plus Interest on Investments | 10 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | 9950 0 0 |
| | | | | 61 | 5 | 0 | Wellington Property | | | 16,113 6 9 |
| Rent paid in advance | | | | 9 | 6 | 4 | Foxton Property | | | 842 0 0 |
| | | | | | | | Newcombe Trust Investment | | | 51 5 0 |
| | | | | | | | Loans on Mortgage | | | 4192 10 0 |
| | | | | | | | Loan Rangiatea Maori Girls' School | | | 3000 0 0 |
| | | | | | | | Purchase Monies on Table Payments | | | 957 14 8 |
| | | | | | | | Rent and Interest Accrued | | | 177 2 7 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | £51,028 | 16 | 1 | | | | £51,028 16 1 |

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, 1943, 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, 1943.

Wellington, 25th February, 1944.

G. T. WITHERS, A.R.A.N.Z., Auditor.

EMSLY TRUST BOARD.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year Ending 31st October, 1943.

| RECEIPTS | | | | EXPENDITURE | | | |
|----------------------------------|----|----|-----------------|--------------------------------|----|----|-----------------|
| 1942, Oct. 31st— | | | £ s. d. | 1943, Oct. 31st— | | | £ s. d. |
| To Balance | .. | .. | 32 15 5 | By Theological College | .. | .. | 85 10 0 |
| 1943, Oct. 31st— | | | | „ Balance | .. | .. | 32 15 5 |
| To Interest from Deposit | .. | .. | 85 10 0 | | | | |
| | | | <u>£118 5 5</u> | | | | <u>£118 5 5</u> |

Investment Account.

| | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|----|----|-------------------|---|--|--|-------------------|
| 1943, Oct. 31st— | | | £ s. d. | 1943, Oct. 31st— | | | £ s. d. |
| To Capital | .. | .. | 1900 0 0 | By Deposit at call with Probert Trust Board | | | 1900 0 0 |
| | | | <u>£1,900 0 0</u> | | | | <u>£1,900 0 0</u> |

Audited and found correct.

T. L. HAMES, Auditor.

Auckland, 13th December, 1943.

JAS. TYLER, Treasurer.

GREY INSTITUTE TRUST.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 30th September, 1943.

| RECEIPTS | | | | PAYMENTS | | | |
|----------------------------|-----|----|-----------|---|------|----|----|
| | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. |
| To Balance forward 1/10/42 | .. | .. | 234 13 5 | By Land Tax | 47 | 14 | 7 |
| „ Rents | 635 | 4 | 0 | „ Borough Rates | 6 | 3 | 7 |
| „ Interest | 23 | 8 | 9 | „ Remittances to H.M. Dept. | 550 | 0 | 0 |
| „ Noting Fees | 3 | 13 | 6 | „ Salary | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | 662 6 3 | „ Printing and Stationery | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| | | | | „ Audit Fees | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| | | | | „ Repairs and Renewals | 11 | 12 | 9 |
| | | | | „ Legal Expenses | 1 | 11 | 6 |
| | | | | „ Registration of Trustees | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| | | | | „ Repayment of Advance from Rangiatea Girls' School | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | „ Insurances | 8 | 5 | 9 |
| | | | | „ Interest | 23 | 8 | 9 |
| | | | | „ Bank Charges | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| | | | | „ Postages, Petties, Sundries | 2 | 5 | 0 |
| | | | | | 808 | 8 | 5 |
| | | | | „ Balance at Bank of New South Wales | 88 | 11 | 3 |
| | | | | | £896 | 19 | 8 |
| | | | £896 19 8 | | | | |

E. D. PATCHETT, Chairman.

WILLIAM P. OKEY, Secretary.

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 30th September, 1943. 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, 27th October, 1943.

VAL DUFF, Public Accountant, Auditor.

KAI IWI MISSION FARM ACCOUNT.

Statement for Year Ended 30th September, 1943.

| INCOME | | | | | EXPENDITURE | | | | |
|--------------|----|----|----|------------------|-------------------|----|----|----|------------------|
| | | | | £ s. d. | | | | | £ s. d. |
| Balance | .. | .. | .. | 48 15 9 | Land Tax | .. | .. | .. | 8 2 9 |
| Rent—January | .. | .. | .. | 155 10 3 | Treasurer—January | .. | .. | .. | 130 0 0 |
| July | .. | .. | .. | 155 10 3 | July | .. | .. | .. | 130 0 0 |
| | | | | | Bank Charge | .. | .. | .. | 0 15 0 |
| | | | | | Balance | .. | .. | .. | 90 18 6 |
| | | | | <u>£359 16 3</u> | | | | | <u>£359 16 3</u> |

F. J. BEAVEN, Hon. Sec. and Treas.
26th November, 1943.

Audited and found correct.
C. J. SHARPE, Auditor.

STATEMENT.

THE MARTIN BROTHERS MEMORIAL TRUST HOME.

Year ending 31/10/43.

| | | | | | | £ | s. | d. |
|--|------|------|------|------|-------|--------|----|----|
| Rent to 18/9/43 | .... | .... | .... | .... |  | 114 | 15 | 0 |
| Bank Interest No. 1 Account | .... | .... | .... | .... |  | 5 | 3 | 4 |
| Bank Interest, No. 2 Account | .... | .... | .... | .... |  | 4 | 17 | 2 |
| Debenture Interest | .... | .... | .... | .... |  | 4 | 5 | 0 |
| | | | | | | 129 | 0 | 6 |
| Agents' Collecting Fee | .... | .... | .... | .... | 5 | 14 | 9 | |
| Repairs | .... | .... | .... | .... | 0 | 18 | 6 | |
| Insurance | .... | .... | .... | .... | 5 | 12 | 6 | |
| Land Tax | .... | .... | .... | .... | 2 | 5 | 10 | |
| Rates to 31/5/44 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 24 | 10 | 4 | |
| | | | | | | 39 | 1 | 11 |
| | | | | | | 89 | 18 | 7 |
| Bank Account, No. 1, 31/10/42 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 247 | 17 | 4 | |
| Bank Account, No. 2, 31/10/42 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 188 | 12 | 0 | |
| Cash | .... | .... | .... | .... | 64 | 7 | 3 | |
| | | | | | | 500 | 16 | 7 |
| Debenture—Nominal Value | .... | .... | .... | .... |  | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| Bank Account, No. 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 253 | 0 | 8 | |
| Bank Account, No. 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 193 | 9 | 2 | |
| Debentures | .... | .... | .... | .... | 100 | 0 | 0 | |
| Cash | .... | .... | .... | .... | 144 | 5 | 4 | |
| | | | | | | 690 | 15 | 2 |
| | | | | | | £690 | 15 | 2 |
| ASSETS. | | | | | | £ | s. | d. |
| Mountain Road Property at Government Valuation | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1,920 | 0 | 0 | |
| Franklin Debenture—Nominal Value | .... | .... | .... | .... | 100 | 0 | 0 | |
| As Above | .... | .... | .... | .... | 690 | 15 | 2 | |
| | | | | | | £2,710 | 15 | 2 |

Audited and found correct.

T. L. HAMES. 16/11/43.

REPORT.

The property is still tenanted. The question of amalgamation with the Potter North Island Trust is under consideration.

For the Trustees,

G. A. WHITE.

16/11/43.

TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.
Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year ended 31st October, 1943.

| RECEIPTS | | | | PAYMENTS | | | |
|---|----|--------|-------|---|----|--------|-------|
| | | £ | s. d. | | | £ | s. d. |
| Balance 1st November, 1942 | .. | 293 | 11 5 | House and Service | .. | 639 | 16 7 |
| Probert Trust | .. | 150 | 0 0 | Stipends | .. | 425 | 0 0 |
| Contingent Fund | .. | 740 | 0 0 | Tutors' Fees | .. | 227 | 10 0 |
| Emsly Trust | .. | 85 | 10 0 | Connexional Charges | .. | 84 | 8 0 |
| Home Mission Department | .. | 100 | 0 0 | Quarterages | .. | 80 | 0 0 |
| Foreign Mission Department | .. | 50 | 0 0 | Rates | .. | 196 | 3 7 |
| Connexional Fire Insurance Fund | .. | 110 | 0 0 | Insurance | .. | 109 | 6 5 |
| Collegiate Church | .. | 62 | 17 2 | Telephones | .. | 24 | 0 0 |
| Congregational Church | .. | 242 | 10 0 | Furnishings | .. | 25 | 12 10 |
| Students' Contributions | .. | 35 | 0 0 | Repairs | .. | 365 | 4 10 |
| Friends of Trinity College and College Sunday | .. | 32 | 16 4 | University Fees | .. | 68 | 12 0 |
| Rents | .. | 2342 | 2 0 | Rent Board Room | .. | 12 | 15 6 |
| Est. S. J. Ambury | .. | 549 | 3 8 | Printing, Postage and Stationery | .. | 14 | 17 8 |
| Est. M. Harding | .. | 500 | 0 0 | Bank Charges | .. | 3 | 12 9 |
| Balance, 31st October, 1943 | .. | 76 | 15 11 | Interest | .. | 68 | 6 6 |
| | | | | Bible Class Camp Fees | .. | 3 | 9 0 |
| | | | | Advertising Church Services | .. | 8 | 0 0 |
| | | | | University Chaplain Fund | .. | 5 | 0 0 |
| | | | | Sundries | .. | 2 | 2 6 |
| | | | | Transferred to Site Acquisition Account:— | | | |
| | | | | Est. S. J. Ambury | .. | 549 | 3 8 |
| | | | | Est. J. Harding | .. | 500 | 0 0 |
| | | | | Rent Surplus—Auckland Hospital Board | .. | 1851 | 14 8 |
| | | | | Rehabilitation Fund Account | .. | 87 | 10 0 |
| | | £5,352 | 6 6 | | | £5,352 | 6 6 |

We have examined the Books and Vouchers of the Methodist Theological College, and compared same with Bank Books, and Statements and we are of the opinion that they give a true and correct statement as at 31st October, 1943.

R. B. VERRY, A.R.A.N.Z.
R. LOVIE, Dip. Bkg.

TRINITY THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

SITE ACQUIREMENT FUND.

| | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
|-------------------------------------|--------|----|----|--------|----|----|
| Nov. 1st, 1942—Bank Overdraft | | | | 2,900 | 18 | 4 |
| Add Bank Interest and Charges | | | | 68 | 6 | 5 |
| Less Transferred from General A/c.: | | | | | | |
| Est. S. J. Ambury | 549 | 3 | 8 | | | |
| Est. M. Harding | 500 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Rent Surplus | 1,851 | 14 | 8 | | | |
| Bank Interest | 68 | 6 | 6 | | | |
| | £2,969 | 4 | 10 | £2,969 | 4 | 10 |

FRANK M. WINSTONE,

ERNEST S. EMMITT,

Hon. Treasurers.

REHABILITATION FUND ACCOUNT.

Transfer from General Account:—

| | | | |
|-------------------|-----|----|---|
| Rent Surplus | £87 | 10 | 0 |
|-------------------|-----|----|---|

NEW ORGAN FUND.

| | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
|------------------------------------|----|----|----|------|----|----|
| Fund as at 1st November, 1942 | | | | 438 | 7 | 9 |
| Add—Dividends | 18 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Bank Interest | 3 | 10 | 8 | | | |
| | | | | 21 | 10 | 8 |
| | | | | 459 | 18 | 5 |
| Less Repairs to Organ | | | | 2 | 14 | 6 |
| Fund as at 31st October, 1943 | | | | £457 | 3 | 11 |

FRANK M. WINSTONE,

Hon. Treasurer.

GORMAN BOOK FUND.

| | | | |
|--|------|---|---|
| New Zealand Government 1953 Stock | £180 | 0 | 0 |
|--|------|---|---|

FRANK M. WINSTONE,

Hon. Treasurer.

We have examined the books and vouchers of the Methodist Theological College, and have compared same with Bank Books and Statements, and we are of the opinion that they give a true and correct statement as at 31st October, 1943.

(Signed) R. B. VERRY, A.R.A.N.Z.

R. LOVIE, Dip. Bkg.

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1943.

| LIABILITIES | | | | ASSETS | | | | | | | |
|---|---------|----|----|---------|----|----|--|--------|--------|----|---|
| | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. | | |
| Sundry Creditors | | | | 321 | 12 | 11 | Balance at Bank of New Zealand .. | 690 | 3 | 3 | |
| Bank of New Zealand Long Term Mortgage Loan | 7472 | 16 | 1 | | | | Less Third Liberty Loan Account .. | 225 | 0 | 0 | |
| Plus Accrued Interest (Secured over Grafton Rd. and Paerata Properties) | 106 | 3 | 1 | | | | Plus Accrued Interest .. | 2 | 4 | 9 | |
| | | | | 7578 | 19 | 2 | | 227 | 4 | 9 | |
| War Memorial Fund (Maori) .. | 281 | 2 | 2 | | | | Paerata Land at cost | 15,442 | 2 | 0 | |
| Plus Interest added | 16 | 17 | 4 | | | | College Buildings at Cost .. | 43,694 | 3 | 0 | |
| | | | | 297 | 19 | 6 | Improvements to Paerata Property .. | 13,694 | 2 | 11 | |
| Scholarship Funds : | | | | | | | Less Depreciation | 152 | 6 | 4 | |
| Marianne Caughey Smith-Preston .. | 2120 | 0 | 0 | | | | | 13,541 | 16 | 7 | |
| George Winstone | 1075 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| Stephen Jas. Ambury 779 3 6 | | | | | | | Mount. Wgtn. Land | 6567 | 16 | 11 | |
| Plus Interest added 30 5 0 | | | | | | | Less Value of Scoria sold | 1192 | 16 | 0 | |
| | 809 | 8 | 6 | | | | | 5375 | 0 | 11 | |
| | | | | 4004 | 8 | 6 | Preparatory School Buildings .. | 3990 | 8 | 10 | |
| College Bldgs. Maintenance Res. | | | | 500 | 0 | 0 | Improvements to Mount Wellington Property | 244 | 1 | 11 | |
| Capital Account : | | | | | | | | 9609 | 11 | 8 | |
| Balance at 1st Jan., 1943 .. | 109,315 | 15 | 6 | | | | City and Suburban Properties at Government Valuation : | | | | |
| Plus Assets taken over from Est. of Maurice Harding (deceased) | 13,383 | 14 | 11 | | | | Grafton | 20,667 | 19 | 6 | |
| Profit on Sale of Three Kings Property .. | 7004 | 12 | 0 | | | | Three Kings (Landscape Road) .. | 2800 | 0 | 0 | |
| Excess of Income over Exp. | 699 | 5 | 0 | | | | Waikowhai | 4255 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | | | 130,403 | 7 | 5 | | | 27,722 | 19 | 6 |
| | | | | | | | Improvements to Property— | | | | |
| | | | | | | | Waikowhai | | 174 | 1 | 1 |
| | | | | | | | Otamatea County Property .. | 115 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | | | | | | Hobson County Property .. | 10 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | | | | | | | | 125 | 0 | 0 |

Balance Sheet—continued.

Plant and Machinery :

| | | | |
|-----------------------|------|---|----|
| Paerata | 1001 | 5 | 7 |
| Wellington Park | 290 | 8 | 10 |

1291 14 5

| | | | |
|-------------------------|-----|----|---|
| Less Depreciation | 152 | 14 | 5 |
|-------------------------|-----|----|---|

1139 0 0

Motor Vehicles :

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-----|----|---|
| Paerata | 669 | 17 | 6 |
| Wellington Park | 220 | 0 | 0 |

889 17 6

| | | | |
|-------------------------|-----|---|---|
| Less Depreciation | 110 | 7 | 6 |
|-------------------------|-----|---|---|

779 10 0

| | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----|---|---|
| Furniture and Fittings—College | 328 | 0 | 0 |
|--------------------------------------|-----|---|---|

| | | | |
|-------------------------|------|----|---|
| Equipment—College | 1290 | 14 | 0 |
|-------------------------|------|----|---|

1618 14 0

| | | | |
|-------------------------|-----|----|---|
| Less Depreciation | 137 | 14 | 0 |
|-------------------------|-----|----|---|

1481 0 0

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Furniture and Fittings—Prepara- | | | |
|---------------------------------|--|--|--|

| | | | |
|-------------------|-----|---|---|
| tory School | 208 | 9 | 9 |
|-------------------|-----|---|---|

| | | | |
|------------------------------------|-----|---|----|
| Equipment—Preparatory School | 159 | 5 | 10 |
|------------------------------------|-----|---|----|

367 15 7

| | | | |
|-------------------------|----|---|---|
| Less Depreciation | 24 | 5 | 7 |
|-------------------------|----|---|---|

343 10 0

Stock on Hand at Valuation :

| | | | |
|---------------------------|------|---|---|
| Live Stock, Paerata | 6505 | 6 | 0 |
|---------------------------|------|---|---|

| | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----|---|---|
| Live Stock, Wellington Park | 85 | 0 | 0 |
|-----------------------------------|----|---|---|

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----|---|---|
| Produce and Sundry Stocks | 768 | 0 | 0 |
|---------------------------------|-----|---|---|

7358 6 0

Mount Albert Estate and Three

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|------|----|---|
| Kings Estate Purchasers | 2664 | 15 | 9 |
|-------------------------------|------|----|---|

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|----|----|---|
| Plus Accrued Interest | 22 | 13 | 7 |
|-----------------------------|----|----|---|

2687 9 4

| | | | |
|-------------------------|------|---|---|
| Loans on Mortgage | 4772 | 5 | 0 |
|-------------------------|------|---|---|

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|----|---|---|
| Plus Accrued Interest | 79 | 1 | 0 |
|-----------------------------|----|---|---|

4851 6 0

| | | | |
|------------------------------------|------|---|---|
| N.Z. Govt. Stock 4%, 1954/58 | 2000 | 0 | 0 |
|------------------------------------|------|---|---|

| | | | |
|------------------------------------|------|---|---|
| N.Z. Govt. Stock 3%, 1953/56 | 1000 | 0 | 0 |
|------------------------------------|------|---|---|

| | | | |
|--|----|---|---|
| N.Z. Govt. National Savings Bond | 10 | 0 | 0 |
|--|----|---|---|

3010 0 0

Shares :

| | | | |
|--|------|----------|------|
| Frank M. Winstone (Merchants) Ltd. (1000 Shares of £1 each fully paid) | 1000 | 0 | 0 |
| New Remuera-Panmure Land Co. Ltd. (600 Shares of £1 each paid to 12/6) | 450 | 0 | 0 |
| Marua Estate, Ltd. (1225 Shares of £1 each paid to 18/6 at Valuation) | 132 | 14 | 2 |
| Nukuroa Fruitlands, Ltd. (250 Shares of £1 each paid to 17/- at Valuation) | 37 | 10 | 0 |
| Pacific Buildings, Ltd. (5 Shares of £1 each fully paid at Valuation) | 0 | 12 | 6 |
| Whakatane Development Co. Ltd. (100 Shares of 10/- each fully paid) | Nil | | |
| | | 1620 | 16 8 |
| Debenture of £1310 in Marua Est., Ltd. (non-Interest bearing—at Valuation) | | 605 | 17 6 |
| Sundry Debtors for Land Sold .. | | 6212 | 3 1 |
| Sundry Debtors : | | | |
| For Rents | 624 | 9 | 11 |
| For Fees | 29 | 3 | 5 |
| For Sundries | 1334 | 13 | 0 |
| | 1988 | 6 | 4 |
| Less Reserve for Bad Debts | 65 | 0 | 0 |
| | | 1923 | 6 4 |
| Payments in Advance | | 292 | 13 8 |
| Cash in Hand—Paerata and Office | | 28 | 16 7 |
| | | £143,106 | 7 6 |

£143,106 7 6

£143,106 7 6

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, 1943, 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 and Mount Wellington, which we have accepted as correct.

Auckland, 26th January, 1943.

HUTCHISON, ELLIFFE & CAMERON, Auditors.

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ended the 31st December, 1943.

| | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. |
|--|-----|----|----|--------|----|----|-------------------------------------|--------|----|----|
| To Loss on Farm—Paerata .. | | | | 682 | 2 | 9 | By Rents Received .. | 1737 | 2 | 3 |
| „ Loss on College .. | 419 | 9 | 11 | | | | „ Profit on Farm—Wellington Park .. | 878 | 7 | 2 |
| „ Loss on Preparatory School .. | 108 | 12 | 1 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | 528 | 2 | 0 | | | | |
| „ General Expenses .. | | | | 638 | 3 | 10 | | | | |
| „ Interest .. | | | | 67 | 15 | 10 | | | | |
| „ Excess of Income over Expenditure Transferred to Capital Account | | | | 699 | 5 | 0 | | | | |
| | | | | £2,615 | 9 | 5 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | £2,615 | 9 | 5 |

Farm Working Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1943.

| | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. |
|-----------------------|-----|----|----|--------|----|----|--|--------|----|----|
| To Net Loss on : | | | | | | | By Net Profit on Sheep .. | 369 | 4 | 11 |
| Bees .. | 109 | 13 | 6 | | | | „ Rent of 36 acres occupied by Army Dept. .. | 100 | 6 | 7 |
| No. 1 Dairy .. | 316 | 0 | 10 | | | | „ Sale of Plantation Timber .. | 73 | 3 | 6 |
| No. 2 Dairy .. | 348 | 14 | 8 | | | | „ Net Loss to Income and Expenditure A/c. | 682 | 2 | 9 |
| Garden and Orchard .. | 197 | 2 | 11 | | | | | | | |
| Pigs .. | 193 | 4 | 6 | | | | | | | |
| Poultry .. | 60 | 1 | 4 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | 1224 | 17 | 9 | | | | |
| | | | | £1,224 | 17 | 9 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | £1,224 | 17 | 9 |

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.
Wellington Park Farm Working Account for the 9 months ended 31st December, 1943.

| | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---------------|----------|----------|--|---------------|----------|----------|
| To Loss on Sale of Stock | 264 | 1 | 3 | By Scoria Royalties (half of total received) | 1192 | 16 | 0 |
| „ Wages | 317 | 8 | 9 | „ Rent Received | 409 | 1 | 5 |
| „ Stock Feed | 101 | 9 | 2 | „ Dairy Receipts | 204 | 10 | 11 |
| „ Rates | 79 | 0 | 3 | | | | |
| „ Repairs and Maintenance | 62 | 18 | 7 | | | | |
| „ Depreciation | 35 | 8 | 10 | | | | |
| „ Motor Expenses | 27 | 14 | 7 | | | | |
| „ Power and Light | 27 | 10 | 9 | | | | |
| „ Sundry Expenses | 10 | 8 | 6 | | | | |
| „ Seeds and Manure | 2 | 0 | 6 | | | | |
| „ Net Profit to Income and Expenditure A/c. | 878 | 7 | 2 | | | | |
| | <u>£1,806</u> | <u>8</u> | <u>4</u> | | <u>£1,806</u> | <u>8</u> | <u>4</u> |

Interest Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1943.

| | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. |
|---|-------------|----------|----------|---|-------------|----------|----------|
| To Interest on Long Term Mortgage Loan | 381 | 8 | 6 | By Interest from— | | | |
| „ Interest on Overdraft | 11 | 12 | 3 | Mortgages taken over from Harding Estate | 207 | 0 | 6 |
| „ Interest on Scholarship Funds Deposited | 47 | 2 | 4 | Mount Albert Estate | 80 | 17 | 0 |
| | | | | Three Kings Estate | 39 | 6 | 2 |
| | | | | Kawhia Property | 5 | 15 | 4 |
| | | | | N.Z. Govt.—Third Liberty Loan .. | 9 | 8 | 3 |
| | | | | „ Dividend, New Remuera-Panmure Land Co. | | | |
| | | | | Ltd. | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | „ Balance Transferred to Income and Exp. A/c. | 67 | 15 | 10 |
| | <u>£440</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>1</u> | | <u>£440</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>1</u> |

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.

Rent Received for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1943.

| | £ | s. | d. | | | | £ | s. | d. |
|--|---------------|----------|----------|-------------------------|----|----|---------------|----------|----------|
| To Balance Transferred to Income and Exp. A/c. | 1737 | 2 | 3 | By Rents Received from— | | | | | |
| | | | | Grafton Road Property | .. | .. | 975 | 18 | 4 |
| | | | | Three Kings Property | .. | .. | 132 | 19 | 11 |
| | | | | Waikowhai Property | .. | .. | 628 | 4 | 0 |
| | <u>£1,737</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>3</u> | | | | <u>£1,737</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>3</u> |

College Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1943.

| | | | | £ | s. | d. | | | | | £ | s. | d. | |
|----|---|----|----|----|--------|----|----|----|----------------------------------|----|----|--------|----|----|
| To | Advertising | .. | .. | .. | 40 | 3 | 6 | By | Rent—Army Department | .. | .. | 1800 | 0 | 0 |
| „ | Bad Debts written off less Recoveries | .. | .. | .. | 58 | 14 | 2 | „ | Provisions | .. | .. | 45 | 17 | 1 |
| „ | Chaplaincy Account | .. | .. | .. | 17 | 10 | 6 | „ | Working Expenses carried forward | .. | .. | 419 | 9 | 11 |
| „ | Depreciation | .. | .. | .. | 194 | 4 | 0 | | | | | | | |
| „ | Fuel and Light | .. | .. | .. | 95 | 10 | 8 | | | | | | | |
| „ | Insurance | .. | .. | .. | 113 | 15 | 11 | | | | | | | |
| „ | Rates.. | .. | .. | .. | 396 | 14 | 7 | | | | | | | |
| „ | Repairs and Maintenance (including £500 Res.) | | | | 613 | 17 | 8 | | | | | | | |
| „ | Salaries | .. | .. | .. | 199 | 18 | 5 | | | | | | | |
| „ | Stationery | .. | .. | .. | 13 | 11 | 2 | | | | | | | |
| „ | Sundry Expenses | .. | .. | .. | 186 | 10 | 7 | | | | | | | |
| „ | Wages | .. | .. | .. | 334 | 15 | 10 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | £2,265 | 7 | 0 | | | | | £2,265 | 7 | 0 |

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.

Preparatory School Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1943.

| | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|----------|----------|--|---------------|----------|----------|
| To Advertising | 10 | 15 | 3 | By School Fees | 1420 | 19 | 8 |
| „ Beneficiary Work—European | 60 | 0 | 0 | „ Piano Fees | 3 | 7 | 6 |
| „ Beneficiary Work—Island | 15 | 0 | 0 | „ Boys' Stationery | 11 | 4 | 9 |
| „ Depreciation | 24 | 5 | 7 | „ Working Loss Carried Forward | 108 | 12 | 1 |
| „ Fuel and Light | 70 | 12 | 9 | | | | |
| „ Insurance | 29 | 5 | 8 | | | | |
| „ Laboratory Expenses | 1 | 17 | 8 | | | | |
| „ Provisions | 476 | 1 | 4 | | | | |
| „ Rent | 16 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| „ Repairs and Maintenance | 32 | 18 | 1 | | | | |
| „ Salaries | 357 | 18 | 3 | | | | |
| „ Sports | 6 | 19 | 11 | | | | |
| „ Stationery | 6 | 2 | 7 | | | | |
| „ Sundry Expenses | 48 | 3 | 11 | | | | |
| „ Wages | 388 | 3 | 0 | | | | |
| | <u>£1,544</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>0</u> | | <u>£1,544</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>0</u> |

General Expenses Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1943.

| | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. |
|---|-------------|----------|-----------|--|-------------|----------|-----------|
| To Printing and Stationery | 12 | 15 | 10 | By Balance Transferred to Income and Ex- | | | |
| „ Rates | 177 | 11 | 11 | penditure Account | 638 | 3 | 10 |
| „ Repairs and Maintenance | 30 | 1 | 8 | | | | |
| „ Salary | 280 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| „ Sundry Expenses | 15 | 12 | 2 | | | | |
| „ Legal and Collection Expenses | 21 | 6 | 7 | | | | |
| „ Rent—Board Room | 9 | 3 | 6 | | | | |
| „ Office Expenses | 21 | 0 | 8 | | | | |
| „ Audit Fee | 31 | 10 | 0 | | | | |
| „ Donation | 25 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| „ Advertising for Principal | 14 | 1 | 6 | | | | |
| | <u>£638</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>10</u> | | <u>£638</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>10</u> |

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.
Farm Working Account for the Year Ended 31st December, 1943.

| | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------|--|------|----|----|---------------|-----------|----------|
| To Wages and Salaries | 1986 | 4 | 6 | By Gross Profit on— | | | | | | |
| „ Stock Foods | 476 | 7 | 7 | No. 1 Dairy | 1609 | 4 | 1 | | | |
| „ Seeds and Manure | 286 | 15 | 7 | No. 2 Dairy | 583 | 12 | 3 | | | |
| „ Lorry Expenses | 313 | 5 | 3 | Garden and Orchard | 12 | 16 | 5 | | | |
| „ Horse and Tractor Expenses | 149 | 12 | 6 | Pigs | 65 | 15 | 0 | | | |
| „ Sundries, including Freight, Packing, Association Fees and Stock Dips | 412 | 9 | 3 | Poultry | 80 | 7 | 8 | | | |
| „ Depreciation written off | 317 | 19 | 5 | Sheep | 1016 | 5 | 10 | | | |
| „ Repairs and Maintenance | 136 | 5 | 9 | | 3368 | 1 | 3 | | | |
| „ Power and Light | 62 | 8 | 6 | <i>Less</i> Gross Loss on Bees | 31 | 2 | 1 | | | |
| „ Insurance | 41 | 5 | 5 | | | | | 3336 | 19 | 2 |
| „ Advertising | 9 | 18 | 3 | „ Rent of 36 acres occupied by Army Department | | | | 100 | 6 | 7 |
| | | | | „ Sale of Plantation Timber | | | | 73 | 3 | 6 |
| | | | | „ Net Loss to Income and Expenditure Account | | | | 682 | 2 | 9 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <u>£4,192</u> | <u>12</u> | <u>0</u> | | | | | <u>£4,192</u> | <u>12</u> | <u>0</u> |

We have compared the above account with the Departmental Accounts kept by your office, and certify that it is in accordance with the books.

HUTCHISON, ELLIFFE & CAMERON, Auditors.

METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th September, 1943.

| EXPENDITURE | | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
|---------------------------------|----|----|------|----|---|-----|------|
| Church Sites Fund : | | | | | | | |
| Grants : Hokowhitu | .. | .. | 50 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Sockburn | .. | .. | 50 | 0 | 0 | | |
| | | | 100 | 0 | 0 | | |
| less Refund : Gisborne | .. | .. | 100 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Balance to Sites Fund | .. | .. | | | | 140 | 8 1 |
| Administration : | | | | | | | |
| Authorised Appropriation | .. | .. | 223 | 15 | 0 | | |
| Stationery and General Expenses | | | 60 | 18 | 8 | | |
| | | | 284 | 13 | 8 | | |
| Reserve Appropriation Account | .. | .. | | | | 26 | 13 8 |
| | | | £451 | 15 | 5 | | |

| INCOME | | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
|------------------------------|----|----|------|----|----|-----|-----|
| Church Sites Fund : | | | | | | | |
| Grants : Fire Insurance Fund | .. | .. | 50 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Home Mission Fund | .. | .. | 50 | 0 | 0 | | |
| | | | | | | 100 | 0 0 |
| Interest on Deposits | .. | .. | | | | 40 | 8 1 |
| Administration : | | | | | | | |
| Working Expenses Repaid | .. | .. | 195 | 2 | 2 | | |
| Trust Contributions | .. | .. | 42 | 0 | 6 | | |
| Interest on Arrears | .. | .. | 29 | 0 | 8 | | |
| Interest on Deposits | .. | .. | 31 | 18 | 11 | | |
| Hymn Book Commission Account | | | 13 | 5 | 1 | | |
| | | | | | | 311 | 7 4 |
| | | | £451 | 15 | 5 | | |

Loans Account as at 30th September, 1943.

| | £ | s. | d. |
|--|---------|----|----|
| To Amount of Loans as at 30th Sept., 1942 .. | 21,469 | 5 | 9 |
| „ New Loans Advanced .. | 3203 | 18 | 6 |
| | £24,673 | 4 | 3 |
| To Balance .. | £20,640 | 2 | 6 |

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---------|----|----|
| By Loans Repaid .. | 4033 | 1 | 9 |
| „ Amount of Loans as at 30th Sept., 1943 .. | 20,640 | 2 | 6 |
| | £24,673 | 4 | 3 |

H. de R. FLESHER }
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.
Christchurch, 14th October, 1943.

Audited and found correct.
R. H. SHERRIS }
W. A. HADLEE } Auditors.

METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND—Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1943.

| LIABILITIES | | | | | ASSETS | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|----|----|---------|--------|----|---------|----|----|
| | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
| Accumulated Funds | 18,900 | 0 | 0 | | | | 22,056 | 15 | 11 |
| Capital Account : | | | | | | | | | |
| Thomas Emsly Bequest £1500 | | | | | | | | | |
| H. Herbert Wake Bequest 50 | | | | | | | | | |
| David Graham Bequest 50 | | | | | | | | | |
| Wm. H. Duke Bequest 100 | | | | | | | | | |
| Samuel Lawry Bequest 50 | | | | | | | | | |
| Geo. Winstone Bequest 1000 | | | | | | | | | |
| | 2750 | 0 | 0 | | | | 1416 | 13 | 5 |
| | | | | 21,650 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Trust Accounts (properties sold) .. | | | | 870 | 10 | 6 | | | |
| Church Sites Fund : | | | | | | | | | |
| As at 30th Sept., 1942 .. | 219 | 12 | 0 | | | | | | |
| Trust Properties for Investment | 800 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | |
| | 1019 | 12 | 0 | | | | | | |
| Increase for 1943 | 140 | 8 | 1 | | | | | | |
| | | | | 1160 | 0 | 1 | | | |
| Administration : | | | | | | | | | |
| Working Expenses Trust A/c. | | | | 300 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Reserve Appropriation Account | | | | | | | | | |
| 30th Sept., 1942 | 134 | 17 | 2 | | | | | | |
| less Rates on Church Sites .. | 1 | 8 | 6 | | | | | | |
| | 133 | 8 | 8 | | | | | | |
| plus Transfer from Revenue A/c. | 26 | 13 | 8 | | | | | | |
| | | | | 160 | 2 | 4 | | | |
| | | | | £24,140 | 12 | 11 | | | |
| | | | | | | | £24,140 | 12 | 11 |

H. de R. FLESHER }
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.
Christchurch, 14th October, 1943.

Audited and found correct.
R. H. SHERRIS }
W. A. HADLEE } Auditors.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND.

Revenue Account for Year Ended 31st October, 1943.

| EXPENDITURE | | | | INCOME | | | |
|--|-----|----|--------------------|------------------------------------|------|----|--------------------|
| | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. |
| To Re-Insurance | 781 | 0 | 5 | By Levies and Premiums | 2078 | 0 | 3 |
| „ War Damage Premiums on Mortgages | 6 | 16 | 3 | „ Mortgage Interest | 206 | 9 | 7 |
| „ Office Expenses— | | | | „ Mortgage Interest Accrued | 45 | 7 | 6 |
| Authorised Appropriation .. | 395 | 0 | 0 | „ Debenture Interest | 969 | 10 | 2 |
| Stationery & General Expenses | 54 | 11 | 7 | „ Debenture Interest Accrued | 353 | 7 | 9 |
| | | | 449 11 7 | „ Interest on Deposits | 5 | 16 | 0 |
| „ Fire Losses | 76 | 5 | 5 | | | | |
| Less Re-Insurance Cover .. | 51 | 5 | 5 | | | | |
| | | | 25 0 0 | | | | |
| „ Investment Contingency Reserve | | | 200 0 0 | | | | |
| „ Balance to P. and L. Appropriation Account | | | 2196 3 0 | | | | |
| | | | <u>£3,658 11 3</u> | | | | <u>£3,658 11 3</u> |

GEORGE J. SMITH }
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.

E. H. SMITH }
C. H. COLECHIN, A.R.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

Christchurch, 15th November, 1943.

METHODIST CHURCH CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND.

Balance Sheet as at 31st October, 1943.

| LIABILITIES | | | | | ASSETS | | | | |
|----------------------------------|------|----|----|--------|--------|----|---------------------------------|--------|------------|
| | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
| Accumulated Funds .. | | | | 32,500 | 0 | 0 | Mortgage Investments .. | 5039 | 0 1 |
| Fire Loss Reserve Account | 2565 | 0 | 0 | | | | Interest Accrued .. | 45 | 7 6 |
| plus further provision .. | 1000 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | 5084 7 7 |
| | | | | 3565 | 0 | 0 | Debenture Investments .. | 31,756 | 16 0 |
| Investment Contingency Res. A/c. | | | | 692 | 12 | 1 | Interest Accrued .. | 353 | 7 9 |
| Mission Field War Damage Con- | | | | | | | | | 32,110 3 9 |
| tingent Liability .. | | | | 40 | 0 | 0 | Deposits : P.O. Savings Bank .. | 20 | 8 1 |
| Natural Calamities Suspense | | | | | | | Supernumerary Fund | 255 | 7 2 |
| Appropriation .. | | | | 100 | 0 | 0 | | | 275 15 3 |
| P. & L. Appropriation A/c. | 1211 | 4 | 10 | | | | Balance at Bank of N.Z. .. | | 530 3 11 |
| Less Appropriations Voted :— | | | | | | | Levies in Arrear .. | 25 | 1 10 |
| Ordinary— | | | | | | | War Damage Premiums in Arrear | 17 | 18 10 |
| Home Acquirement Fd. £330 | | | | | | | | | 43 0 8 |
| Foreign Mission Fund .. 100 | | | | | | | War Damage Premiums Paid to | | |
| Home Mission Fund .. 100 | | | | | | | Commission in Advance .. | | 275 1 9 |
| Deaconess House Fund 100 | | | | | | | | | |
| Supery. Benevolent Fund 25 | | | | | | | | | |
| Church Sites Fund .. 50 | | | | | | | | | |
| Youth Department .. 50 | | | | | | | | | |
| "Methodist Times" .. 150 | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | — | 905 | | | | |

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We have examined the above Balance Sheet and attached Revenue Account and have compared them with the books of the Fund and certify to the correctness of the same. We have had all securities produced to us except those held by the Solicitors of the Fund or deposited with the Bank of New Zealand, whose certificates have been accepted by us. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the fund as at 31st October, 1943.

E. H. SMITH
C. H. COLECHIN, A.R.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

Christchurch, 15th November, 1943.

METHODIST CONNEXIONAL SECRETARYSHIP FUND.

Statement of Receipts and Payments, 31st December, 1943.

| RECEIPTS | | | | EXPENDITURE | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----|----|------------|------------------------------------|----|---------|------------|
| | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. |
| To Appropriations : | | | | By Balance Carried Forward | .. | | 15 18 8 |
| Church Building & Loan Fund | 225 | 0 | 0 | „ Stipend .. | .. | 400 0 0 | |
| Connexional Fire Ins. Fund .. | 395 | 0 | 0 | „ House Allowance .. | .. | 175 0 0 | |
| Supernumerary & Allied Funds | 521 | 0 | 0 | | | | 575 0 0 |
| „Methodist Times” Fund .. | 170 | 0 | 0 | „ Connexional Charges .. | .. | | 61 5 0 |
| Contingent Fund .. | 185 | 0 | 0 | „ Clerks’ Salaries .. | .. | | 664 18 2 |
| | | | 1496 0 0 | „ Office Rent .. | .. | 150 0 0 | |
| „ Registration Fees (per Authorised | | | | less Lettings .. | .. | 18 12 6 | |
| Representative) .. | | | 27 9 6 | | | | 131 7 6 |
| | | | | „ Telephone and Post Office Box .. | .. | 27 5 0 | |
| | | | | „ Bank Charges .. | .. | 0 10 0 | |
| | | | | | | | 27 15 0 |
| | | | | „ Stationery and General Expenses | .. | 14 6 11 | |
| | | | | less Contras .. | .. | 10 8 6 | |
| | | | | | | | 3 18 5 |
| | | | | „ Balances : | | | |
| | | | | Supernumerary Fund .. | .. | 18 0 11 | |
| | | | | Bank of New Zealand .. | .. | 25 5 10 | |
| | | | | | | | 43 6 9 |
| | | | £1,523 9 6 | | | | £1,523 9 6 |

J. E. PURCHASE }
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.

Christchurch, 17th December, 1943.

Audited and found correct.

E. H. SMITH, Auditor.

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1943.

| EXPENDITURE | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|----|---------|----|----|--------------|
| | | £ | s. | d. | £ s. d. |
| To Annuities | .. | 8873 | 19 | 5 | |
| " Furniture Grants | .. | 225 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | <hr/> | | | 9098 19 5 |
| " Office Expenses— | | | | | |
| Authorised Appropriation | | 320 | 0 | 0 | |
| Stationery & Gen. Expns. | | 60 | 19 | 6 | |
| Auditors' Fees | .. | 25 | 4 | 0 | |
| Actuary's Fee | .. | 63 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | <hr/> | | | 469 3 6 |
| " War Risk Premiums on | | | | | |
| Mortgages | .. | | | | 32 15 0 |
| " Amount of Funds as at | | | | | |
| 30th Nov., 1942, less Ad- | | | | | |
| justments | .. | 151,082 | 6 | 6 | |
| " Increase of Funds as at 30th | | | | | |
| Nov., 1943 | .. | 820 | 12 | 0 | |
| | | <hr/> | | | 151,902 18 6 |

| | | INCOME | | | £ s. d. | | £ s. d. | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------|----|----|----------|----|---------|--|
| By Amount of Funds as at 30th | | | | | | | | |
| | Nov., 1942 | 151,320 | 1 | 0 | | | | |
| „ | Donations | 1 | 2 | 6 | | | | |
| | | 151,321 | 3 | 6 | | | | |
| | <i>less</i> Personal Subscriptions | | | | | | | |
| | Refunded | 238 | 17 | 0 | | | | |
| | | | | | 151,082 | 6 | 6 | |
| „ | Personal Subscriptions .. | 1727 | 8 | 0 | | | | |
| „ | Circuit Levies | 2532 | 15 | 4 | | | | |
| | | | | | 4260 | 3 | 4 | |
| „ | Interest : Debentures .. | 2535 | 8 | 8 | | | | |
| | Mortgages | 3817 | 15 | 10 | | | | |
| | | 6353 | 4 | 6 | | | | |
| | <i>less</i> Doubtful Debts Provision | 200 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| | | 6153 | 4 | 6 | | | | |
| „ | Arrears Personal Subscriptions | 40 | 3 | 7 | | | | |
| | | 6193 | 8 | 1 | | | | |
| | <i>less</i> Interest on Deposits .. | 1627 | 13 | 3 | | | | |
| | | | | | 4565 | 14 | 10 | |
| „ | Freehold Revenue : | | | | | | | |
| | Epworth Chambers .. | 1931 | 16 | 0 | | | | |
| | <i>less</i> Worcester Street .. | 8 | 1 | 3 | | | | |
| | | 1923 | 14 | 9 | | | | |
| | <i>less</i> Depreciation.. .. | 400 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| | | | | | 1523 | 14 | 9 | |
| „ | Fire Insurance Rebates .. | | | | 41 | 0 | 0 | |
| „ | Hymn Book Account .. | | | | 30 | 17 | 0 | |
| | | | | | £161,503 | 16 | 5 | |

SUPERNUMERARY FUND.
Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1943.

| LIABILITIES | | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
|-------------------------------|----|--------|----|----|---------|----|----|
| Accumulated Funds as per | | | | | | | |
| Revenue Account .. | .. | | | | 151,902 | 18 | 6 |
| Deposit Accounts : | | | | | | | |
| Allied Funds (5) .. | .. | 47,013 | 14 | 8 | | | |
| Connexional Funds (6) .. | .. | 2275 | 2 | 11 | | | |
| | | | | | 49,288 | 17 | 7 |
| Freeholds : | | | | | | | |
| Rates Accrued .. | .. | 349 | 3 | 11 | | | |
| Lift Maintenance Accrued .. | .. | 4 | 6 | 8 | | | |
| | | | | | 353 | 10 | 7 |
| General Treasurers, Melbourne | | | | | 6 | 12 | 4 |
| Levies Contingent Reserve .. | | | | | 300 | 0 | 0 |

| ASSETS | | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
|--|------|--------|----|----|---------|----|--------------|
| Investments : Mortgages .. | .. | 80,241 | 2 | 6 | | | |
| Debentures .. | .. | 62,100 | 19 | 7 | | | |
| | | | | | 142,342 | 2 | 1 |
| <i>less</i> Investment Fluctuation and | | | | | | | |
| Doubtful Debts Res. 109 | 7 | 1 | | | | | |
| <i>plus</i> further provision | 200 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| | | | | | 309 | 7 | 1 |
| <i>less</i> Adjustments | | | | | | | |
| (Deb. Premiums) .. | 85 | 2 | 9 | | | | |
| | | | | | 224 | 4 | 4 |
| | | | | | | | 142,117 17 9 |
| Freehold Properties : | | | | | | | |
| Epworth Chambers .. | .. | 48,602 | 5 | 11 | | | |
| Worcester Street .. | .. | 4118 | 15 | 8 | | | |
| | | | | | 52,721 | 1 | 7 |
| <i>less</i> Epworth Chambers Depre- | | | | | | | |
| ciation Reserve | 4600 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| <i>plus</i> further Reserve | 400 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| | | | | | 5000 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | | | | 47,721 1 7 |
| Deposit : P.O. Savings Bank .. | .. | 27 | 19 | 6 | | | |
| Balance at Bank of N.Z. .. | .. | 1051 | 13 | 1 | | | |
| | | | | | | | 1079 12 7 |
| Interest : Mortgages Due .. | .. | 187 | 14 | 4 | | | |
| Mortgages Accrued | | 643 | 16 | 3 | | | |
| Debentures Accrued | | 687 | 4 | 1 | | | |
| | | | | | | | 1518 14 8 |

SUPERNUMERARY FUND—BENEVOLENT BRANCH.

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1943.

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| EXPENDITURE | | | | | INCOME | | | | | |
|---|-----|----|----|------|-------------------------------|----|-----|----|------|---|
| | | £ | s. | d. | | | £ | s. | d. | |
| To Grants | .. | 82 | 5 | 10 | By Balance 30th Nov., 1942 .. | .. | 848 | 4 | 6 | |
| „ Exchange on Annuities.. | .. | 10 | 0 | 0 | „ Donations : | | | | | |
| | | | | 92 | Fire Insurance Fund .. | .. | 25 | 0 | 0 | |
| „ Authorised Appropriation .. | .. | 5 | 0 | 0 | Special | .. | 5 | 12 | 6 | |
| „ Debenture Commission and General Expenses | .. | 0 | 3 | 1 | | | | 30 | 12 | 6 |
| | | | | 5 | „ Interest : | | | | | |
| „ Balances : | | | | | Debenture Investments .. | .. | 28 | 2 | 6 | |
| Super. Fund : Capital A/c. .. | 400 | 0 | 0 | | Super. Fund Deposit .. | .. | 42 | 11 | 7 | |
| Revenue A/c. .. | 452 | 2 | 2 | | | | | 70 | 14 | 1 |
| | | | | 852 | | | | | | |
| | | | | 2 | | | | | | |
| | | | | 2 | | | | | | |
| | | | | £949 | | | | | £949 | |
| | | | | 11 | | | | | 11 | |
| | | | | 1 | | | | | 1 | |

SUPERNUMERARY FUND—BENEVOLENT BRANCH.

Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1943.

| LIABILITIES | | | | ASSETS | | | |
|-------------------------|----|----|-------------------|----------------------------------|---------|-------------------|---------|
| | | | £ s. d. | | | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
| Capital Account.. | .. | .. | 1400 0 0 | Plampin Bequest : | | | |
| Balance Revenue Account | .. | .. | 452 2 2 | Christchurch Drainage Board .. | 500 0 0 | | |
| | | | | Deposit : Supernumerary Fund .. | 500 0 0 | | |
| | | | | | | 1000 0 0 | |
| | | | | Penrose Bequest : | | | |
| | | | | Capital Account : Deposit Super- | | | |
| | | | | numerary Fund .. | | 400 0 0 | |
| | | | | Revenue Account : | | | |
| | | | | Deposit Supernumerary Fund .. | | 452 2 2 | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | <u>£1,852 2 2</u> | | | <u>£1,852 2 2</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, 1943.

G. S. SALTER }
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers

E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z. }
HARRY R. BEST, F.P.A.N.Z., F.I.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

Christchurch, 14th December, 1943.

HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND.
Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1943.

Contributors' Account.

| EXPENDITURE | | | INCOME | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|-------------|
| | £ | s. d. | | £ | s. d. |
| To Retiring Allowances | 468 | 9 9 | By Balances as at 30th Nov., 1942 .. | 14,338 | 10 5 |
| „ Reserve Account | 24 | 0 0 | „ Personal Contributions | 741 | 14 0 |
| „ Balance as at 30th November, 1943 | 15,396 | 2 10 | „ Fire Insurance Fund Subsidy .. | 332 | 0 0 |
| | | | „ Interest | 476 | 8 2 |
| | <u>£15,888</u> | <u>12 7</u> | | <u>£15,888</u> | <u>12 7</u> |

Reserve Account.

| | £ | s. d. | | £ | s. d. |
|------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|---|-------------|--------------|
| To Interest to Deposit Accounts .. | 476 | 8 2 | By Balance as at 30th November, 1942 .. | 57 | 19 9 |
| „ Office Expenses : | | | „ Contributors' Account | 24 | 0 0 |
| Authorised Appropriation .. 70 | 0 | 0 | „ Interest: Supernumerary Fund .. | 512 | 11 2 |
| Stationery and General Expenses 10 | 4 | 9 | | | |
| | | | | | |
| „ Balance as at 30th Nov., 1943 .. | | 37 18 0 | | | |
| | <u>£594</u> | <u>10 11</u> | | <u>£594</u> | <u>10 11</u> |

HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND.

Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1943.

| LIABILITIES | | | | ASSETS | | | |
|--------------------------|----|----|----------------------|------------------------------|----|--|----------------------|
| | | | £ s. d. | | | | £ s. d. |
| Personal Accounts | .. | .. | 15,396 2 10 | Deposit : Supernumerary Fund | .. | | 15,475 10 10 |
| Reserve Account | .. | .. | 37 18 0 | | | | |
| Subsidy Suspense Account | .. | .. | 41 10 0 | | | | |
| | | | <u>£15,475 10 10</u> | | | | <u>£15,475 10 10</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, 1943.

G. S. SALTER }
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers

E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z. }
HARRY R. BEST, F.P.A.N.Z., F.I.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

Christchurch, 14th December, 1943.

METHODIST HOME MISSIONARIES' RETIRING FUND.

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1943.

| EXPENDITURE | | | | INCOME | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|----|--------|-------|----------------------------------|-----|------|-------|--------|-------|
| | | £ | s. d. | | | £ | s. d. | £ | s. d. |
| To Retiring Allowances | .. | 890 | 3 2 | By Balance as at 30th Nov., 1942 | | | | 6483 | 13 11 |
| „ Reserve Account | .. | 132 | 2 1 | „ Contributions: Personal .. | 379 | 9 8 | | | |
| „ Balance as at 30th Nov., 1943 | .. | 6363 | 19 1 | „ Circuit .. | 216 | 15 0 | | | |
| | | | | H.M. Board .. | 216 | 0 0 | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | 812 | 4 8 | | |
| | | | | less Refunded H.M. Board .. | 120 | 0 0 | | | |
| | | | | | | | | 692 | 4 8 |
| | | | | „ Interest | | | | 210 | 5 9 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | | £7,386 | 4 4 | | | | | £7,386 | 4 4 |

Reserve Account.

| | £ | s. d. | £ | s. d. | | £ | s. d. |
|------------------------------------|----|-------|------|-------|-------------------------------------|---|----------|
| To Interest to Deposit Accounts .. | | | 210 | 5 9 | By Balance as at 30th Nov., 1942 .. | | 224 8 9 |
| „ Office Expenses : | | | | | „ Interest : Supernumerary Fund .. | | 234 13 2 |
| Authorised Appropriation .. | 56 | 0 0 | | | „ Contributors' Account .. | | 132 2 1 |
| Stationery and General Expenses | 5 | 10 5 | | | | | |
| | | | 61 | 10 5 | | | |
| „ Balance as at 30th Nov., 1943 .. | | | 319 | 7 10 | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | £591 | 4 0 | | | |
| | | | | | | | £591 4 0 |

METHODIST HOME MISSIONARIES' RETIRING FUND.

Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1943.

| LIABILITIES | | | | ASSETS | | | |
|----------------------------|-------|-----|-------|--------|-------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| | | £ | s. d. | £ | s. d. | | £ s. d. |
| Personal Accounts | .. .. |  |  | 6363 | 19 1 | Deposit : Supernumerary Fund | 6868 1 11 |
| Reserve Fund | .. .. |  |  | 319 | 7 10 | | |
| Accumulated Funds : | | | | | | | |
| Centenary Gift | .. .. | 100 | 0 0 | | | | |
| Inscribed Stock Profits | .. .. | 44 | 15 0 | | | | |
| Special Donation | .. .. | 40 | 0 0 | | | | |
| | | | | 184 | 15 0 | | |
| | | | | £6,868 | 1 11 | | £6,868 1 11 |

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Revenue Account, and have compared them with the Books of the Fund. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 30th November, 1943.

G. S. SALTER }
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.

HARRY R. BEST, F.P.A.N.Z., F.I.A.N.Z. }
E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

Christchurch, 14th December, 1943.

METHODIST DEACONESS' RETIRING FUND.

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1943.

| EXPENDITURE | | | INCOME | | |
|--|---------------|-------------|----------------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| | £ | s. d. | | £ | s. d. |
| To Retiring Allowances | 115 | 18 3 | By Balance as at 30th Nov., 1942 | 619 | 3 7 |
| „ Balance as at 30th November, 1943 .. | 6860 | 11 9 | „ Contributions : | | |
| | | | Personal | 236 | 10 0 |
| | | | Circuit | 97 | 10 0 |
| | | | Home Mission Board | 85 | 0 0 |
| | | | Foreign Mission Board | 140 | 0 0 |
| | | | | | 559 0 0 |
| | | | „ Interest | 226 | 6 5 |
| | <u>£6,976</u> | <u>10 0</u> | | <u>£6,976</u> | <u>10 0</u> |

Reserve Account.

| | £ | s. d. | £ | s. d. | | £ | s. d. |
|------------------------------------|-------------|------------|----------------------------------|-------|-----|-------------|------------|
| To Interest to Deposit Accounts .. | 226 | 6 5 | By Balance as at 30th Nov., 1942 | 152 | 3 0 | | |
| „ Office Expenses : | | | „ Interest : Supernumerary Fund | 275 | 5 5 | | |
| Authorised Appropriation .. | 30 | 0 0 | | | | | |
| Stationery and General Expenses | 4 | 18 4 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| „ Balance as at 30th Nov., 1943 .. | 166 | 3 8 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | <u>£427</u> | <u>8 5</u> | | | | <u>£427</u> | <u>8 5</u> |

METHODIST DEACONESS' RETIRING FUND.

Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1943.

| LIABILITIES | | | | ASSETS | | | |
|------------------------------------|------|----|-------|--------|-------|------------------------------------|-------------|
| | | £ | s. d. | £ | s. d. | | £ s. d. |
| Personal Accounts | | | | 6860 | 11 9 | Deposit : Supernumerary Fund | 8328 11 5 |
| Capital Account 30th Nov., 1942 .. | 1261 | 10 | 0 | | | | |
| M.W.M.U. | 40 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Donations | 0 | 6 | 0 | | | | |
| | | | | 1301 | 16 0 | | |
| Reserve Fund | | | | 166 | 3 8 | | |
| | | | | £8,328 | 11 5 | | £8,328 11 5 |

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Revenue Account and have compared them with the books of the Fund. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 30th November, 1943.

G. S. SALTER }
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.

HARRY R. BEST, F.P.A.N.Z., F.I.A.N.Z. }
E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

Christchurch, 14th December, 1943.

METHODIST GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD (Inc.)

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1943.

| EXPENDITURE | | | | | | INCOME | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----|----|----|------|----|--------|---------------------------------|----|------|----|----|
| | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. | | | £ | s. | d. |
| To Interest to Trust Accounts .. | | | | 564 | 10 | 5 | By Commission on Collections .. | .. | 2 | 14 | 5 |
| „ Authorised Appropriation .. | 40 | 0 | 0 | | | | „ Interest on Deposits .. | .. | 649 | 15 | 5 |
| „ Stationery and General Expenses | 2 | 14 | 2 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | 42 | 14 | 2 | | | | | |
| „ Capital Account | | | | 45 | 5 | 3 | | | | | |
| | | | | £652 | 9 | 10 | | | £652 | 9 | 10 |

Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1943.

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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, 1943.

G. S. SALTER }
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.

E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z.
HARRY R. BEST, F.P.A.N.Z., F.I.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

Christchurch, 14th December, 1943.

THE WINSTONE MEMORIAL TRUST FUND.

Revenue Account to 31st December, 1943.

| EXPENDITURE | | | | INCOME | | | |
|------------------------------|---------|--------|-------|-----------------------------|---------|--------|-------|
| | | £ | s. d. | | | £ | s. d. |
| To Insurance | .. .. . | 72 | 15 2 | By Rents to 31st Dec., 1943 | .. .. . | 1551 | 15 3 |
| „ Rates.. | .. .. . | 245 | 8 5 | „ Interest | .. .. . | 13 | 0 3 |
| „ Water and Water Rates | .. .. . | 12 | 1 9 | | | | |
| „ Repairs | .. .. . | 77 | 3 10 | | | | |
| „ Agents' Commission | .. .. . | 74 | 19 11 | | | | |
| „ Exchange | .. .. . | 1 | 7 3 | | | | |
| „ Land Tax | .. .. . | 5 | 4 9 | | | | |
| „ Balance to Revenue Account | .. .. . | 1075 | 14 5 | | | | |
| | | £1,564 | 15 6 | | | £1,564 | 15 6 |

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1943.

| LIABILITIES | | | | ASSETS | | | |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|-------|---|---------|---------|-------|
| | | £ | s. d. | | | £ | s. d. |
| Capital | .. .. . | 25,222 | 19 6 | Freehold Property | .. .. . | 25,000 | 0 0 |
| Revenue Account— | | | | Deposit with General Purposes Trust Board.. | | 1114 | 17 10 |
| as at 31st Dec., 1942 | .. .. . | 279 | 3 5 | | | | |
| Grants | .. .. . | 240 | 0 0 | | | | |
| | | 39 | 3 5 | | | | |
| Income for 1943 | .. .. . | 1075 | 14 5 | | | | |
| | | 1114 | 17 10 | | | | |
| Transfer to Capital Account | | 222 | 19 6 | | | | |
| | | 891 | 18 4 | | | | |
| | | £26,114 | 17 10 | | | £26,114 | 17 10 |

Audited and found correct.

G. S. SALTER }
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.
Christchurch, 28th January, 1944.

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.

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND CHILDRENS FUND.

For the Year Ending 31st December, 1943.

| RECEIPTS | | | | EXPENDITURE | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----|----|-------------|---------------------------------------|-----|----|-------------|
| | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. |
| To Balance 1st January, 1943 .. | | | 221 6 11 | By Payments as per Warrants : | | | |
| „ Circuit Levies : | | | | Auckland .. | 520 | 0 | 0 |
| Auckland .. | 390 | 0 | 0 | South Auckland .. | 160 | 0 | 0 |
| South Auckland .. | 214 | 0 | 0 | Taranaki-Wanganui .. | 192 | 10 | 0 |
| Taranaki-Wanganui .. | 131 | 0 | 0 | Hawke's Bay-Manawatu .. | 120 | 0 | 0 |
| Hawke's Bay-Manawatu .. | 136 | 0 | 0 | Wellington .. | 347 | 10 | 0 |
| Wellington .. | 237 | 0 | 0 | Nelson .. | 77 | 10 | 0 |
| Nelson .. | 101 | 0 | 0 | Canterbury .. | 260 | 0 | 0 |
| Canterbury .. | 266 | 0 | 0 | South Canterbury .. | 57 | 10 | 0 |
| South Canterbury .. | 90 | 0 | 0 | Otago-Southland .. | 97 | 10 | 0 |
| Otago-Southland .. | 185 | 0 | 0 | | | | 1832 10 0 |
| | | | 1750 0 0 | „ Bank Charges .. | 0 | 15 | 0 |
| | | | | „ Exchange, Chairman's Cheques .. | 2 | 6 | 0 |
| | | | | | | | 3 1 0 |
| | | | | „ Outstanding Levies Otago-South'd .. | 24 | 8 | 0 |
| | | | | „ Credit Bank New South Wales .. | 111 | 7 | 11 |
| | | | | | | | 135 15 11 |
| | | | | | | | £1,971 6 11 |
| | | | £1,971 6 11 | | | | £1,971 6 11 |

E. W. A. KELLOW }
W. A. BURLEY } Treasurers.
14th January, 1944.

Audited and found correct,
ERNEST HOBBS }
J. M. DALE } Auditors.

METHODIST CONFERENCE CONTINGENT FUND.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year Ended 31st December, 1943.

RECEIPTS

| 1943, Jan. 1st— | | £ s. d. | | £ s. d. | |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---------|-------|---------|------|
| To | Balance | | | 1414 | 2 7 |
| „ | Current Levies—Districts : | | | | |
| | Auckland | 683 | 0 0 | | |
| | South Auckland | 376 | 0 0 | | |
| | Taranaki-Wanganui | 226 | 0 0 | | |
| | Hawke's Bay-Manawatu | 240 | 0 0 | | |
| | Wellington | 417 | 0 0 | | |
| | Nelson | 177 | 0 0 | | |
| | North Canterbury | 456 | 16 0 | | |
| | South Canterbury | 157 | 0 0 | | |
| | Otago-Southland | 323 | 0 0 | | |
| | | | | 3055 | 16 0 |
| 269 „ | Synod Collections : | | | | |
| | Auckland | 10 | 19 1 | | |
| | South Auckland | 11 | 0 3 | | |
| | Taranaki-Wanganui | 4 | 10 10 | | |
| | Hawke's Bay-Manawatu | 6 | 11 10 | | |
| | Wellington | 7 | 18 0 | | |
| | Nelson | 3 | 0 0 | | |
| | North Canterbury | 9 | 11 10 | | |
| | South Canterbury | — | | | |
| | Otago-Southland | 3 | 16 1 | | |
| | | | | 57 | 7 11 |
| „ | Sales : | | | | |
| | Agenda | 24 | 12 0 | | |
| | Minutes | 25 | 7 1 | | |
| | Law Books, etc. | 4 | 15 5 | | |
| | | | | 54 | 14 6 |

EXPENDITURE

| | | £ s. d. | | £ s. d. | |
|-----|---|---------|-------|---------|-------|
| By | Cost of Christchurch Conference : | | | | |
| (a) | Travelling : | | | | |
| | Equalisation Fund | 315 | 0 0 | | |
| | Official Representatives | 172 | 15 2 | | |
| (b) | Printing : | | | | |
| | Agenda | 146 | 10 1 | | |
| | Minutes | 140 | 12 6 | | |
| | Other | 21 | 3 6 | | |
| | Stationery, Bibles, etc. | 19 | 12 8 | | |
| | | | | 815 | 13 11 |
| „ | District Expenses, Chairmen's Travelling and Other : | | | | |
| | Auckland | 46 | 18 2 | | |
| | South Auckland | 45 | 15 2 | | |
| | Taranaki-Wanganui | 26 | 12 6 | | |
| | Hawke's Bay-Manawatu | 24 | 10 4 | | |
| | Wellington | 30 | 19 11 | | |
| | Nelson | 23 | 6 0 | | |
| | North Canterbury | 36 | 14 10 | | |
| | South Canterbury | 23 | 7 9 | | |
| | Otago-Southland | 42 | 7 0 | | |
| | | | | 300 | 11 8 |
| „ | Synod Expenses : | | | | |
| | Auckland | 58 | 2 7 | | |
| | South Auckland | 49 | 12 6 | | |
| | Taranaki-Wanganui | 25 | 4 1 | | |
| | Hawke's Bay-Manawatu | 28 | 4 10 | | |
| | Wellington | 16 | 7 9 | | |
| | Nelson | 35 | 0 0 | | |
| | North Canterbury | 12 | 11 10 | | |
| | South Canterbury | 7 | 12 3 | | |
| | Otago-Southland | 36 | 10 4 | | |
| | | | | 269 | 6 2 |

| | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----|----|-----------|
| " Ministerial Supply : | | | |
| South Auckland | 24 | 0 | 0 |
| Wellington | 17 | 16 | 0 |
| | | | 41 16 0 |
| " Connexional Payments : | | | |
| President's Travelling .. | 114 | 12 | 0 |
| Postages, etc. .. | 18 | 10 | 10 |
| Supply .. | 31 | 0 | 0 |
| Secretary of Conference— | | | |
| Postages, etc. .. | 12 | 10 | 0 |
| Union Committee Expenses | 73 | 13 | 10 |
| Examination Committee Exps. | 14 | 6 | 6 |
| Printing .. | 129 | 11 | 4 |
| Printing Letters to Forces | 75 | 3 | 9 |
| Webb Street Dues Remitted | 11 | 15 | 5 |
| Gibson Trust Expenses .. | 5 | 1 | 6 |
| Furnishing Allowance .. | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | 496 5 2 |
| " Grants : | | | |
| Theological College .. | 740 | 0 | 0 |
| Connexional Sec. Dept. .. | 185 | 0 | 0 |
| Deaconess Fund .. | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| N.Z. Council of Churches .. | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Spiritual Advance Committee | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| "Methodist Times" Editorial | 51 | 18 | 2 |
| "Methodist Times" Special .. | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| University Fees .. | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Affliction .. | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | 1266 18 2 |
| " Hon. Treasurers : | | | |
| Interest Charges, Exch., etc. | 4 | 11 | 0 |
| Postages, Stationery, etc. .. | 3 | 10 | 0 |
| | | | 8 1 0 |
| " Correction, Kowhia Due, o/c. 1942 : | | | |
| | | | 4 0 0 |

Methodist Church Contingent Fund—Continued.

| | | | | | |
|--------|---|--|------|--------|------|
| | „ | Balances Due by Districts : | | | |
| | | Auckland | 29 | 14 | 1 |
| | | South Auckland | 9 | 10 | 10 |
| | | Taranaki-Wanganui | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| | | Hawke's Bay-Manawatu | 7 | 16 | 2 |
| | | Wellington | 68 | 11 | 4 |
| | | Nelson | — | | |
| | | North Canterbury | 91 | 0 | 2 |
| | | South Canterbury | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| | | Otago-Southland | 36 | 9 | 7 |
| | „ | Total Balances held by or due to | | | |
| | | Chairmen | 278 | 2 | 2 |
| | „ | Bank of N.Z., Auck., Current A/c. | 1101 | 6 | 9 |
| | | | | 1379 | 8 11 |
| £4,582 | 1 | 0 | | £4,582 | 1 0 |

We have to report that we have audited the foregoing statement and compared same with the books and vouchers of the Methodist Conference Contingent Fund, and we hereby certify that in our 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, 1943.

Christchurch,
2nd March, 1944.

WILSON, ROFE & CO.,
I. J. WILSON, B.Com., A.P.A.N.Z., Hon. Auditor.

REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND.

Cash Statement Year Ended 31st December, 1943.

| | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------|--------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------|
| Cash in hand 1st January, 1943 | 721 | 14 | 8 | Removal Expenses Paid | 1362 | 11 | 9 |
| Circuit Levies Paid | 1106 | 8 | 4 | Sundry Expenses | 5 | 14 | 9 |
| Interest Earned | 12 | 5 | 0 | Cash in hand—as per Balance Sheet .. | 524 | 4 | 2 |
| Refund Removal Expenses | 52 | 2 | 8 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | <u>£1,892</u> | <u>10</u> | <u>8</u> | | <u>£1,892</u> | <u>10</u> | <u>8</u> |

Revenue Account Year Ended 31st December, 1943.

| | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. |
|------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------|------------------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------|
| Removal Expenses | 1310 | 9 | 1 | By Circuit Levies | 1086 | 2 | 6 |
| Sundry Expenses | 5 | 14 | 9 | „ Interest Earned | 12 | 5 | 0 |
| | | | | „ Transfer from Capital Account .. | 217 | 16 | 4 |
| | | | | | | | |
| | <u>£1,316</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>10</u> | | <u>£1,316</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>10</u> |

REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND.

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1943.

| | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
|---------------------------------------|------|----|----|-------------------------------|-----|----|----|------|----|----|
| Accumulated Fund 1st January, 1943 .. | 1024 | 0 | 6 | Outstanding Levies | | | | 282 | 0 | 0 |
| Less Transfer to Revenue Account .. | 217 | 16 | 4 | Cash in Hand :— | | | | | | |
| | | | | Supernumerary Fund Deposit .. | 29 | 9 | 6 | | | |
| | | | | P.O. Savings Bank | 441 | 8 | 7 | | | |
| | | | | Bank of New Zealand | 53 | 6 | 1 | | | |
| | | | | | | | | 524 | 4 | 2 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | £806 | 4 | 2 | | | | | £806 | 4 | 2 |

Audited and found correct.

H. W. ARMITAGE, A.P.A. (N.Z.), A.I.A. (N.Z.).

17th December, 1943.

J. H. ALLEN, Chairman.

H. CHAPMAN, Lay Treasurer.

Revenue Account for Year Ended 31st October, 1943.

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H. HOLLAND
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers

E. H. SMITH
C. H. COLECHIN, A.R.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

Balance Sheet as at 31st October, 1943.

Audited and found correct.

E. H. SMITH
C. H. COLECHIN, A.R.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

Christchurch, 22nd November, 1943

METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND.
Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended December 31st, 1943.

| EXPENDITURE | | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|------|----|----|----|------|----|----|
| To Solomon Islands District : | | | | | | | |
| Missionaries' Stipends and Allowances | 2427 | 8 | 0 | | | | |
| Sisters' Stipends & Allowances | 357 | 10 | 0 | | | | |
| Native Agents (Estimated) | 2435 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Insurance | 31 | 14 | 3 | | | | |
| Travelling | 84 | 10 | 6 | | | | |
| General Expenses | 9 | 5 | 1 | | | | |
| Sundry Debtors 1942 written down | 100 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| | | | | | 5445 | 7 | 10 |
| „ New Zealand Working Expenses : | | | | | | | |
| General Secretary : | | | | | | | |
| Salary | 300 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Travelling | 63 | 1 | 0 | | | | |
| House Allowance | 150 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Hospitality | 15 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Treasurer's Honorarium | 50 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Audit Fee | 15 | 15 | 0 | | | | |
| Connexional Charges | 52 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Deputation Expenses and Travel | 163 | 15 | 0 | | | | |
| Exchange, Postages, etc. | 141 | 11 | 4 | | | | |
| Printing Annual Report | 90 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Office Rent and Telephone | 85 | 12 | 8 | | | | |
| Printing and Stationery | 67 | 4 | 4 | | | | |
| Office Assistance | 251 | 11 | 0 | | | | |
| Methodist Times | 10 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Sundry Expenses | 17 | 10 | 5 | | | | |
| | | | | | 1473 | 1 | 3 |
| „ Miscellaneous Payments : | | | | | | | |
| Trinity Theological College | 50 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Deaconess Institute | 25 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Student Deaconess | 7 | 10 | 0 | | | | |
| National Miss. Council | 7 | 10 | 0 | | | | |
| | | | | | 90 | 0 | 0 |

| INCOME | | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
|--------|---------------------------------------|--------|----|----|--------|----|----|
| By | New Zealand Contributions : | | | | | | |
| | General Fund 1942 Account | 116 | 12 | 0 | | | |
| | General Fund 1943 Account | 10,609 | 7 | 0 | | | |
| | For Native Teacher .. | 258 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| | For Orphans .. | 66 | 6 | 3 | | | |
| | Women's Auxiliaries .. | 1300 | 6 | 3 | | | |
| | Y.W.B.C. Movement .. | 180 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| | Interest on Working Capital | 516 | 18 | 4 | | | |
| | Medical Fund including int. | 1025 | 15 | 9 | | | |
| | Imperilled Missions .. | 1 | 14 | 5 | | | |
| | Debt Reduction .. | 12 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| | | | | | 14,086 | 13 | 9 |
| „ | Solomon Islands Teop Thanks-giving .. | | | | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| „ | Legacies : | | | | | | |
| | Working Capital .. | 500 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| | Rehabilitation .. | 881 | 12 | 9 | | | |
| | | | | | 1381 | 12 | 9 |
| „ | Rehabilitation Fund .. | | | | 9819 | 6 | 1 |
| „ | Leper Fund .. | | | | 179 | 15 | 2 |
| „ | Interest Boat Insurance Fund | | | | 83 | 4 | 6 |
| „ | Premium on Govt. Stock Purchases .. | | | | 8 | 15 | 0 |
| „ | Profit on Publications .. | | | | 37 | 1 | 3 |
| „ | Proceeds Charter <i>Fauro Chief</i> | | | | 166 | 14 | |

Income and Expenditure Account—continued.

| | | | |
|--|---------|--------|-----|
| „ Interest on Overdraft & Loans | 114 | 7 | 9 |
| „ Repatriation (Dr. Rutter) .. | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| „ Boat Insurance Fund : | | | |
| Interest | £83 | 4 | 6 |
| Transfer for 1943 | 66 | 15 | 6 |
| Proceeds Charter | | | |
| (<i>Fauro Chief</i>) | 166 | 14 | 4 |
| | 316 | 14 | 4 |
| „ Depreciation Atherton Road | | | |
| Property | 70 | 0 | 0 |
| | | 551 | 2 1 |
| „ Transfer to Special Funds, Contra : | | | |
| Medical Fd. to Rehabilitation | 1025 | 15 | 9 |
| Special Leper Fund .. | 179 | 15 | 2 |
| Rehabilitation | 10,700 | 18 | 10 |
| Working Capital | 500 | 0 | 0 |
| | | 12,406 | 9 9 |
| „ Balance (being surplus for year | | | |
| transferred to Rehabilitation | | | |
| Fund) | 5802 | 1 | 11 |
| | £25,768 | 2 | 10 |
| To Debit Balance brought forward from 1942 | £5,219 | 1 | 6 |

| | | | |
|---|------|---|---|
| By Transfer to Rehabilitation Account .. | 4217 | 0 | 1 |
| „ Balance Deficit carried forward to 1944 | 1002 | 1 | 5 |

| | | |
|---------|---|----|
| £25,768 | 2 | 10 |
| £5,219 | 1 | 6 |

General Secretary's Residence Account.

| | | | |
|---------------------------------------|------|----|----|
| To Interest | £ | s. | d. |
| „ Rates, Maintenance and Insurance .. | 41 | 12 | 6 |
| „ Balance at 31st December, 1943 .. | 38 | 8 | 6 |
| | 601 | 7 | 3 |
| | £681 | 8 | 3 |

| | | | |
|--------------------------------------|------|----|----|
| By Balance at 31st December, 1942 .. | £ | s. | d. |
| „ House Allowance | 531 | 8 | 3 |
| | 150 | 0 | 0 |
| | £681 | 8 | 3 |

METHODIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND.

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1943 (Exclusive of Solomon Islands Properties).

| LIABILITIES | | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|--|------|----|----|--------|----|----|
| Solomon Islands District : | | | | | | | |
| Circuit Balances | | 4430 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Sundry Creditors | | 892 | 0 | 11 | | | |
| | | | | | 5322 | 0 | 11 |
| Loans on Fixed Deposit and at Call | | | | | 2500 | 0 | 0 |
| Income paid in Advance .. | | | | | 130 | 14 | 0 |
| Special Funds : | | | | | | | |
| Medical Mission Fund (including Samuel and Clara Matilda Gorman Bequest (£18,486), Balance 31st December, 1942 .. | | | | | 21,886 | 3 | 6 |
| Special Leper Fund : | | | | | | | |
| Balance 31st Dec., 1942 (including Special £250) | | 1695 | 18 | 5 | | | |
| Added during 1943 | | 179 | 15 | 2 | | | |
| | | | | | 1875 | 13 | 7 |
| Equipment Fund : | | | | | | | |
| Balance, 31st Dec., 1942 .. | | 1261 | 17 | 1 | | | |
| Less Transfer Rehab. Fund .. | | 1261 | 17 | 1 | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| Boat Insurance Fund : | | | | | | | |
| Balance, 31st Dec., 1942 .. | | 2300 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Added during 1943 | | 316 | 14 | 4 | | | |
| | | | | | 2616 | 14 | 4 |
| Boat Replacement A/c. (Sale of "Bilua") | | | | | 1275 | 0 | 0 |
| Centennial Fund | | | | | 301 | 10 | 0 |
| Rehabilitation Fund : | | | | | | | |
| Balance, 31st Dec., 1942 .. | | 152 | 5 | 0 | | | |
| Contributions and Legacies .. £10,700 18 10 | | | | | | | |
| Less Special Exps. 133 10 5 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | 10,567 | 8 | 5 |

| ASSETS | | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|--|------|----|----|--------|----|----|
| Solomon Islands District : | | | | | | | |
| Sundry Debtors | | 857 | 1 | 6 | | | |
| Cash | | 700 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| | | | | | 1557 | 1 | 6 |
| Sydney Office | | | | | 1528 | 16 | 4 |
| Medical Fund : | | | | | | | |
| Colonial Sugar Refining Co Shares | | 500 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| N.Z. Govt. Stock 3% .. | | 2571 | 5 | 0 | | | |
| N.Z. Govt. Stock 3½% .. | | 3595 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| N.Z. Govt. Stock 4% .. | | 1210 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| N.Z. Govt. Savings Certificates | | 110 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Wellington City Debentures .. | | 3100 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Wellington City Milk Debentures | | 1200 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Nelson City Debentures .. | | 2000 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Mortgage | | 900 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Auckland Gas Co. Shares .. | | 1466 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| Auckland Gas Co. Debentures | | 3309 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| Loan Pitt St. Church Trustees | | 974 | 4 | 3 | | | |
| P.O. Savings Bank | | 949 | 14 | 3 | | | |
| | | | | | 21,886 | 3 | 6 |
| Boat Insurance Fund : | | | | | | | |
| N.Z. Govt. Stock | | 2139 | 5 | 0 | | | |
| P.O. Savings Bank | | 477 | 9 | 4 | | | |
| | | | | | 2616 | 14 | 4 |
| Rehabilitation Fund Investment : | | | | | | | |
| N.Z. Govt. Stock 2½% .. | | 9411 | 2 | 0 | | | |
| N.Z. Govt. Stock 3% .. | | 1960 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| N.Z. Govt. Stock 4% .. | | 1972 | 19 | 3 | | | |
| Savings Certificates | | 519 | 15 | 9 | | | |
| | | | | | 13,863 | 17 | 0 |
| Working Capital : | | | | | | | |
| Auckland City Debentures .. | | 200 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Mt. Eden Borough Debentures | | 700 | 0 | 0 | | | |

| | | | |
|---|---------|----|----|
| Medical Fund Income 1943 .. | 1025 | 15 | 9 |
| Transfer from Income & Exp. A/c. | | | |
| General .. | 4859 | 5 | 8 |
| Sisters' Rehab. Fund | 942 | 16 | 3 |
| | 5802 | 1 | 11 |
| Transfer from Equipment Fund | 1261 | 17 | 1 |
| | 18,809 | 8 | 2 |
| Less Transfer from Income & Exp. A/c. | | | |
| Loss written off in 1942 .. | 4217 | 0 | 1 |
| Purchase of Med. Requisites | 35 | 12 | 6 |
| | 4252 | 12 | 7 |
| | 14,556 | 15 | 7 |
| Atherton Road Property Account | 601 | 7 | 3 |
| Capital Account : | | | |
| Working Capital .. | 11,259 | 15 | 1 |
| Plus Taylor Legacy .. | 500 | 0 | 0 |
| | 11,759 | 15 | 1 |
| Less Deficit as per Income and Expenditure Account .. | 1002 | 1 | 5 |
| | 10,757 | 13 | 8 |
| | £61,823 | 12 | 10 |

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|---------|----|----|
| Auckland Transport Board .. | 1500 | 0 | 0 |
| N.Z. Govt. Stock 2½% .. | 1577 | 10 | 0 |
| N.Z. Govt. Stock 4% .. | 2165 | 0 | 0 |
| Fuller and Sons Debentures .. | 950 | 0 | 0 |
| Mortgages .. | 1950 | 0 | 0 |
| Auckland Savings Bank .. | 409 | 15 | 1 |
| N.Z. Farmers' Dairy Shares .. | 7 | 10 | 0 |
| Caughy Preston Bequest : | | | |
| N.Z. Govt. Stock £1000 | 0 | 0 | |
| Mt. Eden Debs. | 800 | 0 | 0 |
| | 1800 | 0 | 0 |
| Taylor Bequest, N.Z. Govt. Stock | 500 | 0 | 0 |
| | 11,759 | 15 | 1 |
| General Secretary's Residence .. | 1405 | 0 | 0 |
| Less Depreciation .. | 70 | 0 | 0 |
| | 1335 | 0 | 0 |
| Less Mort. F. I. Board £487 | 0 | 1 | |
| Less Loan .. | 425 | 0 | 0 |
| | 912 | 0 | 1 |
| | 422 | 19 | 11 |
| Paper Paid in Advance .. | 83 | 11 | 6 |
| Travelling in Advance .. | 18 | 0 | 0 |
| Loan Pitt Street Trustees .. | 1025 | 15 | 9 |
| Bank of New Zealand .. | 5468 | 9 | 5 |
| Auckland and P.O. Savings Banks | 1592 | 8 | 6 |
| | £61,823 | 12 | 10 |

AUDITOR'S REPORT.—I certify that I have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Methodist Foreign Missionary Society of New Zealand, and that in my opinion the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Society's affairs as at the 31st December, 1943, as shown by its books. I have obtained all the information I have required. Owing to enemy occupation the amount of Creditors and Debtors in the Solomon Islands Accounts is partly an estimate based on all available information. The value of the Solomon Islands Properties has been expressly excluded from the Balance Sheet.

Auckland, 18th January, 1944.

J. B. GILMOUR, F.P.A.N.Z., Auditor.

MOUNT ALBERT AND EPSOM METHODIST ORPHANAGE.

Treasurers: REV. F. E. LEADLEY; Mr. W.M. ASTLEY.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 30th September, 1943.

| RECEIPTS | | | | PAYMENTS | | | |
|---|------|----|-------------|--------------------------------|------|----|-------------|
| | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. |
| 1942, Oct. 1st— | | | | 1943—Sept. 30th— | | | |
| To Balance —Bank of New Zealand: | | | | By Revenue : | | | |
| Current Account .. | 1065 | 4 | 8 | Wages and Commission .. | 1202 | 18 | 7 |
| Capital Account .. | 1905 | 9 | 0 | Groceries and Provisions .. | 877 | 4 | 4 |
| | | | 2970 13 8 | Repairs and Renewals .. | 246 | 0 | 1 |
| 1943—Sept. 30th— | | | | Shoes and Shoe Repairs .. | 29 | 6 | 6 |
| To Revenue : | | | | Fuel and Light .. | 115 | 5 | 0 |
| General Subscriptions: | | | | Farm and Garden .. | 47 | 5 | 0 |
| per Treasurer .. | 78 | 1 | 4 | Printing and Stationery .. | 50 | 0 | 3 |
| per Collector .. | 106 | 11 | 6 | Medical and Dental .. | 21 | 9 | 3 |
| Churches—Collections and | | | | Telephones .. | 33 | 15 | 9 |
| Subscriptions .. | 873 | 5 | 4 | Travelling Expenses .. | 71 | 9 | 0 |
| Sunday Schools and Y.P. | | | | Insurance and War Risk .. | 57 | 7 | 11 |
| Societies .. | 32 | 13 | 7 | Stamps and Petty Cash .. | 57 | 0 | 0 |
| Street Appeal .. | 434 | 0 | 0 | Rent of Office and Board Rm. | 60 | 17 | 4 |
| | | | 1524 11 9 | Rates on Properties .. | 140 | 3 | 10 |
| Value of goods donated .. | 58 | 17 | 9 | Audit and Valuation Fees .. | 35 | 5 | 0 |
| Maintenance .. | 2273 | 18 | 5 | Sundry Expenses .. | 11 | 3 | 3 |
| Rents .. | 217 | 13 | 9 | Goods Donated and used .. | 58 | 17 | 9 |
| Interest and Dividends .. | 1198 | 12 | 2 | | | | 3115 8 10 |
| Sale of Stock .. | 6 | 4 | 3 | By Capital : | | | |
| | | | 5279 18 1 | N.Z. Govt. Inscribed Stock | 4101 | 7 | 0 |
| To Capital : | | | | Half-ton covered Motor van | 175 | 0 | 0 |
| Bequests: | | | | | | | 4276 7 0 |
| Elizabeth A. Nixon Estate | 33 | 6 | 8 | „ Balance —Bank of N.Z. | | | 2198 19 10 |
| S. J. Ambury Estate .. | 274 | 11 | 10 | | | | |
| F. W. Walters Estate .. | 200 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Helen Tidd Estate .. | 50 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| J. H. Hannan Estate .. | 662 | 5 | 5 | | | | |
| Amy Hartley Estate .. | 20 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| | | | 1240 3 11 | | | | |
| Deposit on Sale of "Epworth" | 100 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| | | | 1340 3 11 | | | | |
| | | | £9,590 15 8 | | | | £9,590 15 8 |

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th September, 1943.

| 1943, Sept. 30th— | | | 1943, Sept. 30th— | | |
|--|--------|-------|---------------------------------------|--------|-------|
| | | | | | |
| To Expenditure as per above Statement .. | £ | s. d. | By Receipts as per above Statement .. | £ | s. d. |
| Depreciation—Furnishings .. | 3115 | 8 10 | | 5279 | 18 1 |
| Reduction—Farm Stock .. | 48 | 10 0 | | | |
| Capital Account—Excess Revenue Trans'd. .. | 20 | 0 0 | | | |
| | 2095 | 19 3 | | | |
| | £5,279 | 18 1 | | £5,279 | 18 1 |

Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1943.

| LIABILITIES | | | | ASSETS | | | | | |
|--|--------|-------|--------|--------|---|------|-------|--------|-------|
| Endowment Legacies : | £ | s. d. | £ | s. d. | Properties : | £ | s. d. | £ | s. d. |
| Eliza Gilmore Trust | | | 1000 | 0 0 | Wesley Home—latest Valuation | 3985 | 0 0 | | |
| M. Caughey Preston | | | 2000 | 0 0 | Epsom Home—latest Valuation | 4230 | 0 0 | | |
| John Randall | | | 200 | 0 0 | 14 Railway St.—latest Valuation | 775 | 0 0 | | |
| Capital as at 1st October, 1942 | 41,840 | 7 10 | | | Mt. Roskill—at cost | 2723 | 18 2 | | |
| Add Bequests | 1240 | 3 11 | | | | | | 11,713 | 18 2 |
| Add Revenue Account Excess .. | 2095 | 19 3 | | | Balance Purchase Money—Epworth | | | 2000 | 0 0 |
| | 45,176 | 11 0 | | | Shares—at par : | | | | |
| Less Reduction Property Valuations | 655 | 0 0 | | | Whangarei Gas Co. Ltd.— | | | | |
| | | | 44,521 | 11 0 | Ordinary Shares—£1 | 1000 | 0 0 | | |
| | | | | | Preference Shares—£1 | 666 | 0 0 | | |
| | | | | | Frank M. Winstone Ltd.— | | | | |
| | | | | | Ordinary Shares—£1 | 8700 | 0 0 | | |
| | | | | | | | | 10,366 | 0 0 |
| | | | | | Inscribed Stock and Local Body Deb'ts. | | | | |
| | | | | | (including investment of Endow- | | | | |
| | | | | | ment Legacies)— | | | | |
| | | | | | N.Z. Gov't. Inscribed Stock—£11,250 | | | | |
| | | | | | at cost | | | 11,409 | 0 0 |
| | | | | | Auckland City Debentures—at cost | | | 500 | 0 0 |
| | | | | | Newmarket Boro' Debts.—at cost | | | 500 | 0 0 |

| | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------|----|---|--------------|
| Furnishings | 485 | 3 | 0 | |
| <i>Less Depreciation</i> | 48 | 10 | 0 | |
| | | | | 436 13 0 |
| Motor Van —at cost | | | | 175 0 0 |
| Farm Stock | | | | 20 0 0 |
| Bank Balances : | | | | |
| Auckland Savings Bank .. | | | | 3402 0 0 |
| National Savings Investment A/c. | | | | |
| 3rd Liberty Loan | | | | 1000 0 0 |
| Post Office Savings Bank .. | | | | 3000 0 0 |
| Bank of N.Z.—Fixed Deposit .. | | | | 1000 0 0 |
| Current Account | | | | 2198 19 10 |
| | | | | <hr/> |
| | £47,721 | 11 | 0 | £47,721 11 0 |
| | | | | <hr/> |
| Trounson Bequest—with General | | | | |
| Purposes Trust Board | | | | 510 0 0 |
| John Sheat Bequest—with Public Trust | | | | 2294 3 10 |

AUDITOR'S REPORT.—I have examined the books and vouchers relating to the above Accounts and Balance Sheet of the Auckland Methodist Children's Home and Orphanage, which I consider are properly drawn up so as to exhibit the true position of the Trust as at the 30th September, 1943, as shown by the books of the Trust.

19th October, 1943.

A. R. W. GREGORY, F.P.A.N.Z., Public Accountant.

METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME, MASTERTON.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 30th September, 1943.

| RECEIPTS | | | | PAYMENTS | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----|----|------------|---------------------------------|----|----|------------|
| | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. |
| To Balance 1/10/42 | | | 212 17 8 | By Salaries and Wages | | | 492 9 2 |
| „ Donations | | | 36 10 0 | „ General House Exps. | | | 436 0 7 |
| „ Circuit Collections | | | 528 12 2 | „ Clothing and Drapery | | | 160 10 10 |
| „ Maintenance Fees | | | 356 8 7 | „ Light and Heat | | | 101 5 2 |
| „ Wellington Board : | | | | „ Printing and Stationery | | | 19 10 1 |
| Grants | 300 | 0 | 0 | „ Repairs and Renewals | | | 89 7 5 |
| Mrs. Foster—Interest | 11 | 18 | 9 | „ Miscellaneous : | | | |
| Chisim Estate | 12 | 17 | 5 | Dental & Medical | 15 | 17 | 3 |
| Hessey Estate | — | | | Telephone Rental | 13 | 10 | 0 |
| Moore, W.—Rent | — | | | Empl. Liability | 2 | 2 | 10 |
| | | | 324 16 2 | Bank Fees and | | | |
| | | | | Cheque Books | 2 | 8 | 0 |
| | | | | Advertising | 9 | 7 | 6 |
| | | | | Sundries | 32 | 17 | 3 |
| | | | | | | | 76 2 10 |
| | | | | | | | 1375 6 1 |
| | | | | „ Balance 30/9/43 | | | 83 18 6 |
| | | | | | | | £1,459 4 7 |
| | | | £1,459 4 7 | | | | £1,459 4 7 |

METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME, MASTERTON.

Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1943.

| LIABILITIES | | | | ASSETS | | | |
|-------------------------------------|----|----|------------------|----------------------|----|---------|------------------|
| | | | £ s. d. | | | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
| Sundry Creditors | .. | .. | 93 2 11 | Cash at Bank of N.Z. | .. | | 83 18 6 |
| Newcombe Trust | .. | .. | 0 2 6 | Furnishings, etc. | .. | 170 0 0 | |
| Balance being excess of assets over | .. | .. | | less Depreciation | .. | 17 0 0 | |
| Liabilities | .. | .. | 143 13 1 | | | | 153 0 0 |
| | | | <u>£236 18 6</u> | | | | <u>£236 18 6</u> |

W. R. NICOL, Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.

ARCH. H. DANIELL }
D. A. BARNS, } Auditors.

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th September, 1943.

| EXPENDITURE | | | | | | INCOME | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|------|----|----|--------|----|--------|--------------------------------------|------|----|----|--------|----|----|
| | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
| Salaries and Wages | 1450 | 10 | 0 | | | | Interest Transferred from Investment | | | | | | |
| House Supplies | 816 | 6 | 3 | | | | Board | 236 | 6 | 10 | | | |
| Drapery, Clothing, etc. .. | 465 | 19 | 2 | | | | Interest | 247 | 17 | 8 | | | |
| Lighting and Heating | 209 | 13 | 7 | | | | Donations and Collections .. | 912 | 15 | 3 | | | |
| Repairs, Renewals and Maintenance | 275 | 5 | 4 | | | | Combined Orphanages Appeal .. | 635 | 11 | 0 | | | |
| Stationery, Stamps, and General Exps. | 154 | 18 | 10 | | | | Maintenance Fees | 1852 | 1 | 6 | | | |
| Petty Cash—Matron | 96 | 5 | 5 | | | | Sundries | 35 | 7 | 11 | | | |
| Board | 11 | 5 | 0 | | | | | | | | 3920 | 0 | 2 |
| Subsidy Papanui Sunday School .. | 19 | 0 | 0 | | | | Harewood Road Bungalow Account : | | | | | | |
| Insurances | 18 | 13 | 11 | | | | Rent | | | | 58 | 13 | 3 |
| Sundries | 48 | 14 | 3 | 3566 | 11 | 9 | Arthur Hall Fletcher Trust Account | | | | 86 | 12 | 0 |
| | | | | | | | Capital Account : | | | | | | |
| Harewood Rd. Bungalow Account : | | | | | | | A. Cowie Trust | | | | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Rates and Insurance | 15 | 10 | 9 | | | | Net Income of Investment Board : | | | | | | |
| Repairs | 0 | 8 | 6 | | | | Awaiting Transfer | | | | 282 | 9 | 2 |
| | | | | 15 | 19 | 3 | | | | | | | |
| A. H. Fletcher Trust Account : | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bicycles | 31 | 16 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Clothing, Fees, Fares and Sundries | 34 | 19 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Surplus to Credit | 19 | 17 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | 86 | 12 | 0 | | | | | | | |
| Depreciation written off | | | | 465 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | |
| Permanent Capital Account : | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Transfer A. Cowie Trust | | | | 50 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | |
| Balance—Net Surplus for year .. | | | | 213 | 11 | 7 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | £4,397 | 14 | 7 | | | | | £4,397 | 14 | 7 |

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME.

Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1943.

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| | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----|----|---|-------------|
| Harewood Road Bungalow .. | 769 | 0 | 0 | |
| Less Depreciation .. | 32 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | | | 737 0 0 |
| Outstanding Account—due for | | | | |
| Aga Cooker.. .. | | | | 100 0 0 |
| Cash in Hand: Treasurer .. | 10 | 4 | 5 | |
| Matron .. | 7 | 11 | 8 | |
| | | | | 17 16 1 |
| Balances: P.O.S.B. .. | 856 | 9 | 5 | |
| Bank of N.Z. .. | 630 | 4 | 6 | |
| | | | | 1486 13 11 |
| Securities held by S.I.M.O. Invest- | | | | |
| ment Board | | | | 11,464 6 0 |
| Income of Investment Board | | | | |
| awaiting Transfer | | | | 282 9 2 |
| | | | | |
| £38,808 7 4 | | | | £38,808 7 4 |

I have audited the Accounts of the South Island Methodist Orphanage for the year ended 30th September, 1943 and all my requirements as Auditor have been complied with. In my opinion the above Balance Sheet has been properly drawn up to exhibit a true and correct view of the affairs of the Orphanage as shown by the Books.

Christchurch,

E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z.,
Auditor.

Cash Statement for period ended 8th January, 1944.

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W. A. HADLEE, A.R.A.N.Z. } Auditors.
E. R. THOMAS, F.I.I.A., A.C.S.N.Z. }

METHODIST DEACONESS INSTITUTION.
Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ending 31st December, 1943.

| RECEIPTS | | | | PAYMENTS | | | |
|------------------------------------|-----|----|------------|------------------------------------|-----|------|------------|
| | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. |
| Balances at 31st Dec., 1942: | | | | | | | |
| Bank of New Zealand | 201 | 13 | 6 | House Accounts | 856 | 15 | 0 |
| Post Office Savings Bank | 79 | 7 | 5 | Renewals | 11 | 4 | 0 |
| Cash in Hand | 9 | 0 | 1 | Repairs | 52 | 9 | 2 |
| | | | 290 1 10 | Salaries and Wages | 548 | 4 | 6 |
| Conference Grants: | | | | | | 1468 | 12 8 |
| Home Mission Dept. | 93 | 15 | 0 | Telephone | 9 | 10 | 0 |
| Foreign Mission Dept. | 25 | 0 | 0 | Advertising | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| Fire Insurance Board | 125 | 0 | 0 | Stamps, etc. | 4 | 8 | 6 |
| Contingent Fund | 100 | 0 | 0 | | | 15 | 8 6 |
| | | | 343 15 0 | Students' Uniforms, Lectures, etc. | 41 | 12 | 6 |
| Rents | | | 137 0 0 | Deaconess Retiring Fund | 7 | 10 | 0 |
| Lady Associate Subs. and Donations | | | 29 15 6 | Rates | 59 | 6 | 6 |
| Hostel Receipts | | | 1311 14 0 | Insurances | 39 | 1 | 10 |
| Sister Lenna Memorial Fund | | | 1 18 5 | Interest on Mortgage | 34 | 0 | 0 |
| Sundries | | | 1 0 10 | Sister Lenna Memorial Fund | 1 | 18 | 5 |
| | | | | | | 183 | 9 3 |
| | | | | Balances at 31st Dec., 1943: | | | |
| | | | | Bank of New Zealand | 359 | 6 | 10 |
| | | | | Post Office Savings Bank | 79 | 7 | 5 |
| | | | | Cash in Hand | 9 | 0 | 11 |
| | | | | | | 447 | 15 2 |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | £2,115 5 7 | | | | £2,115 5 7 |

Balance Sheet as at 31st December., 1943.

280

J. H. ALLEN, Chairman.
D. O. WILLIAMS, Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.
ARTHUR R. SHERRIS, A.R.A.N.Z.

METHODIST HOME MISSION DEPARTMENT

ESTIMATES

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE, 1944

Income

CIRCUITS, HOME MISSION STATIONS AND AIDED CIRCUITS.

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---------------------------------------|-------|----|----|
| Auckland District | 1,676 | 0 | 11 |
| South Auckland District | 1,010 | 13 | 4 |
| Taranaki-Wanganui District | 601 | 14 | 9 |
| Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District | 846 | 4 | 4 |
| Wellington District | 947 | 13 | 11 |
| Nelson District | 497 | 0 | 4 |
| North Canterbury District | 1,146 | 3 | 3 |
| South Canterbury District | 409 | 5 | 3 |
| Otago-Southland District | 704 | 2 | 0 |
| | 7,838 | 18 | 1 |

PROPERTIES AND INVESTMENTS

.. .. . 2,300 0 0

Special for Maori Work—

M.W.M. Union 1,284 10 0

MISCELLANEOUS

.. .. . 275 0 0

Total estimated ordinary income from all sources £11,698 8 1

Expenditure

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Maori Work.

| | | | |
|--|-----|----|---|
| Senior Supt.—Stipend .. | 225 | 0 | 0 |
| Travelling .. | 75 | 0 | 0 |
| Special Travelling .. | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| Investment Funds .. | | | |
| Board Rent .. | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| Minister—Stipend .. | 210 | 0 | 0 |
| Travelling .. | 75 | 0 | 0 |
| Special Travelling .. | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Investment Funds .. | | | |
| Board Rent .. | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Probationer—Stipend .. | 180 | 0 | 0 |
| Travelling .. | 60 | 0 | 0 |
| Investment Funds .. | | | |
| Board Rent .. | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| Hon. H.M.'s—Grants for Trav. & Gen. Dist. Exes. .. | 90 | 0 | 0 |
| Home Missionary—Stipend .. | 150 | 0 | 0 |
| Travelling .. | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Rent .. | 75 | 0 | 0 |
| Deaconess—Stipend .. | 159 | 10 | 0 |
| Deaconess—Stipend .. | 137 | 10 | 0 |
| Auckland Deaconesses' Travelling .. | 45 | 0 | 0 |
| Deaconess—Stipend .. | 159 | 10 | 0 |
| Travelling .. | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Deaconess—Stipend .. | 159 | 10 | 0 |
| Travelling .. | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Deaconess—Stipend .. | 137 | 10 | 0 |
| Travelling .. | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Deaconess—Stipend .. | 137 | 10 | 0 |
| (If appointed) Travelling .. | 50 | 0 | 0 |

£2,511 0 0

Home Mission Stations.

| | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----|---|---|
| North Waitemata (for 2 M.H.M.'s) .. | 125 | 0 | 0 |
| " " (Special for Furnishing) .. | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| " " (Special for Transport Fund) .. | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Bombay-Tuakau .. | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| Bay of Islands (S.H.M.) .. | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| North Hokianga (M.H.M.) .. | 80 | 0 | 0 |

Circuits with Home Missionaries.

| | | | |
|------------------------|----|---|---|
| Whangarei-Hikurangi .. | 15 | 0 | 0 |
|------------------------|----|---|---|

Aided Circuits.

| | | | |
|---------------------------------------|----|---|---|
| Mahurangi (if M.O.M. (if H.M. £10) .. | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| Hokianga (if M.O.M.) .. | 60 | 0 | 0 |
| Whangaroa (M.P.) .. | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| Kawakawa-Kaikohu (M.H.M.) .. | 45 | 0 | 0 |
| Mangonui (if M.O.M.) .. | 40 | 0 | 0 |
| Ruawai (M.O.M.) .. | 60 | 0 | 0 |
| Port Albert (if M.O.M.) .. | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| " " (additional if 2nd Agent) .. | 50 | 0 | 0 |

£670 0 0

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Maori Work.

Waikato Circuit.

| | | | |
|----------------------------|-----|---|---|
| Home Missionary—Stipend .. | 150 | 0 | 0 |
| Travelling .. | 60 | 0 | 0 |
| Home Missionary—Stipend .. | 150 | 0 | 0 |
| Travelling .. | 60 | 0 | 0 |
| Home Missionary—Stipend .. | 150 | 0 | 0 |
| Travelling .. | 60 | 0 | 0 |
| Special Travelling .. | 10 | 0 | 0 |

Grant for Travelling, 6 Hon. H.M.'s, proportion of General District Exes. and Supt.

| | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----|----|---|
| Supply Tr. .. | 373 | 10 | 0 |
| Deaconess—Stipend .. | 148 | 10 | 0 |
| Travelling .. | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Deaconess (Supply)—Stipend .. | 154 | 0 | 0 |
| Travelling .. | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Deaconess—Stipend .. | 135 | 10 | 0 |
| Travelling .. | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Deaconess (Supply)—Travelling .. | 36 | 0 | 0 |
| To Investment Funds Board Rent .. | 65 | 2 | 6 |

King Country Circuit.

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-----|---|---|
| Minister—Stipend .. | 185 | 0 | 0 |
| Travelling .. | 60 | 0 | 0 |
| H.M.—Stipend .. | 150 | 0 | 0 |
| Travelling .. | 60 | 0 | 0 |
| Special Travelling .. | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| H.M.—Stipend .. | 150 | 0 | 0 |
| Travelling .. | 60 | 0 | 0 |

Grant for Travelling, 5 Hon. H.M.'s and Proportion General District Expenses ..

| | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----|----|---|
| Deaconess—Stipend .. | 260 | 0 | 0 |
| Travelling .. | 159 | 10 | 0 |
| Deaconess—Stipend .. | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Travelling .. | 137 | 10 | 0 |
| To Investment Funds Board Rent .. | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| | 92 | 10 | 0 |

£3,127 2 6

Home Mission Stations.

| | | | |
|------------------------------------|----|---|---|
| Coromandel .. | 70 | 0 | 0 |
| Kawhia—S.H.M. for European Work .. | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Travelling Special .. | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| Ohura .. | 30 | 0 | 0 |

Aided Circuits.

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----|---|---|
| Taumarunui .. | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| Te Kuiti (M.P.) .. | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Rotorua (if M.O.M.) .. | 55 | 0 | 0 |
| Hauraki Plains (S.P.) .. | 45 | 0 | 0 |
| Opoitiki (if M.H.M.) .. | 40 | 0 | 0 |
| Whakatane (if S.P.) .. | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Waihi—Special for Travelling .. | 15 | 0 | 0 |

Circuits with Home Missionaries.

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|----|---|---|
| Tauranga-Te Puke (if S.S.M.) .. | 40 | 0 | 0 |
|---------------------------------|----|---|---|

£540 0 0

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

Maori Work.

| | | | |
|---|-----|----|---|
| Minister—Stipend .. | 210 | 0 | 0 |
| Travelling .. | 75 | 0 | 0 |
| Special Travelling .. | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Investment Funds .. | | | |
| Board for Rent .. | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| H.M.—Stipend .. | 150 | 0 | 0 |
| Travelling .. | 60 | 0 | 0 |
| Rent and Furniture .. | 75 | 0 | 0 |
| Hon. H.M.'s Grant for Travelling and General Dist. Exes. .. | 120 | 0 | 0 |
| Deaconess—Stipend .. | 143 | 0 | 0 |
| Travelling .. | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Deaconess—Stipend .. | 143 | 0 | 0 |
| Travelling .. | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Deaconess—Stipend .. | 137 | 10 | 0 |
| Travelling .. | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Deaconess (if appointed)—Stipend .. | 137 | 10 | 0 |
| Travelling .. | 50 | 0 | 0 |

£1,511 0 0

EXPENDITURE—Continued.

Home Mission Stations.

| | | | |
|---|-----|---|---|
| Inglewood | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| Patea | 55 | 0 | 0 |
| Marton (if M.O.M.) (if M.H.M., £50) | 100 | 0 | 0 |

Aided Circuits.

| | | | |
|-----------------|----|---|---|
| Waitara | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Taihape | 35 | 0 | 0 |

£225 0 0

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|----|---|---|
| Waipawa | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Foxton-Shannon (if M.S.) | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| Apti | 40 | 0 | 0 |

Aided Circuits.

| | | | |
|--------------------------|----|---|---|
| Wairoa (if S.P.) | 45 | 0 | 0 |
| Woodville | 35 | 0 | 0 |
| Pahiatua | 25 | 0 | 0 |

£225 0 0

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

| | | | |
|--|----|---|---|
| Paraparaumu | 35 | 0 | 0 |
| " (if 2nd Agent, additional) | 60 | 0 | 0 |
| Upper Hutt (present arrangement) | 25 | 0 | 0 |

Aided Circuits.

| | | | |
|--|----|---|---|
| Wellington East | 80 | 0 | 0 |
| Hutt (2nd M.O.M.) | 70 | 0 | 0 |
| " Additional Part-time Deaconess | 60 | 0 | 0 |
| Greytown-Featherston | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| Eketahuna | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| Otaki | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| Webb Street | 30 | 0 | 0 |

£435 0 0

NELSON DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

| | | | |
|--|----|---|---|
| Granity | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Havelock (Present Arrangement) | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Wakefield-Dovedale (if No Agent) | — | — | — |
| Murchison (if S.H.M.) | 45 | 0 | 0 |
| (Otherwise, £25) | — | — | — |

Aided Circuits.

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|----|---|---|
| Westport | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Hokitika | — | — | — |
| Reefton (if M.H.M.) | 25 | 0 | 0 |

£160 0 0

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

| | | | |
|--------------------|----|---|---|
| Tai Tapu | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| Waddington | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| " Special | 15 | 0 | 0 |

Aided Circuits.

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|----|---|---|
| Woolston (3rd Agent) | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Sydenham (Special) | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| " 2nd Agent | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Riccarton (2nd Agent) | 60 | 0 | 0 |
| Lytelton | 35 | 0 | 0 |
| " Maori | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Springston | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Oxford (if M.H.M.) | 20 | 0 | 0 |

£300 0 0

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Aided Circuits.

| | | | |
|-------------------------------------|----|---|---|
| Temuka (if Minimum Stipend) | 35 | 0 | 0 |
| Maori | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Geraldine (M.O.M.) | 60 | 0 | 0 |
| " Special | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Timaru South (if M.O.M.) | 60 | 0 | 0 |

£180 0 0

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|----|---|---|
| Bluff | 35 | 0 | 0 |
| Dunedin North (if M.P.) | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Waihouaiti-Palmerston | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| " Travelling | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| Mosgiel | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Edendale | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| " Special for Travelling | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Cromwell (if M.H.M.) | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Balclutha | 60 | 0 | 0 |
| Nightcaps | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| " Additional if M.H.M. | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Otautau | 25 | 0 | 0 |

Aided Circuits.

| | | | |
|--|-----|---|---|
| Caversham | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Milton | 60 | 0 | 0 |
| Port Chalmers | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Roslyn | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| Roxburgh | 70 | 0 | 0 |
| Central Mission (Agent for Youth Work) | 100 | 0 | 0 |

£750 0 0

GENERAL.

Maori Work.

| | | | |
|---|-----|----|---|
| Sunday School Material | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Printing Leaflets | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| Special South Island Travelling Workers' Conference | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| Students, Deaconesses, and General | 55 | 0 | 0 |
| 'Methodist Times' | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Car Depreciation Grant | 75 | 0 | 0 |
| Contingencies | 150 | 0 | 0 |
| South Island Deaconess— | | | |
| Stipend | 82 | 10 | 0 |
| Travelling | 40 | 0 | 0 |
| Subsidy Maori Paper | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| Maori Furniture | 40 | 0 | 0 |
| Removal Expenses (Maori) | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Maori B.C. Camps (from Y.M.B.C. Contributions) | 40 | 0 | 0 |

£672 10 0

Miscellaneous.

| | | | |
|---|-----|----|---|
| Home Missionaries' Removal Expenses Fund, Grant | 45 | 0 | 0 |
| Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund, Subsidies | 220 | 0 | 0 |
| Deaconess' Retiring Fund Subsidies | 170 | 0 | 0 |
| Home Missionary Deputation Expenses | 150 | 0 | 0 |
| Religious Film Society | 200 | 0 | 0 |
| Ministerial Supplies | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| Deaconess' Institution | 75 | 0 | 0 |
| " Special | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| Interest and Bank Charges | 175 | 0 | 0 |
| Church Sites Fund | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Printing and Stationery | 250 | 0 | 0 |
| Advertising Space, "N.Z. Methodist Times" | 12 | 10 | 0 |
| Subsidy, L. & C. Committee— | | | |
| Colporteur | 150 | 0 | 0 |
| Picture Department | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| Contingencies and Sundries | 400 | 0 | 0 |
| Circulating Library | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Auckland University Chaplain | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Spiritual Advance Committee | 25 | 0 | 0 |

£2,087 10 0

EXPENDITURE—Cont'ued.

| General Superintendent. | | | |
|--------------------------------|------|---|---|
| Stipend | 300 | 0 | 0 |
| Travelling | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| Rent to Investment Funds | 150 | 0 | 0 |
| Board | | | |
| | £550 | 0 | 0 |

| Assistant Superintendent. | | | |
|--------------------------------|------|---|---|
| Stipend | 275 | 0 | 0 |
| Travelling | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| Rent to Investment Funds | 150 | 0 | 0 |
| Board | | | |
| | £525 | 0 | 0 |
| Connexional Charges | 100 | 0 | 0 |

| General Treasurers. | | | |
|---------------------------|------|---|---|
| Book-keeping | 125 | 0 | 0 |
| Incidental Expenses | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| | £145 | 0 | 0 |

| Office Expenses. | | | |
|------------------------------|------|---|---|
| Secretarial | 150 | 0 | 0 |
| Rent and Phones | 120 | 0 | 0 |
| Light and Heat.. .. | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Postages and Telegrams | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| | £380 | 0 | 0 |

SUMMARY OF HOME MISSION ESTIMATES

| INCOME. | | | |
|----------------------------------|---------|----|----|
| | £ | s. | d. |
| Circuits | 7,838 | 18 | 1 |
| Properties and Investments | 2,300 | 0 | 0 |
| Special for Maori | 1,284 | 10 | 0 |
| Miscellaneous | 275 | 0 | 0 |
| | 11,698 | 8 | 1 |
| Required by Special Effort.. .. | 4,650 | 2 | 8 |
| | £16,348 | 10 | 9 |

| EXPENDITURE. | | | |
|----------------------------|---------|----|----|
| | £ | s. | d. |
| Maori | 7,281 | 12 | 6 |
| General | 7,272 | 10 | 0 |
| | | | |
| 1943 Debit Brought Forward | 1,254 | 8 | 3 |
| | £16,348 | 10 | 9 |

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the year ended 15th January, 1944.

Treasurers: REV. H. J. ODELL and MR. FRANK PENN.

| RECEIPTS. | | | | |
|--------------------------|-----|----|----|---------|
| AUCKLAND DISTRICT. | | | | |
| Circuits. | | | | |
| | £ | s. | d. | £ s. d. |
| Auckland Central | 247 | 9 | 11 | |
| Ditto, 1942 .. | 1 | 0 | 0 | |
| Auckland Central Mission | 21 | 13 | 7 | |
| Ditto, 1942 .. | 2 | 4 | 0 | |
| Auckland West | 36 | 0 | 6 | |
| Ditto, 1942 .. | 1 | 10 | 0 | |
| Auckland East | 437 | 2 | 3 | |
| Ditto, 1942 .. | 3 | 12 | 6 | |
| Auckland - Avondale | 150 | 6 | 9 | |
| Ditto, 1942 .. | 2 | 15 | 3 | |
| Auckland-Devonport | 26 | 18 | 8 | |
| Auckland - Takapuna | 48 | 17 | 9 | |
| Ditto, 1942 .. | 10 | 0 | 0 | |
| Auckland - Birkenhead | 57 | 15 | 4 | |
| Ditto, 1942 .. | 63 | 0 | 3 | |
| Onehunga | 105 | 9 | 2 | |
| Papakura | 52 | 3 | 10 | |
| Pukekohe | 31 | 14 | 11 | |
| Waikuku | 30 | 11 | 0 | |
| Mahurangi | 28 | 1 | 5 | |
| Paparoa | 32 | 18 | 7 | |
| Dargaville | 33 | 11 | 5 | |
| Ruawai | 25 | 14 | 0 | |
| Whangarei | 22 | 12 | 11 | |
| Ditto, 1942 .. | 2 | 17 | 3 | |
| Whangaroa | 24 | 13 | 0 | |
| Port Albert | 43 | 0 | 0 | |
| Kawakawa | 35 | 6 | 1 | |
| Mangonui | 23 | 2 | 7 | |
| Hokianga | 72 | 14 | 2 | |
| Maori Missions | | | | |

Home Mission Stations.

| | | | |
|------------------------|-------|----|---|
| Bombay-Tuakau | 43 | 6 | 7 |
| Helensville | 2 | 14 | 6 |
| Kaukapakapa-Silverdale | 7 | 13 | 3 |
| Bay of Islands | 4 | 14 | 4 |
| North Hokianga | 16 | 6 | 4 |
| | 1,740 | 2 | 1 |

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

| Circuits. | | | | |
|----------------|-----|----|----|---------|
| | £ | s. | d. | £ s. d. |
| Thames | 27 | 6 | 3 | |
| Hauraki Plains | 9 | 5 | 6 | |
| Paeroa | 35 | 3 | 6 | |
| Ditto, 1942 .. | 20 | 0 | 0 | |
| Waihi | 46 | 0 | 6 | |
| Te Aroha | 95 | 17 | 1 | |
| Morrinsville | 74 | 3 | 2 | |
| Cambridge | 49 | 6 | 3 | |
| Ditto, 1942 .. | 3 | 3 | 9 | |
| Hamilton | 257 | 2 | 11 | |
| Ditto, 1942 .. | 5 | 11 | | |
| Hamilton East | 84 | 17 | 1 | |
| Huntly | 11 | 7 | 9 | |
| Matamata | 72 | 18 | 2 | |
| Ditto, 1942 .. | 1 | 3 | 0 | |
| Putaruru | 8 | 12 | 11 | |
| Rotorua | 55 | 0 | 6 | |
| Tauranga | 68 | 2 | 0 | |
| Whakatane | 10 | 14 | 5 | |
| Opoitiki | 16 | 17 | 0 | |
| Te Awamutu | 20 | 7 | 4 | |
| Otorohanga | 31 | 11 | 6 | |
| Ditto, 1942 .. | 2 | 17 | 6 | |

| EXPENDITURE. | | | | |
|-------------------------------|-----|----|----|-------------|
| Maori Missions. | | | | |
| | £ | s. | d. | £ s. d. |
| Stipends, Traveling and Rents | | | | 5,403 16 2 |
| Specials. | | | | |
| Sunday School | | | | |
| Materials | 10 | 0 | 0 | |
| Printing Leaflets | 30 | 0 | 0 | |
| South Island Travelling | 10 | 0 | 0 | |
| Workers' Conference | 50 | 0 | 0 | |
| Students | 43 | 0 | 0 | |
| "Methodist Times" | 5 | 0 | 0 | |
| Contingencies | 150 | 0 | 0 | |
| Subsidy Maori Paper | 35 | 0 | 0 | |
| Furniture | 40 | 0 | 0 | |
| Compassionate | 25 | 0 | 0 | |
| Hamilton Hostel | 200 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | | | 598 0 0 |
| | | | | £6,001 16 2 |

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|----|----|----------|
| Kaukapakapa | 16 | 5 | 0 |
| Bombay-Tuakau | 16 | 5 | 0 |
| Circuit with Home Missionary. | | | |
| Whangarei - Hikurangi | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| Aided Circuits. | | | |
| Hokianga (Rawene) | 52 | 10 | 0 |
| Whangaroa | 35 | 0 | 0 |
| Kawakawa | 45 | 0 | 0 |
| Mangonui | 22 | 10 | 0 |
| Ruawai | 56 | 5 | 0 |
| Mahurangi | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| Papakura (One Quarter) | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | 278 15 0 |

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|----|----|----------|
| Kawhia | 43 | 15 | 0 |
| Coromandel | 70 | 0 | 0 |
| Ohura | 27 | 10 | 0 |
| Circuit with Home Missionary. | | | |
| Tauranga-Te Puke | 18 | 15 | 0 |
| Aided Circuits. | | | |
| Taumarunui | 88 | 15 | 0 |
| Ditto, Maori | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Te Kuiti | 58 | 15 | 0 |
| Hauraki Plains | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Opoitiki | 40 | 0 | 0 |
| Whakatane | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Rotorua | 32 | 10 | 0 |
| Ditto, Special | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| Paeroa (One Quarter) | 6 | 5 | 0 |
| Putaruru (One Quarter) | 2 | 10 | 0 |
| Waihi (One Quarter) | 8 | 15 | 0 |
| | | | 487 10 0 |

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

| | | | |
|-----------|----|----|---|
| Inglewood | 11 | 5 | 0 |
| Patea | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Marton | 57 | 10 | 0 |

**THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.
HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.**

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure—Continued.

| RECEIPTS. | | | | |
|-------------------------------|----|----|----|-----------|
| | £ | s. | d. | £ s. d. |
| Te Kuiti .. | 11 | 17 | 8 | |
| Taumarunui .. | 10 | 4 | 7 | |
| Maori Missions | 60 | 4 | 7 | |
| Home Mission Stations. | | | | |
| Ngaruawahia .. | — | — | — | |
| Kawhia .. | — | — | — | |
| Coromandel .. | 23 | 15 | 0 | |
| Ohura .. | 3 | 16 | 6 | |
| | | | | 1,112 2 4 |

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

| Circuits. | | | | |
|-------------------------------|-----|----|----|-----------|
| New Plymouth .. | 102 | 11 | 4 | |
| Waitara .. | 7 | 8 | 11 | |
| Stratford .. | 37 | 3 | 7 | |
| Eltham-Kaponga | 13 | 3 | 0 | |
| Hawera .. | 63 | 1 | 3 | |
| Manala .. | 25 | 15 | 10 | |
| Opunake .. | 84 | 14 | 4 | |
| Wanganui .. | 16 | 2 | 0 | |
| Ditto, 1942 .. | 15 | 9 | 0 | |
| Wanganui North | 52 | 8 | 4 | |
| Gonville .. | 31 | 15 | 0 | |
| Taihape .. | 10 | 11 | 0 | |
| Maori Missions | 10 | 0 | 0 | |
| Home Mission Stations. | | | | |
| Inglewood .. | 12 | 14 | 0 | |
| Marton .. | 22 | 15 | 3 | |
| Raetihi-Ohkune | 20 | 0 | 0 | |
| Patea .. | 1 | 10 | 0 | |
| | | | | 517 12 10 |

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

| Circuits | | | | |
|-------------------------------|-----|----|----|---------|
| Napier .. | 143 | 12 | 11 | |
| Hastings .. | 76 | 7 | 3 | |
| Gisborne .. | 45 | 1 | 1 | |
| Wairoa .. | — | — | — | |
| Ditto, 1942 .. | 2 | 1 | 0 | |
| Dannevirke .. | 12 | 10 | 0 | |
| Woodville .. | 30 | 0 | 5 | |
| Pahiatua .. | 31 | 5 | 9 | |
| Palmerston North— | | | | |
| St. Paul's .. | 107 | 16 | 1 | |
| Cuba Street .. | 81 | 18 | 2 | |
| Ashhurst-Bun- | | | | |
| thorpe .. | 38 | 3 | 5 | |
| Fellding .. | 187 | 8 | 2 | |
| Sanson-Rongotea | 36 | 17 | 6 | |
| Home Mission Stations. | | | | |
| Waipawa - Wai- | | | | |
| pukurau .. | 5 | 3 | 6 | |
| Foxton-Shannon | 12 | 0 | 0 | |
| Apiti .. | 30 | 1 | 6 | |
| Norsewood .. | 5 | 18 | 6 | |
| | | | | 846 5 3 |

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

| Circuits. | | | | |
|----------------|-----|----|----|--|
| Wellington— | | | | |
| Central .. | 189 | 3 | 3 | |
| Webb Street .. | 6 | 0 | 0 | |
| West .. | 51 | 7 | 2 | |
| South .. | 48 | 12 | 6 | |
| East .. | 132 | 12 | 1 | |
| Johnsonville- | | | | |
| Ngalo .. | 64 | 10 | 0 | |
| Hutt .. | 96 | 18 | 7 | |
| Petone .. | 33 | 14 | 1 | |
| Greytown- | | | | |
| Featherston .. | 21 | 12 | 8 | |
| Carterton .. | 34 | 13 | 1 | |
| Masterton .. | 150 | 4 | 0 | |
| Eketahuna .. | 14 | 10 | 6 | |
| Levin .. | 68 | 17 | 2 | |
| Otaki .. | 14 | 13 | 11 | |

| EXPENDITURE. | | | | |
|------------------------|----|----|----|---------|
| | £ | s. | d. | £ s. d. |
| Aided Circuits. | | | | |
| Waitara .. | 27 | 10 | 0 | |
| Taihape .. | 31 | 5 | 0 | |
| Gonville | | | | |
| (One Quarter) | 7 | 10 | 0 | |
| | | | | 185 0 0 |

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

| Home Mission Stations. | | | | |
|------------------------|----|---|---|---------|
| Waipawa .. | 50 | 0 | 0 | |
| Foxton-Shannon | 30 | 0 | 0 | |
| Ditto, Special | 25 | 0 | 0 | |
| Apiti .. | 41 | 5 | 0 | |
| Aided Circuits. | | | | |
| Woodville .. | 40 | 0 | 0 | |
| Pahiatua .. | 30 | 0 | 0 | |
| Wairoa .. | 10 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | | | 226 5 0 |

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

| Home Mission Stations. | | | | |
|------------------------|-----|----|---|---------|
| Paraparaumu .. | 35 | 0 | 0 | |
| Upper Hutt .. | 23 | 15 | 0 | |
| Aided Circuits. | | | | |
| Wellington East | 92 | 10 | 0 | |
| Hutt .. | 101 | 5 | 0 | |
| Greytown- | | | | |
| Featherston .. | 16 | 5 | 0 | |
| Eketahuna .. | 31 | 5 | 0 | |
| Otaki .. | 36 | 5 | 0 | |
| Webb Street .. | 28 | 15 | 0 | |
| | | | | 365 0 0 |

NELSON DISTRICT.

| Home Mission Stations. | | | | |
|------------------------|----|---|---|----------|
| Havelock .. | 20 | 0 | 0 | |
| Granity .. | 50 | 0 | 0 | |
| Ditto, Special | 15 | 0 | 0 | |
| Murchison .. | 26 | 5 | 0 | |
| Aided Circuits. | | | | |
| Reefton .. | 30 | 0 | 0 | |
| Westport .. | 20 | 0 | 0 | |
| Wakefield .. | 16 | 5 | 0 | |
| Hokitika .. | 15 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | | | 192 10 0 |

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

| Home Mission Stations. | | | | |
|------------------------|-----|----|---|----------|
| Waddington .. | 107 | 11 | 7 | |
| Tai Tapu .. | 25 | 0 | 0 | |
| Aided Circuits. | | | | |
| Springston .. | 21 | 5 | 0 | |
| Sydenham .. | 43 | 15 | 0 | |
| Lytelton .. | 36 | 5 | 0 | |
| Woolston .. | 30 | 0 | 0 | |
| Oxford .. | 21 | 5 | 0 | |
| Christchurch East | | | | |
| (One Quarter) | 3 | 15 | 0 | |
| Riccarton .. | 26 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | | | 314 16 7 |

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

| Aided Circuits. | | | | |
|-----------------|----|---|---|---------|
| Temuka .. | 35 | 0 | 0 | |
| Ditto, Maori .. | 5 | 0 | 0 | |
| Geraldine .. | 55 | 0 | 0 | |
| Oamaru, Special | 10 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | | | 105 0 0 |

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

| Home Mission Stations. | | | | |
|------------------------|----|----|---|--|
| Waikouaiti .. | 62 | 10 | 0 | |
| Ditto, Special | 25 | 0 | 0 | |
| Otautau .. | 23 | 15 | 0 | |
| Nightcaps .. | 50 | 0 | 0 | |
| Mosgiel .. | 50 | 0 | 0 | |
| Maori Hill .. | 57 | 10 | 0 | |

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.
HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure—Continued.

| RECEIPTS. | | | | EXPENDITURE. | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----|----|-----------|----------------------------------|--------|-----|-------|
| | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. |
| Home Mission Stations. | | | | Edendale .. | 21 | 5 | 0 |
| Paraparaumu .. | 13 | 12 | 1 | Ditto, Special .. | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| Upper Hutt .. | 15 | 12 | 0 | Cromwell .. | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | 956 13 1 | Ditto, Special .. | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| NELSON DISTRICT. | | | | Bluff .. | 36 | 5 | 0 |
| Circuits. | | | | Balclutha .. | 60 | 0 | 0 |
| Nelson .. | 97 | 5 | 10 | Ditto, Special .. | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Richmond .. | 30 | 18 | 7 | Aided Circuits. | | | |
| Motueka .. | 44 | 2 | 6 | Cargill Road .. | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Blenheim .. | 166 | 10 | 7 | Roxburgh .. | 76 | 5 | 0 |
| Ditto, 1942 .. | 3 | 18 | 6 | Roslyn .. | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| Reefton .. | 20 | 3 | 7 | Milton .. | 57 | 5 | 0 |
| Westport .. | 25 | 11 | 1 | Port Chalmers .. | 55 | 0 | 0 |
| Greymouth .. | 54 | 8 | 3 | Caversham .. | 7 | 10 | 0 |
| Hokitika .. | 29 | 17 | 8 | Ravensbourne .. | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Home Mission Stations. | | | | Riverton .. | 12 | 10 | 0 |
| Wakefield- Dovedale .. | 9 | 19 | 0 | | | 779 | 15 0 |
| Havelock .. | | 10 | 0 | Total for Circuits .. | £2,934 | 11 | 7 |
| Murchison .. | 9 | 4 | 7 | GENERAL. | | | |
| Granity .. | 8 | 0 | 1 | General Superintendent— | | | |
| Ditto, 1942 .. | 1 | 11 | 3 | Stipend .. | 300 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | 501 18 6 | Travelling .. | 125 | 0 | 0 |
| NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT. | | | | Rent .. | 150 | 0 | 0 |
| Circuits. | | | | | | 575 | 0 0 |
| Christchurch— | | | | Assistant Superintendent— | | | |
| Durham Street .. | 127 | 18 | 4 | Stipend .. | 275 | 0 | 0 |
| Ditto, 1942 .. | 8 | 10 | 0 | Travelling .. | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| East .. | 260 | 16 | 5 | Rent .. | 150 | 0 | 0 |
| Cambridge Ter. .. | 31 | 12 | 5 | | | 525 | 0 0 |
| Woolston .. | 89 | 13 | 3 | Treasurers' Inci- | | | |
| Sydenham .. | 45 | 14 | 4 | dental Expenses | | | |
| Addington .. | 68 | 13 | 3 | 8 | 16 | 4 | |
| Riccarton .. | 52 | 1 | 5 | Connexional | | | |
| St. Albans .. | 111 | 19 | 5 | Charges | | | |
| Papanui .. | 24 | 6 | 8 | 100 | 0 | 0 | |
| Lyttelton .. | 15 | 13 | 11 | | | 108 | 16 4 |
| Springston .. | 25 | 4 | 4 | Office. | | | |
| Leeston .. | 45 | 18 | 9 | Rent .. | 69 | 4 | 0 |
| Kalapoi .. | 48 | 13 | 6 | Telephones and | | | |
| Ohoka .. | 52 | 13 | 2 | Tolls .. | 55 | 18 | 8 |
| Rangiora .. | 41 | 7 | 4 | Electric Power .. | 6 | 13 | 4 |
| Woodend-Sefton .. | 30 | 19 | 11 | Salaries .. | 258 | 6 | 3 |
| Greendale .. | 21 | 5 | 0 | | | 390 | 2 3 |
| Oxford .. | 34 | 6 | 1 | Interest, etc. | | | |
| Home Mission Stations. | | | | Interest on | | | |
| Tai Tapu .. | 13 | 4 | 8 | Overdraft .. | 134 | 9 | 6 |
| Hawarden .. | | | | Cheque Books, | | | |
| Waddington .. | 16 | 11 | 5 | etc. .. | 3 | 10 | 0 |
| | | | 1,167 3 7 | Deputation Ex- | | | |
| SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT. | | | | pendences (Films) .. | 66 | 5 | 4 |
| Circuits. | | | | | | 204 | 4 10 |
| Timaru— | | | | Printing and Stationery. | | | |
| Banks Street .. | 41 | 0 | 3 | Annual Reports .. | 154 | 15 | 3 |
| Woodlands St. .. | 55 | 8 | 7 | Printing and | | | |
| South .. | 13 | 0 | 10 | Stationery .. | 50 | 1 | 8 |
| Waimate .. | 47 | 6 | 3 | | | 204 | 16 11 |
| Temuka .. | 23 | 16 | 9 | Postage, Exchange, | | | |
| Geraldine .. | 26 | 2 | 1 | etc. .. | 88 | 10 | 9 |
| Ashburton .. | 128 | 9 | 11 | Colporteur Stipend | | | |
| Willowby .. | 48 | 0 | 3 | and Subsidy .. | 200 | 0 | 0 |
| Oamaru .. | 35 | 12 | 5 | "Lotu" (H.M. | | | |
| Rakaia-Methven .. | | | | cost of share) .. | 43 | 18 | 6 |
| | | | 418 17 4 | | | 332 | 9 3 |
| OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT. | | | | Retiring Funds. | | | |
| Circuits. | | | | Deaconess .. | 153 | 10 | 0 |
| Dunedin— | | | | Home Mission- | | | |
| Trinity .. | 72 | 7 | 11 | aries .. | 208 | 10 | 0 |
| Central Mission .. | 62 | 10 | 0 | | | 362 | 0 0 |
| Cargill Road .. | 50 | 8 | 5 | | | | |

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Statement of Receipts and Expenditure—Continued.

| RECEIPTS. | | | | EXPENDITURE. | | | |
|---------------------------------|-------|----|-------|----------------------------------|-----|----|----|
| | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. |
| Dundas Street | 46 | 4 | 10 | Miscellaneous. | | | |
| St. Kilda | 50 | 7 | 4 | Theological College | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| Caversham | 31 | 15 | 0 | Deaconess Institute | 93 | 15 | 0 |
| Mornington | 26 | 4 | 7 | "Methodist Times" | 12 | 10 | 0 |
| Roslyn | 29 | 0 | 2 | Church Sites Fund | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Port Chalmers | 15 | 17 | 9 | Ministerial Supplies | 17 | 16 | 0 |
| Milton | 18 | 6 | 5 | Picture Dept. Subsidy | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| Roxburgh | 22 | 1 | 8 | Spiritual Advance | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| Invercargill— | | | | H.M. Removal Fund | 45 | 0 | 0 |
| Central | 80 | 5 | 4 | Expenses Grant | | | |
| St. Peter's | 63 | 0 | 0 | Youth Board for | | | |
| Gore | 16 | 15 | 4 | Missionary Education | 21 | 7 | 6 |
| Home Mission Stations. | | | | Grant for Furnishing | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| Bluff | 10 | 0 | 0 | Grant for S.C.M. Chaplain's Fund | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Maori Hill | 34 | 7 | 10 | Grant for Circulating Library | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Waikouaiti | 11 | 0 | 6 | Rates, Spring Creek | 1 | 8 | 2 |
| Mosgiel | 9 | 18 | 0 | Insurance, Office | 1 | 12 | 8 |
| Balclutha | 16 | 8 | 11 | Bookroom | 7 | 12 | 6 |
| Edendale | 16 | 15 | 5 | Code, "Paipera" | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| Lawrence | 5 | 7 | 9 | Sundries | 10 | 17 | 3 |
| Cromwell | 16 | 17 | 0 | | | | |
| Otautau - Tuatapere | 24 | 7 | 0 | | | | |
| Nightcaps | 4 | 19 | 10 | | | | |
| Riverton | 8 | 0 | 4 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | 743 | | | | |
| | | | 7 | | | | |
| | | | 4 | | | | |
| GENERAL. | | | | | | | |
| Connexional Properties. | | | | | | | |
| Auckland | 125 | 0 | 0 | Maori Missions | | | |
| Grey Institute | 450 | 0 | 0 | Debit Balance, 1942 | | | |
| Kai Iwi | 130 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Spring Creek | 3 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| | | | 708 | | | | |
| | | | 0 | | | | |
| | | | 0 | | | | |
| Investments. | | | | | | | |
| H.M.C.E.I. | | | | | | | |
| Funds | 1,622 | 6 | 5 | | | | |
| | | | 1,622 | | | | |
| | | | 6 | | | | |
| | | | 5 | | | | |
| Special for Maori Work. | | | | | | | |
| M.W.M.U. | 1,304 | 7 | 6 | | | | |
| Well-wisher, Carterton | 25 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| McBean - Bedcliffs | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Miss Nancy Bey | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Otagi B.C. | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Maori Collections, Rapaki | 12 | 6 | | | | | |
| | | | 1,333 | | | | |
| | | | 0 | | | | |
| | | | 0 | | | | |
| Miscellaneous. | | | | | | | |
| Conference Collections | 36 | 10 | 11 | | | | |
| Fire Insurance Fund | 100 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Duplicating and Typing | 10 | 8 | 0 | | | | |
| | | | 146 | | | | |
| | | | 18 | | | | |
| | | | 11 | | | | |
| Sundry Donations. | | | | | | | |
| Per Centennial Fund | 66 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Refund H.M. Retiring Funds | 97 | 10 | 0 | | | | |
| Refund Deaconess Retiring Funds | 27 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Auckland District Youth Council | 15 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| "Myself" | 5 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Miss L. G. White | 5 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Sister Lily White | 2 | 0 | 0 | | | | |

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THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.
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Statement of Receipts and Expenditure—Continued.

| RECEIPTS. | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|----|----|----|---------|-----|----|---|
| | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. | |
| Midhurst Y.M.B.C. | | | | | | | |
| Camp .. | 1 | 17 | 10 | | | | |
| Auckland Y.M.B.C. | | | | | | | |
| Camp .. | 1 | 15 | 5 | | | | |
| A Friend .. | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Overseas Soldier | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Wgton. District | | | | | | | |
| Youth Council | 17 | 3 | | | | | |
| S. Canty. Y.M.B.C. | | | | | | | |
| Camp .. | 12 | 7 | | | | | |
| Otago Youth | | | | | | | |
| Council .. | 12 | 0 | | | | | |
| Smaller Sums .. | 7 | 1 | | | | | |
| | | | | | 225 | 12 | 2 |
| Debit Balance, 1943 | | | | 1,254 | 8 | 3 | |
| | | | | £13,294 | 8 | 1 | |

| EXPENDITURE. | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|---|----|----|---------|----|----|--|
| | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. | |
| Brought Forward | | | | £13,294 | 8 | 1 | |

We have examined the Books and Vouchers of the Methodist Home Mission and Church Extension Department for the Year ended 15th January, 1944. 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.

J. L. CRAWFORD } Auditors.
P. DELLOW }

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METHODIST HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 15th JANUARY, 1944.

| | | | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. | | | | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|--|--|-------|----|----|--------|----|----|--|--|--|---|----|----|--------|----|----|
| To Capital as at 15th Jan., 1943— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Maintenance A/c. | | | 118 | 10 | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| " Capital Awaiting Investment— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sinking Fund | | | 1,983 | 6 | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| General | | | 651 | 16 | 7 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | 2,753 | 13 | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| " Cash on A/c. Capital— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Estate Late S. J. Ambury | | | 566 | 3 | 8 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| " " F. W. Walters | | | 100 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| " " J. J. B. Veale | | | | 12 | 6 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| " " A. B. C. Wills | | | | 2 | 3 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| " " M. Harding | | | 500 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| " " Mrs. S. Hames | | | 25 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| " " Enos Stephenson | | | | 6 | 9 | 11 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| " " Miss F. A. White | | | 100 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sinking Funds, New Capital | | | 417 | 19 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | 1,718 | 8 | 4 | | | | | | | | | |
| Further Capital Buddle Gift | | | | 5 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Refund from Lit. & Colport. | | | | 10 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Repayment Mortgages | | | 2,876 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Repayment A/c. Properties | | | 60 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | 2,951 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | |
| " Interest from Home Mission Fund | | | 90 | 6 | 6 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| " " Wake Estate | | | 89 | 13 | 7 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| " " Canterbury Ins. Stock | | | 44 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| " " Gorman Capital | | | 170 | 17 | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| " " Mornington Investments | | | 4 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| " " Auckland Investments | | | 1,179 | 9 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| " Interest from Memorial Gifts— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Miss Ann Carvell, Blenheim | | | 4 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mr. Francis Terrill, Blenheim | | | 4 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mr. Richard W. Parker, Blenheim | | | 4 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mr. and Mrs. John Spencer, Nelson | | | 4 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Botham, Tua Marina | | | 4 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mrs. C. B. White, Blenheim | | | 4 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cresswell, Lower Moutere | | | 4 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Parker, Blenheim | | | 4 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mr. F. O. White, Blenheim | | | 4 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mr. E. H. Penny, Blenheim | | | 4 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rev. and Mrs. Baumber, Christchurch | | | 4 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | 1,626 | 6 | 5 | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | £9,049 | 7 | 10 | | | | | | | £9,049 | 7 | 10 |
| By Interest Transferred | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Direct to Home Mission Fund | | | 1,622 | 6 | 5 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| " Interest per Mornington | | | | 4 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1,626 | 6 | 5 |
| " Capital Invested— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Buddle Memorial Gift | | | | 5 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Properties | | | 645 | 10 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mortgages | | | 350 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Government Ins. Stock | | | 2,530 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3,530 | 10 | 1 |
| " Net Expenditure | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Maintenance A/c. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 40 | 17 | 2 |
| " Balance Maintenance A/c. | | | | 77 | 13 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| " Capital Awaiting Investment— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sinking Fund | | | 2,401 | 5 | 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| General | | | 1,372 | 15 | 9 | | | | | | | | | | 3,851 | 14 | 2 |

Treasurers:
REV. H. J. ODELL and
MR. FRANK PENN.

STATEMENT OF SAMUEL AND CLARA MATILDA GORMAN HOME MISSION BEQUEST.

(Abstracted from the aforegone Statement of Receipts and Payments.)

| | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. |
|--|--------|----|----|--|--------|----|----|
| To Capital at 16th January, 1943 | 5,049 | 0 | 0 | By Interest to Home Mission Fund | 170 | 17 | 3 |
| „ Interest received during year | 170 | 17 | 3 | „ Capital as at 15th January, 1944 | 5,049 | 0 | 0 |
| | £5,219 | 17 | 3 | | £5,219 | 17 | 3 |

REV. AND MRS. THOMAS BUDDLE CENTENNIAL GIFT.

| | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. |
|---|-----|----|----|---|-----|----|----|
| To Balance as at 16th January, 1943 | 70 | 5 | 0 | By Interest expended on Libraries | 1 | 15 | 10 |
| „ New Capital during year | 5 | 0 | 0 | „ Balance at 15th January, 1944 | 75 | 5 | 0 |
| „ Interest earned | 1 | 15 | 10 | | | | |
| | £77 | 0 | 10 | | £77 | 0 | 10 |

REV. AND MRS. BUTTLE CENTENNIAL GIFT.

| | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. |
|--|------|----|----|---------------------------------------|------|----|----|
| To Balance at 16th January, 1943 | 100 | 0 | 0 | By Interest expended Kurahuna | 2 | 3 | 10 |
| „ Interest | 2 | 3 | 10 | „ Balance at 15th January, 1944 | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| | £102 | 3 | 10 | | £102 | 3 | 10 |

MISS K. TROUNSON CENTENNIAL GIFT.

| | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. |
|--|------|----|----|---------------------------------------|------|----|----|
| To Balance at 16th January, 1943 | 140 | 0 | 0 | By Grant Silverdale | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| | £140 | 0 | 0 | „ Balance at 15th January, 1944 | 115 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | | £140 | 0 | 0 |

REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND.

| | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. |
|--|------|----|----|---------------------------------------|------|----|----|
| To Balance at 16th January, 1943 | 243 | 15 | 10 | By Removal Expenses | 267 | 6 | 4 |
| „ Circuit Levies | 150 | 0 | 0 | „ Balance at 15th January, 1944 | 196 | 9 | 6 |
| „ Home Mission Subsidy | 45 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| „ Fire Insurance Fund | 25 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| | £463 | 15 | 10 | | £463 | 15 | 10 |

METHODIST HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD.

STATEMENT OF CAPITAL AS AT 15th JANUARY, 1944.

Treasurers: REV. H. J. ODELL and MR. FRANK PENN.

| | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
|--------------------------------------|--------|----|----|---------|----|----|---|-------|----|----|---------|----|----|
| To Capital as at January 15th, 1943— | | | | | | | By Loans on Mortgage.. | | | | 7,186 | 0 | 0 |
| Legacies and Memorial Gifts | 40,469 | 15 | 4 | | | | " Debentures | | | | 5,025 | 0 | 0 |
| Buddle Memorial Gift .. | 70 | 5 | 0 | | | | " Auckland Gas Co. Shares .. | | | | 729 | 0 | 0 |
| Buttle Memorial Gift .. | 100 | 0 | 0 | | | | " Govt. Ins. Stock (excluding Canterbury investment) | | | | 11,980 | 0 | 0 |
| Car Replacement A/c. .. | 695 | 3 | 2 | | | | " Canterbury Inscribed Stock .. | | | | 1,100 | 0 | 0 |
| Sinking Funds | 1,983 | 6 | 3 | | | | " Properties | | | | 14,377 | 8 | 10 |
| | | | | 43,318 | 9 | 9 | " Car Replacement A/c. (Lodged with Maori Workers' Car A/c.) .. | | | | 695 | 3 | 2 |
| .. New Capital received during year— | | | | | | | " Buddle Memorial Gift (Auckland Savings Bank) | | | | 75 | 5 | 0 |
| Estate S. J. Ambury .. | 566 | 3 | 8 | | | | " Buttle Memorial Gift (Auckland Savings Bank) | | | | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| " F. W. Walters .. | 100 | 0 | 0 | | | | .. Balance Bank of New Zealand, Auckland: | | | | | | |
| " J. J. B. Veale .. | 0 | 12 | 6 | | | | Capital Awaiting Investment— | | | | | | |
| " A. B. C. Wills .. | 2 | 3 | 2 | | | | (a) Sinking Funds .. | 2,401 | 5 | 4 | | | |
| " M. Harding .. | 500 | 0 | 0 | | | | (b) General .. | 1,372 | 15 | 9 | 3,774 | 1 | 1 |
| " Mrs. S. Hames .. | 25 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | |
| " Enos Stephenson .. | 6 | 9 | 11 | | | | | | | | | | |
| " Miss F. A. White .. | 100 | 0 | 0 | 1,300 | 9 | 3 | | | | | | | |
| .. Sinking Fund—New Capital | 417 | 19 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | |
| .. Buddle Memorial Gift .. | 5 | 0 | 0 | 422 | 19 | 1 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | £45,041 | 18 | 1 | | | | | £45,041 | 18 | 1 |

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 at at January 15th, 1944.

J. L. CRAWFORD }
P. DELLOW } Hon. Aud.tors.

METHODIST MISSION PROPERTY.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDING 15th JANUARY, 1944.

Treasurers: Rev. H. J. Odell and Mr. Frank Penn.

| | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|----|----|----|------|----|----|---------------------------------------|----|----|----|------|----|----|
| To Balance as at 16th January, 1943 | | | | 40 | 10 | 7 | By Payments Home Mission Fund | | | | 125 | 0 | 0 |
| „ Rents— | | | | | | | „ Office Rent | | | | 8 | 13 | 11 |
| Kaeo | 26 | 0 | 0 | | | | „ Rates | | | | 24 | 4 | 10 |
| Mangawhare | 48 | 0 | 0 | | | | „ Secretarial Work | | | | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Opononi | 24 | 10 | 0 | | | | „ Sundries | | | | 4 | 6 | 9 |
| Mt. Wesley | 78 | 0 | 0 | | | | „ Credit Balance— | | | | | | |
| | | | | 176 | 10 | 0 | Capital | 45 | 5 | 0 | | | |
| „ Repayment Opononi | | | | 5 | 5 | 0 | Revenue A/c. | 4 | 15 | 1 | 50 | 0 | 1 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | £222 | 5 | 7 | | | | | £222 | 5 | 7 |

BALANCE SHEET.

| | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---------|----|----|----------------------------|----|----|----|---------|----|----|
| To Accumulated Funds, 16th January, 1943 .. | 10,231 | 16 | 8 | By Mortgages | | | | 5,000 | 0 | 0 |
| „ Balance Revenue A/c. | 4 | 15 | 1 | „ Properties | | | | 5,186 | 11 | 8 |
| | | | | „ Credit Balance— | | | | | | |
| | | | | Cash on A/c. Capital .. | 45 | 5 | 0 | | | |
| | | | | Revenue A/c. | 4 | 15 | 1 | 50 | 0 | 1 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | £10,236 | 11 | 9 | | | | | £10,236 | 11 | 9 |
| | | | | Audited and found correct. | | | | | | |

J. L. CRAWFORD }
P. DELLOW } Hon. Auditors.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st JULY, 1943.

| LIABILITIES. | | | | ASSETS. | | | |
|--|-------|-------|--------|---------|---|--------|----|
| | £ | s. d. | | | £ | s. d. | |
| Trade Creditors | | | 297 | 10 | 1 | | |
| Bad Debts Reserve | | | 50 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Capital Account | 1,989 | 11 | 7 | | | | |
| Add Profit on Sale of Van (Excess of Depreciation Reserve over Sale Value) | 223 | 10 | 9 | | | | |
| | 2,213 | 2 | 4 | | | | |
| Less Loss from P. & L. A/c. .. | 118 | 5 | 5 | | | | |
| Less Loss from Picture A/c. .. | 1 | 6 | 4 | | | | |
| | 119 | 11 | 9 | | | | |
| | | | 2,093 | 10 | 7 | | |
| | | | £2,411 | 0 | 8 | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| Commercial Bank of Australia Van Replacement Reserve— | | | | | | 788 | 3 |
| Auckland Savings Bank | 208 | 5 | 8 | | | | |
| Fixed Deposit Commercial Bank | 300 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| | | | | | | 508 | 5 |
| Sundry Debtors | | | | | | 239 | 11 |
| Stock on Hand | | | | | | 777 | 1 |
| Office and Bookroom Equipment | 82 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Less Depreciation .. | 8 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| | | | | | | 74 | 0 |
| Lantern and Slides | | | | | | 1 | 8 |
| Picture Equipment | 60 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Less Part Sold | 7 | 10 | 0 | | | | |
| | | | | | | 52 | 10 |
| | | | | | | £2,411 | 0 |
| | | | | | | 8 | |

PICTURE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT.

| | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. |
|----------------------|---|----|----|--|-----|----|----|-------------------------------|----|----|----|--|-----|----|----|
| To Purchases | 2 | 19 | 4 | | | | | By Subsidy H.M. Dept. .. | 30 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| „ Insurance | 8 | 7 | 3 | | | | | „ Loss transferred to Capital | 1 | 6 | 4 | | | | |
| | | | | | 31 | 6 | 4 | | | | | | 31 | 6 | 4 |
| | | | | | £31 | 6 | 4 | | | | | | £31 | 6 | 4 |

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, 1943. We have accepted the certificate of Mr. T. W. Hemer as to the value of the stock on hand and the amount of the Trade Creditors.

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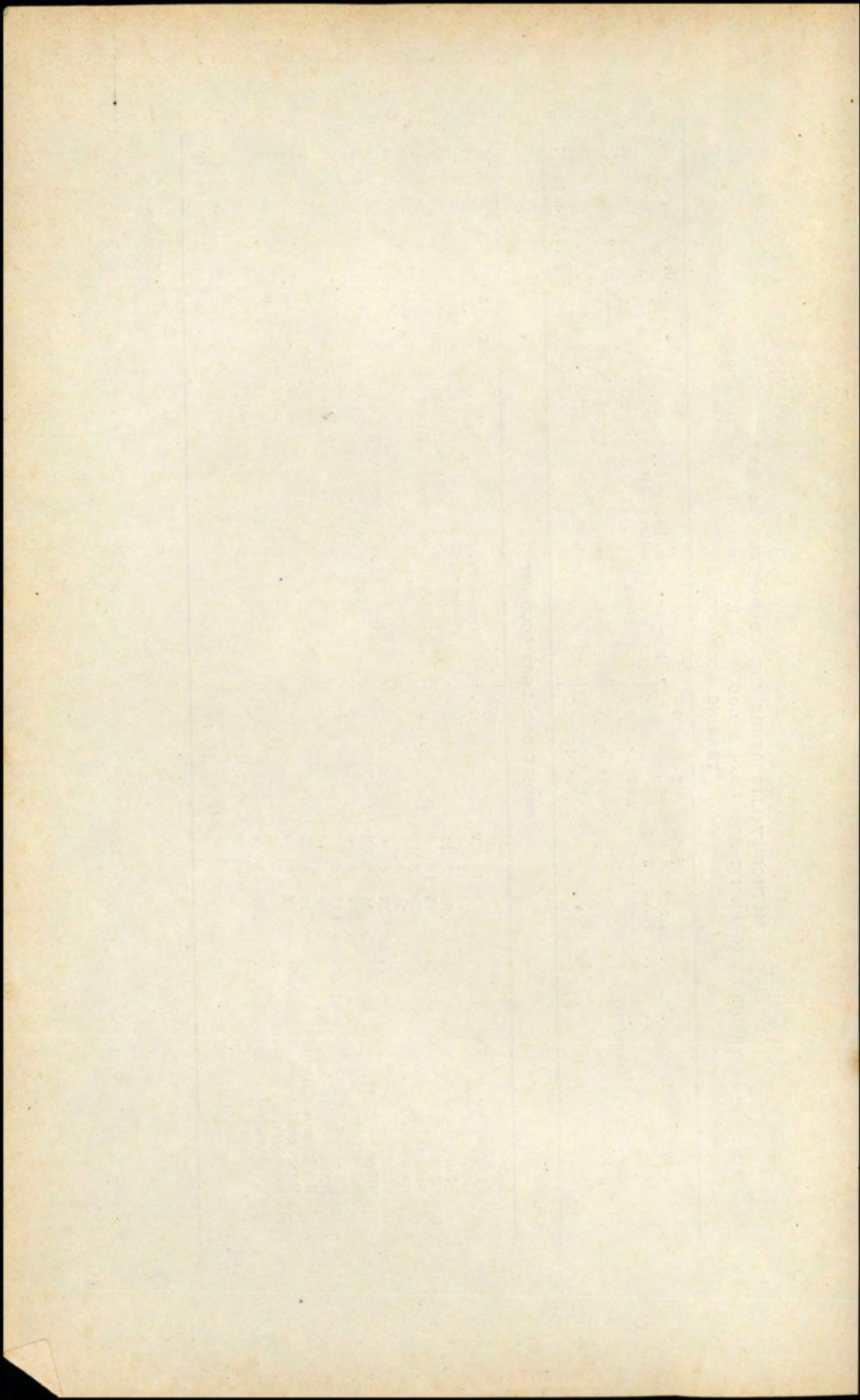
TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31st JULY, 1943.

TRADING ACCOUNT.

| | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|-------|----|----|--------|----|----|-----------------------------|-------|----|----|--------|----|----|
| To Stock, 1/8/42 | 1,268 | 1 | 10 | | | | By Sales, Bookroom | 2,543 | 14 | 3 | | | |
| " Purchases | 1,567 | 3 | 10 | | | | " By Colporteur Sales | 8 | 0 | 10 | | | |
| | | | | 2,835 | 5 | 8 | " Stock, 31/7/43 | 777 | 1 | 6 | 3,328 | 16 | 7 |
| " Gross Profit transferred to P. & L. A/c. | | | | 493 | 10 | 11 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | £3,328 | 16 | 7 | | | | | £3,328 | 16 | 7 |

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

| | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|-----|----|----|------|----|----|---|----|----|----|------|----|----|
| To Registration of Vols | 3 | 10 | 2 | | | | By Gross Profit | | | | 493 | 10 | 11 |
| " General Expenses | 1 | 2 | 8 | | | | " Subscriptions | 5 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| " Stamps | 63 | 7 | 11 | | | | " Home Mission Dept. Subsidy | 97 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| " Cables | 12 | 12 | 1 | | | | " Interest on Maori Hymn Book A/c. | 2 | 19 | 6 | 105 | 19 | 6 |
| " Salaries | 450 | 8 | 11 | | | | | | | | | | |
| " Rent | 76 | 8 | 7 | | | | " Net Loss transferred to Capital A/c. | | | | 118 | 5 | 5 |
| " Freight | 1 | 1 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | |
| " Interest | 1 | 9 | 3 | | | | | | | | | | |
| " Advertising | 22 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | |
| " Printing and Stationery | 13 | 12 | 3 | | | | | | | | | | |
| " Insurance | 5 | 9 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | |
| " Bookroom Expenses | 18 | 8 | 4 | | | | | | | | | | |
| " Depreciation on Equipment | 8 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | |
| " Depreciation Reserve, 6 months | 40 | 5 | 4 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | 717 | 15 | 10 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | £717 | 15 | 10 | | | | | £717 | 15 | 10 |



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