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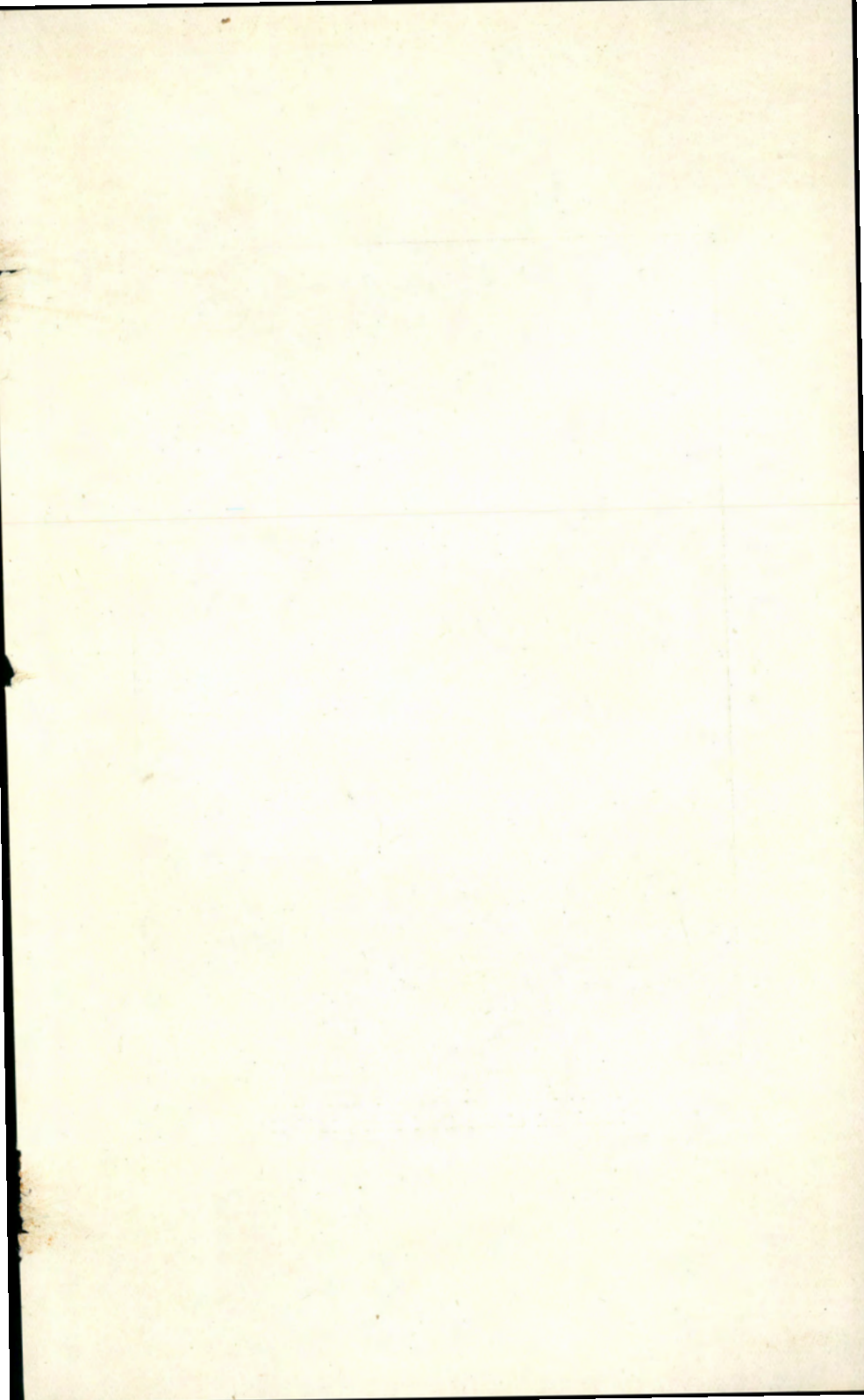
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Organised Methodism in Australasia, as a part of the Foreign Missions under the direction of the British Conference, dates from the appointment of the Rev. Samuel Leigh to New South Wales in 1815.—(Mins. Brit. Conf., 1814).

"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.

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### **THE FIRST NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

of the Australasian Wesleyan Methodist Church was held in 1874.

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### **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.

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### **THE FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

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

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### **THE FIRST CONFERENCE**

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

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### **THE FIRST CONFERENCE**

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Union between the Methodist Church of New Zealand and the Primitive Methodist Church in New Zealand having taken effect on February 6th, 1913.



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The Sessions of the Conference were opened by the Rev. Robert B. Tinsley, Retiring President, after which the Rev. Arthur H. Scrivin was inducted to the Presidency.

Mr. William E. Burley, B.A., was elected Vice-President, and was welcomed to that office by the Retiring President, and by Mr. D. J. Wesley, an ex-Vice-President.

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

## THE LATE MR. C. E. BELLRINGER, VICE-PRESIDENT FOR 1944.

The Conference placed on record: "That Conference expresses its profound sense of loss in the death of the Vice-President, Mr. Charlie Emanuel Bellringer, of New Plymouth, during his year of office. Mr. Bellringer was one of the most distinguished laymen of the Church. For 63 years he had been an active Local Preacher, and he had filled many important positions in both the Primitive Methodist Connexion and, subsequently, in the United Church. He also served the community in which he lived as a Member of Parliament, Chairman of the New Plymouth Harbour Board, and in many other capacities. He lived a long and unblemished life and was a faithful servant of Christ and His Church. Conference records appreciation of his valued services and conveys sincere sympathy to the bereaved relatives."

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 Frederick O. Prosser\*  
 J. Stanley Waite\*  
 John K. Watson, B.A.\*  
 John B. Dawson\*  
 Haddon C. Dixon, M.A.

Leslie R. M. Gilmore\*  
 Laurence Greenslade\*  
 Alan O. Jones  
 Charles H. Bell  
 Harold K. Brown  
 Harold A. Darvill  
 Gordon V. Thomas

J. Henry Woolford, B.A.

**Maori Ministers—**

Eruera Te Tuhi  
 Rakena P. Rakena  
 Matarae Tauroa  
 Ngatete Kerei Kukutai

**2.—LAY REPRESENTATIVES.**

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**Auckland District.**

Auckland Central	....	....	....	Mrs. S. E. Chappell
"	....	....	....	A. E. Freeman
"	....	....	....	Mrs. A. Frith
"	....	....	....	Mrs. A. E. Freeman
Auckland Central Mission	....	....	....	
Auckland West	....	....	....	J. W. Steel
Auckland East	....	....	....	W. E. Burley, B.A.
"	....	....	....	J. F. Roberts
"	....	....	....	
Auckland (Avondale)	....	....	....	W. Woodhead
"	....	....	....	
Auckland (Devonport)	....	....	....	Miss A. Drew
Auckland (Takapuna)	....	....	....	Mrs. F. E. Sutherland
Auckland (Birkenhead)	....	....	....	A. F. Sharpe
Onehunga	....	....	....	F. E. Blakey, B.A.
Otahuhu	....	....	....	
Papakura	....	....	....	W. A. Watson
Pukekohe	....	....	....	
Waiuku	....	....	....	
Mahurangi	....	....	....	
Paparoa	....	....	....	E. A. Fenwick
Dargaville	....	....	....	J. Wordsworth
Ruawai	....	....	....	
Whangarei-Hikurangi	....	....	....	W. J. Court
Whangaroa	....	....	....	
Port Albert	....	....	....	L. Bennett
Kawakawa-Kaikohe	....	....	....	Mrs. A. Hilder
Mangonui	....	....	....	J. T. Williams
Hokianga	....	....	....	E. D. Jones

**South Auckland District.**

Thames	....	....	....	R. V. Rowe
Hauraki Plains	....	....	....	
Paeroa	....	....	....	
Waihi	....	....	....	
Te Aroha	....	....	....	P. C. Trebilco
Morrinsville	....	....	....	P. Rushton
Cambridge	....	....	....	
Hamilton	....	....	....	Mrs. J. W. Parker
"	....	....	....	
Hamilton East	....	....	....	Miss G. Clement
Huntly	....	....	....	
Matamata	....	....	....	J. A. Mundell



Putaruru	....	....	....	....	
Rotorua	....	....	....	....	
Tauranga	....	....	....	....	F. N. Christian
Whakatane	....	....	....	....	
Opotiki	....	....	....	....	
Te Awamutu	....	....	....	....	
Otorohanga	....	....	....	....	W. F. Walters
Te Kuiti	....	....	....	....	Mrs. G. V. Thomas
Taumarunui	....	....	....	....	

#### Taranaki-Wanganui District.

New Plymouth	....	....	....	....	
Waitara	....	....	....	....	
Stratford	....	....	....	....	W. H. C. Clemow
Eltham-Kaponga	....	....	....	....	
Hawera	....	....	....	....	
Manaia	....	....	....	....	
Opunake	....	....	....	....	A. Sears
Wanganui	....	....	....	....	
Wanganui North	....	....	....	....	
Gonville	....	....	....	....	
Marton	....	....	....	....	
Taihape	....	....	....	....	

#### Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District.

Napier	....	....	....	....	Mrs. E. Virtue
Hastings	....	....	....	....	Mrs. J. Wilson
Gisborne	....	....	....	....	F. H. Butler
Wairoa	....	....	....	....	
Dannevirke	....	....	....	....	
Woodville	....	....	....	....	A. Olsson
Pahiatua	....	....	....	....	J. J. Boagey
Palmerston North (St. Paul's)	....	....	....	....	H. Dixon
Palmerston North (Cuba Street)	....	....	....	....	F. Collis
Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe	....	....	....	....	
Feilding	....	....	....	....	G. J. McVicar
Sanson-Rongotea	....	....	....	....	Mrs. M. E. Smith

#### Wellington District.

Wellington Central	....	....	....	....	C. R. Edmond
Wellington	....	....	....	....	
Wellington (Webb St.)	....	....	....	....	Mrs. M. Wolfgang
Wellington West	....	....	....	....	
Wellington South	....	....	....	....	
Wellington East	....	....	....	....	N. R. Seddon
"	....	....	....	....	A. C. Barrington
"	....	....	....	....	W. R. Miners
Johnsonville-Ngaio	....	....	....	....	P. G. de Ridder
Hutt	....	....	....	....	W. T. Strand
"	....	....	....	....	B. Cooper
Petone	....	....	....	....	
Greytown-Featherston	....	....	....	....	Mrs. A. Ross
Carterton	....	....	....	....	H. E. Ordish
Masterton	....	....	....	....	C. R. Goudge
Eketahuna	....	....	....	....	
Levin	....	....	....	....	
Otaki	....	....	....	....	W. G. Taylor

### Nelson District.

Nelson	....	....	....	....	H. J. Savage
Richmond	....	....	....	....	E. C. Gamble
Motueka	....	....	....	....	E. S. Wratt
Blenheim	....	....	....	....	R. McCallum
"	....	....	....	....	W. S. Harris
Reefton	....	....	....	....	
Westport	....	....	....	....	
Greymouth	....	....	....	....	
Hokitika	....	....	....	....	

### North Canterbury District.

Christchurch (Durham Street)	....	....	....	....	C. W. Barrell
"	....	....	....	....	
Christchurch East	....	....	....	....	W. C. Francis
"	....	....	....	....	J. D. Gray
"	....	....	....	....	F. W. D. Sincock
Christchurch (Cambridge Terrace)	....	....	....	....	
Christchurch (Woolston)	....	....	....	....	H. W. Heslop
Christchurch (Sydenham)	....	....	....	....	S. H. Maddren
Christchurch (Addington)	....	....	....	....	J. Holland
Christchurch (Riccarton)	....	....	....	....	
Christchurch (St. Albans)	....	....	....	....	Mrs. P. A. Le Brun
"	....	....	....	....	Mrs. W. E. Kelly
Christchurch (Papanui)	....	....	....	....	H. E. Keys
Lyttelton	....	....	....	....	Mrs. W. T. Huston
Springston	....	....	....	....	H. W. Peryman
Leeston	....	....	....	....	
Kaiapoi	....	....	....	....	
Ohoka	....	....	....	....	
Rangiora	....	....	....	....	H. A. Bennett
Woodend-Sefton	....	....	....	....	
Greendale	....	....	....	....	Mrs. R. McGregor
Oxford	....	....	....	....	Mrs. W. Dalley

### South Canterbury District.

Timaru (Banks Street)	....	....	....	....	
Timaru (Woodland Street)	....	....	....	....	C. W. Keinan
Timaru South	....	....	....	....	Mrs. E. Avery
Waimate	....	....	....	....	M. E. Hayman
Temuka	....	....	....	....	A. E. Dobson
Geraldine	....	....	....	....	
Ashburton	....	....	....	....	T. Wakelin
Willowby	....	....	....	....	G. H. B. Lill
Oamaru	....	....	....	....	Mrs. F. J. FAMILTON

### Otago-Southland District.

Dunedin (Trinity)	....	....	....	....	C. F. Roberts
Dunedin Central Mission	....	....	....	....	H. H. Johnson
Dunedin (Dundas Street)	....	....	....	....	J. McIndoe
Dunedin (Cargill Road)	....	....	....	....	A. T. McIndoe
Dunedin (St. Kilda)	....	....	....	....	J. J. Kernohan
Dunedin (Caversham)	....	....	....	....	P. Nixon
Dunedin (Morningside)	....	....	....	....	G. A. Lamb
Dunedin (Roslyn)	....	....	....	....	C. Chirnside
Port Chalmers	....	....	....	....	Mrs. E. Brighton
Balclutha	....	....	....	....	
Milton	....	....	....	....	Mrs. J. Bowie
Roxburgh	....	....	....	....	W. H. Aitchison
Invercargill (Central)	....	....	....	....	D. J. Wesney
Invercargill (St. Peter's)	....	....	....	....	
Gore	....	....	....	....	R. W. McCreath



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" " "	....	....	D. E. Parton
Home Missionaries' Representative	....	....	G. Hall
" " "	....	....	C. Robinson
Foreign Mission Department	....	....	D. C. Cameron
Youth Department	....	....	A. E. Bate
" " "	....	....	C. A. Russell
" " "	....	....	E. Heggie
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Otago-Southland	....	....	G. S. Gapper

Maori Missions.

Taranaki	....	....	
Waikato	....	....	Sister Nicholls
Auckland	....	....	
South Island	....	....	

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

Charles H. Bell  
Harold K. Brown  
Harold A. Darvill  
Gordon V. Thomas  
J. Henry Woolford, B.A.

Who have travelled four years.

Also Harold W. Burley, M.M. (see Question 23).

**QUESTION III.—What Preachers remain on Probation?**

Robert F. Clement, B.A.  
Alan F. Collins  
Arthur H. Ivory, LL.B., B.Com.  
John J. Lewis, M.A., B.D.  
William J. Morrison, B.A.  
Alfred Sanft (overseas)  
Leonard V. Willing  
J. C. Aldwyn Williams

Who have travelled three years.

Clifford G. Brown  
George W. Cramond  
W. Selwyn Dawson  
Wilfred E. Falkingham  
Edmund D. Grounds (overseas)  
Albert Jolly  
Ian C. E. Ramage (overseas)  
Maharaia Winiata, M.A. (without Pastoral Charge) (see Question 23)

Who have travelled two years.

Robert H. Allen  
Ronald G. Bell  
Leslie F. Bycroft  
Wesley A. Chambers  
A. Peter Dorrian  
Francis H. Parker (see Question VI.)  
Benjamin H. Riseley (see Question VI.)  
Donald G. Sherson, B.A.

Who have travelled one year.

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

Warren Green  
William H. Gregory  
Len Shapcott

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

Duncan I. A. McDonald  
Harry Moore  
Norman W. Olds  
Trevor Shepherd

Who are continued for a third year.

W. Lloyd Divers

Who is continued for a second year.

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

Wolf G. Eisner  
Allen H. Hall  
Donald Haylock  
Basil J. Hilder  
Francis H. Parker (see Question III.)  
Benjamin H. Riseley (see Question III.)



**QUESTION VII.—Who are now admitted at Native Ministers?**  
None.

**QUESTION VIII.—Who remain as Native Ministers on Probation?**  
Timothy Piani  
Ranginohooro Rogers  
Who have travelled three years.

**QUESTION IX.—Who are now received as Native Preachers on Probation?**  
None.

**QUESTION X.—Who are now received as Native Students for the Ministry?**  
None.

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

Fourth Year—  
L. E. G. Sharp  
T. Steele  
J. H. Thompson

Third Year—  
M. H. Taylor

Second Year—  
J. F. Amos  
E. J. Carter  
A. Currie

First Year—  
C. E. Roke  
G. R. Woodfield  
L. D. Rolinson

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

Percy N. Knight, B. A.  
George S. Cook  
Ernest S. Emmitt, M.C.  
Robert B. Gosnell  
Charles A. Foston

#### **PERCY NORWOOD KNIGHT, B.A.**

Percy Norwood Knight, B.A., passed to higher service at his home at Devonport on the 16th August, 1944. Born at Norwood, Australia, 77 years ago, the son of the late Rev. Samuel and Mrs. Knight, he was cradled in an atmosphere of evangelical fervour.

At the age of 22 he entered the ministry of the Methodist Church under the Victoria Conference, and there followed a strenuous and devoted ministry extending over 46 years. After serving 25 years with the Victoria Conference, he came to New Zealand in 1914, for 21 years rendering a rich and fruitful ministry here. His vigorous personality and big-hearted brotherliness won the love and esteem of

his people and his brethren wherever he went. A forceful and evangelical preacher and an able administrator, he rendered distinguished service in all his circuits. He was recognized by his election to the Presidency in 1926, which office he filled with characteristic originality and efficiency.

In 1935 he became a Supernumerary, but continued to devote himself to the service of the Church until ill health overtook him in 1940. For four years he bore the heavy affliction which befell him and his unconquerable spirit never faltered. The long day closed at last, and one of the choicest gifts that Australian Methodism has made to the New Zealand Church entered into God's eternal day.

#### GEORGE SAMUEL COOK.

George Samuel Cook was born in New South Wales on June 4th, 1863. He came to New Zealand in 1899, and he entered the Home Mission work in 1900, being accepted for the Ministry in 1901, and achieved an excellent record of work in many important circuits. He had an artistic and poetical temperament and possessed gifts which made him an acceptable advocate of the Gospel. He did much pioneering work, built churches and parsonages and laid foundations which endure to this day. Through much sickness he showed patience and tenderness far beyond the average. On his retirement in 1931 he made his home at Otaki Beach, but was always glad to be of service for other denominations as well as his own. A gifted speaker on a wide range of subjects, he was much in demand. His was a choice and kindly personality which won him many friendships. A serious illness a few months ago took heavy toll of his strength. He was convalescing at the Vicarage, Patea, where his son is the Vicar, when God called him to his reward in his 82nd year. His memory and influence will long be cherished.

#### ERNEST SIDNEY EMMITT, M.C.

A choice spirit in Ernest Sidney Emmitt, M.C., was translated to higher service on June 4th, 1944, after a brief but painful illness. Brother Emmitt was born at Hull, England, in November, 1879. At the age of 20 years, having heard the call of God, he was received by the Primitive Methodist Church and after training in Hartley College he served in Yorkshire and Scotland. In 1908 he married Miss E. R. Spence, of Eccles, who has proved through the years a true help-meet to her gifted husband. Enlisting as a private soldier in the Great War, he was soon granted a Chaplaincy, and served his regiment with great distinction, gaining the award on the field of the M.C. He came to N.Z. in 1925 and travelled in a number of circuits with great acceptance until his retirement through ill-health in 1943.

He endeared himself to all with his personal charm and winsome friendliness. His fresh and unusual approach to and presentation of the Gospel, and his gracious manner in administering the Sacraments, helped many to a firmer faith in God and a stronger hold on the Saviour of men.

His administrative abilities were freely at the disposal of the Church, as a Conference examiner, a tutor at Trinity College, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary to the College Council, and member of various Conference committees. As one of the Auckland broadcasting panel, he was most acceptable, and his talks were greatly appreciated. For fourteen years he acted as Conference precentor. His memory will long be cherished by those who knew him, and our Church is the richer for his ministry among us.



### ROBERT BARTON GOSNELL.

Robert Barton Gosnell was born in Sydney, N.S.W., 1882. In 1907 he was accepted for H.M. work in New Zealand, being subsequently accepted in 1909 as a candidate for the ministry, and travelled in several circuits. In 1916 he served as a Y.M.C.A. secretary with the N.Z.E.F. in New Zealand. In 1915 he married a daughter of the Rev. A. J. Small, a missionary in Fiji, and all through the years Mrs. Gosnell was a loyal and devoted helpmeet.

In addition to the varied activities of a circuit Minister, Mr. Gosnell ably served the Church in various Connexional capacities. In 1932 on the death of the Rev. J. E. Parsons he became Editor of the "Lym" page of the "Methodist Times." This work he carried on with conspicuous success until his untimely decease, and as "Uncle David" he was known and loved by many children. He first became secretary of a district in 1928, and at the time of his death (while minister in the Ashburton Circuit) he was secretary of the South Canterbury District.

Activities outside the immoderate sphere of the Church involved Chairmanship of the Hospital Board in New Plymouth.

People liked Mr. Gosnell for his generous nature and winning personality. His style as a preacher was vigorous. He loved his Church and no task was too heavy for him to undertake if he thought the Church would be served by it.

### CHARLES ARTHUR FOSTON.

Charles Arthur Foston was born at Tealby in Lincolnshire, England, in 1870. When thirteen years of age, the family migrated to New Zealand, becoming associated with Durham Street Church in Christchurch. In March, 1893, he responded to the call of the Home Mission field in which he laboured for 21 years.

As a result of his successful work, he was encouraged to offer for the full Ministry, becoming a Probationer in 1914. In 1939 he retired from the active work, but after a brief retirement, shortage of staff led him to his return to active work as a "Supply" until the completion of a ministry of fifty years.

He gave himself unsparingly to the many tasks of his varied ministry and unfailingly left every cause stronger than he found it. He had a mind enriched by the best literature and his preaching showed careful and thorough preparation: it was always of a helpful and evangelical kind.

His ministry was a long and happy one, marked by great devotion, and in the wider life of the community he was always to the fore in movements for the removal of social evils and the strengthening of what was good. His last illness was brief and the call to higher service came at Palmerston North hospital on June 4th, 1944, while in his 75th year.

### QUESTION XIII.—What Ministers continue to be Supernumeraries?

John Nixon  
George Clement  
Samuel H. D. Peryman  
Arthur Mitchell  
Charles H. Laws, B.A., D.D.  
Henry L. Blamires  
Jacob Featherston  
William Grigg

John Olphert  
William A. Sinclair  
William J. Elliott  
Thomas W. Vealie  
Fred. Greenwood  
Arthur Hopper  
Edward Drake  
Harold E. Bellhouse

Thomas R. B. Woolloxall  
 Bed Dudley, F.R.A.S.  
 T. Arthur Pybus  
 William Wills  
 Walter J. Oxbrow  
 Arthur J. Seamer  
 William H. Speer  
 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  
 Ralph J. Liddell  
 E. Percy Blamires  
 Angus McBean  
 Henry Ryan  
 J. Frederick Martin

#### QUESTION XIV.—What Ministers now become Supernumeraries?

Clarence Eaton  
 Thomas Coatsworth  
 Ernest D. Patchett  
 Basil Metson

Moses Ayrton  
 Charles M. Roberts  
 William Walker

#### CLARENCE EATON.

Rev. Clarence Eaton, who was born on September 30th, 1878, descended from Wiltshire Puritan stock which migrated to New England and settled in Massachusetts in 1640, from which State his father came to Auckland in 1860.

He was converted under the preaching of Thomas Cook in the Pitt St. Church when 16 years of age, became a Local Preacher at 18, and when 22 was accepted for the ministry, travelling in some of the most important circuits of the Connexion. For four years Mr. Eaton was Chairman of the Taranaki-Wanganui District, and for six years of the North Canterbury District. In 1934 he was President of the Conference.

Mr. Eaton brought to his ministry many fine gifts both of heart and mind. Deep personal sorrows have been transmuted by the grace of God into added sympathy, and insight. Thus his pulpit work has been outstanding, and many are the people who have been uplifted and transformed under his preaching. He has also been a strong administrator of his Circuit and District.

In 1907 Mr. Eaton married Miss Louisa Ball of Wanganui. She has made him an ideal minister's wife throughout the years.

We cherish the hope that Mrs. and Mr. Eaton will live long to serve their Lord and Master and the Church, and that their years of retirement may be crowned with happiness.

#### THOMAS COATSWORTH.

The Rev. Thomas Coatsworth was born in Weardale, Durham, England. He arrived in New Zealand when he was two years of age, and was converted at the age of 13 during the ministry of the late Rev. P. W. Jones. He commenced to preach at the age of 16 and entered the ministry in 1902. He has been appointed to circuits in many parts of New Zealand and under his able ministry the work has prospered abundantly. Mr. Coatsworth has been a man of staying power who has remained in most of his circuits for four years or more. He has been always evangelical in outlook and tone. He married Miss Agnes Mabel Turner, of Dunedin, who has bravely shared the vicissitudes of a Methodist preacher's life.



He is a man of lovable personality, kindly, cultured, and most modest, though not without having attained some distinction as a philologist. He has been at home in French, Spanish and Italian languages and has written many historical articles, some of which at the request of the authorities concerned are in the McNab collection in the Carnegie Library, Dunedin. He has taken his part in the movement for social reform and touched the community life far beyond the bounds of his circuits. He closes his ministry in the active work after 43 years of strenuous and successful labour. He is in excellent health and looks forward to yet many years of effective service for the Master.

#### ERNEST DAVID PATCHETT.

Ernest David Patchett was born in North Canterbury. All his people are loyal Methodists. At the Conference in 1900 he was received as a candidate for the Ministry and sent to Prince Albert College for training. After two and a-half years in College he commenced a most successful ministry of 43 years. He has held many connexional offices, including that of Assistant Editor of the "Methodist Times." He was Chairman of various Districts for 19 years, which is a Dominion record. His official addresses received wide publicity, one bringing his name prominently before Parliament. He was elected President of Conference in 1931, assuming office immediately owing to the illness of the President-elect, the Rev. William Green-slade.

Mr. Patchett is one of nature's gentlemen, courteous, considerate of others, rich in sympathy and insight, and one of the most beloved of our brethren. With these rare gifts he is more than welcome in the homes of our people. He has a combination of qualities that make him a delightful friend and companion. He has been Superintendent of many important circuits.

He is an attractive and thoughtful preacher and has brought inspiration and comfort into many hearts and homes. He is a capable administrator. In this capacity he has rendered distinguished service to our Church, and as he enters upon his retirement with a degree of health and strength the Church will, no doubt, continue to benefit by his statesmanlike qualities.

Like her husband, Mrs. Patchett is also endowed with many fine gifts, and together they are bringing to a close a very successful ministry, and they carry with them, in their retirement, the deepest affection of all who know them, with best wishes for their future well-being.

#### BASIL METSON.

The Rev. Basil Metson, who was born at Temuka, is a product of New Zealand Primitive Methodism. His conversion took place at a Primitive Methodist Conference held in Bank St. Church, Timaru. He became a Local Preacher when he was nineteen and was accepted for the Ministry in 1905. He married Miss Helen McNair of Dunedin, a very gifted lady, who enriched his life and greatly assisted with the youth and social work of the Church. After her decease, some years ago, he married Miss Jessie Duff of Christchurch.

In addition to travelling in important circuits, our brother has held important connexional positions. Before Union he was Chairman of the Taranaki Primitive Methodist District for two years, and in the United Church served as Secretary in two Districts. As a circuit minister and as a preacher he always exhibited fervent evangelism

and unfailing devotion, bringing to his life's work a capacity for clear, systematic thinking, with choice diction. Having completed 40 years' active ministry, and on medical advice, Brother Metson seeks superannuation. He retires with the hearty goodwill of his brethren and the whole Church. We wish for him restored health and a quiet useful eventide.

#### MOSES AYRTON.

The Rev. Moses Ayrton came to New Zealand from the West Riding, Yorks, where he had been connected with the Wesleyan Church, and had, at 18 years of age, offered himself as a Candidate for the Ministry. He came to this country in 1908 and entered the Home Mission work, serving in this department until 1924, when he was received on Probation, and in due course was Ordained to the full work of the Ministry. His practical interest in the working conditions of his people made him always acceptable. Holding strong and well-informed convictions, the result of wide reading and experience, Mr. Ayrton showed keen powers as a debater and always commanded respect. Indifferent health necessitated partial retirement for three years during which period he acted as "Supply." Only slight restoration to health now compels permanent superannuation. His brethren, by whom he is esteemed for his work's sake, desire for him many years of such occasional service as his strength may permit for the Church he loves and of which he has proved himself so loyal and faithful a servant.

#### WILLIAM WALKER.

The entrance of the Rev. W. Walker into the supernumerary ranks marks the end of an acceptable and effective active ministry. Mr. Walker comes of Yorkshire blood, and was brought up, converted and began his Christian service in the Primitive Methodist Church. In 1908 Mr. Walker came out to New Zealand, settling at Woolston, in Christchurch, and in 1909 he offered for Home Mission work, and in 1912 was accepted as a Candidate for the Ministry. Probably no N.Z. Chaplain during the Great War was more popular and rendered more meritorious service in the three years of his service with the 2nd and 4th Battalions of the Rifle Brigade. Mr. Walker's work has always been characterised by fidelity, devotion and efficiency. He has been a most successful circuit minister, his preaching being thoughtful, evangelical and earnest, his pastoral work human, assiduous and kindly, and his administration marked by progressiveness and attention to detail. For many years now Mr. Walker has been recognised as a leader of the Church, marked in 1942 by his election as President of the Conference, doing the office conspicuous credit. He carries with him into retirement the esteem and affection of all his brethren. In all his work he has been aided by the devotion and wholehearted co-operation of Mrs. Walker, a daughter of the late Rev. J. D. and Mrs. Jory, and to them both the Church extends its most cordial wishes.

#### CHARLES M. ROBERTS.

The Rev. Charles M. Roberts was born at Henderson of staunch Methodist parentage. For six years he served in the teaching profession after which he was received at the Dunedin Conference in 1906 and placed at once on Probation.

For nearly forty years he has served the Church with ability and devotion. Having a preference for life in country districts, Bro.



Roberts has given most of his time to the rural areas of the Dominion, chiefly in the North Island. His ministry has been marked by a firm loyalty to the fundamentals of our Christian faith, by earnest preaching and careful circuit administration. In all his labours he has been ably supported by his wife. It is on the grounds of indifferent health that Bro. Roberts is now asking for superannuation. Both he and his wife carry with them the good wishes of a wide circle of friends who trust that useful service in less exacting spheres lies ahead of them in their retirement.

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

None.

**QUESTION XVI.—What Home Missionaries are to be—**

(a) Retained on the Retired List?

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	H. J. Malcolm

(b) Placed on the Retired List?

Green Hall

#### GREEN HALL.

For 21 years Green Hall has served the Church as a Home Missionary. In every Station his work has been characterised by faithfulness and efficiency. Possessing considerable natural ability he has preached the Gospel with passion and effectiveness. Commencing as a local preacher in the Primitive Methodist Church he remained true to the tradition in his anxiety for the spiritual welfare of those committed to his care. His musical ability was put to good use, and his never-failing courtesy, and devoted life, gave increased force to his message. Throughout his ministry Mr. Hall has been wonderfully helped by Mrs. Hall and their daughters. We wish for Mr. and Mrs. Hall a retirement of quiet peace and joy.

**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.

Walter J. Enticott

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

Gordon Parker, M.A., who is permitted to visit England  
Maharaia Winiata (for a third year)  
Harold T. Peat

**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?**

Victor Mead, L.Th., is transferred to the New South Wales Conference.

John Churchill is transferred to the Tonga Conference for educational work.

**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?**

John John, who has 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.

Secretary and Convener      Rev. H. L. Fiebig, B.A.

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#### (A) Examiners for Probationers.

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



Theology:					
1st year	....	....	....	....	Rev. A. H. Fowles
2nd year	....	....	....	....	Rev. A. M. Costain, Dip. Soc. Sc.
3rd year	....	....	....	....	Rev. 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.

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.

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, A.R.A.N.Z.

(D) Examiners for Home Missionaries.

English	....	....	....	....	Rev. H. C. Matthews, B.A.
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.

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

(G) Correspondence Tutors in Greek.

First Year	....	....	....	....	Rev. R. E. Patchett
Second Year	....	....	....	....	Rev. H. E. Harkness, M.A.
Third Year	....	....	....	....	Rev. B. M. Tasker, B.A., Dip.Soc.Sc.
Fourth Year	....	....	....	....	Rev. W. R. Laws, M.A.

### (H) Tutors in Theology.

First Year	....	....	....	....Rev. R. Thornley, M.A.
Second Year	....	....	....	....Rev. W. W. H. Greenslade
Third Year	....	....	....	....Rev. L. A. G. Brooks
Fourth Year	....	....	....	....Rev. L. C. Horwood

N.B.—For Rules and Regulations relating to Examinations, Trial Sermons and Book Lists, see Law Book, 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, 13-23, 40, 43 and 44. (Forty-four Sermons).
3. Fitchett's "What Methodism Stands For."
4. Stalker's "Life of Christ."

### III.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR STUDENTS.

#### CURRICULUM.

Subjects.	Hours per Week
1. Systematic Theology .. .. .	2
2. Old and New Testament Teaching .. .. .	2
3. Old Testament Introduction and Exegesis .. .. .	1
4. New Testament Introduction and Exegesis .. .. .	2
5. Pastoral Theology and Homiletics .. .. .	1
6. New Testament Greek .. .. .	2
7. Hebrew .. .. .	2
8. English Language and Literature .. .. .	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—Whitecombe'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. Theology.—Hunter's "What a Christian Believes, and Why." (First half to p. 152).
3. Bible Knowledge.—J. S. Stewart's "The Life and Teaching of Jesus Christ." (First half to p. 105).
4. Homiletics—A Primer of Homiletics (Edwards)
5. Church History.—Cowan's "Landmarks of Church History." (Guild Text Books).

### 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. Bible Knowledge.—J. S. Stewart's "The Life and Teaching of Jesus Christ." (second half, p. 106 to end).
4. Homiletics.—Local Preachers' Course (Whittome), Chaps. 1-10.

#### FOURTH YEAR.

1. 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.
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. Bible Knowledge.—The New Testament, its Writers and their Messages. (C. F. Hunter), Chap. 9-14.
4. Homiletics.—Whittome's "Local Preachers' Efficiency Course." Chap. 11-20
5. Church History.—Workman's "Methodism" (Cambridge Manuals).

#### 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.

Nomiletics—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 1945 shall commence on the following dates:  
Probationers—Tuesday, 17th July, and Tuesday, 4th December.  
Candidates for the Ministry—Tuesday, 21st August.  
Home Missionary Probationers—Tuesday, 4th 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 1946 be the Rev. F. J. Handy.
2. Degrees. That congratulations be extended to the following on degrees gained, and that the same be printed in the Minutes:—

B.D.—John J. Lewis, M.A.

M.A.—Maharaia Winiata.

B.A.—John D. Grocott; Howard C. Matthews; Ashleigh K. Petch; J. Henry Woolford; Robert F. Clement; W. J. Morrison.

3. That Mr. H. Moore, having satisfactorily completed two years' study under the curriculum as for H.M. Probationers as a non-resident student at Trinity College—be granted the Status of a Home Missionary as far as the question of stipend and his relation to Connexional Funds is concerned.

4. L.Th. Diploma. That a committee consisting of the Rev. W. G. Slade, E. W. Hames, H. L. Fiebig and C. T. Symons, consider the matter of relating our Probationers' Curriculum to that covering L.Th. Diploma.

5. That par. (d), section 5, page 35 of 1944 Minutes (relating to overseas Candidates) shall be capable of being applied also to the prospective Candidature of men released from Defaulters' Camps.

6. That the matter of the Law respecting the Pledge given by Candidates and Probationers (1944 Minutes, 166/167), be referred to the Law Book Revision Committee and the Secretary of the Board of Examiners for clarification.

7. Secretary for 1945. That the Rev. H. L. Fiebig, B.A., be thanked for his services and be re-appointed.

8. M. Winiata, M.A. (a) That M. Winiata who has travelled two years, be permitted to proceed with the balance of the written examination for the Probationers' course of study, but that decision on his status be deferred for another year.

(b) That he be permitted to continue his studies for certificated teacher's status, with a view to his finding a sphere of service as a minister in religious education.

(c) That he be appointed as a minister without pastoral charge under the Home Mission Department on the Stationing Sheet.

9. **Harold W. Burley.** That the case of H. W. Burley re ordination and past ordination studies be referred to a sub-committee consisting of the President, Secretary of Conference, Secretary of the Board of Examiners, and the Board of Studies, with power to act.

10. That the College Council give consideration to the awarding of prizes to non-Methodist students in its relation to the original terms of the various prize funds.

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

**AUCKLAND.**

1. That the Whangarei-Hikurangi Circuit be divided, and that the Hikurangi Circuit be placed under the supervision of the Whangarei Superintendent.

2. **Birkenhead-Albany.** That in view of the possibility of the future development in the Albany area the question of the re-absorption of Albany into the Birkenhead Circuit, and the question of additional staffing to make that possible, be referred to the Auckland District Executive in consultation with the Birkenhead Quarterly Meeting.

3. That in view of the heavy claim upon the Chairmen of Districts and the large amount of time taken for circuit work, Conference resolves to appoint a committee to consider the advisability of the appointment of separated chairman.

The following order of reference shall be observed:—

(a) The limitation of districts.

(b) The duties of chairmen especially in the service and supervision of circuits and Home Mission Stations.

(c) The President of Conference being freed from the chairmanship of his district that he may best serve the whole Church.

(d) All relevant matters which the committee may deem wise to make for the greater efficiency of the Church.

(e) The committee to report its findings to Synods of 1945 and Conference of 1946.

The committee shall consist of the North Canterbury District Executive.

**WELLINGTON.**

4. That Pukerua Bay be detached from the Johnsonville-Ngaio Circuit and attached to the Paraparaumu Home Mission Station.

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

**AUCKLAND.**—That the staffing of Auckland West Circuit be two ministers, with a suitable grant.

**WELLINGTON.**—(1) That the staffing of Wellington East Circuit be two Ministers in Full Connexion, one Probationer (Lyll Bay), and a Married Home Missionary at Island Bay, with a suitable grant.



(2) That the staffing of Wellington Central Circuit be two Ordained Ministers and a Probationer.

(3) That the matter of the future of the Webb Street Church be referred back to the District Executive in consultation with the Circuit Stewards, three representatives of Wesley Trust, the Rev. M. Ayrton, and the Senior Youth Director—report to be made to next Synod.

#### NORTH CANTERBURY.

1. Christchurch East Circuit. That East Belt Church be developed as a Youth Centre with a suitable appointment.

2. Sydenham. That for the present the staffing of Sydenham Circuit be a Minister and a Probationer, with a suitable grant.

3. That the North Canterbury Circuit Boundaries Commission continue its work during the year, with a view to the inauguration of a long range permanent policy regarding Circuit boundaries, and report to Synod and Conference.

#### OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.

5. That in view of the continued shortage of staffing, and until such time as additional agents become available:—

(a) Trinity, Dundas St., and Ravensbourne be constituted a Circuit, to be staffed by two ordained men, to be known as Dunedin Central Circuit.

(b) Cargill Rd., St. Clair, Broad Bay and Otakou be constituted a Circuit, with an ordained man at Cargill Rd. and a Probationer or married Home Missionary at St. Clair, Broad Bay and Otakou with a suitable grant.

(c) Maori Hill, Woodhaugh and Glenaven be constituted a Circuit, to be known as Dunedin North Circuit.

6. That the Otago District Executive have permission to continue during 1945 its investigation into a progressive policy for the District.

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

#### TARANAKI-WANGANUI.

1. Wanganui North. That the staffing of the Circuit be a Minister in full connexion and an unmarried Home Missionary.

2. Eltham-Kaponga. That a second agent be appointed as soon as possible.

#### NORTH CANTERBURY.

That the staffing of Christchurch (Durham Street) Circuit be two Ministers in full connexion.

#### OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.

Dunedin Central Mission. That the staffing of the Dunedin Central Mission be two Ministers in full connexion and a Probationer.

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

None.

**QUESTION XXVI.—What New Stations are now constituted?**

Dunedin North—see Question XXIV. (b).

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

Auckland East is due, but is relieved for a fourth year.  
Otahuhu (2nd) is due, but is relieved for a twelfth year.  
Kawakawa-Kaikohe is due, but is relieved for a sixth year.  
Morrinsville (2nd) is due, but is relieved for a twelfth year.  
Huntly is due, but is relieved for a thirteenth year.  
Hauraki Plains is due, but is relieved for a tenth year.  
Whakatane is due, but is relieved for a tenth year.  
Taihape is due, but is relieved for a tenth year.  
Napier (2nd) is due, but is relieved for a ninth year.  
Wairoa (H.B.) is due, but is relieved for a sixteenth year.  
Johnsonville-Ngaio is due, but is relieved for a second year.  
Greytown-Featherston is due, but is relieved for a third year.  
Christchurch East is due, but is relieved for a third year.  
Woolston (2nd) is due, but is relieved for a seventeenth year.  
Dunedin Central Mission is due, and fulfils its obligation.  
Durham Street (2nd) is due and fulfils its obligation.

**RESOLUTION.**

That the Law Book Revision Committee be requested to revise the form of Question XXVII. so that Conference may be informed of the steps being taken by each Circuit to fulfil its obligations, thereby bringing the Question into harmony with Question XIII. of the Synod Agenda.



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. A. H. SCRIVIN.

Vice-President: MR. W. E. BURLEY, B.A.

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

### STATIONS OF MINISTERS, 1945.

(N.B.—Each of the places mentioned in these Stations and numbered consecutively 1 to 131 and (1) to (8) for Maori Stations and the Solomon Islands Mission Circuits, is the head of a Circuit or Mission, and the Minister first named is the Superintendent. The 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, One Wanted (Kingsland), Gordon V. Thomas; One Wanted (Sandringham); Harold T. Peat (without Pastoral Charge), Edmund D. Grounds (on Active Service), John Olphert, George P. Hunt, Ralph J. Liddell (Supernumeraries). A Deaconess.

THE FOREIGN MISSION DEPARTMENT.—Arthur H. Scrivin (President of the Conference), General Secretary.

THE HOME MISSION DEPARTMENT.—George I. Laurenson, General Superintendent. Harry J. Odell, Assistant Superintendent; Harold A. Darvill, Maori Missionary.

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

2. Auckland Central Mission.—A. Everil Orr; Arthur J. Seamer (Supernumerary), Maharaia Winiata (without Pastoral Charge), One Wanted. A Deaconess.
3. Auckland West.—Howard C. Matthews, B.A.; One Wanted.
4. Auckland East.—Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.; Ernest B. Chambers; Wesley Parker, M.A.; John J. Lewis, M.A., B.D.; William R. Francis (C.F. Overseas); F. Gardner Brown (without Pastoral Charge); Charles H. Laws, B.A., D.D. (Foundation Fellow of Trinity College), William A. Sinclair, Harold E. Bellhouse (Connexional Editor), William Walker (Supernumeraries).  
Epsom Orphanage Chaplain—Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.  
Wesley Preparatory School—Chaplain: Wesley Parker, M.A.  
TRINITY THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE—Principal: Eric W. Hames, M.A. Resident Tutor: One Wanted.

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 (Supernumeraries). Mt. Albert Orphanage Chaplain—Walter Parker.
6. Auckland (Devonport).—Herbert A. Cochrane, Bernard M. Chrystill, 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, a Home Missionary.
9. Onehunga.—D. J. Donald Hickman, Frank E. Leadley (Supernumerary).
10. Otahuhu.—Alfred E. Waite; One Wanted.
11. Papakura.—Wallace S. Neal; William Rowe (C.F.).
12. Pukekohe.—J. Ainsley Daglish (who shall supervise the Bombay-Tuakau H.M. Station).  
Wesley Training College, Paerata—Chaplain: J. Ainsley Daglish.
13. Waiuku.—Charles B. Jordan, M.A., B.D., F.R.E.S.
14. Mahurangi.—One Wanted (Warkworth); A Home Missionary.
15. Paparoa.—Howard H. Jeffreys.
16. Dargaville.—Percy I. Cooke; A Home Missionary (Te Kopuru).
17. Ruawai.—One Wanted.
18. Whangarei.—George E. Brown.
19. Hikurangi.—One Wanted.
20. Whangaroa.—H. Kilford Brown (Kaeo).
21. Port Albert.—One Wanted. John R. Metcalfe (Supply).
22. Kawakawa-Kaikohe.—One Wanted.
23. Mangonui.—Leslie R. M. Gilmore.
24. Hokianga.—Charles B. Oldfield.

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

(1) Auckland—

Matarae Tauroa (Tuakau).  
Ranginohora Rogers (Waima).  
13 Home Missionaries.  
6 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.

ARTHUR H. SCRIVIN, President of the Conference,  
Chairman of the District.

E. THOMAS. OLDS, Deputy-Chairman.

ALFRED E. WAITE, Financial Secretary.



## II.—SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

25. **Thames.**—Francis J. Handy; George F. Stockwell (Supernumerary).
  26. **Hauraki Plains.**—George W. Cramond.
  27. **Paeroa.**—John R. Nelson (who shall supervise the Hauraki Plains Circuit).
  28. **Waihi.**—Arthur H. Ivory, LL.B., B.Com.
  29. **Te Aroha.**—Albert Blakemore; William J. Elliott (Supernumerary)
  30. **Morrinsville.**—W. E. Allon Carr; One Wanted.
  31. **Cambridge.**—J. Stanley Waite.
  32. **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).
  33. **Hamiltan East.**—William Gatman.
  34. **Huntly.**—Warren Green.
  35. **Matamata.**—Ivan S. Williamson (who shall supervise the Putaruru Circuit).
  36. **Putaruru.**—Alan F. Collins.
  37. **Rotorua.**—Thomas H. Carr; John B. Dawson (C.F. Overseas); Walter J. Oxbrow and William H. Speer (Supernumeraries).
  38. **Tauranga.**—Arthur A. Bensley (who shall supervise the Whakatane and Opotiki Circuits). A Home Missionary.
  39. **Whakatane.**—One Wanted.
  40. **Opotiki.**—Donald G. Sherson, B.A.
  41. **Te Awamutu.**—Hector C. Orchard.
  42. **Otorohanga.**—William E. Moore.
  43. **Te Kuiti.**—One Wanted.
  44. **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.

45. New Plymouth.—J. Henry Allen, Ivo M. Raynor; A Home Missionary; Charles M. Roberts, John Nixon (Supernumeraries).
46. Waitara.—William C. Jenkin.
47. Stratford.—Gordon R. H. Peterson.
48. Eltham-Kaponga.—L. Gordon Hanna.
49. Hawera.—Samuel J. Werren (who shall supervise Manaia Circuit).
50. Manaia.—One Wanted.
51. Opunake.—Robert E. Fordyce. A Home Missionary.
52. Wanganui.—Frederick J. Parker (who shall supervise the Raetihi-Ohakune Home Mission Station); J. Frederick Martin (Supernumerary).
53. Wanganui North.—Alan O. Jones. A Home Missionary.
54. Gonville.—W. Selwyn Dawson.
55. Taihape.—Leonard V. Willing.  
(4) Taranaki-Waimarino—  
Rakena P. Rakena (Hawera).  
12 Home Missionaries.  
4 Deaconesses.

INGLEWOOD.—A Home Missionary.

MARTON.—A Home Missionary.

RAETIHI-OHAKUNE.—A Home Missionary.

PATEA.—A Home Missionary.

DOUGLAS.—A Home Missionary.

J. HENRY ALLEN, Chairman of the District.

### IV.—HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

56. Napier.—Fred Copeland (who shall supervise Wairoa Circuit), One Wanted (Greenmeadows), Alfred Sanft (on Active Service), Henry Ryan (Supernumerary).
57. Hastings.—Robert B. Tinsley; Arthur Hopper (Supernumerary).
58. Gisborne.—Bert M. Tasker, B.A., Dip.Soc.Sc. A Home Missionary.
59. Wairoa.—One Wanted.
60. Dannevirke.—Thomas Skuse (who shall supervise Norsewood H.M. Station).
61. Woodville.—Athol R. Penn.
62. Pahiatua.—Edwin S. Harkness.
63. Palmerston North (St. Paul's).—J. Francis Jack.
64. Palmerston North (Cuba Street).—Leslie A. G. Brooks.
65. Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe.—Frederick B. Lawrence.



66. Feilding.—One Wanted; Clarence Eaton (Supernumerary). A Home Missionary.

67. Sanson-Rongotea.—Herbert Spencer.

WAIPAWA-WAIPUKURAU.—Two Home Missionaries.

FOXTON-SHANNON.—A Home Missionary; Thomas Coatsworth (Supernumerary).

APITI.—A Home Missionary.

NORSEWOOD.—A Home Missionary.

ROBERT B. TINSLEY, Chairman of the District.

#### V.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

68. Wellington Central.—Ashleigh K. Petch; Campbell P. Lucas (Brooklyn); One Wanted; Harry S. Kings (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.

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

70. Wellington West.—John D. Grocott, B.A., Charles E. Dickens (Thorndon); Moses Ayrton (Supernumerary).

71. Wellington South.—John D. McArthur.

72. Wellington East.—William A. Burley, M.A., Charles H. Bell, William H. Gregory, Ernest D. Patchett (Supernumerary). A Home Missionary.

73. Johnsonville-Ngaio.—Hedley White, William J. Morrison (Porirua), Ronald G. Bell (Ngaio); Samuel H. D. Peryman (Supernumerary).

74. Hutt.—John L. Mitchell, Wesley L. Long; Thomas W. Vealie, R. Purcell Keall (Supernumeraries).

75. Petone.—Archer O. Harris.

76. Greytown-Featherston.—Albert Jolly; G. Knowles Smith (Supernumerary).

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

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

79. Eketahuna.—Harry V. Utting.

80. Levin.—G. Raymond Harris.

81. Otaki.—William B. Pickering (who shall supervise Paraparaumu Home Mission Station).

PARAPARAUMU.—Two Home Missionaries.

UPPER HUTT.—A Home Missionary.

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

## VI.—NELSON DISTRICT.

82. **Nelson.**—Charles Blair, Len Shapcott.
  83. **Richmond.**—Ralph E. Patchett (who shall supervise the Wakefield-Dovedale Home Mission Station).
  84. **Motueka.**—Herbert Ford (who shall give oversight to Dovedale area).
  85. **Blenheim.**—Harold A. Sharp (who shall supervise the Havelock H.M. Station), E. Clarence Leadley (Picton).
  86. **Reefton.**—One Wanted.
  87. **Westport.**—Hubert G. Brown (who shall supervise Reefton Circuit and the Granity Home Mission Station).
  88. **Greymouth.**—Ernest S. Hoddinott.
  89. **Hokitika.**—Charles H. Kendon.
- 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.

90. **Christchurch** (Durham Street).—Raymond Dudley, M.A., F.R.E.S., John K. Watson, M.C., B.A.; William A. Mills (C.F. Overseas), William Grigg, Henry L. Blamires, Ben Dudley, F.R.A.S., Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A., Benjamin J. James (Supernumeraries).  
 CONNEXIONAL SECRETARY AND AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE.—M. A. Rugby Pratt, F.R.Hist.S.  
 Youth Director.—Matthew A. McDowell.
  91. **Christchurch East.**—William W. H. Greenslade, Herbert W. Payne, Ernest E. Sage, Wesley A. Chambers; Jacob Featherston, Albert H. Fowles, Raymond Richards (Supernumeraries).
  92. **Christchurch** (Cambridge Terrace).—Norman P. Larsen.
  93. **Christchurch** (Woolston).—Frederick O. Prosser, Clifford G. Brown (Opawa). A Home Missionary (Sumner).
  94. **Christchurch** (Sydenham).—Leslie A. D. Hayman, B.Sc. (Agr.).
  95. **Christchurch** (Addington).—John Dennis.
  96. **Christchurch** (Riccarton).—J. Montgomery Blight; One Wanted.
  97. **Christchurch** (St. Albans).—David O. Williams, M.A., Litt.D., Charlie O. Hailwood; Edward Drake, Arthur Liversedge (Supernumeraries).
  98. **Christchurch** (Papanui).—Cecil R. Taylor.
- SOUTH ISLAND ORPHANAGE—Chaplain: Cecil R. Taylor.



99. Lyttelton.—John Silvester, M.A.
100. Springston.—Harry Cottom.
101. Leeston.—H. Leslie Richards.
102. Kaiapoi.—George B. Hinton; Gordon Parker, M.A., is a Minister without Pastoral Charge and with permission to visit England.
103. Ohoka.—H. Ian K. Hopper.
104. Rangiora.—Alfred M. Costain, Dip.Soc.Sc.
105. Woodend-Sefton.—James H. Hall (who shall supervise the Hawarden H.M. Station).
106. Greendale.—Robert McGregor.
107. Oxford.—One Wanted; Basil Metson (Supernumerary).  
TAI TAPU.—A Home Missionary.  
HAWARDEN.—A Home Missionary.  
WADDINGTON.—A Home Missionary.  
ALFRED M. COSTAIN, Dip.Soc.Sc., Chairman of the District.

#### VIII.—SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

108. Timaru (Banks St.).—James Richards.
109. Timaru (Woodland St.).—Oswald Burnet.
110. Timaru South.—William W. Avery.
111. Waimate.—Henry Benny; Jonathan H. Haslam (Supernumerary).
112. Temuka.—J. Henry Woolford, B.A.
113. Geraldine.—One Wanted.
114. Ashburton.—William T. Blight, B.A., B.D.; Angus McBean (Supernumerary). A Deaconess.
115. Willowby.—Frank Bateup.
116. Oamaru.—Robert W. Mayson, B.A.
117. Rakaia-Methven.—One Wanted.

WILLIAM T. BLIGHT, B.A., B.D., Chairman of the District.

#### IX.—OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

118. Dunedin Central.—William G. Slade, M.A. (Secretary of the Conference); Haddon C. Dixon, M.A. (who shall supervise the Wai-kouaiti H.M. Station); Walter J. Enticott is a Minister resting; George Clement (Supernumerary).
119. Dunedin Central Mission.—Leslie B. Neale, B.A., F.R.G.S., Harris J. Whitfield, One Wanted; Two Deaconesses.
120. Dunedin North.—Wilfred E. Falkingham.
121. Dunedin (Cargill Road).—Harold W. Burley, M.M.; A. Peter Dorrian, T. Arthur Pybus (Supernumerary).
122. Dunedin (St. Kilda).—Leonard C. Horwood.
123. Dunedin (Caversham).—William R. Laws, M.A. (who shall supervise the Mosgiel Home Mission Station).

124. Dunedin (Mornington).—Howard E. Harkness, M.A. (who shall supervise the Port Chalmers Circuit).
125. Dunedin (Roslyn).—Clifford L. Duder (who shall supervise the Dunedin North Circuit), James S. Willoughby (C.F. overseas).
126. Port Chalmers.—One Wanted.
127. Milton.—Leslie T. Norwell (who shall supervise the Lawrence Home Mission Station).
128. Roxburgh.—J. C. Aldwyn Williams.
129. Invercargill (Central).—Robert Thornley, M.A., Dip.Soc.Sc. (who shall supervise the Bluff and Riverton Home Mission Stations).
130. Invercargill (St. Peter's).—Alfred E. Jefferson (who shall supervise the Otautau-Tuatapere and Nightcaps Home Mission Stations); Samuel Bailey (Supernumerary).
131. Gore.—Reginald Day (who shall supervise the Edendale Home Mission Station).

BLUFF.—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 Second and Third Sundays in April.

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

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

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

### HOME MISSION APPOINTMENTS FOR 1945.

#### Auckland District—

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

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

Auckland Central (2).—F. H. Parker, non-resident Student (Supply).

Auckland West (2).—B. H. Riseley, non-resident Student (Supply).

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 One Wanted.

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).

Hikurangi.—M. D. G. Turkington.

Kawakawa—Kaikohe.—D. I. Robertson.

#### Home Mission Department—

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

#### Maori Mission—

Matauri Bay, Kaeo.—Supply.

Batley.—Supply.

Kawakawa.—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.—M. H. Taylor.  
Ohura.—One Wanted.  
Morrinsville (Waitoa).—One Wanted.  
Whakatane.—A. F. Attwood.  
Te Kuiti.—W. J. Bryant.

**Maori Mission—**

Te Kuiti.—John Nicholls.  
Te Kuiti Rural.—Tame Ponui.  
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.—Supply.  
Otorohanga.—Paki Manga.  
Otewa.—Hoani Tonga.  
Whatawhata.—Poo Kingi.  
Hangatiki.—Wetini Hotu.  
Taharoa.—Supply.  
Huntly.—Hori Te Awa.  
Rangiriri.—Supply.  
Mercer.—Taniora Paihipo Tokoroa.  
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 Urungu Wetere.  
Ngutunui (Hiona Pa).—Rangi Katipa.

**Taranaki-Wanganui District—**

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

**Maori Mission—**

New Plymouth.—Paahi Moke.  
Rahotu.—Supply.  
Nukumarua.—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.—Supply (Rev. C. Eaton), R. T. Alexander (Halcombe).  
Napier (Greenmeadows).—Supply; Green Hall (Retired).  
Foxton-Shannon.—Supply (Rev. T. Coatsworth).  
Apiti.—One Wanted.  
Norsewood (under Dannevirke Superintendent).—Vacant.  
Waipawa-Waipukurau.—W. J. Henderson; One Wanted.  
Gisborne (Second).—Vacant.  
Wairoa.—One Wanted.

**Wellington District—**

Wellington (Webb Street).—Supply (Rev. M. Ayrton).  
Upper Hutt.—Supply (Rev. R. P. Keall).



Paraparaumu.—H. R. Wright and One Wanted, J. W. Bayliss (Retired).

Masterton (Kuripuni).—One Wanted.

Levin.—J. Common (Retired).

Otaki.—S. Keen (Retired).

Wellington Central (3).—One Wanted.

Wellington East (4).—Supply (Rev. E. D. Patchett).

#### Nelson District—

Havelock (under Blenheim Superintendent).—Vacant.

Murchison.—O. T. Woodfield.

Granity.—One Wanted.

Wakefield-Dovedale.—One Wanted (Nelson, Richmond and Motueka Ministers to assist).

Reefton.—Supply (F. E. Trim).

#### North Canterbury District—

Christchurch East.—C. Strand (Retired).

Christchurch.—St. Albans.—Rev. A. Liversedge (Assistant Pastor, Rugby St.). Bryndwr.—Supply (Rev. E. Drake).

Christchurch—Woolston (Sumner).—One Wanted.

Christchurch—Addington (Lincoln Road).—Supply. (H. J. Malcolm, Retired).

Waddington.—G. R. Woodfield.

Tai Tapu.—L. D. Rolinson.

Hawarden (under Woodend Superintendent).—Vacant

Oxford.—Supply (Rev. B. Metson).

Christchurch.—Riccarton (Sockburn).—D. G. Burt.

#### South Canterbury District—

Rakaia-Methven.—One Wanted.

Geraldine.—One Wanted.

#### Otago-Southland District—

Dunedin Central Mission (3).—One Wanted.

Port Chalmers.—H. M. Brasell.

Waikouaiti-Palmerston.—E. J. Carter.

Mosgiel.—One Wanted.

Lawrence (under Milton Superintendent).—Vacant.

Balclutha (under Milton Superintendent).—T. Steele.

Cromwell.—J. M. Daley.

Edendale.—N. R. Hooper.

Otautau-Tuatapere.—K. A. Robinson.

Nightcaps.—J. F. Amos.

Riverton (under Invercargill Central Superintendent).—Vacant.

Bluff.—C. E. Roke.

## DEACONESS APPOINTMENTS, 1945.

### 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.
- 1928—Sister Ivy Jones, Auckland.
- 1929—Sister Airini Hobbs, Hamilton (Supply).
- 1933—Sister Olive Bott, Hokianga.
- 1936—Sister Heeni Wharemaru (Te Teira), Hamilton and Lower Waikato.
- 1939—Sister Evelyn Marriott (working under Rangiatea Committee).
- 1939—Sister Dorothy Pointon, Opunake.
- 1940—Sister Violet Kruse. Leave of Absence.
- 1943—Sister Anne Wilson, Hawera.
- 1943—Sister Davidson, Auckland.
- 1944—Sister Ruth Hilder, Outer Auckland.
- 1945—Sister Jean Miller, Bay of Islands.
- 1945—Probationer May Viney, Kaipara District.

### 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.
- 1945—Sister Winifred Poole, Appointed, awaiting transport.

### 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.
- 1914—Sister Ethel McMillan, retired.
- 1918—Sister Winifred Beaumont, retired (Lower Hutt Supply).
- 1918—Sister May Ralph, retired.
- 1923—Sister Lily White, retired.
- 1928—Sister Olive Coleman, retired.
- 1935—Sister Vera Cannon, retired.
- 1936—Sister Edna White, retired.

**VI.—Students in Training—**

- Miss Joyce Webber (1st year).
- Miss Mavis Dickey.
- Miss Daphne Lye.
- Miss Lucy H. Money.
- Miss Jean Simpkin.
- Miss Margaret Taylor.

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

**1. CHAIRMEN OF DISTRICTS.**

- Auckland—Arthur H. Scrivin (President of the Conference).
- South Auckland—Charles H. Olds, B.A.
- Taranaki-Wanganui—J. Henry Allen.
- Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Robert B. Tinsley.
- Wellington—William A. Burley, M.A.
- Nelson—Charles Blair.
- North Canterbury—Alfred M. Costain, Dip.Soc.Sc.
- South Canterbury—William T. Blight, B.A., B.D.
- Otago-Southland—William G. Slade, M.A.
- Solomon Islands—John F. Goldie.

**2. DISTRICT AND STATISTICAL SECRETARIES.**

- General Statistical Secretary—Haddon C. Dixon, M.A.
- Auckland—Alfred E. Waite.
- South Auckland—J. Stanley Waite.
- Taranaki-Wanganui—Gordon R. H. Peterson.
- Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Athol R. Penn.
- Wellington—Archer O. Harris.
- Nelson—Ernest S. Hoddinott.
- North Canterbury—Cecil R. Taylor.
- South Canterbury—Robert W. Mayson, B.A.
- Otago-Southland—William R. Laws, M.A.

**QUESTION XXXI.—Who are elected as President and Secretary of the Conference for the year 1946?**

President: Rev. William T. Blight, B.A., B.D.

Secretary: Rev. William G. Slade, M.A.

Resolved: That hereinafter after the Secretary has been elected for the first time at the opening session of Conference, he be introduced to Conference, and that he be not formally introduced again while remaining in office.

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

In view of the report presented to Synods by the special committee appointed last April by the Emergency Executive Committee, and also in view of the fact that that report will come under the notice of Conference, there does not appear to be the need for an extensive review of this year's figures.

It is hoped that the more comprehensive report of the special committee will be referred to May Synods for consideration and report to Synods and Conference of 1946.

In general, the statistics this year reveal no change from the trend to which I drew attention a year ago. There are slight variations here and there, but in the main the position remains the same.

There has been a further increase of 18 Preaching Places; this, together with a gain of 10 the previous year, is a gratifying feature. But we have to report a net loss of 62 members for the year, this in spite of the fact that the number received was 155 more than for last year. Other increases are 134 members on probation, 205 infant members, 244 communicants, and 11 baptisms.

Sunday School returns continue to be the bright spot in our Statistics. It would seem that Methodist cradles are being kept full. With a total of 5,365 names on the Cradle Roll, this represents a gain of 259 over the previous year, and an increase of 1,454 for the five year period. This, considered in conjunction with the fact that 1,846 infants were baptized last year, indicates that a wealth of young life is being committed to the care of the Church year by year.

The number of Sunday School scholars continues to increase, there being a gain of 508 for the year, and compared with 1939 there has been an increase of 889.

While it is too early to say definitely that such is the case, the returns at least suggest that the tide has started to turn in our Bible Classes, for there are some encouraging increases to report. There are 14 more Young Women's Bible Classes meeting than a year ago. True, there are 86 fewer Senior members, but there are increases of 42 Juniors and 30 Intermediates. Furthermore the Young Men's Bible Classes show an overall increase of 182 in their membership. The number of Young People's Societies also grows. There are 26 more this year with an increased membership of 591. All these figures are far below those of 1939, as reference to my previous report will show. But let us hope that the present gains are a sign that our Youth Work is beginning to recover in some measure from the effects of the war.

I am glad to report that Returns for the Maori Missions came to hand this year. I do not know with what degree of accuracy these statistics are compiled. The South Auckland District Secretary recommends that a suitable form be prepared in order to ensure accuracy and uniformity. With this I agree, and would suggest that Conference



directs the H.M. Department to draw up such a form for future use. Compared with the last returns, which were furnished in 1941, the following variations may be noted: Increases 395 Senior members, and 483 Junior and Infant members. The most serious decreases are 6 Churches, 14 Class Leaders and S.S. Leaders, and 45 Local Preachers.

With regard to the recommendations referred to me on page 59, Mins. Conf., 1944, from past experience I am of the opinion that such alterations to the form for Circuits returns would provide valuable information which at present it is impossible to gather. Hitherto there has been a difference of practice in returning the number of Members Received. Some have included only those received on profession of faith, others have added those received on transfer. The suggested alteration to the form would make for a desirable uniformity, while if the proposed details for "Members removed during the year" were embodied in the form, it would enable us to determine the nature of any future losses.

E. B. CHAMBERS, General Statistical Secretary.

### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be expressed to Rev. E. B. Chambers for his services as General Statistical Secretary since 1940.

### B. CHURCH STATISTICS.

(Minutes of Conference, 1944, page 58, resolution 2.)

#### Introduction.

Figures published during the last few years show that Methodism in N.Z. has not grown in numbers. The Census of 1936 revealed that there were actually fewer Methodists in the Dominion than in 1926, though the other large Churches had increased. Moreover, we are all aware that our congregations on the average are smaller than they were some few years back. We recall John Wesley's dictum that "number is an inconsiderable circumstance"; and, in addition, we know that we have many strong and vigorous causes in the Dominion; what devotion and sacrifice mark many of our people, and what good work is being done in some centres. We have much for which to thank God, and good reasons for taking heart.

But periodically the time arrives to review our work in a broad sense, giving it its widest possible setting, to renew our devotion and to improve our methods.

1. We wish to make it clear at the outset that we do not regard our Church as an end in itself, but as a means to a wider end, the Kingdom of God. We do, however, feel that our Church has a message to deliver, the very message which men need. She has a witness to bear to the saving and sanctifying power of God, and our disappearance or our weakening would impoverish the life of our community, and would be a betrayal of our Lord.

2. The General Setting of our Work To-day.

- a. Outside our own Church.

Recent years have witnessed great changes in the mental and social life of the people adverse to the Church. Scientific humanism has been very influential. Many people seem satisfied to improve social conditions. There have been drastic changes in social habits, including the use of Sunday. Immense changes in home life must be noted: smaller families, slackened parental control, the abandonment

of the family altar, and the forsaking of Church attendance. Much of the literature in circulation accepts as normal and sufficient a pagan code of morals. Two wars have played havoc with our moral standards.

History records an ebb and flow in spiritual matters, while in every age of material and scientific advance there is bound to be a spiritual lag. Our position is not unparalleled. Van Dusen in his book "What is the Church Doing" has recorded four previous ebb tides and thinks we may be witnessing a fifth. Our problems are not ours only. Other branches of Methodism in various parts of the world are affected. Other branches of the Christian Church in many lands report declining or stationary figures.

Respect for the Church as a venerable institution has largely gone. The convention of Church attendance has passed. This has its good side; but in the main it has been a real loss to the community. The spiritual interpretation of life was for a time largely abandoned. Though it is slowly returning, the lag of the earlier influence is still felt among us.

#### **b. Inside our own Church.**

There have been important changes since the halcyon days of Methodism. The most striking is our lack of evangelistic zeal. The spiritual temperature has fallen. This is reflected alike in pulpit and pew.

Methodism began as a movement within the Church, but it has become a Church itself. But its preaching and organisation have continued in their emphasis to be those of a movement. We have failed in Churchmanship. Too little teaching upon this has been given to our ministers, who have in consequence neglected it in their own work. Too many have even foolishly disparaged "the Church." Some have shirked their Church responsibilities, taking a leading part in every kind of social work at the expense of the Church itself. Our educated laymen have not become local preachers and Sunday School workers as they should.

Our preaching has been too topical, and not sufficiently instructive. Hence there is a lack of conviction among us. There is little for the fires of enthusiasm to kindle themselves upon. Too many people are won over to other Churches or to the small religious bodies which are so numerous to-day.

We have confused ideas of what constitutes membership in our Church. As a result the practice of our ministers in dealing with questions of membership varies widely. We seem to need some more definite tests of membership, despite their perils.

The pastoral tie is very weak among us. With the growth of our numbers, coupled with the falling away of the Class Meeting, the people have not had the pastoral attention they need.

This brief review of the present situation may in a measure explain or define our failures, but it does not solve our problems.

### **3. What shall we do?**

**a. Personal Consecration.** By far the most important section of our answer is this:—Leaders and people alike must maintain their personal consecration to our Lord. No one must try to shelve his responsibilities here. There must be an exacting personal discipline in our devotional life and in our service. All else will be utterly useless if this is neglected.



b. **The Pulpit.** Preachers must critically examine their work under the guidance of the Spirit. Why do we preach at all? Are we dealing with the central aspects of our message or with the fringe of it? Are we striving to "teach" the faith we hold? Are we preaching so as to lead men through repentance to faith? Are we trying to present our message to the "outsider"? Many people who are interested in religion will not enter our Churches. Are we trying to meet their questions, their ignorance, their prejudices? Could we not approach clubs and workmen's groups and through "open forums" and discussions get our message through to them? Is there no place to-day for open air preaching? Have we anything to say about the problems, and where they may learn to know him and to confide in him. In such pastoral work the social element must enter in, but there should always be some time given to prayer, and if possible, to reading of the Bible. Our people expect this, and all pastoral work should issue in spiritual guidance and help.

c. **Pastoral Work.** This is the duty of pastor and people alike. The minister must give every possible moment to his people in their homes, where he may learn to know them and to understand their social principles of Jesus? Are we exalting priestly duties at the expense of the prophetic ministry?

But in larger congregations the minister must have the help of his leaders in this work. Suitable men and women should accept the oversight of a number of families, and inform the minister how and when he can best help spiritually in the home. They could also help to secure the better attendance of members at Communion services and on other special occasions.

We would underline that aspect of our President's address last May in which he set forth the Church as a company of people whose duty it is to organise for aggressive work. Christ said "Go ye." This command includes our neighbours and friends just as surely as it does the men and women of far-off lands. Let us all consecrate ourselves to the work which Andrew began when he brought his brother to Jesus.

d. **Youth Work.** Religion is a fundamental part of a child's education: but we know that there are many educative influences working on the child mind to-day. There are, in addition to the Church, the home, the cinema, the radio and the press: Our Youth Department is alive to the position these influences create: but the work of training our children in the faith and of winning them for Christ must be carried out by the local Church, with the help of the home. Now the outstanding fact here is that a large proportion (some say 80 per cent.) of our children in the Sunday School fail to become members of the Church. Here is a call we must heed. Yet it is most difficult to secure sufficient teachers and leaders, with the result that all too often we take into the School anyone we can get. We must realise afresh the importance of our Youth Work and secure our very best men and women for it.

We mention only three aspects of Youth Work here. (1) Attendance at Sunday School does not excuse scholars from attending Church. (2) Ministers should not fail to talk personally with all children about the age of 15 or so with a view to securing their declared allegiance to Christ and to His Church. (3) Wherever possible Teacher Training classes should be held. It must often be evident to the children that in the day school they are taught by experts, and

that in Sunday School their teachers are untrained. This must react unfavourably on the School. Yet it is also true that consecrated and untrained teachers are to be preferred to trained and unconsecrated teachers. The ideal, of course, is the consecrated and trained teacher.

e. **The Use of Literature.** We have much to learn about the power of the printed word. In the homes of our people, in personal conversations as one moves about, in dealing with our young people (especially in preparing them for membership), we need short statements of our faith, or of different aspects of it. Moreover it should be part of our work to recommend good reading to our people. It has been stated recently by an official publication of the N.Z. Educational Institute that "The devastation of human life in modern warfare does not equal the destruction of human intellects and souls wrought by the ceaseless floods of unsuitable literature in the world to-day." Early Methodism interested itself closely in its people's reading, and there is a vast field of service awaiting us here as well.

f. **Our Church Polity.** In the early days of Methodism in N.Z. it was inevitable that we worked from year to year, but to-day there seems to be a need for a long range policy to cover, not this or that Department, but the whole of our Church life and work. Towards what end, broadly speaking, is our Church working? We need a plan to cover, say, the next 20 or 25 years: a plan into which each Department of our Church would fit its activities and its special efforts.

Such a plan would need careful drafting, and would have to be the work of a Committee representing the whole Church. It could meet possibly in a Conference City before or after a Conference. The matters which might be referred to the Committee would include:—

1. Our Educational policy as a Church: Colleges, Schools, etc.
2. A programme to cover our needs in religious literature. Tracts, Statements of Faith, Reading Lists, etc.
3. A closer definition of "membership" for the guidance of ministers, so that our practice may become more uniform.
4. Our relation to world wide Methodism. We are far too isolated.
5. The raising of our standards of Churchmanship; including some definite teaching in our College on our Church's history and polity.
6. The surveying of the Dominion so that every part of it comes within recognised Circuit Boundaries.
7. Our attitude to old and decaying areas and to new housing areas.
8. The future of our Maori Mission. There is much concern among us that we are not progressing more rapidly among a rapidly increasing race.
9. The possibility of widening our interests in overseas Missions.
10. The need for some system of visitation of the Circuits by small Commissions appointed by Conference or Synod.
11. The possibility of increasing the powers of Synods, so that they accept greater responsibility for the work of their own District.

An adequate survey of these and other important issues will take some time, but the outcome will be a co-ordination of our efforts and such constructive planning as will bear rich fruit in years to come, and do something at least to check any drift there may be among us.



We wish to close, however, on the note on which we began this section. Our leaders, both ministerial and lay, must maintain their close walk with God. He must come first in our lives. Out of this personal devotion will emerge methods which will be those of the Spirit Himself, for we know that His interest in the work far transcends our own. It is His work. To Him be the praise and the glory.

W. T. BLIGHT, Convener.

### RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. Conference directs that the business of the prescribed question No. 7 of the Ministerial Committee of the Annual Synod relative to the Work of God become a question for discussion at the May Synod.

2. That the Report (B) be referred to May Synods, Quarterly Meetings, Men's and Women's Fellowships, and Local Preachers' Associations, during 1945, for report to the Committee before August 1st, so that a report embodying the mind of the whole Church may be assessed and presented to Synods of 1945 and Conference of 1946.

3. That the following "Findings" of the Welfare of the Church Committee be referred to the Committee on Statistics:—

The Committee has given careful consideration to the report and while a detailed analysis of the figures is not possible it submits the following general considerations with regard to the position, and recommendations as to methods to overcome the present serious situation.

1. An analysis of the Minutes over the period 1933-43, shows that there have been over 30 resolutions passed with regard to our membership position. The nett result has been:—

- a. 3 fewer Churches.
- b. 91 fewer preaching places.
- c. 24 fewer senior members.
- d. 307 fewer junior members.
- e. 6641 fewer young people connected with our Sunday Schools and Bible Classes.

This in spite of the following:—

- a. There were 14 more ordained ministers in 1943, of whom twelve were on Chaplaincy duties.
- b. There were 23 more Sunday Schools.
- c. The Cradle Roll showed an increase of 1195.
- d. Infant membership showed an increase of 2281.

2. The greatest loss in preaching places occurred in the period 1933-39 (81 places), but as the membership for that period remained almost static, it is felt that such things as car-travel, improved roads, the drift to the cities, etc., would account for the major amount of these. As the tendency is now the other way, it is felt that the loss of preaching places is not in itself a matter of extreme importance.

3. In the period under review, the Senior membership remained almost stationary. The infant membership showed a large increase. The Junior membership, however, showed a most disturbing decrease. In the same period the Youth statistics showed a similar trend. Senior and Intermediate membership of the Bible Classes show big declines, but this is mainly explained by war conditions and by the necessity in many Churches for B.C. members to take over S.S. work earlier than would otherwise be the case. The loss of Junior B.C. members,

both Young Women and Young Men, is, however, less understandable, and taken in conjunction with the loss of Junior members in the Church is very disturbing. A total of 463 Junior Bible Class members were lost in four years.

4. We would point out that the Church as a whole is making no worth while contact with the masses outside the Church, and is almost wholly dependent for her life on the people coming up through the infant and junior departments. If we cannot hold these, then the situation will soon become parlous in the extreme.

5. We feel that no part of the Church can be held solely to blame for the situation. We also feel that no part of the Church can escape its share of responsibility. There are doubtless many causes not touched upon in the above brief survey, and we are aware also that in many departments of the Church remedial steps are already in hand.

The Committee therefore recommends:—

### 1.—Ministry.

a. That in Trinity College, added emphasis should be placed on Methodist doctrines and beliefs. There should also be a maximum amount of instruction in modern enlightened evangelistic methods and technique. Practical experience in Missions and open-air work should be dove-tailed into this in a systematic way, as an integral part of the College course.

b. That in ministers' fraternal, these matters be the primary concern for 1945.

(a) What are the causes of our present situation?

(b) What is being done to meet the position?

That the Chairman of each district, or someone appointed by the Fraternal be responsible for a monthly report of practical steps being undertaken in the circuits to maintain and increase membership in all departments.

c. That as a sequel to the weeks of dedication held during 1944, definite aggressive work be undertaken by teams of ministers, in the open air where suitable, or on some neutral ground such as a Public Hall.

d. That, particularly as concerns the H.M. Department, as far as is practicable, Pastorates be lengthened. The constant change every year, or even more frequently, in some cases, must inevitably militate against effective constructive planned work over a period.

e. That in their preaching ministers be urged to give greater prominence to the essential doctrines of Methodism. These are all evangelical in the highest sense, and if preached with an appeal, must affect the life and work of the Church.

### 2.—Youth Department.

1. That the Youth Department be urged to pay increasing attention to inspirational work, rather than to the organisational side.

2. That in each District, and if necessary, sub-district, a Ministerial Youth Secretary be appointed with Conference given powers to enter the circuits of the District, or sub-districts, and to co-operate with the D.Y.C. and the Youth Director of the area.

3. That Ministers be urged to give increasing emphasis to the pledge of the Christian Youth Movement. This would greatly assist in bridging the gap where our most serious losses occur.



### 3.—Laity.

That the Lay-members of the Church be urged to greater faithfulness in their attendance at Church and in their use of the means of Grace.

That in particular, the whole Church be reminded that it was part of the genius of early Methodism that every Methodist was a missionary for his Lord, ever seeking opportunity to commend his Saviour to those who knew Him not.

4. **Committee on Statistics:** The President of the Conference, Revs. W. T. Blight, C. T. Symons, H. L. Fiebig, E. B. Chambers, H. C. Dixon. Convener: Rev. W. T. Blight.

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

#### REPORT FOR 1944.

The Committee has given further consideration to the matter of contacts with Australian Methodism, and recommends:—

1. That the closest possible contact between the Methodist Churches of Australia and New Zealand is both necessary and desirable. (See Law Book, p. 204, para. H. Fraternal Relations.)

2. That in furtherance of this, arrangements be made for an interchange of Presidential visits, the President of the General Conference to visit New Zealand Conference at least once during his term of office, and the President of the New Zealand Conference to visit the General Conference, whenever it is held.

3. That for the ensuing year, arrangements be made to permit the President to attend the General Conference in conjunction with his proposed visit to the Missionary Conference to be held in Australia, during June, 1945.

4. That in the event of the above Missionary Conference not being held at a convenient time to permit the President to visit the General Conference also, every effort be made to allow the President or his deputy to attend the General Conference.

5. That an invitation be extended to the President of the General Conference to attend the New Zealand Conference in 1946.

**Welfare of the Church Committee for 1945.** The Otago-Southland District Executive. Convener, Rev. H. C. Dixon.

W. G. SLADE, Chairman.  
H. C. DIXON, Convener.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the report be received and adopted, together with the recommendations.

2. That with a view to obviating certain hardships and inconveniences, the Church Welfare Committee consider the question of the changing of the time for the holding of Synods, Conference, and the changing of ministers.

3. **Dancing.** That the following matter be referred to the Church Welfare Committee:—That since certain of our Circuits desire, as part of a rehabilitation policy, to establish Church Youth and Social Centres, and in order to regularise a practice already countenanced in many of our Circuits in N.Z., and approved of and practised by our Methodist Church in England, Conference give authority to Church Trust Boards to permit acts of dancing being included in the Social Programmes of Church Societies, when the local Quarterly Meeting approves of same.

## B.—LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

### THE N.Z. METHODIST LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

#### ANNUAL REPORT.

The Auckland Executive took over from the Canterbury Brethren in June of this year, and already several meetings of the new Executive have been held. These meetings have been well attended, the members displaying keen interest and enthusiasm.

**Increasing the Number of Branches.** Steps are being taken to resuscitate such Branches as have become weak or extinct, and in some cases to establish new Branches so that before long we hope to have a number of strong Branches firmly linked with the Dominion Executive.

**Roll of Local Preachers.** With the idea of revising the roll of Local Preachers and bringing it up-to-date, as well as securing other valuable information, our Executive sent out a letter to all Ministers and Home Missionaries requesting them to forward a copy of their Plans and to fill in and return a Form which had been forwarded to them. Though the matter was requested to be treated as urgent, it is to be regretted that many Ministers and Home Missionaries failed to respond promptly, and even now after a lapse of two months some replies have still to come in. This has meant much delay in our plans for getting in touch with our members throughout the Dominion.

**Long Service Diplomas.** Since taking over we have forwarded Long Service Diplomas to the following Brethren:—Bro. Rowland Hames (Auckland West Circuit), Bro. William Spencer (Tauranga Circuit), Bro. J. W. Cocks (Devonport Circuit).

In each case a suitable recognition of the preacher's long and valuable service to his Church was publicly made by the Minister concerned.

**L.P. Examinations.** The following young men passed the Local Preachers' Examination in June, 1944:—Bros. G. Yearbury, D. Williams, E. Todd, S. Smith, N. Chisholm, A. R. G. Nuttall, R. Thompson.

It is pleasing to learn from the examiners' reports that the standard of attainment of these young men shows considerable improvement over that of last year. More thorough preparation is evidently being made.

**Reception Services.** Reception services were arranged by the Ministers for Bros. Evan Todd (Addington Circuit) and J. Hetherington (New Plymouth). In each case a Local Preacher's Certificate and a copy of Whittome's Efficiency Course were forwarded by our Executive to the successful candidates. We urge that in future suitable Reception Services be arranged by all Ministers and Home Missionaries for the successful candidates at the Local Preachers' examinations.

**Study Classes.** We appeal to all Ministers and Home Missionaries to form study classes wherever possible for those young men who wish to take the Local Preachers' examination. This method is much to be preferred to allowing the candidate to study alone or even to rely on a Correspondence Course carried on perhaps from a long distance.



**Honorary Tutors.** The Executive wish to express their deep appreciation of the services rendered by the Honorary Tutors of the Canterbury District. It has been decided to relieve these Tutors who have given of their services so freely during the past few years, and to appoint others residing in the Auckland District, with whom we should be able to keep in much closer touch. We again stress the point that Tutors should be made use of only when the candidates cannot obtain tuition from Ministers or Home Missionaries.

**Mission Bands.** We urge that wherever possible Mission Bands should be formed. By this means the young people could be tried out and it would soon become evident whether they had any real ability for preaching the Gospel.

**Book List.** The work of revising the Book List and bringing it up to date is now receiving consideration. When this task has been completed it is hoped that a greater number of Local Preachers will take advantage of the scheme whereby any book published by the Epworth Press, can be procured, post free, at half English published prices.

R. THOMAS, President.  
J. F. ROBERTS, Secretary.

Received and adopted.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.
2. That Conference appoint Mr. J. F. Roberts and Mr. S. E. Chappell as Trustees of the N.Z. Local Preachers' Association.
3. That Conference expresses its appreciation of the splendid and invaluable contribution being made to the Church by its Local Preachers throughout N.Z., and that we urge upon our people their duty to attend worship regularly without discrimination between Ministerial and Lay Preachers.

#### C.—METHODIST MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

##### ANNUAL REPORT, 1945.

The Auckland District Committee has continued to act as the Dominion Executive.

So far as reported three new Branches have been formed in the Auckland area, viz., Takapuna, Mission Bay, and Homai. In the South Island, Timaru has formed a Branch. Wanganui has ceased to function. There would now appear to be 33 Branches.

Branches which have reported show themselves to be engaged in useful social and recreational service, while their own Fellowship Meetings lack nothing in devotion and worship.

During the war years subscriptions have been withheld in some cases, so that the Doctors' Equipment Fund remains at little more than £84. However a reminder this year has resulted in some renewal in finance.

We have pleasure in reporting that the Dominion Executive has conferred Life Membership on Mr. W. S. Mackay, the first President of the Movement, and lately its Secretary and Treasurer.

Regarding rehabilitation of returning soldiers, reports show that correspondence with the men of the Forces continues with zeal, and evidence is not wanting that the Fellowships are engaged in consideration of this matter. Especially is this so in Auckland.

We ask the Ministers of the Churches to accept our sincere thanks for their assistance in the welfare of these Fellowships.

GEO. E. SPOONER, President.

W. E. BURLEY, Secretary.

Resolved: That the Report be received and adopted, and that the Dominion Executive be located in Auckland.

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

### **YOUTH DEPARTMENT.**

#### **ANNUAL REPORT.**

##### **Christian Youth Movement (Methodist).**

The youth work of the Church is gradually taking form according to the constitution and programme of the Christian Youth Movement (Methodist). Through this an increasing emphasis is being placed upon personal decision for Christ and whole-hearted service in His Kingdom. Closer integration of the Youth Movement with the Church is being established and efforts are being made to bring youth to a consciousness of the true significance of the Church, its task in the world, and their place within it. Pledged Membership is fostering discipline and consecration of life. Through Clubs and Brigades the work of the Church is being widened to comprehend the full life of youth and to relate the Christian Gospel to all aspects of life. Vacation Schools, Holiday Centres, Children's Missions, etc., are also enabling the Church to increase its impact upon youth and the community generally. While much of this may not be spectacular, it yet demonstrates a quickening of spiritual life and the implementation of one increasing purpose in all youth work. As this gains momentum greater progress should result in all aspects of Church life.

##### **National Committees.**

The four National Committees have continued to serve the Church through the Department during the past year. The Leadership Schools Committee which has been located in Auckland for some years, has given splendid service. A feature of its work has been the way in which it has insisted on the Schools being maintained at a high standard in spite of war conditions. The work of the Committee is now being handled by a sub-committee of the Board in Wellington.

The National Committee on Recreation and Leisure continues to fulfil its purpose of seeking to raise the standard of the Social Activities of our Youth. A new committee is attending to this aspect of our work and promises well. The Committee is still located in Auckland with a co-operating committee at Wanganui.

The National Committee handling the "Link" ceased to function as from the end of the Church year, new Committees being appointed to attend to the business of the Youth Department's new Journals. The "Link" has served the Bible Class Youth of our Church for 21 years and has filled a useful purpose among these young people. Many of our youth leaders have given unstintingly of their time and gifts in making the "Link" a magazine that was greatly appreciated by a fairly large group of young people.



Increased use is being made of the Leader and Teacher Training Course, though there is still room for a more extensive use of the Course, both by individuals and by class groups. The Christchurch Committee continues to give efficient oversight to this work. A new Prospectus is being prepared.

To all who have served the Department and the Church on these Committees we wish to express our appreciation, and to those who continue to serve we wish to assure them of our co-operation.

#### **Convention.**

The second Youth Workers' Convention was held early in January, 1944, at the Hutt, approximately fifty being present for the full period. The Convention was characterised by a very fine spirit of fellowship, and the sessions were valuable both to those present and to the Department. The Convention discussions were based mainly upon the District Reports and the Christian Youth Movement (Methodist) programme. Various suggestions and recommendations made by the Convention have been considered and implemented by the Board during the current year.

#### **District and Local Youth Councils.**

The Department is gratified with the manner in which District Youth Councils are accepting their responsibility for the organisation and oversight of the District work. Initiative is being shown in different projects that have been carried out, and closer connexion with Local Youth Councils is being fostered in some districts through visitation and by inviting local secretaries to attend District Council meetings. The Directors have endeavoured to keep in touch with the District Councils in addition to making contact with as many Local Councils as time has permitted.

#### **Youth Sunday.**

Youth Sunday was observed on the third Sunday in June. Special orders of service were provided in the morning for family worship, and in the evening for youth. At the evening service in many churches, the Christian Youth Movement (Methodist) pledge card was used, resulting in a number of young people consecrating themselves to the Master.

#### **Correspondence Section.**

This comprises the Pakeha Sunday School of 130 scholars and 50 teachers under the continued able leadership of Mrs. W. A. Smith of Hamilton; a small group in a Correspondence Bible Class which Miss M. Waddingham of Auckland has recently undertaken to lead; and the Maori Correspondence Sunday School of 77 scholars and 27 teachers. The Superintendency of this School has now passed from Sister Effie Harkness to Miss Daisy Johnston. To all these helpers and their assistants the Department, and indeed the whole Church, is greatly indebted.

#### **Missionary Education.**

The Youth Board has been in consultation with the Methodist Women's Missionary Union during the year. Constitutions for Youth Missionary Groups have been formulated and materials and programmes are being collected for their guidance. The Youth Missionary Objectives are being kept before Sunday Schools and Bible Classes. The response in the past year has been good, in spite of the withdrawal from the Bible Classes of the majority of those who are earning wages.

### **Temperance Education.**

Studies and lessons on Temperance have been included in the Bible Class Syllabus and Sunday School lessons. A film strip "Be Fit" has also been in circulation in some districts, and a Temperance Poster has been forwarded to all Sunday Schools and Bible Classes. There have been a few enquiries for pledge cards. "Teaching Temperance," which was distributed a few years ago to all Ministers, Sunday School teachers and Bible Class leaders, should be studied and endeavours made to implement its suggestions. Finance is required for more adequate Temperance Education as donations so far received have been exhausted.

### **Publications.**

The Bible Class "Link" has been replaced by "Christian Education," a Quarterly Journal for Teachers and Leaders. A Newsheet for youth is also being planned. These will meet the needs of our youth work more effectively than the one paper. Three Youth Workers' booklets, "Expression Work for the Beginners and Primary Department," "Expression Work for Juniors and Intermediates," "Group Method in Bible Classes," have been published this year. One on "Vital Evangelism" is in course of preparation. A Cradle Roll greeting card has been printed to provide a means of early contact with parents.

### **Projectors.**

Eight still film projectors have been provided for Districts and are being used for Missionary and Temperance Education. It is hoped a projector will be available for every district before long.

Production of first-class film strips has been prevented by lack of adequate materials, but this is being gradually overcome. Great interest has been shown in these pioneering efforts. Further strips on Youth Work are being prepared for use by the Directors. The question of film strips for use in connection with Sunday Schools is being investigated.

### **Mid-Week Activities.**

A pleasing feature of the year's work has been the endeavour on the part of many churches to provide an all-round programme for their young people, by the setting up of mid-week activities through such organisations as Brigades and Clubs. These not only strengthen the appeal of the church to our own young people but are the means of making contact with outsiders.

### **Parents' Groups.**

Parents' Groups, though few in number, are continuing to make an effective contribution to the life of our people. Throughout the year the Directors have made contact with these groups and with a number of women's groups which are helping to strengthen the ties between church and home. Several film strips for use in these groups are in the course of preparation.

### **Easter Camps.**

Thirty camps were held at Easter, 14 Young Women's, 8 Young Men's, 4 mixed, 4 combined. The total attendance was 884 young women and 985 young men, representing 519 more than last year. Of these many made the great decision.

Camping is passing through a new experimental stage with the introduction of mixed and combined camps. The Department is watching this development with interest, and is securing reports and impressions with a view to giving a constructive lead to districts.



District Committees have been engaged during the year in prospecting permanent camp sites, and in the Auckland District, as the result of enthusiastic leadership, sites have been acquired. The Department expresses gratification at this move and hopes that other districts will show similar enterprise.

#### **Holiday Camp.**

Under the auspices of the Wellington District Youth Council an experimental Holiday Camp was held at Seatoun in January, thirty children from various parts of the Wellington District attending. The camp was in charge of the Senior Youth Director, who was assisted by a capable staff of voluntary helpers. This represents a new move in the direction of serving the home and the community by bringing children into a healthy Christian environment during their holiday period.

#### **Holiday Centres.**

In each of the school vacations during the twelve months, holiday centres have been run in several churches in both the North and South Islands. Appreciative references have been made by parents, social welfare workers, educationists and others. Assistance has been readily given by the Education, Health and Physical Welfare Departments, as well as by interested citizens. One result has been that contacts have been made with some young people who have been unattached to Sunday School or Church. Both movie and still pictures have been taken of these Holiday Centres as a guide to those who desire to undertake such work in other areas.

#### **Vacation Schools.**

As another medium for reaching children during the school holidays, vacation schools have been conducted in Auckland, Palmerston North and Feilding, the school in Feilding being combined with the Presbyterian Church.

#### **Children's Missions.**

Children's Missions were conducted in Pitt Street (Auckland) and in St. Albans (Christchurch), by the Youth Directors of the respective districts. The purpose of the mission in Auckland was to make contact with unattached children, a few of whom we gathered into the Sunday School as a result. At St. Albans it was a teaching mission for the children of the Church, leading up to opportunity for decision.

#### **Rallies.**

In spite of adverse conditions in respect to transport and the general disturbance caused by the war, a fair number of rallies and retreats of various kinds have been held. In addition successful refresher courses for youth workers have been held in some districts.

#### **Youth Committee of the National Council of Churches.**

The Youth Committee of the National Council of Churches has been duly constituted and is seeking to promote fellowship and co-operation amongst the Youth Departments of the Churches and other Christian Youth organisations. National Christian Youth Week is now becoming a yearly fixture of increasing value.

#### **The Newsletter.**

The Newsletter to the Forces has been continued. Appreciative messages have been received from men overseas, but several correspondents have indicated that some Methodist men in the same company are not receiving copies. Local Churches should make every endeavour to obtain complete lists of men and women in the Armed Forces so that all may receive the Newsletter.

### **Rehabilitation.**

During the year the Department has reminded District Youth Councils of the necessity for doing everything possible to rehabilitate men and women returning from the forces. The success or otherwise met with in this respect depends very largely upon the attitude of the local church. Where the spirit of true Christian fellowship has been extended to the men and women throughout their absence the way is paved for their return, and it is pleasing to note the number who have already re-entered the church life and fellowship. Constant vigilance will need to be exercised during the coming days so that those in the forces and in detention may be restored to the fellowship of the church and given the chance to make their special contribution toward the life and work of the church in the critical post-war period.

### **Long Service Diplomas.**

A number of these was issued during the year to teachers who have rendered long and faithful service in our Sunday Schools.

### **Finance.**

Returns from Circuits and Bible Classes this year have been most gratifying. The warmest thanks of the Youth Board are extended to all who have contributed so well to our Youth Work.

### **Youth Office Staff.**

The thanks of the Youth Board are due to the Youth Office Secretary who has had increased responsibilities during the past year owing to sickness and changes in the Office Staff.

### **Hospitality.**

The Department and the Directors are deeply conscious of the debt of gratitude they owe to those who have so generously opened their homes to the Directors on itinerary. To all hosts and hostesses we convey sincere thanks for their kindness and good fellowship.

### **Facilities.**

In view of the urgent needs of Youth Work to-day and the establishment of secular youth and community centres, it is good to find that a number of our Churches are endeavouring to renovate their Sunday School Halls and Bible Class Rooms. Many places are in need of new buildings and funds are being accumulated for this purpose. It is important that every effort should be made to provide the necessary facilities if the Church is to maintain and extend its work amongst youth.

### **The Church and Youth.**

Public discussion in regard to secular youth centres and religious education in State Schools has revealed the fact that the Church alone is able and willing to bring to youth the fulness of life as this is revealed in the Christian Gospel. Whatever may be gained in other organisations through the inclusion of Scripture lessons and devotions cannot meet the real needs of youth for an adequate philosophy of life and a power able to save to the uttermost. No secular or semi-secular institution can possibly root and ground youth in God or bring youth into full membership of the Community of Christ. Christian youth work begins in the Church, which has responsibility for the propagation of the Gospel, which nourishes Christian parents within its life, and which commissions youth workers as its representatives for the training of youth. Christian youth work also ends in the Church, for human personality is fulfilled only within that com-



munity which worships God in spirit and in truth. It is essential, therefore, that the Church should not merely maintain its present youth work, but greatly extend it. Every effort should be made to gather youth into Church organisations, to lead them to participate in Church worship, and to become members of the Church. Only in this way can they be nurtured in the Christian Faith, be brought to that fulness of stature which is in Christ, and be empowered to live as worthy citizens of the Kingdom of God.

W. A. BURLEY, Chairman.

E. G. HEGGIE, Secretary.

C. T. SYMONS, Senior Youth Director.

### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report, Financial Statements and Statistical Returns be received and adopted.

2. That the Rev. C. T. Symons, M.A., B.D., be designated Senior Youth Director for a period of three years as from 1st April, 1946, and that the Rev. J. K. Watson, M.C., B.A., and Mr. A. E. Bate be designated Youth Directors for the same period.

3. That Conference expresses its approval of the following Youth Year proposals as prepared by the Youth Board, and calls upon all Ministers and members to implement the programme in the Circuits:—  
**Youth Year.**

(a) That in view of the urgent needs of Youth to-day, and in order to win the whole-hearted co-operation of our people for the implementation of the Church's programme for Youth as outlined in the Christian Youth Movement (Methodist) constitution, Conference designate 1945 as "Youth Year."

(b) That the programme for "Youth Year" include, where possible, such activities as Christian Youth Movement (Methodist) Weeks, which shall include Children's Missions, Youth Missions, Teacher and Leader Refresher Courses, Parents' Meetings, Family Services, Youth and Sunday School Rallies. In all such activities the purpose shall be to bring parents, teachers and leaders to renewed consecration and to win young people for Christ, His Church and His Kingdom.

(c) That special efforts be made to reach young people outside the Church through such activities as Holiday Centres, Vacation Schools, Beach Work, Holiday Camps, Youth Centres, personal and team evangelism.

(d) That preliminary activities be held in April and May with concentration on Easter Camps and Mothers' Day (or Family Day) Services, and that Youth Sunday, June 17th, 1945, commence a week of simultaneous Youth Activities throughout the Connexion.

(e) That the District and Local Youth Councils, the March Quarterly Meetings and May Synods give serious consideration to the programme of "Youth Year."

(f) That the June and subsequent Quarterly Meetings give special attention to the progress of Youth Year activities.

(g) That the aims and activities of "Youth Year" be brought to the notice of young men and women in the Armed Services through the "Newsletter," and their interest and co-operation solicited where possible.

(h) That one of the aims of the activities of "Youth Year" be the rehabilitation into active Church life and leadership of those demobilised from the Armed Services and released from Detention.

4. That this Conference requests the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee to approach the Government to give a high place in the priority list of important buildings which will be constructed after the war, to Churches, Sunday Schools, and other buildings used for religious education.

5. That the Newsletter be continued and three issues be sent out during this year.

#### 6. Temperance Education.

(1) That the importance of Temperance Education be brought before our teachers and leaders and that they be urged to make their lessons and studies on Temperance more effective.

(2) That our people be urged to give financial support to the Temperance Education programme of the Youth Department.

(3) That where possible Sunday Schools be asked to make a contribution to the Temperance Fund of the Youth Department.

7. **Camp Sites.** That Conference learns with gratification of the acquirement of permanent Camp Sites in the Auckland District and recommends District Youth Councils to give favourable consideration to the acquirement of permanent centres for camping and other youth activities.

8. **Statistics.** That the method of collecting Youth Statistics be considered by the Youth Board and the General Statistical Secretary during the year, with a view to having the statistics incorporated in the General Statistical Returns to the best advantage, to facilitate the more correct compilation and presentation of statistics by Superintendent Ministers.

9. That the recommendations regarding Additional Staff be referred back to the Youth Board for further consideration.

10. That Conference has pleasure in endorsing the resolution passed by the Emergency Executive Committee in Auckland referring to the conspicuous services given by Mr. N. R. Seddon in the interests of youth over a period of twenty years.

### YOUTH BOARD FOR 1945.

Ex Officio: The Chairman of the District, Youth Directors and Youth Office Secretary. Ministers: Revs. J. D. McArthur, J. D. Grocott, J. L. Mitchell and A. K. Petch. Lay Representatives: Mrs. C. P. S. Boyer, Messrs. E. G. Heggie, J. Watson and C. R. Edmonds. Y.M.B.C. Representatives: Rev. W. J. Morrison, Messrs. P. Alcorn, S. Fellows and E. Masters. Y.W.B.C. Representatives: Mesdames G. C. Burton and A. C. Worboys, Misses D. Horwood and G. Will. S.S. Representatives: Mrs. E. Masters, Misses M. Bucknall, J. Young, and Mr. A. Mackie. Treasurer: Mr. S. Fellows.

### DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCILS.

AUCKLAND.—Ministers: Revs. D. Hickman, H. A. Cochrane, J. J. Lewis, M.A. Lay Reps.: Misses R. Joynt and M. Waddingham; Mr. D. V. Moore. S.S. Reps.: Misses K. Smith and H. Marter; Mr. J. Armstrong. Y.M.B.C. Reps.: Misses I. Fordham, K. Scott; Mr. G. Deans. Y.W.B.C. Reps.: Misses A. Rogers, Wrigley and Hames. Chairman, Rev. E. T. Olds. Secretary, Miss H. Marter.



Northland Sub-Council.—Ministers of the Whangarei, Hikurangi and Dargaville Circuits. Lay Reps.: Miss E. B. Cannell, Messrs. A. Cameron and E. J. Clark. Y.W.B.C.: Misses G. Bickers, L. George and M. Slade. Y.M.B.C.: Messrs. G. H. M. Cole, J. S. Hills, A. L. Lovatt. S.S. Reps.: Misses A. Hill, A. Hooper, and Mr. M. R. Edgar. Chairman, Rev. G. E. Brown. Secretary, Mr. J. S. Hills.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.—The Chairman of the District, and Revs. W. Gatman, J. S. Waite, and R. H. Allen. S.S. Reps.: Mrs. H. Cook, Miss B. Smith and Mr. D. Burt. Y.W.B.C. Reps.: Misses Z. Peace, J. Morrison, L. Fulton. Y.M.B.C. Reps.: Messrs. J. Jebson, A. Clement, and R. Fulton. Laymen: Mrs. J. Jebson, Miss L. Ewan, Mr. H. Wood. Correspondence S.S. Superintendent: Mrs. W. A. Smith (ex officio). District Youth Secretary: Miss L. Ewan.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.—Chairman of the District. Ministerial Reps.: Revs. L. G. Hanna, G. R. H. Peterson, S. J. Werren. Lay Reps.: Mrs. Thayer, Messrs. L. Hosking and A. Symmans. Y.W.B.C. Reps.: Misses D. Bennett, P. Ranford and C. Squire. Y.M.B.C. Reps.: Rev. R. E. Fordyce, Messrs. F. Ranford and G. Keats. S.S. Reps.: Mrs. W. Oliver, Miss B. D. Yearbury, Mr. M. J. Smith. Secretary: Rev. L. G. Hanna. Synod Rep.: Rev. L. G. Hanna.

Wanganui Sub-District Council.—Ministers of Wanganui Circuits and Home Missionary at Marton. Lay Reps.: Messrs. Uings, J. Thompson, W. Thrush. Y.W.B.C.: Misses R. Blakeley, M. Ginn, N. Scott. Y.M.B.C.: Messrs. E. Bassett, E. L. F. Buxton, R. Doughty. S.S. Reps.: Miss M. Clarke, Messrs. N. Barlow, W. Howells. Secretary: Rev. W. Selwyn Dawson.

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU.—Ministers of St. Paul's, Cuba St. and Feilding. Sunday Schools: Mrs. A. H. Fisher, Messrs. E. Lock, F. Flavall. Y.W.B.C.: Mrs. R. Waite, Misses H. Johansen, M. Tutty. Y.M.B.C.: Messrs. L. H. Bycroft, M. Hancock, R. Waite. Laymen: Messrs. O. Bettany, A. H. Fisher, C. V. Woodfield. Secretary and Synod Representative: Mr. O. Bettany.

Hawkes Bay Sub-Council.—Ministers of Napier and Hastings. Laymen: Messrs. H. S. Devonport, J. K. Woodley, Mrs. L. Sutherland. Y.W.B.C.: Mrs. R. Adams, Misses T. Gibbs, B. Bruce. Y.M.B.C.: Messrs. H. Curry, R. Best, E. Jones. S.S.: Miss N. Glover, Messrs. J. H. Oldham, H. Foothill.

WELLINGTON.—Ministers: The Chairman of the District, Revs. C. E. Dickens, C. P. Lucas, and one other. Lay Reps.: Miss L. Musker, Mr. R. H. Ellis, and one other. Sunday School Reps.: Miss B. Cockerill, Mr. D. Tayler, Mr. J. Mears. Y.M.B.C. Reps.: Mr. N. Tobin, Mr. G. Dearnley, and one other. Y.W.B.C. Reps.: Misses P. Yearbury, P. Patrick, A. Cottingham. Secretary: Rev. C. P. Lucas.

Wairarapa Sub-Council.—Revs. G. H. Goodman, H. V. Utting, R. Grice, and one other. Sunday School Reps.: Mrs. Gallagher (Eketahuna), Miss R. Smith (Carterton), Mr. K. Ordish (Dalefield). Y.W.B.C.: Miss E. Willis (Masterton), Miss G. Bargh (Greytown), Miss I. Waterreus (Eketahuna). Y.M.B.C.: Messrs. J. D. Blundell (Kuripuni), J. Hessel (Masterton), M. Daniell (Masterton). Lay Reps.: Mrs. A. Ross (Greytown), Mrs. D. Griggs (Masterton), Miss D. Jamieson (Masterton).

NELSON.—The Ministers of Nelson, Richmond and Motueka Circuits. Lay Reps.: Miss G. Holdaway, Mr. L. G. White and Mr. H. B. Savage. Y.M.B.C. Reps.: Messrs. C. Mayson, H. R. Holdaway, Ian Holdaway. Y.W.B.C. Reps.: Miss S. Pitt, Miss M. Corby, Miss E. Dickinson. S.S. Reps.: Miss E. Bolitho, Miss J. Henderson, Mr. A. Thomas.

**NORTH CANTERBURY.**—Revs. J. Silvester, M.A., H. W. Payne, and one other; Miss R. Turnpenny, Miss E. Smith and Miss E. E. Collins; Messrs. A. A. Dingwall, J. Roberts and L. J. Dale; The President S.S. Union, and Messrs. E. H. Smith and F. Allott.

**SOUTH CANTERBURY.**—Chairman of District, Ministers of Woodlands St., Banks St., and Timaru South. Lay Reps.: Messrs. W. Marstin, E. Nelson, A. Stuck. S.S. Reps.: Misses N. Toynbee, E. Duggan, J. Gudsell, E. Hodson. Y.W.B.C. Reps.: Misses Rita Hodson, M. Longson, E. Duggan. Y.M.B.C. Reps.: Messrs. M. Lloyd, R. Verity, A. McCunn.

**OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.**—Chairman: Rev. W. G. Slade, M.A. Ministers: Rev. H. C. Dixon, M.A., and two to be appointed. Laymen: Messrs. C. Vince, C. Chirnside, and Mrs. N. Lawry. S.S.: Mr. J. Thomas, Miss M. Catchpole, and one to be appointed. Y.W.B.C.: Misses R. Prout, T. Muir and L. Hetherington. Y.M.B.C.: Rev. H. E. Harkness, M.A., Messrs. H. Wilson and W. Foot. Secretary and Synod Representative: Mr. C. Chirnside.

**Southland Sub-Council.**—The Ministers of Invercargill and Bluff. Lay Reps.: Mesdames S. Brown, A. E. Mercier and E. W. Ashby. S.School: Mr. V. Troon, Mrs. L. H. Needham, and Miss H. Carter. Y.W.B.C.: Mrs. T. Thomson, Misses J. MacKenzie, and J. O'Halloran. Y.M.B.C.: Messrs. W. Allott, N. Lea, and one to be appointed.

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

#### ANNUAL REPORT. BIBLE-IN-SCHOOLS.

By arrangement between the National Council of Churches and the Bible-in-Schools League, the Church representation at the recent Education Conference in Christchurch consisted of Revs. J. D. Salmond, M.A., Ph.D., H. W. Newell, M.A., B.D., and Mrs. S. E. Woods, M.A., Dip.Ed., with Rev. J. T. Macky as substitute.

The following hopeful signs with regard to religious education in the schools appear:—

1. The general press of N.Z. is definitely more in sympathy than in the past.
2. The Education Boards have all approved the making of provision for corporate worship and religious teaching, and eight of the nine have supported the teaching of Christian principles in the school curriculum.
3. The School Committees' Association Federation has recommended the deletion of the word "secular" from the Education Act with a view to religious teaching becoming part of the public school curriculum.
4. Under the limited provisions of the Nelson system and its extension in daily observance the great majority of pupils in public schools are receiving to-day some regular association with Christian teaching.
5. Unity among the Churches is more pronounced, and the use of an agreed syllabus is generally accepted.
6. Readers in Education among all the allied nations have approved of a Children's Charter in which the teaching of religion has a prominent place, and the new Education Bill in Great Britain is in full harmony with this Charter.



A comparison with the position in 1929 shows that whereas at that time 200 N.Z. public primary schools made provision for some religious activity, in 1942 the number had risen to 1300, an increase of 650%. Over 800 schools have yet to be reached.

In several conferences held recently with teachers, the matter of regularity of attendance by voluntary teachers of the Bible lesson was stressed. It would appear that failure to notify headmasters when there is inability to attend, so that other arrangements may be made in the school, is by no means uncommon. This is injurious to the work, and a few schools are closed to-day against the teaching of the Bible simply because of experiences of this kind in past years.

Close relationship between the National Council of Church and the Bible in Schools League has been maintained by means of a Joint Committee on which there is equal representation. Both are independent organisations, but it is visualised that if the approved policy is implemented in the legislation of the country as the result of the forthcoming Conference on Education, then the League would become in large part the Christian Education Department of the National Council. Should this legislative enactment not be secured, however, the present arrangement with full co-operation between the two organisations would be continued. The League has always recognised that no change in basic policy should be made without the sanction of the governing courts of the Church that largely comprise the League.

Thanks are expressed for the financial assistance given by circuits during the year in response to the appeal of the League as approved by Conference.

### TEMPERANCE.

The chief matters of interest during the year have been the Government's decision to appoint a Royal Commission on the Licensing Laws, and the experiment in Trust Control in the Invercargill Licensing Area, consequent upon the defeat of No-License at last year's Poll by a very narrow margin of votes.

#### Royal Commission.

Although the personnel of the proposed Royal Commission has not been made public as yet, there is reason to believe that the appointment of the Commission will shortly be made. While the delay in setting up the Commission may be regretted, nevertheless it has given the Churches and the New Zealand Alliance ample time to prepare sufficient evidence to place before the Commission. The Government has declared its intention of making the Order of Reference as wide as possible.

A special Temperance Committee has been appointed in Christchurch, by the North Canterbury District Executive, to investigate and prepare proposals to be brought before the Commission.

#### Inter-Church Conference at Frederic Wallis House.

In order that unanimity may be reached among the Churches on as many proposals as possible, to be presented to the Royal Commission, an Inter-Church Conference was convened by the Temperance Committee of the Presbyterian Church, to which each Church was asked to appoint three representatives. The Conference met at Fredric Wallis House, Lower Hutt, on August 16th and 17th, and representatives of the Roman Catholic Church and the New Zealand Alliance were invited to be present as observers.

The Methodist representatives were Revs. W. A. Burley, R. Dudley, and A. K. Petch. A considerable degree of unanimity was reached and the decisions of the Conference were forwarded to the competent bodies of the Churches for ratification.

In case the Royal Commission should be appointed and commence its work this year, the Conference suggested that if the Roman Catholic Church supported the Conference proposals, these should be presented to the Commission by three representatives of the New Zealand Inter-Church Council on Public Affairs, but failing such support, by a sub-committee of three members of the Inter-Church Conference, the members to be Revs. J. D. Smith and R. Dudley, and Mr. J. Snell.

The following are the unanimous findings of the Conference which, with the exception of Section 10, have been endorsed by the Public Questions Committee:

#### 1.—Referendum.

(a) "That we recommend the Government to eliminate the State Purchase and Control Issue from the ballot paper with a view to substituting some form of trust or corporate control which will conserve the two interests of 'no private profit' and 'no direct political control'."

(b) "That the electors be given the opportunity for a straight out vote between National Continuance and National Prohibition, and that at the same time the electors should have the opportunity of deciding whether in the event of Continuance being carried some form of trust or corporate control should replace the present system of private ownership. This might be accomplished by the adopting of a ballot paper on the following lines, or in other suitable form."

#### Ballot Paper.

##### PART 1.

I vote for National Continuance.

I vote for National Prohibition.

##### PART 2.

In the event of National Continuance being carried—

I vote for Private Ownership.

I vote for some form of Trust or Corporate control.

(c) "That by Trust or Corporate Control we mean that the manufacture, importation and sale of intoxicating liquor be controlled and managed by a Public Utility Corporation conforming generally to the model of the B.B.C., or the Transport Board in Great Britain. It would be the duty of such a Corporation to remove incentives to excessive drinking and to provide amenities under which the consumption of liquor would be freed from undesirable features."

(d) "It is the opinion of this Conference that some form of Trust or Corporate Control would provide a means intermediate between State Control and Private Control, whereby the public interest can be conserved without involving all the citizens in part ownership. It also would enable the profit motive to be relegated to a subsidiary position and put public interest in the place of private profit. Care would need to be taken, however, that a vested interest is not created in the profits, on accounts of certain public utilities becoming dependent on profits being maintained or even increased."



## 2.—Central Authority.

"That a liquor Control Board or Central Licensing Authority be set up with power to act as a co-ordinating body in all Licensing matters with a Dominion wide reference. Its activities might include such matters as:—

- (a) General supervision of the administration of the Licensing Laws.
- (b) Co-ordination of whatever form of Trust or Corporate Control activity may be introduced.
- (c) Keeping a check on such matters as liquor advertising and the quality and alcoholic content of liquor.
- (d) Keeping a roll of licenses and a record of convictions against them, and a list of premises where liquor is sold and the convictions against them.
- (e) Making recommendations about the location of new licenses and arrangements for any poll in connection therewith.
- (f) Presenting an annual report to the Minister of Justice and making recommendations for changes in the Licensing Law where deemed necessary.
- (g) Receiving from Licensing Committees recommendations regarding the issue of charters to Clubs and applications for any and every form of new license, and in the case of those involving a change in policy, such as distillation licenses, obtaining the consent of Parliament.
- (h) Receiving recommendations from Licensing Committees regarding the cancellation of redundant licenses and taking the necessary action, including the collection of levies for the purpose of compensating, where necessary, the holders of such licenses."

## 3.—Licenses.

(a) "That all redundant licenses be cancelled and that the holders thereof be compensated from a levy upon the Liquor Trade."

(b) "That if it is proposed to grant a new license in any district, the residents of the neighbourhood (some suitable area of community interest to be defined) shall have the right to veto by a majority vote. If the vote favours the issue of a license, it shall operate under Trust or Corporate control. That wherever such a license is established, the owners of adjacent properties shall be entitled to claim compensation from the holder of the license for depreciation in the value of their properties."

(c) "That all convictions should be endorsed on a Certificate of Character issued by the Police, and a Central Authority should be set up to keep a record of the Certificates of Character issued and the endorsements thereon, and to check the accuracy of the details. That three convictions should involve a cancellation of the Certificate of Character."

(d) "That breaches of the Licensing Act shall be endorsed against the premises as well as against the licensee and/or his employees, and that where a licensee or his employee has been convicted of persistent serious offences against the Licensing Act, the Licensing Committee shall either suspend the license and padlock the premises for a period of up to six months, or cancel the license, which shall revert to the Central Authority."

(e) "That where it is deemed advisable to re-issue a reverted license, that such license be issued under some form of trust or corporate control."

(f) "That the legislation authorising the Minister of Customs to issue licenses to distil spirit beverages be repealed, and that the issue of any such license be subject to confirmation by Parliament."

#### 4.—Charters.

"That the charters of Chartered Clubs should be issued and controlled by the Central Licensing Authority acting on the recommendations of the local Licensing Committee. The Charter should authorise the sale of liquor during the prescribed hours for consumption on the premises only. Clubs should not be allowed to increase the public sale of liquor."

### MISCELLANEOUS PROPOSALS FOR REGULATION.

#### 5.—Alcoholic Content.

(a) "That the war-time restriction on brewed liquor reducing alcoholic content to 6% proof spirit be retained after the war is ended."

(b) "That the consumption of fortified wines and the stronger wines be discouraged by steeply graded taxation, and that all wines of 22% proof spirit be regarded as stronger wines for this purpose."

(c) "That as spirit drinking is responsible for the most serious forms of alcoholism, legislative action should be taken to discourage consumption by increased taxation, and other appropriate means."

#### 6.—Advertising.

"That war-time restrictions on liquor advertising be retained."

#### 7.—Standard Prices and Measures.

"That standard prices and measures be used in all places where liquor is sold or served to the public."

#### 8.—Inspectors.

"That failing the setting up of a Central Control Authority to make recommendations regarding improvement of the Licensing Law and to bring about better enforcement, the Government be urged to appoint special inspectors to work under the Minister of Justice, and to report to him monthly on the quality of liquor and on the working of the liquor law generally as provided in the present Act, and to make recommendations for improvements to him."

#### 9.—Food and Non-Intoxicants.

"That wherever liquor is sold for consumption on the premises, food and non-intoxicating beverages should be readily available. In view of the medical evidence that alcohol taken without food is more harmful than with food, it is important that this condition should be fulfilled, and no license should be issued which does not require the licensee to supply on request food and non-intoxicating drinks, including hot drinks at standard rates."

#### 10.—Bars.

"That liquor bars should be open to the street and that the windows should be of clear glass. That there should be only one liquor bar in a hotel and the bar should be on the ground floor."

#### 11.—Hours.

(a) "That there should be no increase in the hours for the sale of liquor and that any alteration in the hours of sale should be subject to a referendum."



(b) "That no liquor be sold for consumption off the premises after one hour before the closing time of the bar."

**12.—Sale by Breweries.**

"That breweries should not be allowed to sell retail."

**13.—Drinking Habits.**

"That the Commission be urged to investigate the possibility of bringing about a change in the drinking habits by requiring some of the premises which at present have inadequate accommodation for the travelling public, to be so re-designed that the bar type of drinking will be changed into the restaurant type of drinking."

**14.—Tied Houses.**

"That the legislation against tied houses should be so amended as to prevent breweries and wholesale wine and spirit merchants from owning, controlling and operating hotels."

**15.—Women Police.**

"That there be appointed a more adequate number of women police whose duties shall include supervision of the conduct of women and girls in hotels and elsewhere."

**16.—Education.**

(a) "That in view of the influence of alcohol on health, both physical and mental, we urge that the teaching of the scientific facts regarding its effects be given more definite attention in the Teachers' Training College course and also in both the primary and post-primary schools."

(b) "That the admirable publicity given by the Health Department to health matters be extended to include much more definite publicity regarding alcohol and its effects upon health."

**17.—Liquor and Maoris.**

(a) "That this Conference express its emphatic opinion that the Government should honour the compact with the Maori people in regard to liquor in the King Country."

(b) "That this Conference commend the Maori leaders in their efforts to promote sobriety among the Maori people; that the Government be urged to reconstitute the Maori Councils where desirable and to increase their powers."

The Temperance Committee in Christchurch is giving consideration to any further proposals which our Church may wish to bring before the Commission, either on its own behalf or through the New Zealand Alliance, as the Inter-Church Conference dealt only with matters on which it was possible to reach unanimity.

In this regard the attention of the Church is drawn to the appeal by the New Zealand Alliance for £5000, which amount, it is estimated, will be necessary in order to employ counsel in the presentation of the case on behalf of the Temperance forces, to the Royal Commission. It is understood that the Liquor Trade has already briefed counsel for the presentation of its own case, and we know, of course, that the Trade has the money to pay for the best service. The New Zealand Alliance is the body through whom the necessary action of employing counsel will need to be undertaken, and as a member of the Alliance, the Methodist Church has an obligation to support it in this urgent matter.

### **Invercargill Trust.**

The experiment of Trust Control in Invercargill in an endeavour to eliminate some of the evils associated with the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor, is one which all interested in Temperance will have watched with interest. It is too early as yet to make a just judgment on the success or otherwise of the enterprise, but there are three matters associated with the experiment to which it is necessary to draw attention.

1. The elimination of the Licensing Committee by which the democratic principle is safeguarded.
2. The suggestion that profits made by the Trust be used to further community activities and interests such as local youth movements, a suggestion which, to say the least, is unwise.
3. The taking over of restaurants to encourage "sit-down" drinking which means drinking as part of a meal, as opposed to bar drinking.

While it may be a real improvement if the smaller hotels in many of the cities and towns which do not provide adequate accommodation and which are little more than "drinking shops," were converted into restaurants where liquor was available as part of a meal, we are strongly opposed to any indiscriminate taking-over of restaurants for the purpose of selling intoxicating liquor.

### **Police Report Figures.**

The Police Report Figures for 1943, dealing with offences against the Licensing Laws, reveal a decline in nearly all charges listed. The only serious increase recorded is with regard to selling or exposing liquor for sale without a license, in which case there was an increase from 225 in 1942 to 403 in 1943. It is difficult to reconcile this decline in offences against the Licensing Act with the increasing consumption of liquor, the Drink-Bill in New Zealand for 1943, having reached the record height of £11,920,155. Since the war started New Zealand had wasted over £50,000,000 on liquor. The Police Report figures need to be considered in the light of the present war situation, when such a large percentage of the Dominion's man-power is out of the country.

The Church must apply itself with even greater vigour to the implementing of the Youth Department's Temperance Programme, with its provision of projectors and Temperance film-strips, if the youth of the Church are to be saved from this great social evil.

### **JUVENILE DELINQUENCY.**

A reasonable and balanced outlook on this subject which has had considerable publicity in recent years, is necessary, especially on the part of church members. The Church's concern with juvenile delinquency is on three grounds:

1. **The incidence of juvenile delinquency** as an index of the standard of conduct of the youth of the community.
2. **The contribution the Church can make** toward reducing the incidence by direct effort of its own organisation and members and by its advocacy of preventive measures by the community generally.
3. **The service which the Church can render to children and young people** who are already delinquent or potentially so.

The following comments are relevant on each of the three points listed above:



1. The annual report of the Child Welfare Superintendent (Education Department) at 31/3/44, which provides the most significant data available, shows an almost negligible increase in the total Children's Court cases for the year—five only in a total of 3,076.

When it is remembered that in the five years of war, there has been an increase of only 123, or an average of 25 per year—less than 1% (the first three years of war showing actually a decrease), we must recognise that, having regard to the operation of unfavourable factors during that period—absence of parents from home and other abnormal conditions—there is much to be thankful for.

At the same time the extent of the problem as shown in the statistics is such as to warrant attention. The total of 3,076 Children's Court cases represents 1.8 per thousand of the total population at 1/4/43. A more significant figure is that based on the number of children in the age group approximately covered by the operation of the Children's Court, namely those 10 years to 16 years inclusive; the estimated total of these at the latest date available—the mean population of 1942—is 168,515, which gives an incidence of 18.3 per thousand. It must also be remembered that the Child Welfare Report does not include the returns of the youthful offender between the ages of 17 and 21 years who appears before the S.M. Court.

2. Before action under this heading can be taken intelligently, the results of properly conducted inquiry into causal factors must be studied. The best inquiries show that always there is multiple causation including factors regarding which the Church must give leadership and be prepared to co-operate with other interested groups within the community.

One English authority states that "one half of the total amount of juvenile delinquency is found in homes that are poor or very poor." Another authority, also English, states that "all later researches are in agreement with this conclusion that the commonest and most disastrous conditions leading to delinquency centre about the family life."

Any contribution, therefore, that the Church can make to better social adjustment and common justice, and to the building of sane intelligent families whose parents are properly educated for their responsibilities, will constitute a valuable preventive approach.

3. The direct helping of delinquent or potentially delinquent children is a difficult task for which a Christian attitude of service alone is insufficient. The diagnosis and re-education of such cases require special personal qualities and considerable equipment of knowledge as well as the warm heart.

Contributions can be made through the intelligent welcoming of such children to club and similar activities, although by no means all of them will ever fit happily into a Church atmosphere. Similarly homes into which such young people can be adjusted profitably are not numerous.

The Church can do a good job by the selection from its personnel of those willing and competent to undertake this task.

It is relevant here to state that experience shows that except in rare cases, the best contribution to this social problem is not made through the provision of institutions such as orphanages, but rather by making available to these children the normal conditions of good individual home life.

Again this year practical steps in the form of Play Centres, Children's Camps, etc., have been taken in Wellington, Christchurch, Hastings, Birkenhead and Wanganui, to cater for the leisure time activity of children, especially in school holidays. In this regard it may be well to repeat the words with which last year's report concluded. "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."

### GENERAL MATTERS.

#### 1. R.C. Literature (Conf. Mins., 1944, p. 84, 11).

It was decided to take no action on this matter as the Committee did not have sufficient information before it.

#### 2. Rehabilitation and Domestic Problems (Conf. Mins., 1944, p. 84, 10, and p. 87 (e)).

The North Canterbury District Executive was asked to give consideration to these important questions with the suggestion that, as the Government appeared to be making provision for nearly all contingencies affecting rehabilitation, the Executive consider, particularly, the reconstruction of post-war Church life in which men and women demobilised from the Armed Services and men released from Detention Camps may play their part.

#### 3. Appeal of L. C. Clements (Conf. Mins., 1944, p. 87 (h).)

Inquiry was made of the Prime Minister as to whether any action had been taken re the petition of L. C. Clements to Parliament in view of the most favourable recommendation given by Parliament for a rehearing of his appeal on Conscientious grounds, over a year ago.

#### 4. Solitary Confinement at Hautu Detention Camp.

The fact that several men in the Hautu Detention Camp, including three members of our Church, had been placed in solitary confinement, in one instance for a period of three months, under more severe conditions than those usually observed in the prisons, without any order by a magistrate or a Justice of the Peace, was brought to the notice of the Prime Minister, with the request for an explanation as to whether such punishment was permitted to be ordered by the Camp Administration, without direction by a magistrate or Justice of the Peace, under the Emergency Regulations.

#### 5. Reply to Returned Services' Association.

The question as to what attitude, if any, the Churches intended taking towards the statement of the R.S.A. with regard to depriving military defaulters of civil rights for 10 years after the war, was raised by the North Canterbury Ministers' Fraternal, and referred by our Committee to the N.Z. Inter-Church Council on Public Affairs for consideration.



## **REPORT OF N.Z. INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS.**

The Council has met regularly during the year and its influence continues to grow. The following matters of national concern have received the attention of the Council this year:—

### **Religious Film Society.**

The work of the Cinema Christian Council has been taken over by an Auckland Inter-Church Committee which has assumed the new name of Religious Film Society, and which is preparing a library of religious films.

### **Appellate Tribunal.**

The Council has repeatedly urged the Government to set up an Appellate Tribunal, similar to that in Great Britain, to rehear the cases of those men whose appeals against military service on grounds of conscience were dismissed, and in one instance, sent a deputation to the Minister of Justice re the matter, but thus far the Government has not complied with the Council's request. The Council, however, is still persisting in the matter.

### **Prison Reform.**

Consideration of this question has had to be postponed until after the war, unless fresh circumstances should warrant its being considered earlier.

### **Effect of Motion Pictures on Children.**

The N.Z. Council of Educational Research was asked to undertake research on this problem, but was unable to do so owing to lack of sufficient trained personnel. The Council has, however, approached the Motion Pictures' Exhibitors' Association to seek their co-operation in relieving the problem.

### **Government Assistance for Devastated Missions.**

As a result of an approach made to the Government by the Council on this matter, word has been received that the U.S.A. authorities are willing that the inhabitants of the Solomon, Gilbert, and Ellice Islands, should come in for their full share of assistance when the time is opportune for discussing the disposal of military installations and facilities.

### **Abortion.**

The Minister of Health met the Council, and after a full discussion of the problem, asked for the co-operation of the Churches in a nation-wide educational programme on the question, to which the Council readily agreed.

### **N.Z. Council of Organisations for International Relief.**

The Inter-Church Council is represented on this recently formed Council, which will work in consultation and co-operation with the Government and U.N.R.R.A.

### **Other Matters.**

The question of the demobilisation of women from the Armed Services and Essential Industry was raised with the Minister for Rehabilitation.

The appointment of suitable Chaplains to Mental Institutions is under consideration.

Amended regulations affecting Theological Students and National Service have been secured from the National Service Department.

The Director of Education has been approached on the necessity for more instruction in Homecraft and Mothercraft in the schools.

The Council has protested strongly against the suggestion of raising Patriotic Funds by means of Art Unions.

Church representation at welcomes to returned servicemen has been secured.

The cases of men given solitary confinement in Hautu Detention Camp have been taken up with the Minister of Justice.

Also questions such as:—Relief for War-stricken Countries, School for Marriage, Tyres for Clergy and Ministers, Mainwaring's Book on Social Studies, Report of the Wanganui Education Board on Juvenile Delinquency, Inquiry into the conditions and working of the Borstal Institutions and Homes for mentally deficient children, Nation-wide Broadcasts on Rehabilitation, National and International Relationships, and the Victory Loan.

W. A. BURLEY, Chairman.

A. K. PETCH, Convener.

## RESOLUTIONS.

### 1.—Bible in Schools.

a. 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.

b. 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 Chairman of North Canterbury District.

c. 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.

d. This Conference notes with approval the close relation that has been maintained between the Bible-in-Schools League and the National Council of Churches in N.Z., and trusts that this co-operation will continue.

e. This Conference received with appreciation the report of the progress made by the Bible-in-Schools League. It, however, cannot fully be satisfied till our Educational System ceases to be secular. It is convinced that both religious worship and teaching are an essential part of any sound system of Education. It further affirms the need to safeguard the freedom of teachers to participate in such instruction, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister, the Minister of Education, the Director of Education, and the Chairmen of the nine Education Boards.

f. That we urge the Bible-in-Schools League in conjunction with the National Council of Churches to press for an alteration in the Education Act, to enable Bible teaching to be given during a school period other than the hours allowed under the Nelson System; such a period to be agreed upon by the headmaster, school committees and the Ministers concerned.

g. That in order to introduce come uniformity into the Nelson System, the Bible-in-Schools League be asked to prepare a comprehensive standard syllabus for use by those giving Bible instruction in schools, and that every effort be made to induce all churches to accept and use same.



h. That Conference express its appreciation of the Federation of School Committees for its action.

i. That Conference requests the Bible-in-Schools League in collaboration with the National Council of Churches to explore ways and means whereby the Christian principles upon which our democratic ways of life are based, may be expounded to the children in the course of their ordinary studies.

## 2.—Temperance.

a. That Conference reaffirms its historic position, as set out in 1942 Minutes, page 79, paragraph 9.

b. That whilst recognising that the findings of the Inter-Church Conference on the Royal Commission to enquire into the Licensing Laws do not give all that we desire, Conference approves such findings with the exception of rec. 10—"Bars," as embodying practical proposals.

c. That Conference approves of the method of presenting such findings for submission to the Royal Commission on the Licensing Laws.

d. That Conference re-affirms its support of the N.Z. Alliance and commends to Quarterly Meetings participation in the N.Z. Alliance special appeal for £5000.

e. That Conference urges the re-introduction of the Local Option issue in the Licensing Poll in all electorates and refers the matter to the special Temperance Committee for inclusion in the proposals to be placed before the Royal Commission.

f. That while it is too early to pronounce judgment on the Invercargill Liquor Trust experiment, Conference is concerned at the infringement of the democratic principles involved in the elimination of the Licensing Committees. It recommends the re-introduction of Licensing Committees which shall have fuller control of all licensed premises.

g. That Conference urges the Church to give special support to the Youth Department's campaign of temperance education in order to facilitate the publication of further propaganda, particularly among adolescents.

h. That Conference directs that in every Circuit and H.M. Station some positive action be taken during the coming year in connection with the campaign against alcoholic liquor and that Circuits be asked to bear this question in mind in their own plans for rehabilitation and in any contribution they or their members may make to rehabilitation plans.

i. That Conference collaborate with other churches and the N.Z. Alliance to wait upon the Government by Deputation concerning the frequent abuses of the law in the proclaimed area of the King Country, and to stress again the necessity of the strict enforcement of liquor laws in respect of the C.O.D. system, Sly-grogging and Home-brewing.

j. That this Synod urges that hotels be closed on the day of celebration at the cessation of hostilities in Europe, that in the hour of victory our gratitude be expressed in sober mood.

k. That the congratulations of Conference be extended to Rev. W. A. Burley on his election as President of the N.Z. Alliance.

### 3.—Juvenile Delinquency.

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

### 4.—Peace Conference.

That Conference 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 the National Council of Churches to give earnest consideration to the need for the World Council of Churches 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, Conference calls attention to the fact that "Freedom of Religion" is one of the Four Freedoms of the proposed New Order.

### 5.—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 improvement by a more Christian approach to the treatment of men, women and young people who come into conflict with the law.

### 6.—Post-War Problems.

That Conference urges 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, both now, and in the post-war period.

### 7.—Solitary Confinement.

That in the matter of solitary confinement in Detention Camps the Conference strongly urges the Government to gazette regulations similar to prison regulations setting out the penalties for breaches of discipline, and their imposition on the direction of a magistrate or visiting Justice.

### 8.—National Council of Churches.

a. That this Conference agrees to the proposed change in Constitution of the National Council of Churches in New Zealand as follows:—

- (1) Section V. Council, to read after the words "as follows":—"Church of England 9, Presbyterian 6, Methodist 4, Baptist 3, Associated Churches of Christ 2, Congregational 2, Salvation Army 2, Society of Friends 2."
- (2) "While the appointment of members is at the sole discretion of the respective ecclesiastical authorities, it is desirable that a due proportion of that local representation should consist of laymen and women."



- (3) Section VIII. to read after "in the following proportions."—  
"Church of England £75, Presbyterian £60, Methodist £26, Baptist £13, Associated Churches of Christ £10, Congregational Church £10, Salvation Army £10, Society of Friends £10."

b. That in all of our Churches a retiring collection shall 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 the following be the representatives to the Conference on Christian Order in New Zealand: The President of the Conference, the Vice-President, the Secretary of the Conference, Mrs. H. Nicolson, Revs. R. Dudley, G. I. Laurenson, with Mr. N. R. Seddon and Revs. E. W. Hames and D. O. Williams as substitutes.

d. That in accordance with the National Council of Churches in New Zealand the first Sunday in October be observed as World Communion Sunday.

e. That a committee which shall report annually to Synods and Conference on the business relating to the National Council of Churches in New Zealand shall be set up, and that such committee shall be the representatives on the National Council of Churches in N.Z. Committee for 1945:—Revs. W. A. Burley, M.A., M. A. Rugby Pratt, R. Thornley, M.A., with the Rev. R. Dudley, M.A., as alternative representative.

f. Appeal for £25,000.—That Conference expresses sympathy with the appeal and that our people be given an opportunity to contribute.

g. That the Methodist Church of New Zealand be affiliated with the World Council of Churches.

#### 9.—Gambling.

a. That Conference, being concerned to uphold the standards of Christian faith and conduct in relation to the life of the community, draws attention to the grave situation arising from the growth of gambling practices in this country. It believes that gambling is contrary to the fundamental principles of the Christian faith and calls upon our people to oppose such with unceasing vigilance.

b. That we protest against any action which would result in legalising the bookmaker.

#### 10.—Sunday Observance.

That Conference re-affirm the resolution in the Minutes of Conference, 1940, p. 83.

#### 11.—The Late Archbishop Temple.

That Conference places on record its deep regret at the untimely death of the late Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. William Temple, and expresses the deep gratitude of the Methodist Church of New Zealand for his distinguished service, rendered to the entire Christian world, as an evangelical preacher of social righteousness, theologian, and servant of the Ecumenical Movement.

#### 12.—Immigration.

That the matter of immigration be referred to the Public Questions Committee for consideration during 1945.

#### 13.—R.C. Literature.

That the Public Questions Committee be requested to seek further information on this question and report fully to the Conference of 1946.

#### 14.—Rehabilitation.

a. That the attention of Quarterly Meetings be drawn to the suggestions and directions as printed in the Minutes of Conference, 1943, page 66 ff., sections 1-9.

b. That the Quarterly Meetings be asked to draw the attention of Men's Fellowships and women's groups to the desirability of assisting in the work of rehabilitating young men and young women from the Armed Services and Detention Camps.

#### 15.—Standing Resolutions.

That while Conference recognises the value of the Standing Resolutions suggested by the Public Questions Committee, in view of the fact that resolutions of the Conference become laws of the Church, it refers them back to the Committee for presentation to forthcoming Synods and Conference in the form of Statements for the information and guidance of Church members.

#### 16.—N.Z. Inter-Church Council on Public Affairs.

That Methodist representatives on the New Zealand Inter-Church Council on Public Affairs be Revs. W. A. Burley, M.A., A. K. Petch, B.A., A. B. Cochran, M.A.

#### 17.—War Sufferers.

This Conference of the Methodist Church, having regard to the appalling suffering, sacrifice and loss, entailed in the present world war, prays that in the good Providence of God it may soon terminate in a just and righteous peace. Remembering the numerous homes and hearts in our land involved in the tragic struggle, we pledge ourselves to gird the people of our Dominion with our heartfelt prayers. Conference sends loving greetings to all Methodist personnel serving overseas and at home, and to those who for conscience sake are in Detention Camps, and assures them of the Church's constant interest in their welfare and wellbeing. It is deeply conscious of the increasing anxiety and strain imposed upon their loved ones at home and conveys to them sincerest sympathy, especially to those who have suffered bereavement.

#### 18.—Films.

a. In order that a larger measure of protection from the harmful effects of unsuitable motion picture programmes may be afforded the children of this Dominion, this Conference strongly urges upon the Government that a stricter censorship of films passed for Universal Exhibition be established.

b. That children under 16 years of age be admitted only to theatres where picture programmes are composed only of films marked for "Universal Exhibition."

c. That the responsibility for the observance of this regulation rest upon the managements of the motion picture theatres.

d. That these resolutions be forwarded to the Prime Minister and the Minister for Internal Affairs, and that they be referred to the Public Questions Committee.

#### 19.—Public Questions Committee.

That the members of the Public Questions Committee for 1945 be:—Revs. W. A. Burley, M.A., E. O. Blamires, J. D. McArthur, A. O. Harris, A. K. Petch (convener), C. P. Lucas, W. Morrison, Mrs. H. J. Steptoe, Misses A. Firth and A. Cottingham, Messrs. A. B. Cochran, M.A., C. H. Hain, A. C. Barrington, J. V. Burton, M.A., Cyril Burton, and G. E. Rushworth.



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.

Onehunga (Waitangi Road)—1 rood .09 perches, £300.

Te Kopuru—1 rood, £20.

Whangarei—1 acre 10.5 perches, £435.

Tomarata—1 rood.

Kohukohu—24.3 perches and 4 acres 2 roods 23 perches, £600.

Palmerston North—2 roods, £250.

Raumati South—Section, Renown Road, Gift.

Geraldine—1 rood and dwelling, £1000.

Company Bay—2 roods 29.9 perches, £300.

Waitati—1 rood 2 perches, £80.

2.—Erections and Additions.

Mount Roskill—Sunday School, £125 to date.

Takapuna—Garage and shed, £116; debt £100.

Tomarata—Building from Kaihu, £206; debt £22.

Morrinsville—Removal of and additions to church, £879. No debt.

Hamilton East—New vestries, £575.

Gonville—Outbuildings, £82.

Palmerston North—Brightwater Terrace building, £93.

Cambridge Terrace—Additions to parsonage, £365. No debt.

Riccarton—Class rooms, £219. No debt.

Sockburn—Additions. No debt.

Company Bay—Shelter at gate, £370. No debt.

Maori Hill—School, £1350. Debt £700.

3.—Sales and Extended Leases.

Kaihu—Church sold for removal.

Whangarei—Parsonage sold, £1700. Proceeds for new parsonage.

Stratford—(a) 1 rood, £115. Proceeds to be held in trust by G.P.T. Board. (b) Lease of half shop, £104 per annum.

Kaponga—Parsonage property, £700. Proceeds with G.P.T. Board.

Gisborne—1 rood sold £200. Proceeds to be held in trust by G.P.T. Board.

Brooklyn—Dwelling in Bruce Avenue, £950. Proceeds to liquidate debt on Washington Avenue parsonage.

Leeston—35 perches, £75. Proceeds for parsonage fund.

Geraldine—1 acre 1 rood 35 perches, £450. Proceeds for new parsonage.

Leith Street (Dunedin)—Leasehold dwelling, £950. Proceeds repayment of loan.

Maori Hill—Strip for street widening £250. Proceeds for building fund.

#### 4.—Circuit Accounts. RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Credit Balance from last year—General Account ....	17,140	11	6
Balance from last year held for Special Purposes ....	54,845	11	10
Loans from Church Building and Loan Fund ....	3,878	10	9
Loans from Other Sources ....	8,533	2	3
All other Receipts ....	103,857	17	6
<b>Total Receipts</b> ....	<b>188,255</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Debit Balances</b> ....	<b>6,183</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Total</b> ....	<b>£194,439</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>

#### EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Debit Balance from last year ....	13,754	3	7
Loan Fund Instalments ....	5,002	9	8
Other Loans Repaid ....	19,579	6	5
Interest on Loans and on Bank Overdraft ....	3,904	4	0
Purchase of Land, Erection or Additions to Buildings	10,007	3	8
Rents, Rates, Cleaning, Lighting, Repairs, etc. ....	43,819	15	10
<b>Total Expenditure</b> ....	<b>96,067</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Credit Balances</b> ....	<b>14,354</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Balances held for Special Purposes</b> ....	<b>84,017</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Total</b> ....	<b>£194,439</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>

#### 5.—Statement of Debt.

	£	s.	d.
Mortgage Debt at end of previous year ....	113,409	14	7
Add New Loans received during year ....	12,085	14	2
<b>Total</b> ....	<b>125,495</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
Deduct Loans repaid during year ....	25,653	10	1
<b>Amount of Mortgage Debt at end of year</b> ....	<b>£99,841</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Unpaid General Accounts</b> ....	<b>£1,600</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Unpaid Interest</b> ....	<b>£130</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>

#### 6.—Fire Insurance.

Total of Fire Insurances reported ....	£816,212	15	10
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#### 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 Road, Hamilton.  
 Taranaki-Wanganui—Mr. G. H. White, 329 Devon St. W., New Plym.  
 Hawkes 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 Street, 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. J. McIndoe, 17 James St., Dunedin, N.E.1.



## 8.—General.

Very gratifying results are shown in the General Property Returns. The total receipts exceed those of the previous year by £43,805. The total expenditure has increased by £9598. The debit balances show the substantial reduction of £7708. The credit balances show a decline of £2386. The moneys held for special purposes aggregate £84,017. This shows a remarkable increase of £28,826 over last year. A large proportion of the money held for special purposes will be drawn upon as soon as current restrictions upon building enterprises are lifted. It is pleasing to report that the amount of mortgage debt has been reduced by the substantial sum of £34,598.

The District Secretaries have placed the Connexion under deep obligation by their devoted and capable service. All are nominated for re-appointment excepting Mr. G. S. Gapper who has so well served the Otago-Southland District. Mr. J. McIndoe returns to the office for that District.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT,

General Secretary for Church Property.

Christchurch,

21st December, 1944.

## 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 the Home Mission Stations be sent to the Chairman of the District not later than October 31st, and after due scrutiny, be 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 1944.

The audited financial statements show the position of the Fund as at 30th September. The amount received in repayment of loans has been £5051/7/3. New loans have been advanced totalling £4268/18/9. Loans now current amount to £19,857/14/-. Several loans were fully repaid well in advance of the period for which they had been granted. This has enabled the Committee to assist other needy trusts. Building restrictions limit the number of new enterprises and money has thus been available to assist many trusts in freeing themselves of interest-bearing debt.

From the Sites Fund five grants were made totalling £250. Various trusts have been encouraged to acquire sites for extension work in the new housing areas.

The Committee has in several cases insisted on improved standards for church buildings. It has also given consideration to matters arising from the proposals of the Home Mission Investment Board to advance special loans for extension work. Proposals of the Auckland District Youth Council to acquire permanent camp sites at Henderson and at Maraetai have also been under review. The proposed Constitution for the Rangiatea Maori Girls' College has been examined and various recommendations have been made. Consent has been given for a renewal of the Grey Institute Trust leases for a further period of 21 years as from 1st December, 1944.

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

The following are nominated as the Committee for next Connexional year:—The Connexional Secretary, the Chairman of the North Canterbury District, the Superintendents of the Durham Street, Christchurch East, Cambridge Terrace, Addington and Papanui circuits, Revs. E. Drake and C. O. Hailwood, 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.

The Committee has given its sanction for the sale of the properties listed below, but the sanction will lapse if not acted upon by 31st March, 1946.

### SALES.

**Birkdale**—Building for removal. £150, on special terms.

**Penrose**—Section £250. Of proceeds £100 may be applied for a new site in Waitangi Road; the balance to be lodged with the G.P.T. Board for capital expenditure in Onehunga circuit.

**Kaihu**—Sale of Church £150, for removal to Tomarata. Proceeds for Dargaville parsonage debt reduction.

**Whangarei**—Parsonage £1700. Proceeds for new parsonage.

**Thames**—Parsonage £650. Proceeds to G.P.T. Board pending building operations.

**Normanby**—1 rood 24 perches £92. Proceeds capital expenditure at Hawera.

**Kaponga**—Parsonage £700. Proceeds to G.P.T. Board in trust for developmental work at Kaponga.



**Stratford**—Section £115. Proceeds to G.P.T. Board in trust for capital expenditure in circuit.

**Gisborne**—(a) Carnarvon Street section £150, proceeds for parsonage reconstruction. (b) Awapuni Road property £200. Proceeds to G.P.T. Board for approved developmental work. Title to be given when payment is completed.

**Richmond (Nelson)**—Old parsonage £500. Proceeds for new parsonage.

**Hawarden**—Parsonage for sale by auction. Proceeds to G.P.T. Board in trust for a future parsonage for which land is to be reserved.

**Geraldine**—Parsonage £450. Proceeds for new parsonage.

**Dundas Street**—(a) Leith Street Parsonage £950. (b) Dundas Street dwelling £850, with right-of-way reserved. Proceeds for debt reduction and for new parsonage.

**Maori Hill**—Dedication of small area for street widening. Dunedin City Council to pay £450 with costs of survey and transfer, and to erect concrete retaining wall.

**Abbotsford**—Dedication of corner for street widening.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

J. H. ALLEN, Chairman.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Secretary.

Christchurch,

20th October, 1944.

## RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the report, 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.

N.B.—The sanction mentioned above will lapse if not acted upon by 31st March, 1946.

3. That the District Property Advisory Committees be as named, together with the District Property Secretaries and the Chairmen of Districts as members ex-officio, the District Chairmen to be conveners:  
**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 and Messrs. E. J. Davey and W. G. Young.

**Taranaki-Wanganui**—The Fitzroy minister and Mr. M. Barnitt.

**Hawkes Bay-Manawatu**—The St. Paul's minister and Mr. C. V. Woodfield.

**Wellington**—The Synod Secretary, Rev. J. D. McArthur, and Mr. C. H. Hain.

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

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

**Otago-Southland**—Revs. L. B. Neale, A. E. Jefferson, and Messrs. C. F. Roberts and A. S. Froggatt.

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

During the year 26 new deeds have been lodged for safe custody. Ninety-one trusts have revised their registrations involving the removal of 394 trustees from and the entry of 467 new trustees in the Register. Many legal matters affecting the sale and acquirement of land have been attended to, and contracts have been maintained with various State Departments. Assistance and advice on property matters have been given to trustees and to many solicitors.

**M. A. RUGBY PRATT,**

Custodian of Deeds and Authorised Representative.

Christchurch,

20th October, 1944.

## **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 1945-46.
3. That the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt be appointed Custodian of Deeds for the ensuing year.
4. That it be a direction to all trusts and circuits to deposit their records wherever possible with the Custodian of Deeds.

**QUESTION XXXVII.—What is the Condition of the various Mission Educational and General Connexional Properties and Investments?**

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

The Board has pleasure in reporting upon a comparatively satisfactory year.

The Income has advanced £103, and the expenses for the year were much lower due to the fact that extensive renovations were carried out to the shop's properties in previous years. We would point out that renovations and repairs are due to Probert Buildings, Queen Street, and that no amount is allowed in the accounts for depreciation.

The sum of £300 was contributed to Trinity College, and the fund established last year for mortgage reduction is now £800.

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

**JAS. TYLER, Chairman.**

That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

## **2.—PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE.**

**Report for Year Ending 30th September, 1944.**

Carrying out the directions of the last Conference, the Trustees have considered the question of a forward move in the Education Policy of our Church. Representatives of the Trust are to confer with representatives of Wesley College Board, and a progress report on the



deliberations and recommendations will be made in due course. The Trustees emphasise the need of careful planning without delay, and envisage the possibility of securing the property before the lease expires in 1957. In the meantime, funds are being steadily conserved as indicated in the Financial Statement.

Conference learns with pleasure of the possibility of negotiating the termination of the lease of the Prince Albert College property earlier than twelve years hence, and in view of the importance of trained Christian leadership in the post-war years, urges the Board to take all reasonable steps to secure possession of the property for Methodist educational purposes at the earliest possible date.

Resolved: That the Report be received and adopted.

### **3.—THE JAMES AND MARTHA TROUNSON BENEVOLENT FUND TRUST BOARD. REPORT FOR 1944.**

For office convenience the date of closing the year's accounts has been changed from December to October, therefore the Balance Sheet is for only ten months' working.

The Statement of Income and Expenditure shows that £179/16/6 has been distributed. The present annual income owing to reduced rates of interest is now only £328. The sum of £100 has been set aside for grants which the Board considers will be much needed after the war. The value of our inscribed stock is £11,400.

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

H. RANSTON, Chairman.

A. E. ROGERS, Secretary.

Resolved: That the Report be received and adopted.

### **4.—THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARIT- ABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS.**

#### **ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1944.**

We have pleasure in presenting to the Conference the Annual Report and Balance Sheet of the Board for the year ended 31st December, 1944.

**Masterton Committee.** The Board acknowledges with gratitude the services of the Masterton Committee and Staff, and of Dr. Prior (Honorary Physician) in the interests of the children in the Masterton Home. The Committee has reported separately to the Conference and the recommendations contained in that report are endorsed by the Wellington Board.

During the year bequests to the Home have totalled £381/3/8, and this amount brings the capital of the Home to £8,441/10/-.

**Rangiatea Maori College.** With the appointment of a Board of Governors of the Rangiatea Maori College, the Wellington Board has ceased to be primarily responsible for the founding of the College, but an undiminished interest in the project is maintained. The usual annual grant of £400 to the interim school has been maintained, and the Board has pledged its support to the permanent College, and trusts that the improvement in the war situation may permit of a start being made with the permanent buildings at an early date.

**Financial:** Net revenue for the year amounted to £1,272/16/6, which, after providing for the maintenance of the Masterton Home and grants to Rangiatea Maori Girls' Interim College, left an excess of income of £332/4/10, to be transferred to Capital Account, which now stands at £43,376/8/3.

**General.** The Board records with regret the resignation of Mr. A. H. Daniell, a Masterton representative, and recommends the Conference to appoint Mr. Geo. F. Whitlock in his place.

The Board recommends to the Conference that Messrs. Bertram O. Stokes and Geo. C. Burton be appointed as additional trustees, and that the Rev. W. A. Burley be appointed Chairman for the ensuing year.

W. A. BURLEY, Chairman.  
J. A. KELLOW, Secretary.

Resolved: That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.

**5.—EMSLEY 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.

Resolution: Conference expresses the desirability of the Trustees of the Martin Bros. Memorial Rest Home and the North Island Rest House holding mutual discussions with a view to finding means whereby they may jointly fulfil the original terms of their trust.

**7.—NORTH ISLAND REST HOUSE.**

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

**8.—THOMAS EVE TRUST (ASHBURTON).**

Resolved:

1. That the Financial Statement be received and adopted.
2. That the Law Book Revision Committee be requested to investigate the terms and provisions of the will of Thomas Eve and the relative Deed of Trust and report to next Conference.

**9.—ROBERT GIBSON TRUST.**

**10.—THE CAUGHEY SMITH PRESTON EVANGELISATION FUND.**

Resolved: That the Report of the Trustees be received.

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

**REPORT OF THE BOARD, 1944.**

The position of the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund is fully disclosed in the audited financial statements for the year ended 31st October. The income from all sources was £3619/15/4. The Accumulated Fund still stands at £32,500. The Fire Loss Reserve Account amounts to £4565. The Investment Contingency Reserve Account shows a balance of £821/17/10 and a sum of £100 is held as a Natural



Calamities Reserve Appropriation which may be drawn upon and administered by the Board when the conditions approved by Conference regarding contributions from other sources are fulfilled.

During the year there has been a substantial reduction in the premiums charged on certain classes of risk. This represents a saving to the trustees and a corresponding reduction in the revenue of the Fund.

The contract with our re-insurance Company has been renewed for a further term but on the basis of conditions created by recent State action. "The Earthquake and War Damage Insurance Act" recently placed upon the Statute Book extended the War Damage Act of 1941 to include earthquake damage. Under the new Act properties that are insured against fire are automatically insured against earthquake and war damage in consideration of a premium of 1/- per cent. as from 1st March, 1944. This premium is payable to the State through the public Company with which we transact our insurance business. The State undertakes to cover war damage and all earthquake damage including fire caused by earthquake. It was not found practicable by the Government to include in the cover damage caused by flood, hurricane or similar calamities.

The new relationship with the State scheme created the necessity for re-arrangement in regard to our re-insurance business. This re-arrangement involved the advance payment in bulk of all premiums chargeable. The effect of this and other changes is that for this year there is some reduction in the amount available for grants to several Connexional funds, departments and institutions. The reduction happily does not apply to ordinary grants but only to those of a special nature. It is anticipated that next year the distribution will be on the more generous scale that has recently obtained despite the steady reduction in premium rates.

The divisible surplus is £890/6/6, from which the Board recommends the following appropriations:—

	£
Home Acquisition Fund	335
Foreign Mission Fund	100
Home Mission Fund	100
Deaconess House	30
Supernumerary Benevolent Fund	25
Church Sites Fund	75
Youth Department	50
"Methodist Times"	150
H.M. Removal Expenses	25
Total	£890

Some requests have reached the Board for grants to individual trusts and an enquiry has come as to whether loans could be advanced to Church trusts. Such purposes, however, are outside the scope of the regulations governing the administration of the Fund.

In view of the marked increase in the value of buildings and other property it is clear that many of our Church risks are considerably under-insured. Trustees are strongly urged to review the amount of their cover and to protect themselves against fire loss up to the present value, which, however, is not necessarily either the original or the replacement value of their property.

The Board greatly regrets that Colonel G. J. Smith has asked to be relieved of the office of lay treasurer that he has so long filled with notable success. The steady expansion and the strength of the Fund to-day are due to the fostering care of Colonel Smith more than to any other layman who has been connected with the Fund. In 1894 when he was a member for Christchurch in the House of Representatives he was appointed to the Committee which explored the possibility of the Church arranging its own insurances. He was a member of the Committee which, in 1898, formulated the scheme that induced the Conference to take effective action. In 1899 he became a member of the first Committee of Management. Some years later he retired by rota, but in 1918 he rejoined the Board and became its lay treasurer. In that office he succeeded the late Mr. C. E. Salter who took up the position in 1904 following upon the death of Mr. William Harris, who was the first lay treasurer of the Fund. Colonel Smith, who was associated with the Prohibition Movement in its early and stormy days, and who has a long record of public service in military circles, in University administration, and as a member of both Houses of Parliament, has never allowed other claims to lessen his interest in the Connexional Insurance Department. He has watched its activities and guarded its investments with scrupulous care. It is largely due to his careful oversight of the financial operations of the Department during the twenty-six years he has occupied the office of lay treasurer that the Fund has never lost one penny of its invested capital or of its interest earnings. It is gratifying that Colonel Smith will still retain his membership of the Board.

The following are nominated as the Board of Management for the next Connexional year: The Connexional Secretary (ex officio), Revs. E. Drake, R. Dudley, C. R. Taylor, Messrs. E. R. Caygill (lay treasurer), C. H. Perkins, Allen A. Dingwall, and W. H. Price.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

EDWARD DRAKE, Chairman.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Secretary.

Christchurch.

18th December, 1944.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report, Revenue Account and Balance Sheet be adopted and printed in the Minutes.
2. That in all cases 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.
3. That the Conference tenders to Colonel G. J. Smith its hearty thanks for half a century of service devoted to the welfare of the Connexional Fire Insurance Department, and puts on record its warm appreciation of his service as lay treasurer for 27 years. It cordially extends to him its good wishes for the days to come.
4. That Conference welcomes Mr. E. R. Caygill to the office of lay treasurer of the Fire Insurance Fund.
5. **National Calamity Fund.**—That the Fire Insurance Fund Board pursue inquiries and negotiations during the year with a view to the implementation of earlier resolutions of Conference re the establishment of a National Calamities Fund, and that they be empowered to consider any other alternative methods of constituting such a Fund and report to next Synods and Conference.



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

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE, 1944.**

The work of the Connexional Office during the past year has been considerably interrupted and its volume and difficulty proportionately increased by the many repercussive effects of the National Emergency which necessitated the abandonment of the Annual Conference planned for Dunedin last February and by the subsequent substitution by Order in Council of the Emergency Executive Committee which met in Auckland at the end of April when the Connexional year was already well advanced.

Some part of the work of the Office is briefly summarised in the reports of the various departments administered. These reports and the various financial statements that accompany them should be studied in detail.

The financial year ends with a credit balance of £23/17/3. The Committee asks for the same appropriations as were voted last year, 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 Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt is now completing his eighteenth year of service as Connexional Secretary, and the Committee unanimously desired his re-appointment for a further full term. However, Mr. Pratt, who a year ago notified the Committee that it would soon need to consider the selection and nomination of his successor, has taken the initiative by intimating that he will limit his term of re-appointment to three years from the commencement of next Connexional year. The Committee is therefore making its recommendations in harmony with the desires of Mr. Pratt and will have full time to consider the matter of a successor.

The Committee again places on record its appreciation of the services rendered by the Connexional Secretary who has met the demands of a very heavy year with his customary efficiency and zeal for the welfare of the Church. The office staff has also rendered splendid service.

The following are nominated as the Committee for next Connexional year:—The Chairman of the District, the Connexional Secretary, the Superintendent ministers of Durham Street, Cambridge Terrace 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.

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

Christchurch, 21st December, 1944.

**RESOLUTIONS.**

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

2. That the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt be re-appointed Connexional Secretary, and that, at his own request, such re-appointment be limited to a term of three years from 1st April, 1945.

3. That the Committee consider the matter of a successor to Mr. Pratt with a view to submitting a nomination or nominations to the Conference of 1947, and that the Committee be requested to forward its intention to nominate to the Synods of 1946.

4. Conference places on record its appreciation of the services rendered by the Connexional Secretary who has met the demands of a very heavy year with customary efficiency and zeal for the welfare of the Church.

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

### **TRINITY THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.**

#### **A.—REPORT OF ACTING-PRINCIPAL.**

The College roll for the year was reduced to nine men (including two Congregationalists) in residence, and one non-resident student. Under these circumstances some aspects of our corporate life must suffer, but there are compensations in the greater intimacy possible to a smaller group. Mr. L. W. Allen, a Congregationalist, was appointed Senior Student, and he gave a firm and sensible lead throughout the year. Domestic affairs have run smoothly and the health of the men has been uniformly good. In view of the shortage of Agents throughout the Province, the men have willingly accepted heavy responsibilities for preaching and other duties at the week-end in places as far apart as Ngaruawahia and Wellsford, and have fulfilled Vacation Supply Ministries with gret acceptance.

The lamented death of the Rev. E. S. Emmitt during the course of the academic year deprived us of our Homiletics Tutor, as well as taking from us a genial and beloved colleague. The year's work in Homiletics and Sermon Criticism was completed by the Acting-Principal, who also taught Systematic Theology (Sin, Person and Work of Christ), Junior N.T. Greek, and Intermediate N.T. Greek (each two hours weekly), and Christian Ethics, Pastoral Theology, Junior Religious Education and O.T. Introduction and Exegesis (each one hour weekly). Dr. Ranston continues to teach a number of important subjects, and without his help we could not maintain the standard of teaching in the College, with only half a resident staff. He has taken the Senior Greek class, the O.T. Theology, and N.T. Introduction, Exegesis and Theology (the Gospels), a total of six hours weekly. Mr. W. E. Burley, B.A., has met the English class twice weekly, and Mr. J. W. Bailey attends on Saturday mornings for Elocution and Voice Production. We have no brilliant students but our men are all working hard and making satisfactory progress.

For some years past through College Sunday and other means your Acting-Principal, in collaboration with the Secretary of the Board of Examiners, has been striving to stimulate the interest of the Church in the provision of its future ministry. We are glad to report a most encouraging response. From many different Circuits reports come, directly or indirectly, which tell of young men who are turning their minds towards the Ministry as a life work, and this response is full of promise for the years immediately following the war. But our concern must be for the whole of our training, as well as for the provision of Candidates. Between 1919 and 1939 the Methodist Church in this country built a worthy home for its College, and extended its curriculum on a basis of sound Biblical scholarship. But much remains to be done if we are to keep pace with the rising educational standards of the age. During the year, under the auspices of the National Council of Churches, representatives of the Theological Colleges have been in consultation with each other and with the Academic Board of the University with regard to the proposed degrees in Divinity, and in these negotiations your Acting-Principal has taken a full share. If



the proposals are accepted by the Senate and by the Government, they must greatly influence theological training in this country. Methodism is not likely to tolerate a ministry in which traditional tests of gifts, grace and gumption are subordinated to mere academic distinction; but where we discern such gifts and promise in a young man we must not grudge money or trouble given to his training. In particular the Church must insist upon a higher standard of general education in men commencing their theological course, and consideration should be given to the practicability, when conditions become normal, or arranging a year of preliminary training for less privileged students.

E. W. HAMES, Acting-Principal.

## B.—REPORT OF TRINITY COLLEGE COUNCIL.

The Council met regularly during the year and the various Committees set up by the Council have given careful attention to the details of the control of the property and the welfare of the staff and students.

**The Property.** The College building is still held by the Auckland Hospital Board under the terms of the lease, and will not be returned to us before the end of 1945 at the earliest.

The Property Committee inspects the building at regular intervals, to assure that no deterioration takes place.

The Council, in conjunction with the Church Trustees, has renovated the Collegiate Church and its surroundings.

**Training of Students.** The Council expresses deep satisfaction at the general tone of College life. The students have co-operated wholeheartedly with the Acting-Principal and staff to obtain the best results of their studies and, even under somewhat restricted conditions, have been most successful.

**The Staff.** The only change in the staff is that the Acting-Principal has taken over the work of the late Rev. E. S. Emmitt.

**Obituary.** Since our last report, death has removed two of our members, Revs. G. Frost and E. S. Emmitt, M.C. Both of these members served us well for a large number of years, and the Council has placed on record its appreciation of their services.

**Thanks.** The College has been splendidly served by the Acting-Principal, Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A., and the Council places on record its deep appreciation of his devotion and ability, and also acknowledges its debt to Mrs. Hames, whose contribution to the life and work of the College is beyond all praise.

Associated with Mr. Hames are Rev. Dr. H. Ranston, M.A., and Messrs. W. E. Burley, B.A., and J. W. Bailey, each of whom is rendering outstanding service to the training of our future ministers.

**Former Hostel Residents.** During the past year an attempt has been made to establish contact with former Hostel residents, and especially with those serving with the Forces overseas. There are approximately 170 names on our books and the College is in contact with the greater number of these men. About four-fifths of them are directly involved in the war effort. The Council has arranged for news of mutual interest to be circulated among the men overseas. It is hoped that it may be possible to maintain some permanent association when the war is over.

**Staffing for 1945.** The Council recommends: That Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A., be appointed Principal of Trinity Theological College by the Conference of 1945. The following are reasons which guided the Council in making this recommendation:—

1. Rev. E. W. Hames is 47 years of age and is thus in the middle period of his ministry. He has served for 22 years in the ministry, 16 years in Circuit work and 6 years in the College.

2. His academic qualifications reveal that in obtaining the B.A. Degree he gained first class passes in six subjects and second class passes in two subjects.

In the M.A. degree he obtained first class honours in History. He has passed all subjects, except Hebrew, in the B.D. Degree, Melbourne University. At present he is preparing to complete the B.D. Degree.

3. He has revealed both foresight and insight in the post-war necessities of Ministerial Training.

4. Mr. Hames has taken his full share along with the representatives of other Theological Colleges, in the endeavour to establish the B.D. Degree in the New Zealand University, and in the preparation of the course for the same. Should this be accepted, and Trinity College be affiliated thereto, he has the competence both to teach and to conduct the necessary examinations on behalf of the University.

5. His special interest lies in Methodist Theology in so far as there is action and reaction in Neo-Calvinism.

6. During the four years in which he has been Acting-Principal, he has carried out his duties with marked efficiency, and has won the confidence and the affection of the Students.

(2) The Council recommends: That the present Tutors be re-appointed for 1945.

**Gifts to Trinity College.** Our best thanks are extended to the following for gifts to the College Library and Museum: Messrs. R. Hames, E. Woodcock, James Pascoe, Percy Dellow and John Astley. The Pitt St. Church Trustees, Mesdames W. Ambury and E. J. Gatland, and Revs. M. A. Rugby Pratt, J. H. Bailey, W. A. Sinclair and W. J. Elliott.

The Council acknowledges with thanks a further instalment of the Paris Franciscan Collection, the gift of the Taranaki Street congregation.

#### **Rehabilitation Fund.**

The Council instructed the House and Property Committees to investigate the probable expenditure necessary to rehabilitate the College and replace furnishings, etc., when the building is handed back by the Auckland Hospital Board.

As a result of these investigations, the Council has decided to establish a Rehabilitation Fund of £4,500, being £2,000 for renovations to the property and £2,500 for furnishings and replacements to the College buildings and two residences. This is a conservative estimate of what will be required.

#### **Council for 1945.**

The following are recommended to Conference as Council for 1945:—Revs. E. W. Hames, M.A., Dr. C. H. Laws, B.A. (Fellow of Trinity College), Dr. H. Ranston, M.A. (Fellow of Trinity College), H. E. Bellhouse, W. Walker, A. H. Scrivin, G. I. Laurenson, A. E. Orr, E. T. Olds, C. B. Jordan, M.A., B.D., J. H. Bailey, H. L.



Fiebig, B.A., Walter Parker, H. C. Matthews, B.A., and Wesley Parker, M.A.; Messrs. J. W. Shackelford, F. M. Winstone, Jas. Tyler, 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, W. E. Burley and W. Robson.

#### Officers.

Chairman, Mr. C. K. Wigglesworth; Vice-Chairman, Rev. Dr. Ranson, M.A.; Treasurer, Mr. F. M. Winstone; Secretary, Rev. J. H. Bailey.

E. T. OLDS, Chairman.

C. K. WIGGLESWORTH, Vice-Chairman.

J. F. JACK, Secretary.

#### C.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

##### For the Year Ended 31st October, 1944.

(1) In presenting to Conference the Annual Accounts of the Trinity Methodist Theological College I have much pleasure in reporting a very satisfactory position of the College Finances.

(2) As will be seen by the Financial Statement the sum of £2000 has been transferred to the Rehabilitation Fund Account from the General Account, made possible by the receipt of £2310 rent of the College buildings paid by the Auckland Hospital Board. The lease to the Hospital Board expired last year, but it has now been renewed to the 31st December, 1945, at the same rental.

(3) I would again reiterate the statement which appeared in my report last year that it is probable the whole of the Rehabilitation Fund will be needed for heavy property maintenance and restitution of the buildings and post-war improvements to the College grounds.

(4) The Rehabilitation Fund now stands at £2092/5/-, of which sum £2000 has been invested in National Savings.

(5) The New Organ Fund stands at £476/13/1, and the Gorman Book Fund £180.

(6) Our thanks are again due to the Acting-Principal, the Rev. E. W. Hames, for his helpful co-operation and assistance during the year, and for his careful oversight of the house expenditure.

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

FRANK M. WINSTONE, Hon. Treasurer.

#### PROPOSED BURGET.

##### For the Year Ending 31st March, 1946.

#### INCOME.

	£	s.	d.
Probert Trust Board	100	0	0
Emsly Trust	96	0	0
Contingent Fund	740	0	0
Students' Contributions	50	0	0
Collegiate Church	50	0	0
College Sunday	50	0	0
Rents, Auckland Hospital Board, to 31st December, 1945	1,732	0	0
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	£2,818	0	0

## EXPENDITURE.

							£	s.	d.
House and Service	....	....	....	....	....	....	750	0	0
Stipends	....	....	....	....	....	....	425	0	0
Tutors' Fees	....	....	....	....	....	....	220	0	0
Connexional Charges	....	....	....	....	....	....	90	0	0
Bursaries	....	....	....	....	....	....	96	0	0
Rates	....	....	....	....	....	....	190	0	0
Insurance	....	....	....	....	....	....	50	0	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 Account	....	....	....	....	....	....	706	0	0
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## RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report of the Acting-Principal be received and adopted.

2. That the College Council's and Treasurers' Reports and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

3. Conference expresses its gratitude to Almighty God that the College has been enabled to continue its work through the difficult "war years." It acknowledges also the competent and devoted work of the staff (resident and visiting) and of the Council and its officers, and appreciates the willing co-operation of the students in making the best of emergency conditions.

4. Conference re-affirms Resolutions 4 and 5 (Minutes of Conference, 1944, p. 105) concerning the observance of College encouragement to likely Candidates for the Ministry.

5. That the following be appointed for the ensuing year: Treasurers of the Students' Library Fund, the Paris Memorial Library Fund, the various Prize Funds, and the Gorman Book Fund—the Acting-Principal and Mr. F. E. Sutherland. Co-Treasurer College Rehabilitation Fund—Mr. F. E. Sutherland. Auditors—Messrs. R. Lovie, B. Verry, R. Blaney, and P. Dellow.

6. Conference expresses gratification that the Senate of the University of N.Z. has agreed to approach the Government with a request for the necessary charter to confer Degrees in Divinity.

7. Conference records its appreciation of the generous action of the congregation of Wesley Church, Taranaki St., Wellington, in presenting the Paris Memorial Library to the College, and rejoices that the influence of Mr. Paris should be perpetuated in this way.

8. Conference draws the attention of the College Council to the desirability of securing the return of Trinity College buildings for the training of Theological Students at the end of 1945.



9. Conference requests the Board of Studies in consultation with the Secretary of the Board of Examiners and the Secretary of the Conference, to consider and report upon practicable measures that might be adopted with a view to encouraging a higher standard of general education among the men offering themselves for our Ministry.

10. That Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A., be appointed Principal of the College, and that arrangements be made for him to travel overseas at the most suitable date.

11. That a Balance Sheet and an Income and Expenditure Account be included in the Annual Statements presented to Conference.

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

### **REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1944.**

#### **A.—THE BOARD'S REPORT.**

Towards the end of 1943 the military authorities intimated in reply to an enquiry from the Board that they would be vacating Wesley College at the end of the year, so that it would be possible to reopen in February, 1944. Mr. R. C. Clark, M.A., who had given 20 years of invaluable service as Principal of the College, was unwilling to resume his work on the reopening of the College, and it therefore became necessary to appoint a new Principal. After considering applications from every part of the Dominion and from Australia, the Board decided to appoint Mr. E. M. Marshall, M.A., who was already well-known to us from his work as First Assistant at the College before it closed. A great deal of work was necessary in preparing the buildings for the resumption of College life, and the new Principal has necessarily had a very strenuous commencement. However, he has succeeded in overcoming all initial difficulties and we look forward with confidence to the realisation by the College of its fullest possibilities, under his leadership.

The Board feels that the Principal of Wesley College could still more successfully carry on his work if he were made an ex officio member of Conference, and it commends this suggestion to the earnest consideration of the Synods.

Mr. Marshall's first report to Synods as Principal accompanies this report and gives further information about the College and the College Farm.

Last year several Synods made recommendations to Conference concerning Wesley College, and particularly the setting up of a commission to consider and formulate a policy for the College on its reopening. All these recommendations were referred by the Emergency Committee to the Board for consideration, and it now submits the following comments:—

- (1) It was probably not anticipated by the members of Synod that the reopening of the College would take place so soon, nor was it known that a new Principal would have to be appointed before the end of 1943.
- (2) The important events just mentioned, we think, put a new complexion on the position and render it in any event inadvisable to set up such a commission at the present time.

- (3) The Board thinks that the whole question of Methodist education in Auckland should be considered by a Connexional committee, and suggests that such a committee might well be appointed by next Conference. In 12 years the lease of the Prince Albert College property will expire, and it is not impossible that by negotiation possession of this valuable property might be secured at an earlier date. The Church should, we suggest, be prepared for the extension of educational facilities which will then become possible. The Board has already asked the Prince Albert College Trustees to co-operate with it in preparing the ground for future decision and action.
- (4) The Board welcomes the evidence of increased interest in the Church in the work of Wesley College, and trusts that this will be reflected in an increase in the number of Methodist boys at the College.

Mr. Clark has remained in the Board's service as Principal of the Preparatory School at Mount Wellington, and his report shows that, although small, this institution holds promise of great usefulness and expansion.

On the financial side the year has been a very active one, as the following transactions indicate:—

- (1) An area of 65 acres of the rocky portion of our Mount Wellington property was sold for £3,312.
- (2) The purchase by the Housing Department of the balance of the Three Kings Property across the Mount Albert Road at a price of £3,000 was completed.
- (3) An additional 34 sections at Waikowhai were taken up on lease at an annual rental of £231/10/-, and it is now proposed to subdivide a further portion of this property.
- (4) Twelve sections in Landscape Road and Parau Street were sold for a total price of £2,817/10/-.
- (5) As a result of these transactions the Board found itself able to arrange for repayment of the balance owing on its Long Term Mortgage to the Bank of New Zealand, and this will be effected in December, and the Board then be wholly free of debt.
- (6) The Board has invested £1,000 in the Victory Loan.
- (7) The Board has arranged to purchase from the Housing Department a section on its old Three Kings Property as a site for a Methodist Sunday School. The price is £300 and Conference will be asked to sanction this expenditure.

The centenary of our Trust falls this year and plans are being made for its due celebration. A historical survey of "the Wesleyan Native Institution" from which the present College has developed, has been prepared and printed. This has been undertaken by the Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A., and is a valuable and interesting contribution to the history and literature of New Zealand Methodism.

J. STANTON, Chairman.

L. KNIGHT, General Secretary.

26th September, 1944.



## B.—THE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT.

In spite of difficulties consequent on the military occupation of the College buildings, we were able to reopen this year with 53 boys and adequate domestic and teaching staffs. It has taken time to bring the establishment into good order again, but everyone has worked in good spirit, and progress has been steady. A healthy programme for garden, orchard, and poultry work has been set on foot. The decision to construct swimming baths and a play area near the College is an important step in the right direction.

Enrolments at the College are for boys of Forms I to VI only, and courses offered are Agricultural, Commercial, and Academic. It is intended in time to develop a Technical Course as well, correlating it with Farm Carpentry and Engineering.

A pleasing feature of College life is the development of the Community Spirit. Every effort is made to unite all on the Estate in Chapel worship, Sunday School activity, social functions, and good fellowship. It is hoped by increasing library, canteen, and sporting facilities, to go further in this direction, and to make the College a centre in the larger Community of County and District.

A portion of the farm is still set aside for Military purposes. After the difficult years of 1942 and 1943, much leeway has to be made up on the farm, and under the management of Mr. N. O. D. Alexander, much is being done to step up production, bring the herds and flocks up to the highest standard, and to put the farm into first class condition.

It will be another year at least before we are back to normal running. The prospects are hopeful, and we look forward to the future with every confidence.

E. M. MARSHALL, Principal.

## C.—PREPARATORY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT.

Throughout the year the school has been full with 24 pupils in residence and we have had to refuse a large number of applications for admission. A new and up-to-date class-room has been erected on the slopes above the school house, and various other improvements effected to adapt the house and grounds to the purpose of the school. The school has been visited by Inspectors of the Education Department and has received recognition by the Department.

We would again stress the value of a school of this kind both in meeting a real need of many parents and also in serving as a feeder to our College at Paerata. However, both those purposes would be better served, and more efficient and economic working made possible, by having a larger unit, and we consider that as soon as possible steps should be taken to enlarge the school on the present site to accommodate at least 50 scholars. Whatever educational developments may be possible to the Board in the future will be all the more soundly based, and the experience of other church schools confirms this, on the existence of a supplementary school of the type which has now been established at Mount Wellington.

During the year the boys have attended church services and Sunday School at Remuera, and the kindly interest shown in the boys by all there, particularly by our Chaplain, Rev. B. Metson, has been much appreciated.

There has been only one minor staff change.

R. C. CLARK,

Principal, Preparatory School.

## RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Reports be received and adopted.
2. That Conference appoint a Conference Committee on Education representative of all Education Boards and Trusts in the Dominion (Methodist), to give an annual review of all the educational activities at present being conducted, or being proposed for the future—this Committee to meet on the Committee day prior to the opening of each Conference. Committee on Institutions to act in the meantime.
3. That three representatives from each of the following—Wesley College Board, Home Mission Board, and the Northland Sub-district Executive—be a committee to investigate the rural training scheme for Maori boys in the North, and report to Synods of 1945, and that after consultation with their respective bodies be empowered to take any immediate steps to receive by gift or by lease property suitable for the purpose.
4. That a Connexional Education Committee be set up to consider the whole of our Educational Policy and report to Synods and Conference. Such Committee to be situated in Auckland. Committee: The President, the Vice-President, the Principal of Trinity College (Rev. E. W. Hames), the Principal of Wesley College (E. M. Marshall), the Chairmen of Trinity College Council, Wesley College Board, and Prince Albert College Board; Dr. Ranston, Revs. W. Walker, H. L. Fiebig, G. I. Laurenson, Messrs. R. C. Clark, J. Tyler, K. Dellow, A. E. Lawry, F. E. Sutherland, T. L. Hames, E. H. Burton, with the Secretary of Conference, the Connexional Secretary, Messrs. N. R. Seddon and J. E. Purchase as corresponding members.

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

### 1.—SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

#### Report of the Board, 1944.

In conformity with the regulations the Supernumerary Fund Board presents its report for the year ended 30th November, 1944, together with all relevant financial statements duly audited.

**Annuitants and Membership.** The last Conference added three supernumeraries to the list of beneficiaries and continued one minister as a temporary supernumerary. During the year three supernumerary ministers and one minister in active work died and his widow became a beneficiary. The widows of six former supernumerary ministers also died. The present annuitants comprise 42 supernumeraries and 39 widows of ministers.

**Finance.** The Accumulated Fund now stands at £153,398/4/4. The increase during the year is £1625/5/10. This is the added provision to meet the accruing demands of future claimants. Mortgage investments amount to £79,820/11/9. Investments in Government Stock and local body debentures total £45,350 and investments in freehold property £52,721/1/7.

**Earnings.** Economic factors still operate to restrict the earning power of capital. The net earnings of the Fund have been £6,267/5/7 after setting aside £600 to provide for doubtful debts and for depreciation of freehold property. The effective average interest earning rate, calculated on the actuarial basis has been £4/3/10 per cent. By adopting the accountancy method the net earnings would show at £3/16/8



per cent. Omitting office expenses as is often done with similar funds the calculation would show a return of £4/2/7 per cent. These figures are slightly above those of last year. The revenue from Epworth Chambers has been £2134/2/9, from which £500 has been set aside for depreciation. The net return from this property has been £3/15/9 per cent. The Depreciation Reserve Account now stands at £5500.

**Subscriptions in Arrear.** The personal subscriptions of ministers in arrear amount to £596/10/5 and £81/15/3 is owing for interest. A considerable proportion of arrears is in respect of the year current at the date of the annual balance. There are only seven cases where the amount exceeds £20. The amount in arrear is £417 less than it was four years ago. The following table shows the district distribution of arrears:—

District.	Subscriptions.			Interest.			Total.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland ....	181	5	3	13	8	9	195	7	5
South Auckland ....	125	5	3	41	6	4	166	11	7
Taranaki-Wanganui ....	42	2	11	1	17	3	44	0	2
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu ....	51	10	0	8	9	1	59	19	1
Wellington ....	72	12	0	6	5	6	78	17	6
Nelson ....	30	0	0	2	8	1	32	8	1
North Canterbury ....	45	19	4	4	19	0	50	18	4
South Canterbury ....	21	5	0	0	7	10	21	12	10
Otago-Southland ....	25	17	3	2	13	5	28	10	8
Totals ....	£596	10	5	£81	15	3	£678	5	8

**Allied Funds.** The personal accounts of contributors to the Home Acquisition Fund now aggregate £16,646/4/8. During the year payments were made amounting to £327/14/5. The Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund shows a sum of £6706/11/- in the personal accounts of contributors. Retiring allowances to the amount of £507/0/4 have been paid out and £27, representing forfeited subsidies, has been refunded to the Home Mission Board. From the Deaconess Retiring Fund allowances amounting to £382/7/9 have been paid, leaving a balance in the personal accounts of contributors of £7302/14/10. The Benevolent Branch of the Supernumerary Fund has been drawn upon to the extent of £96/8/8. The General Purposes Trust Board with assets of £23,249/2/1 is dealt with elsewhere.

**Taxation of Annuities.** The Board has continued its efforts to secure from the Government the removal of the unfair anomalies suffered by our annuitants in relation both to taxation and to Social Security benefits. It will continue to join with others in pressing for a larger measure of justice. The Board is also watching other aspects of the operation of the Social Security scheme.

**Personnel of the Board.** The following are nominated as the Board for 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. K. Steven, R. H. Miles, S. H. Maddren, W. Charles Francis, and E. H. Andrews.

**Revision of Rules.** In order to comply with the desire of Conference for all departments to facilitate the publication of a new edition of the Law Book by bringing their rules and regulations up to date the Board is proposing a few amendments chiefly to

clarify or to liberalise existing rules. It will ask the Law Book Revision Committee to review and revise the rules and regulations without altering their meaning but so as to incorporate the changes now proposed in anticipation of their adoption by Conference.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

L. G. K. STEVEN, Chairman.

G. S. SALTER, Lay Treasurer.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Managing Treasurer.

Christchurch,

21st December, 1944.

#### AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES.

1. That the following new clause be added after the Preamble:—

"The fund shall be maintained by subscriptions from ministers and probationers, by levies made on circuits, departments and institutions as hereinafter provided, by hymn book royalties, by donations, bequests and grants and from such other sources as may from time to time be determined by the Conference.

2. That Rule 37 be amended to read:—

A minister who has been made a temporary supernumerary may be continued as such from year to year only on furnishing an annual certificate from one or more medical men as may be required by the Board of Management. Before being re-admitted to active work he shall produce a medical certificate that shall be satisfactory to the Chief Medical Officer. When a minister is made a permanent supernumerary no further medical certificates shall be required.

3. That Rule 46 be amended to read:—

The requirements of Rule 45 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to a minister who re-marries. Such a minister shall also within the prescribed period of three months forward to the Board an application for the registration of his wife as a participant in the benefits of the fund. With such application he shall also furnish a medical certificate in respect of his own health on the form prescribed by and obtainable from the Board. If the medical certificate be satisfactory to the Chief Medical Officer the Board shall admit her to the benefits of the fund. If the certificate is not satisfactory the widow of such minister shall not be entitled to any annuity from the fund, provided however that if such minister survives for a period of not less than seven years from the date of his re-marriage his wife shall, without any further medical certificate, become entitled to participate in the benefits of the fund.

4. That the following words be added to Rule 53:—

The Board shall have sole discretion as to whether the grant shall be paid to the guardian of such children or to the legal representative of the deceased.

5. That the following words be added to Rule 55:—

A minister who has purchased benefits in the fund in pursuance of Rule 25 and who ceases to be a minister of the Conference shall, subject to the deductions herein set forth, receive a refund of the amount paid by him to the fund for the acquisition of interests therein.

6. That Rule 57 be deleted as being no longer necessary.

7. That Rule 60 be deleted as being obsolete.

8. That Rule 61 be deleted as unnecessary.



## RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the report of the Board of Management be received, adopted, and printed in the Minutes.

2. That there be received, adopted, and printed in the Minutes the Revenue Accounts and Balance Sheets of the Supernumerary Fund, the Benevolent Branch of the Fund, The Home Acquirement Fund, the Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund, and the Deaconess Retiring Fund.

3. That the amendments to the Rules as proposed by the Board be adopted.

4. That Conference gives authority to the Supernumerary Fund Board to place the sum of £30 (amounts of Circuit levies) previously forfeited by the Rev. J. C. A. Williams, to his credit upon his re-admission to the benefits of the said Fund.

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

The Board is now administering fifty-five separate trusts covering a variety of interests. Moneys held aggregate £23,249/2/1, and the capital value of properties administered represents an additional £25,000.

The Winstone Memorial Trust Fund continues to fulfil the beneficent purpose of the generous donors who established the Fund. The Trust has been administered in strict accordance with the provisions of the Deed of Settlement. A sum of £665/2/8 was distributed amongst thirty-two ministers and home missionaries in amounts varying from £9 to £37/10/- in order to bring their stipends for the calendar year ended 31st December, 1943, up to the then ruling standard minimum. The financial statement of this Fund for the current calendar year will be laid on the table of the Conference.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

L. G. K. STEVEN, Chairman.

G. S. SALTER, Lay Treasurer.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Managing Treasurer.

Christchurch,

21st December, 1944.

## 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 beneficent 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 ending 31st December, 1944.

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

Auckland	....	....	....	....	....	49
South Auckland	....	....	....	....	....	19
Taranaki-Wanganui	....	....	....	....	....	20½
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	....	....	....	....	....	12
Wellington	....	....	....	....	....	32
Nelson	....	....	....	....	....	9½
Canterbury	....	....	....	....	....	28½
South Canterbury	....	....	....	....	....	5
Otago-Southland	....	....	....	....	....	10½
						<hr/> 186½ <hr/>

being payments for three children more than last statement.

Once again the Circuit Levies have proved insufficient to pay claimants, and although Conference of 1944 authorised the Contingent Fund to transfer the sum of £100 to the Children's Fund, the amount at credit to date is £120/18/11, against £135/15/11 last year.

We estimate that £1,960 will be required to meet our obligation for 1945, as up to the present 10 children more have to be provided for than for 1944.

The credit of the Fund at 31st December, 1944, is:—

	£	s.	d.
Bank of New South Wales, Wellington	107	4	1
Outstanding Levies, Otago-Southland ....	13	14	10
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In conclusion we would point out that the Conference Committee which worked out the five-year Budget took £9 as the amount per head, whereas Conference decided upon a grant of £10 per child, hence our difficulty in meeting our obligations.

E. W. A. KELLOW,  
W. A. BURLEY,                      Treasurers.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

1. Report received and adopted.
2. That the grant for this year be £10 per child.
3. That we thank Mr. Kellow and Rev. W. A. Burley, and they be re-appointed.

#### 4.—CONTINGENT FUND.

##### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Financial Statement be received and adopted.
2. That the Estimates be received and adopted.
3. That the Consultative Committee be Rev. E. T. Olds, Messrs. J. Tyler and F. E. Sutherland.
4. That the Treasurers, Rev. W. Walker and Mr. J. H. Blackwell be thanked and re-appointed.
5. That the Auditor, Mr. I. J. Wilson, B.Com., be thanked for his services and be re-appointed.



6. That the following grants be authorised:—

	£	s.	d.
Theological College	740	0	0
Connexional Secretary's Department	185	0	0
Deaconess Committee	125	0	0
N.Z. Council of Churches	20	0	0
University Fees	10	0	0
Faith and Order	5	0	0
"The Methodist Times"	75	0	0
"The Methodist Times" (Editorial, etc.)	55	0	0
Special Children's Fund	100	0	0
Adjustment Expenses Candidates	12	0	0
	<u>£1,327</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

## 5.—REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND.

### Annual Report, 1944.

Owing to travel restrictions the removals for 1944 number only 27 against an average of 54 for the previous five years. Removal costs to date amount to £417, with one or two more accounts yet to be met. Levies, if fully paid, would bring in £1090, but some circuits have adopted the extraordinary attitude of refusing to pay the full levy, so that the actual amount that will be paid by the end of the year will probably not exceed £1060. When all costs have been met it is estimated there will be an excess of Income over Expenditure of about £600.

This will bring the Capital Account to about £1400, which will probably all be absorbed by next year's removals. The cost in 1942 was £1488, and in 1943 £1310, and the present indications are that next year's removals will at least equal those of the two years mentioned. The figures given are approximate as the accounts do not close till 31st December.

The expenses paid to date for removals of the families and effects of Chaplains now amount to £274/3/9.

The Committee, as Trustees of the Fund, feel it their duty to point out the ever increasing cost of removals, especially those involving transport by sea. The average cost of the latter has risen from £42 in 1939 to £61 in 1943. In the same period the cost within each Island has risen from £19 to £24. The indications are that no reduction in costs can be expected in the near future, rather the reverse. The necessity for Circuit Officials to avoid as far as can be invitations involving sea transport is obvious. Moreover, attention is drawn to the resolutions of 1943 Conference providing:—

- (a) Circuits inviting ministers involving inter-island removal shall pay the costs in excess of £45.
- (b) That no removals be made under five years (except in exceptional circumstances) for the duration of the war.

J. H. ALLEN, Chairman.

H. CHAPMAN, Lay Treasurer.

## RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the thanks of the Conference be extended to Rev. J. H. Allen for his services.
3. That the Committee for 1945 be:—The Chairman of the District, the Connexional Secretary, Revs. J. Dennis, E. E. Sage, R. Dudley, Messrs. H. Chapman, J. E. Purchase, M. Hosking, W. G. Wright, and S. H. Maddren. Treasurers: Revs. J. Dennis and H. Chapman. Convener: Rev. J. Dennis.

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

## ANNUAL REPORT, 1944.

With deep gratitude to God we report that the keen disappointment regarding the continued delay in the return of our missionaries to the Field, as stated in the Interim Report to Synods, has since been tempered by permission for the Rev. John F. Goldie to resume his great work in the Western Solomons. Through the courtesy of the New Zealand Government he secured quick transport and reached Gaudalcanal on 20th December. In his first letter, written on 21st December, he states, "By the courtesy of the Resident Commissioner I was very comfortably housed and entertained. The officials could not have been more considerate . . . Yesterday I had a long interview with the Resident Commissioner on the matters of vital interest to us. I explained to him my plans on reaching Roviana, and he said that he would see that every assistance possible would be given me." We are hoping that this personal contact following upon earlier applications will pave the way for the earlier return to the Field of more of our missionaries. Mr. Goldie was due to land at New Georgia on 22nd December—at the identical place where he and the other pioneers landed nearly 43 years ago—and we await with eager interest news of the wonderful welcome he will have received from the Native Church.

We rejoiced when Dr. A. G. Rutter's offer to return was accepted by the Solomon Islands Government. He is Acting Chief Medical Officer in the Protectorate with the rank of Major in the Native Labour Corps. Although his headquarters have been on Gaudalcanal he has paid frequent visits to our own District and contacted many of our teachers and people, ministering to both their physical and spiritual needs. Extracts from his letters have been published in the "Open Door" and "Methodist Times," and reveal what a great source of inspiration his presence and help have proved to the Native Church.

Collaboration between the Mission Board and the Islands Staff has been maintained, and every available missionary has been invited to attend all meetings of the Board. A Solomon Island District Synod was held in Auckland in December, and its recommendations, etc., submitted to the Mission Board and Conference. The policy of the Board is to resume at the earliest possible moment its evangelistic, educational and medical work, and to meet changing conditions as they arise. In these matters the Board will be largely guided by the recommendations of the Islands Synod when the returned missionaries have had the opportunity of fully reviewing the situation.



**Native Church.** Disappointment caused by the delay of our European staff has been offset by encouraging news of the steadfastness and loyalty of the Native Church. With few exceptions, teachers and people alike, have borne a fine Christian witness, under difficult and sometimes tragic conditions, that has been a source of wonder to many of the Allied Forces. One of the pleasing features has been the large number of letters and personal tributes received to this effect. Not infrequently, New Zealanders and Americans have been challenged by this native witness to renewed consecration—in some cases decision itself—and to practically all the Forces, Christian Missions have assumed a new and fuller meaning. Their eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord.

In New Georgia and Vella Lavella many of the people who fled to the hilly interior during Japanese invasion and remained there during Allied military occupation, have now returned to their coastal villages, and schools are being resumed as far as possible, but lack of school material and equipment is proving a great hindrance. Throughout the whole period their religious services have been maintained. In almost every temporary inland settlement a House of God was immediately erected, and the Teachers have led the people in regular worship. Where the young men have been recruited into a Labour Corps they meet daily for morning and evening prayers. From Bougainville, where there are still thousands of Japanese, word is to hand that wherever possible the native teachers continue to preach the Gospel and tend their flock. A short time back came a letter from Luke Tongoboe Zale, a catechist of Bougainville, where there are still 20,000 Japanese, who has faced danger and death many times, in which he states:—"All of us teachers are taking services on Sundays, as we do not forget our main work of preaching. . . By the blessing of God through the prayers of all you ministers at this time, the Church is increasing, not decreasing. Your prayers are being answered."

For a short time, after occupation by the Allied Forces, some of the natives handled more money than usual, but wage rates, prices for curios, food, fruit, etc., were soon brought under control, and in view of the heavy losses sustained in the shape of villages, canoes, gardens, native wealth, etc., it was not anticipated that the people would be in a position to make any contribution to Church funds. The Native Church, however, decided otherwise, and in most places, excepting Bougainville and Buka, the Annual Thanksgiving was gladly organised by teachers and people, and a total of £803/18/10 realized—a noble effort under the circumstances, that will inspire and challenge the Home Church.

**Honours.** For conspicuous service during dangerous war days a number of our staff and people have been honoured by His Majesty the King during the year:—

Sister Merle Farland

Member of the Order of the British Empire	
Rev. Usaia Sotutu .....	British Empire Medal
Warrant Officer Frank Wickham .....	Military Medal
Daniel Pule .....	British Empire Medal
Peter Sasabule .....	British Empire Medal
Cpl. Gorataru .....	Military Medal
Livai Papaku .....	British Empire Medal
Peter Pavoto .....	British Empire Medal

We rejoice in their courage and devotion, and congratulate them very heartily upon their well-merited distinction.

**Staff.** After long years of separation, the Rev. J. F. Goldie has been rejoicing in the fellowship of his wife and family in Melbourne, where he has been in contact with the Solomon Islands and New Guinea Governments regarding War Damage Compensation. The other ministerial members of the staff have been engaged in deputation and supply work. The Rev. A. H. Voyce has devoted some months to collecting and collating material for a record in book-form of our Solomon Islands Mission.

Sister Lina Jones has been engaged full time in preparation of school equipment, and the other Sisters have continued in their temporary occupations.

In spite of numerous enquiries, no word of any kind has reached us regarding the whereabouts or well-being of the Rev. D. C. Alley, and our hearts go out in deep sympathy to Mrs. Alley and her two small boys in their long and anxious wait for news.

**Volunteers.** Lt. Allan H. Hall has been accepted by the Board as a prospective member of the staff of the Head Station. He is a qualified teacher and a candidate for the Ministry. It is hoped that if his candidature is successful, he will proceed to the Solomons after a Theological Course. The Board has been further encouraged by applications for service on the Field from several nurses and one teacher.

Within the next few years there will be such an opportunity for service and leadership in the Solomons as should challenge the ablest and strongest of young Methodists—both ministerial and lay—in New Zealand. We are confident the challenge will be accepted and ample man-power made available to the Mission Board.

**Rehabilitation.** Information received during the past year confirms the earlier news of the total destruction of all our head stations. Many of the village stations have also suffered severely and the personal loss of missionaries and native teachers is considerable. Not a palm is left standing in our Munda plantation (170 acres), and the same is probably true of Kihili, where we had more than 200 acres of young trees, many of which were bearing. Extensive damage has also been wrought at Bilua, Banga, and Skotolan by bombing, roading, installations, etc. After a detailed survey, as far as that has been possible, the Rev. J. F. Goldie considers our earlier Rehabilitation estimate of £60,000 is likely to be £30,000 short of the actual need.

We shall, however, face this huge task with confidence in the glad assurance that not only will the Home Church be behind us, but that also the Native Church, strengthened and purified by the ordeal of suffering and loss, will be eager for the task of restoring the waste places.

The work of our Medical Unit among the lepers will be greatly facilitated by a further generous grant from the Lepers' Trust Board of £1,000.

Reconstruction has already begun in the erection of two churches. One on Vella Lavella is a native building of simple design and excellent craftsmanship, standing in the military cemetery at Maravari, the erection of which was carried out by the natives as a token of their gratitude to New Zealand and American Forces; the other is a fine building of European design and material, designed, built, and completely furnished by the officers and men of the Allied Forces on Treasury Island (Mono), as a memorial to their fallen comrades. These



churches and several generous monetary gifts for special memorial purposes by various units already reported, will constitute further links of friendship and respect, binding America, New Zealand, and the Solomons.

As mentioned elsewhere, Sister Lina Jones has spent the year preparing books, teaching aids, etc., for station and village schools. It is hoped that a new edition of portions of the Scriptures, catechism, hymns, etc., in Rovianan will soon be available. Fortunately half a new edition of a similar book in the Bamatana language, published a few years ago, was held in Auckland, and some copies have already been sent to Dr. Rutter for distribution.

**Rehabilitation Fund.** The Treasurers report £32,458 in cash to date for Rehabilitation, including £1,261 transferred from the Equipment Fund and £881 in legacies. To make up the big balance between this amount and the £90,000 estimated by the Chairman of the District as necessary for complete rehabilitation, the Board is counting on War Damage Compensation from the Governments concerned. Although a long wait may be involved, there is good reason to expect reasonable compensation for losses on Bougainville and Buka, as an insurance fund for this purpose has been established by the Australian Government, and our claims accepted in full by the War Damage Commission. Our greatest losses, however, are in the British Solomons, and so far we have been unable to obtain any assurance of compensation, although, at the request of the Protectorate officials, a statement of our losses has been submitted.

**General Fund.** While the Rehabilitation Fund and other special funds, such as Medical, Working Capital, and Insurance, will be of vital importance during the critical years that lie ahead, the Board's main source of financial strength will always be the regular annual contributions from the circuits. Many of the Forces will give as never before because of what they have seen for themselves of the power of the Gospel in the Solomons: some parents will give more gladly and liberally, because of what the native Christians have meant to their sons—sometimes life itself. But the success of the work will be assured only as the whole Church shares; therefore we urge—Every member a joyous and liberal subscriber.

**South Pacific Missionary Conference.** It is clearly recognised by the Mission Board that successful Rehabilitation is not only a matter of raising an adequate sum of money or even of having an adequate staff. There are wider problems, some the direct result of war, others of long standing. Their solution is our deep concern. The South Pacific Conference planned for 1945 has had to be postponed owing to war restrictions, as has also a smaller Conference planned for Sydney in September, 1944. The National Missionary Councils of New Zealand and Australia, however, have been in close collaboration with each other and with their respective Governments concerning the problems of the Pacific, and in this the Board has fully shared. The solution of many of the problems can only be reached by close collaboration with the Native Church, and it was hoped that at least one-third of the personnel of the South Pacific Conference would have been natives of the various Island Groups.

**M.W.M.U.** The Dominion Executive of the M.W.M.U. is now in Wellington, and Mrs. H. Nicolson and her colleagues carry on the high tradition of the Movement. The Board deeply appreciates the continued loyalty and inspiration of our Missionary Women throughout

the country, and is especially grateful for the promise of £1000 for Rehabilitation in the Solomons, in addition to their regular generous payments. This special gift and all money saved on Sisters' salaries and allowances are for rehabilitation of Sisters' work and the Board will collaborate with the M.W.M.U. Executive regarding the allocation.

**Conclusion.** We have yet to demonstrate that the enormous loss and sacrifice of the present World War are not in vain, but one thing that has been proved already beyond any shadow of doubt is that it is the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and that alone, which is able to transform the heart of man. In many parts of the world—and not least in the South Pacific—the Allied Forces have contacted men but recently won from primitive savagery. These men and their sons, by their unselfish and devoted service, have demonstrated the paramount importance of Christian Missions in bringing peace on earth and goodwill to men.

As our missionaries return to their all-important task they and the Mission Board will need, as never before, the prayers, sympathy, and practical support of the Home Church.

E. T. OLDS, Chairman.

A. H. SCRIVIN, General Secretary.

### TREASURERS' REPORT.

For the Year Ended 31st December, 1944.

The Treasurers have much pleasure in presenting to the Board of Missions the Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December, 1944.

The income from the Home Church for the General Fund, excluding Special Funds, was £15,314/9/3, being an increase of £1,227/15/6 for the year. The income includes £931/14/8, late money from 1943. Against this must be placed the sum of £727/13/11 late money for 1944, which is not included in the income for that year. There will probably be further money to come for 1944. Allowing for the difference in the amounts of late money for the two years, this year's real income shows an increase of £983/14/9.

The Medical Fund income, including interest in the Capital of that Fund was £1,213/10/5. An amount of £1,580/5/7 has been received for the Leper Fund. Of this sum, £1,500 was a gift from the Lepers' Trust Board.

The income from the Mission District amounted to £803/18/10.

The United States and New Zealand Forces serving in the Solomon Islands contributed £1,143/17/1 for various purposes.

The Mission District expenditure amounted to £5,069/13/9, consisting chiefly of the stipends and allowances of workers—European and Native—still on the Mission Field and on furlough. The item "Native Agents" is only an estimate.

The expenditure in New Zealand amounted to £1,542/5/7. In addition to this, various other payments amounting to £252/10/- have been made, including £200 to "Imperilled Missions" and £25 to the Deaconess Institution.

The income for the Rehabilitation Fund amounted to £10,170/6/7. The total for this Fund now stands at £32,458/1/11. Considerable amounts in promises have yet to be paid. Included in the Rehabilitation Fund is £426/15/7 from legacies and £705/18/9 from the Women's Missionary Union for Sisters' Rehabilitation.



The Boat Insurance Fund has been augmented by £150, by transfers and interest, and by £228/2/6 proceeds of the charter of the "Fauro Chief" by the Naval Authorities. The sum of £2,994/16/10 now stands to the credit of the Fund.

Under the will of the late Samuel Gorman an amount of £22,190 has been received. Half of this, £11,095, has been added to the "Samuel and Clara Matilda Gorman Bequest," and £11,095 to the Working Capital of the General Funds. The total of the Gorman Bequest now amounts to £40,676.

After writing off the debit balance of the Income and Expenditure Account from 1943 there is a surplus of £6,763/10/10 for the year. This has been added to the Rehabilitation Fund.

A loss of £56/16/4 has been made on our publications. This is owing to the high cost of printing without any increase being made in the charges for the papers. "The Open Door" has a quarterly circulation of 6,025, being an increase of 300 for the year. "The Lotu" has a quarterly circulation of 7,903, also showing an increase of 203.

In reviewing the finances of the year there is every reason to thank God and to take courage as the Mission workers return to the Field, and the great task is undertaken of replacing buildings destroyed by the war and bringing fresh inspiration to the Native Church, which has been through the ordeal of war.

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

#### ABRIDGED ANNUAL REPORT M.W.M.U., 1943-44.

We give thanks to God for the successful year just passed.

This year has seen the inauguration of District Working, and Mrs. Nicolson, our President, has made a record number of visits all over New Zealand with the object of explaining and helping in the formation of District Councils.

Our M.W.M.U. is composed of 16 districts. Last year, six of these were working as Councils; this year we have 15 Councils formed, and hope shortly to have the West Coast working as a District Council. The reports from all speak of a fine fellowship at their meetings, and of the help and inspiration gained by those attending them.

There are now 164 Auxiliaries (comprising 4413 members). The increase in Auxiliaries is due largely to the number of Branches becoming Auxiliaries; in addition nine have been newly formed.

**Finance.** The income for the year is £6789/18/8, an increase on last year's figures. The Rehabilitation Fund has brought in £549/19/6 and the Special Objective (£300 for Homes for Solomon Islands Sisters, moneys over £300 to go to Solomon Islands Girls' School) has realised the splendid sum of £805/4/2.

**Sisters.** During the year our Overseas Sisters have continued to make preparations for their return to the Solomons. Sisters Lina Jones, Effie Harkness and Ada Lee for the educational side of the work, and Sister Elizabeth Common has taken a refresher course in Nursing. Sisters Grace McDonald and Joy Whitehouse have continued their work of nursing in N.Z. Sister Merle Farland is still in the Army, and has been honoured for her work during the enemy occupation in the Islands by the award of the M.B.E. We regret to report that Sister Eleanor Dobby has had to undergo further operations, but rejoice in the fact that latterly she has regained a measure of strength. Sisters Ivy Jones and Nance Davidson (who is the newest of our M.W.M.U. Sisters) continue their excellent work in Auckland. Olive

Bott at Hokianga, Heeni Te Teira and Irene Hobbs at Hamilton, and Anne Wilson at Hawera, are facing the many problems that confront them with steadfast faith. Sister Atawhai Wilcox who has been a Deaconess to her own people for 12 years, has sent in her resignation because of her approaching marriage.

**Gleanings.** The amount collected from the boxes this year is £206 from 409 boxes.

**Stamps.** The result of the Stamp Department speaks for itself—£465/16/-.

**Numismatics.** This new field, introduced by Rev. C. T. J. Luxton, has brought in £6/5/- from old coins, medals, etc., sold by him for the M.W.M.U.

**Box Department.** 112 sacks of goods have been sent to Home Sisters; money gifts to the value of £263/19/1½ have been received for Overseas Boxes.

**Kurahuna** has done fourteen years of useful service, and in spite of continued difficulties, does great work.

**Literature Department** has contributed largely to the successful working of Auxiliaries, 4857 duplications having been made.

**New Ventures.** A Library has been formed for the free use of Auxiliaries, and we now contact Light Keepers' Wives.

And now we go forward to another year of service, carrying out the command "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

M. R. NICOLSON, President.

E. M. RIDDELL, Hon. Secretary.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Reports, Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account be received and adopted.

2. **Greetings to Her Majesty, Queen Salote of Tonga:** That Conference extends its respectful greetings to Her Majesty the Queen of Tonga upon her visit to Auckland, and expresses gratitude for the splendid missionary service of Tongan ministers and teachers.

3. **Greetings to the Native Church.:** That Conference extends cordial greetings to the Native Church, rejoicing over its continued steadfastness and devotion, and assuring it of the eagerness of the New Zealand Church to co-operate in rebuilding ruined mission stations.

4. **Greetings to Missionaries:** That Conference conveys hearty greetings and congratulations to the Rev. J. F. Goldie upon his return to the Solomon Islands, and to Dr. A. G. Rutter upon his effective service as Acting Senior Medical Officer.

5. **L.M.S. 150th Anniversary:** That fraternal greetings and sincere congratulations be forwarded to the London Missionary Society upon the attainment of its 150th Anniversary, and that the proposal for a week of witness during September, 1945, be endorsed.

6. **Sympathy:** Mrs. D. C. Alley. The Conference assures Mrs. Alley of its prayerful sympathy in the continued absence of news of her husband, and trusts that her brave spirit will be sustained by Him Who has promised all-sufficient grace, and that she and her boys will rejoice ere long in good news of their dear one.

7. **M.W.M.U.—Appreciation:** The Conference places on record its high appreciation of the continued loyal and generous help of the M.W.M.U.



8. **Remission of Taxation:** The Conference learns with gratification that the Minister of Finance has agreed to receive a deputation 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, and respectfully urges his favourable consideration, especially in view of the fact that our heavy losses in the Solomons were incurred in the defence of New Zealand.

Deputation to be: President of Conference Chairman Wellington District, Rev. A. W. E. Silvester, Messrs. J. Tyler, P. E. Patrick, T. M. Pacey, C. E. Taylor.

9. **General Secretary:** Conference, realising the enthusiasm and the capability of the General Secretary of the Foreign Mission Department, Rev. A. H. Scrivin, and the quality of service rendered by him, records appreciation of his services and re-appoints him for a further term of six years.

10. **Medical Superintendent:** That permission be granted to Dr. A. G. Rutter to continue his present temporary appointment with the Solomon Islands Protectorate, and that his name be retained on the Station Sheet as "On Reserve," with membership of the Solomon Islands District Synod, and that a suitable doctor be sought immediately for appointment to the Helena Goldie Hospital.

#### 11. Home Base Estimates, 1945:

	£	s.	d.
General Secretary—Stipend	300	0	0
House Allowance	150	0	0
Travelling	50	0	0
Hospitality Allowance	25	0	0
Clerical Treasurer—Honorarium	50	0	0
Connexional Charges	52	0	0
Office Assistance	287	0	0
Rent—Office and Telephone	85	0	0
Printing and Stationery (Reports £100, General £105)	205	0	0
Stamps, Exchange, Cables, etc.	140	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.	25	0	0
	£1,562	5	0

#### General Estimates, 1945.

##### INCOME.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
New Zealand—						
General	12,750	0	0			
Medical	1,400	0	0			
				14,150	0	0
Solomon Islands				500	0	0
				£14,650	0	0

# EXPENDITURE.

						£	s.	d.
Solomon Islands	....	....	....	....	....	11,500	0	0
Home Base (as above)	....	....	....	....	....	1,562	5	0
Imperilled Missions	....	....	....	....	....	100	0	0
Rehabilitation	....	....	....	....	....	1,487	15	0
						£14,650	0	0

12. **Board:** The President of the Conference and General Secretary (Rev. A. H. Scrivin), the Chairman of the Auckland District (Rev. E. T. Olds), the Chairman of the Solomon Islands District (Rev. John F. Goldie), the General Treasurers (Rev. W. A. Sinclair and Mr. T. L. Hames), the Revs. Dr. C. H. Laws, Dr. H. Ranston, 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. Shackelford, J. Tyler, L. E. Rhodes, R. Thomas, L. Peak, E. H. Burton, J. H. Blackwell, W. E. Burley, A. E. Bate, E. A. Astley, C. E. Taylor, D. C. Cameron, W. C. Francis; President M.W.M.U. (Mrs. H. Nicolson), President Auckland W.M. Auxiliary (Mrs. E. M. Lewis), Miss E. M. Rishworth, Miss E. J. Mather, Miss E. A. Day, Mrs. T. Rowe, Miss E. Purdie.

N.B.—One distant lay-member to be added.

14. **National Missionary Council Representatives:** Revs. A. H. Scrivin, W. A. Burley, M.A., A. O. Harris, Mrs. H. Nicolson.

13. **a. District Foreign Mission 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. E. C. Leadley.

NORTH CANTERBURY—Rev. H. W. Payne.

SOUTH CANTERBURY—Rev. W. W. Avery.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND—Rev. H. E. Harkness, M.A.

SOUTHLAND Sub-Committee—Rev. A. E. Jefferson.

**b. District Committees:**

SOUTH AUCKLAND.—The Ministers of Hamilton, Hamilton East, and Matamata Circuits; Messrs. C. Raynor, P. Rushton, W. B. Young; Mesdames A. A. Bensley, S. Couch; Hon. Secretaries of Hamilton and Hamilton East Women's Auxiliaries. Convener: Rev. A. A. Bensley.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.—Chairman of District, the Ministers and Circuit F.M. Secretaries of Eltham-Kaponga, Hawera, Manaia and Opunake Circuits. Convener: Rev. L. G. Hanna.

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU.—Ministers of Napier, Hastings and Gisborne, Messrs. A. Tunnicliffe and J. H. Oldham. Convener: Mr. J. H. Oldham.

Manawatu Sub-Committee.—Ministers of Palmerston North and Feilding Circuits and Mr. C. E. Taylor.

WELLINGTON.—Appointed by the District Executive. Convener: Rev. A. O. Harris.



NELSON.—

NORTH CANTERBURY.—Appointed by the District Executive. Convener: Rev. A. M. Costain, Dip.Soc.Sc.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.—The Ministers of Timaru and Temuka Circuits; Mesdames R. McAllister and G. Nelson; Messrs. C. W. Keinan, T. Simmons, A. A. Dale. Convener: Rev. Wm. W. Avery.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—Appointed by the District Executive. Convener: Rev. H. E. Harkness, M.A.

Southland Sub-Committee.—Convener: Rev. A. E. Jefferson.

14. **Thanks:** That the best thanks of Conference be extended to district and circuit secretaries and all collectors and contributors for devoted service and generous giving during the past year, and especially to the Revs. A. H. Voyce, A. W. E. Silvester, C. T. J. Luxton and other deputations.

15. That the following be referred to the Foreign Mission Board:

a. That consideration be given by the Board to sending the Chairman of the Solomon Islands District to England to state the claims of the Solomon Islands Mission before the Colonial Office Authorities in London; that he be accredited by the Conference to the British Methodist Church, and that the possibility of his officially visiting the Methodist Church of America as he returns be investigated.

b. That the F.M. Board give consideration during the year to the possibility of an interchange of deputations from other Methodist fields in the Pacific in order to extend the Missionary interest of our people and lighten the responsibility now carried by our own staff on deputation work.

c. That the Foreign Mission Board consider the advisability of sending the General Secretary to the Solomon Islands to confer with the Mission Staff and Native Church as soon as possible.

d. That consideration be given to the advisability of sending a worthy Foreign Mission Deputation to the United States of America to make personal contact between our N.Z. Church and our sister-Churches of America with a view to deepening the bond of interest which now exists between our respective Churches in regard to the Solomon Islands Mission Work.

**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 1944.**

During the history of the work of the Department, much ground has been claimed and won for Christ and His Church in this Dominion.

This year, owing to the many problems associated with the war conditions, we have been mainly holding ground against the drifts, and preparing for more definite advance work as soon as the way is clear.

##### **Spiritual Advance Committee.**

Attention to Spiritual Advance has been given throughout the year. Owing to the delay in the holding of Conference, it was decided to institute the proposals as adopted by most of the Synods of 1943 without awaiting Conference sanction. The late Conference somewhat upset things—nevertheless much useful and worthwhile activity has been undertaken.

**Week of Dedication.** This was held at a time suited to local circumstances, and proved a time of inspiration and dedication in many circuits. Preparing for this, the leading articles in the Methodist Times for several issues drew attention to what was desired. Special reference should be made to the many successful "Weeks of Dedication" carried out by Dunedin and Christchurch Circuits, reports of which came to the Committee.

**Inter-Circuit Inspiration.** Owing to travel difficulties, this was not practicable everywhere, but where arranged proved to be a blessing. Inter-Circuit visits by teams of Ministers and laymen were carried through with great thoroughness in the Auckland City and Suburban Circuits.

**Special Campaigns of Advance.** Worthy of mention were the "Community Challenge Campaign" at Invercargill Central; the "Life and Work" week at Richmond, conducted by the General Superintendent; and the "Christian Order" Week in Wellington, in which the General Superintendent assisted; as well as special services in other Circuits.

**Letters of Inspiration to Quarterly Meetings.** We have sent a message each quarter to encourage the members of Quarterly Meetings. These have been prepared by the Convener, the President of Conference, and the Connexional Secretary. We hear good reports of the reception received by these messages.

**Manual of Membership.** We have secured a MSS. from Rev. C. T. Symons, which we are arranging for the Literature and Colporteur Committee to publish. It will be entitled "Our Fathers' Faith, and Ours," and will supply a long felt need in providing the right textbook for Membership Preparation Classes. The book will be on sale by the beginning of 1945 at 2/- a copy.

**Tract Publication.** Several MSS. suitable for publication are now available, and the provision of tracts for visitation work will shortly be made.

**Bible Reading Cards.** These met with a ready sale during the year. A joint Presbyterian-Methodist card is being issued for 1945. These cards will be available from the Epworth Bookroom by the beginning of December. The cost will be as last year—7/6 a hundred posted. Notes on the daily readings are regularly supplied to the "Quiet Hour" Column of the Methodist Times.

**Thanksgiving Services.** At the request of the President of Conference, a special Order of Service for Thanksgiving Services to be held when hostilities cease in Europe, has been prepared and printed. They are available from the Epworth Bookroom at 6/- a hundred posted. Our Thanksgiving Services should be a call to all to renewed dedication and further advance in the work of our beloved Methodism.

#### **Literature and Colporteur Society.**

In reporting this important branch of the Board's activities, we once again express our gratitude to our devoted and capable staff: Mr. T. W. Hemer, and Sister Rita Snowden. They have served the Connexion well in a difficult period, when much of the normal satisfactions of well planned work are denied them.



**Bookroom.** The Manager again reports a slight increase in turnover, which, considering the difficulty in obtaining adequate and acceptable stock, speaks well, both for the management and for the interest of the Connexion in the Bookroom.

The main interest at the moment is in good devotional books; which reflects a more serious frame of mind in the reading public.

A disturbing feature, however, is the small demand from our Ministers for the more substantial theological works. This must surely be due to the small margin left from a minimum stipend these days, that can be spent on books.

It is hoped that with the cessation of hostilities and the return to more normal trading conditions the Bookroom can be transferred to the ground floor, where we shall be better able to meet and capture the demands of the Connexion. Further, the Committee has not lost sight of the fact that every Church has a duty through its Bookroom to provide both information and propaganda concerning its faith and practice to its members.

**Wesley Circulating Library.** This recent addition to our activities is giving a much needed service to a limited number of folk throughout the Connexion. A new catalogue, including many recent additions both from home and overseas, has been compiled, and will, we feel sure, enlarge the list of subscribers.

**Picture Plant.** This has been much used this year, both by our own Department in the projection of its own deputation films, and in hiring to various groups. With the establishment of the Religious Film Society, N.Z., in Auckland, and the provision through them of more and better films, this form of evangelisation will find an increasing place in the life of our Church. The Department, through our Committee, is a major partner in the Religious Film Society, and will therefore be in a position of advantage when this type of work leaps ahead in the post-war years.

**Publications.** Owing to the paper restrictions, this has been a slack year. However, in co-operation with the Publications Committee, we have several important matters in hand.

#### **Home Mission Fund. "The N.Z. for Christ Appeal."**

Owing to the lateness of Conference, it was impossible to make an adequate presentation of the appeal this year. We request Conference to permit the H.M. Appeal to be continued for another year, with the objectives as set out in the last year's report.

**Staff.** We are still faced with a serious position with respect to staff. On the return of the Ministers on Chaplaincy Duties, and overseas on other types of service, the situation will not be greatly relieved. Their numbers are very few in excess of the number of senior ministers in their last circuits. We have sufficient married men for supply appointments for the present. Our urgent need is for unmarried agents. We urge all ministers and circuit officials to watch for possible recruits, both young men and young women. We feel sure that well-equipped Deaconesses could fill a great need in this connection in some appointments as one member of a team in Circuits and H.M. Stations ordinarily covered by two or more ministers.

**Advance Work.** We can only plan confidently for advance work if our Circuits and Home Mission Stations send forward more recruits for our staff, and greatly increased support for the General Fund of the Department.

**Special Loans Account.** This year the Home Mission Board has initiated a scheme of special long term loans at a low rate of interest, to facilitate the early erection of Parsonages, Churches and School-rooms in newly developing areas where a building is necessary to give visibility to our work. This scheme will be operated in close co-operation with the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee.

**Conclusion.** We again commend our work to the loyal and practical support of the whole Church.

E. T. OLDS, Chairman of the Board.

A. E. WAITE, Secretary.

GEO. I. LAURENSEN, General Superintendent.

### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Annual Report be received and adopted.
2. That the printed Statements of Receipts and Payments be received and adopted.
  - (a) The General Home Mission Fund.
  - (b) The Statement of Receipts and Payments and the Statement of Capital of the Investments Funds Board.
  - (c) Statement of Gorman Bequest.
  - (d) Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Buddle Centennial Gift.
  - (e) Rev. and Mrs. Buttle Centennial Gift.
  - (f) Miss K. Trounson Centennial Gift.
  - (g) H.M. Removal Expenses Fund.
  - (h) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure and the Balance Sheet of the Mission Property Trust.
  - (i) Statements of the L. and C. Society.
  - (j) Statement of Special Loans A/c.
3. That the estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1945 be received and adopted.
4. **Non-Resident Students.** That the Trinity College Council be requested to consider making a grant of up to the amount of a Hostel Fee to the Circuit Fund of any circuit co-operating in the non-Residential Student Training Scheme.
5. **Congratulations to the Rev. C. Aker.** That the Rev. C. Aker be cordially congratulated on the completion of 41 years as a Home Missionary.
6. **New Housing Areas.** That District Executives and District Home Mission Committees be directed to make a careful survey of all New Housing Areas in their districts, and report to Synods and Conference; the reports to cover recommendations on suitable locations of new causes and appointment of staff.
7. **Church Sites Fund.** That in view of the urgency of the new housing areas in the Dominion, the claims of the Church Sites Fund be presented to our connexion with a view to drawing greatly increased income, in the form of gifts and legacies.
8. **Designation of General Superintendent for 1946.** That the Rev. G. I. Laurenson be designated for appointment by the Conference of 1946 as General Superintendent for a term of six years.
9. **Designation of Assistant Superintendent for 1946.** That the Rev. B. M. Chrystall, B.A., be designated for appointment by the Conference of 1946 as Assistant Superintendent for a term of three years..



10. That the Treasurers for 1945 be Rev. H. J. Odell and Mr. F. Penn.

11. That the summary of the General Rules for the guidance of Church members be printed on the back of the next set of annual tickets of senior membership, and thereafter every three years.

12. That the whole Church give its enthusiastic support to the "Youth Year" proposals of the Youth Board, such proposals being the Youth Board's recommendation to Conference, (a) to (h) under the heading "Youth Year."

13. That all our Circuits and H.M. Stations be urged to seek as wide a distribution as possible for the Bible-reading cards.

14. That the attention of ministers and youth workers be drawn to the membership manual "Our Fathers' Faith and Ours," now on sale at the Epworth Bookroom; and that they be urged to use the same in their membership preparation classes.

15. Synod requests the H.M. Board to give consideration to the formation of a Maori deputation in support of the H.M. Fund.

16. **Candidates for Home Mission Service and the Ministry.** That the following remit of Auckland District Synod be received and adopted together with the recommendations: This Synod draws the attention of Conference and the whole Church to the following facts:—

There are some 13 Ministers and Probationers on Active Service but there are at least 17 Ministers in their last appointments who will be superannuating within two or three years.

There are some 5 Ordinands coming before the forthcoming Conference but only 2 men coming out of College.

This year there have been 7 Students in College, whereas there should be a minimum of 24 in training, and if possible 30. This covers the whole group taking the 3-year course.

In normal times there are about 18 to 20 unmarried Home Missionaries and Home Missionary Probationers, whereas at present we have only 4 on the Staff. From the above group we usually have several Candidates for the Ministry each year.

There are some 47 appointments or places where we could well do with men. These are at present either vacant or held by temporary Supply Appointments. Some of these appointments have been vacant for many years but are possible spheres for advance work.

In the last War, covering a four-year period, so few men were trained that to-day a small section of the Ministry, in their late mid-years, are being required to take over an undue load of leadership for their numbers. This War, which has already covered more than five years, will leave a more serious gap in the ranks of the Ministry—a gap the effects of which will be felt more severely in some ten to twenty years' time. This whole situation presents a serious challenge to Ministers and laymen to endeavour to discover possible recruits with the best of qualifications for this important work. It is therefore recommended as follows:—

(1) That in view of the serious situation disclosed above, Conference expresses its gratification at the response made to the appeal on College Sunday and in other ways, whereby a large number of young people have been led to express an interest in the Ministry as a worthy calling.

(2) That Conference draw the attention of the whole Church to the need for quick and urgent action to present the central need for

agents, to staff adequately our Circuits and H.M. Stations, and possible new openings; and urge upon all Circuit Superintendents the need and the duty of giving every possible effort to the seeking and encouraging of candidates.

(3) That in view of the shortage of unmarried agents that is likely to continue for some time after the War, the attention of suitable young women be drawn to the work of supplying certain types of appointments as a possible sphere of service, either as deaconesses or ministerial supplies; and that such young women be urged to offer for training in the Deaconess Institution as early as possible.

(4) That in fairness, men who have been prevented by war conditions from offering as candidates earlier, should be permitted to marry early in their period of training. To enable such men still to offer for such training, Conference urge the whole Church to explore every possible opening for the establishment of parsonages.

(5) That the need for adequate support for the Home Mission Fund, and for a Rehabilitation Fund within the Church to assist in these matters be presented urgently to our people.

(6) That the Acting-Principal of Trinity College be requested to interview the Director of Rehabilitation to discover the possibilities of any men being assisted to proceed with their training for the Christian Ministry as married students.

(7) That the attention of Circuit Superintendents be again drawn to the necessity for sending the names and addresses of all likely candidates to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners (see Min. Conf., 1943, p. 33, No. 4).

17. Home Mission Board for 1945:—General Superintendent: Rev. G. I. Laurenson. Assistant Superintendent: Rev. H. J. Odell (Ministerial Treasurer). Maori Missionary: Rev. H. A. Darvill. Senior Maori Superintendent: Rev. E. Te Tuhi. Chairman of the District and General Secretary of Foreign Missions (Rev. A. H. Scrivin, President of the Conference). Rev. E. T. Olds. Principal of the College: Rev. E. W. Hames. Revs. A. E. Waite, J. H. Bailey, W. Parker, A. H. Cochrane, A. J. Johnston, A. E. Orr, D. J. Hickman, H. C. Matthews, E. B. Chambers, A. Mitchell, J. Olphert, W. Walker, C. W. Brown; the Lay Treasurer, Mr. F. Penn; Pres. M.W.M.U., Mrs. Nicolson; Mrs. Lewis, Miss Rishworth, Sister Ivy, Messrs. L. T. Hayman, W. S. Mackay, T. Clark, J. H. Blackwell, L. E. Rhodes, F. G. Steinert, H. S. Crowe, G. W. Hemer, G. Wilson, A. Williams, W. E. Burley, C. K. Wigglesworth, S. E. Chappell, D. E. Parton, J. C. Tietjens. Corresponding Member: Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt. Life Members: Revs. A. J. Seamer and H. Ranston. Secretary: Rev. A. E. Waite.

18. (a).—District Home Mission Secretaries.

AUCKLAND.—Rev. H. A. Cochrane.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.—Rev. A. Blakemore.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.—Rev. S. J. Werren.

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU.—Rev. F. B. Lawrence.

WELLINGTON.—Rev. J. D. Grocott.

NELSON.—Rev. H. A. Sharp.

NORTH CANTERBURY.—Rev. E. E. Sage.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.—Rev. O. Burnet.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—Rev. C. L. Duder.

SOUTHLAND SUB-DISTRICT.—Rev. R. Thornley.



**(b).—District Home Mission Committees.**

**AUCKLAND.**—Chairman of the District, Superintendent Ministers of Auckland Central, East, West, Onehunga, Avondale, Birkenhead, Otahuhu, Takapuna and Devonport Circuits: Messrs. F. Penn, W. S. Mackay, A. Williams, L. Crawford, F. E. Blakey, S. E. Chappell, and R. Hames. Convener: Rev. H. A. Cochrane.

**Northland.**—The Northland Sub-District Executive.

**SOUTH AUCKLAND.**—The Chairman of the District, the Ministers of Hamilton, Hamilton East, Cambridge, Te Awamutu, Te Aroha, and Morrinsville Circuits; Messrs. R. P. Kilham, J. T. Johnson, W. B. Young, and E. J. Easter. Convener: Rev. A. Blakemore.

**TARANAKI-WANGANUI.**—The Chairman of the District, Ministers of New Plymouth, Opunake, and Waitara Circuits, the Home Missionary at Okato, Messrs. G. W. Kirk, M. Barnitt, 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.

**HAWKES 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; Mrs. Funnell. Convener: Rev. F. B. Lawrence.

**Hawkes Bay Sub-Committee.**—The Superintendent Ministers of the Napier and Hastings Circuits, with Messrs. G. C. Laws and P. Loach. Corresponding Member: Rev. B. M. Tasker. Convener: Rev. F. Copeland.

**WELLINGTON.**—To be appointed by the District Executive. Convener: Rev. J. D. Grocott.

**NELSON.**—Chairman of District, Revs. H. A. Sharp and E. C. Leadley; Mesdames H. A. Sharp, H. J. Harris, E. C. Leadley, E. Burroughs, Miss Blick, Messrs. F. Southgate and H. Oldham. 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 and Temuka Circuits, with Messrs. 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. C. L. Duder.

**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 1944.**

**MAORI MISSION REPORT FOR 1944.**

With thanksgiving to Almighty God for His continued grace and blessing, we present this report on the work of another year.

**Special Review.** The recommendations of last Conference, based on a special review of the Maori work, have received general acceptance among the people. It is increasingly necessary to strengthen the

number of Maori workers and Leaders in the Mission, and to build up their leadership among the people. Friendly co-operation from European helpers who recognise this important principle will be greatly welcomed by the Maori staff.

**European Missionary in the Maori Work.** We hope to make a nomination to Conference of a suitable young minister to take up his appointment in this field at an early date. It is recognised that any man being appointed would spend some considerable time in seeking basic knowledge and experience to equip him for the extremely important and delicate duties he would be called upon to fulfil.

**Staff.** Several Ministers and Home Missionaries were changed round in their appointments this year, and they have all taken up their duties with renewed zeal. The new men who have been employed this year, Mr. Ngaweke Tuhimata at Ngaruawahia, and Mr. Te Urunga Wetere at Kawhia, have also made an effective start.

**Deaconess Staff.** Two Deaconess Supplies have served for portion of this year with acceptance. Miss Daphne Lye in Hamilton and Miss Jean Simpkin at Dargaville. We are glad to learn of other young ladies who desire to commence training shortly for the Maori work. We welcomed Miss Ruth Hilder to our staff this year. She has made a splendid beginning.

**Hamilton Maori Workers' Centre and Girls' Hostel.** With a view to the better locating of our Mission Staff and the provision of hostel accommodation for Maori girls attending secondary schools in Hamilton, a furnished property in that city has been purchased. It is being taken over very shortly by our staff and will receive girls in the hostel in the New Year. We thank all contributors to this venture. Much more is needed to make the property free of debt.

**Auckland Maori Welfare Centre.** This centre continues to justify our hopes in its erection, and a splendid work is being maintained. Only some £250 now stands owing on the total scheme.

**Rangiatea School, New Plymouth.** The little interim school for girls is fulfilling a great need very effectively within the limitations of its accommodation. We have learned with pleasure of the steps being taken for the early erection of the new School.

**Kurahuna School.** We desire to express to the M.W.M.U. our appreciation for the continuance of their efforts in support of this school. We watch with interest the progress and developments there.

**Wesley College.** Our Maori people learned with satisfaction of the re-opening of Wesley College, Paerata, and will welcome every step taken to increase the effectiveness of the training of Maori boys for leadership and service among their own people.

**Conclusion.** A great field of youth lies to be claimed for Christ in the Maori Mission. Older young men and women need guidance through these difficult years. All the Maori people need the prayerful Christian sympathy and co-operation of kindly disposed citizens, and the Church can do a great work here. Brethren, pray for us.

E. T. OLDS, Chairman.

E. TE TUHI, Senior Maori Superintendent.

GEO. I. LAURENSEN, General Superintendent.



## "RANGIATEA" MAORI GIRLS' COLLEGE.

### REPORT OF PRINCIPAL.

It is with pleasure we present the Fifth Annual Report of our School. Steady progress has characterised the work of the year. During the past twelve months the curriculum has been examined to incorporate several new features which have increased the efficiency of the school. In common with other Maori Colleges more applications were received than it was possible to accept at the opening of the school year.

**Staff.** The staff still remains the same as it was during the previous two years.

**Pupils.** At the time of reporting there are ten girls in residence, their ages ranging from eleven to seventeen years. The standards at present covered are Std. IV to Form IV inclusive. Last year, five Form II pupils were awarded their Primary School Leaving Certificates.

**Old Girls.** It is hoped when the time arrives for the inauguration of the new College that it will be possible to form an Old Girls' Association. Meantime contact is kept with all old girls through an annual circular letter. It is very pleasing to receive letters and sometimes visits from these girls.

**Annual Break-up.** A very successful Annual Break-up was held in December last. Among the visitors were the President of Conference, Rev. C. H. Olds, and the Bishop of Aotea-roa, Bishop Bennet. A special feature of the afternoon was a programme by the pupils and a display of work comprising home spun and dyed articles, handwork and dressmaking.

**Spiritual.** It had been felt that the Sunday School was rather juvenile for the pupils, so this year Junior Church was inaugurated in place of the Sunday School. The pupils themselves are responsible, under supervision, for the conducting of the services. The Bible Class Study takes the place of an address in the service.

At Easter, a European Camp including the Rangiatea girls, was held in the school. A very happy and profitable time was held by all the campers.

Last year, four girls attended Whiteley Church Membership Class and later joined the Church.

**Educational.** Pupils have attended several Health and Dental displays which were sponsored by the Health Department.

It has been felt for some time that the girls should learn to handle their own money. For this purpose a school shop has been started. From this pupils buy such things as pads, soaps and other small things at cost price. The shop is kept by the prefects who keep an account of all that is sold. The pupils receive dockets and keep their own account books, which are balanced during arithmetic time in school.

**Donations.** Many cash donations have been received and also many useful gifts from interested people. To all these we tender our thanks for their practical interest in the school.

**Conclusion.** In conclusion we would like to thank our Committee and all those interested for their co-operation and help during another school year.

We feel greatly encouraged by the purchase of a site for the new College. At present only the fringe of this work is being touched, and constant demands are being made for a larger school. Maori parents are anxious to give their daughters the opportunities of boarding school education.

E. B. MARRIOTT, Principal.

12th September, 1944.

### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report on the Maori Mission be received and adopted.
2. That the Report of the Principal of "Rangiatea" Maori Girls' College be received and adopted, and that appreciation be recorded of the fine work of the College.
3. **Appointment of Maori Missionary.** That in terms of the policy adopted by the Conference Executive of 1944 the Rev. Harold A. Darvill be appointed Maori Missionary.
4. That the Home Mission Board in consultation with the Connexional Secretary consider during the year the possibility of establishing a Retiring Fund for the Ordained Maori Ministers.
5. That the establishment of regular broadcasts to serve the Maori people, and of a regular Maori Service at least once a month, be referred to the Home Mission Board and the Central Religious Advisory Committee, and their findings be forwarded to the Minister of Broadcasting.
6. That the Conference express its hearty thanks to all donors of gifts towards the establishment of the Hamilton Maori Centre and Girls' Hostel.
7. That the Conference express its appreciation of the work done by the Maori Staff.
8. **Literature for Maori Workers bearing on the Maori Schools of our Church.** That the Maori workers be supplied with suitable literature, printed in both Maori and English, and suitably illustrated.

### REPORT OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF NEW MAORI COLLEGE, TARANAKI, 1944.

The Board held its first meeting on September 7th, 1944, at New Plymouth.

The draft Constitution was revised to bring it into harmony with recommendations received from the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee.

It was decided to invite Miss Lorna Hodder to become a member of the Board. Also to add to the membership of the Board a third representative of the Board of the Wellington Methodist Charitable and Educational Endowments, and the Maori Minister resident at Hawera.

Two representatives are to be appointed by the Grey Institute Trust.

This will bring the Board up to a membership of 15.

It was reported that shelter belts of trees had been planted, and also six memorial Totaras in honour of early Mission workers, both Pakeha and Maori.

The local members of the Board were constituted a Committee to carry out further improvements. They were also authorised to secure professional advice in the lay-out of grounds and situation of the school buildings.



Plans are to be made for carrying out building operations in 1947-48, or at an earlier date if conditions warrant.

The question of the name of the new school was referred to the Home Mission Board, advising that it was wise to change the name owing to Rangiatea having become established as the name of the New Plymouth Old People's Home.

The whole question of buildings and staff was tentatively and profitably considered. It was purposed to begin with accommodation for thirty pupils. A central block of buildings and two cottage units will be built as a first instalment.

Reports concerning finance showed that the Capital Fund of the College is limited mainly to the proceeds of the Centennial Fund Appeal.

The annual income for maintenance will be:—Wellington Charitable and Educational Endowments £700, Grey Institute Trust £300, Kai Iwi Farm Trust £150, and Fees estimated at £250. A total of £1400. A special grant of £1000 will be made by the Board of the Wellington Methodist Charitable and Educational Endowments to meet establishment costs.

The Board asks for lay representation at Synod and Conference on the same principle as Wesley College, Paerata.

E. D. PATCHETT, Chairman.

W. P. OKEY, Secretary.

New Plymouth, 12/9/44.

The Reports were received and adopted by several Synods.

### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Board of Governors proceed with the necessary plans for the laying out of the grounds and of the school buildings with a view to opening the College not later than 1948.
3. That, as a first instalment, there be built a central block of buildings and two cottage units to accommodate at least 30 pupils.
4. That the following be members of the Board of Governors for 1945:—Revs. G. I. Laurenson, E. Te Tuhi, R. P. Rakena, and J. H. Allen; Mrs. Aburn; Misses Lorna Hodder and Lilian Burton; Messrs. F. Penn, A. E. Hurley, N. R. Seddon, C. Carter, J. L. Mander, H. T. Awarua, T. M. Pacey, and a representative of the Kai Iwi Trust.
5. That the Board have lay representation at Conference on the same basis as the Wesley College Board.
6. That the Constitution drafted by the College Board and approved by the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee be approved and printed in the Minutes.

### DRAFT CONSTITUTION OF RANGIATEA MAORI COLLEGE TRUST BOARD.

1. There is hereby established a Board of Governors and of Trustees to be known as "The Rangiatea Maori College Trust Board."
2. The Board shall be appointed by the Methodist Conference annually and shall consist of:—
  - (a) The Minister who, for the time being, shall be Superintendent Minister of the New Plymouth Circuit.
  - (b) Three persons to be nominated by the Board of the Wellington Methodist Charitable and Educational Endowments.

- (c) Two persons to be nominated by the Home and Maori Missions Board.
- (d) One person to be nominated by the Kai Iwi Mission Farm Trust.
- (e) Two persons to be nominated by the Grey Institute Trust.
- (f) Two women to be nominated by the Synod for the Taranaki District.
- (g) One woman, preferably with special educational qualifications, to be nominated by the Board.
- (h) One Maori to be nominated by the Board of the Maori Missions.
- (i) One Maori Minister and one Maori Layman to be nominated by the Synod for the Taranaki District.

3. All lands and property whatsoever to be hereinafter vested in the Board shall be held by the Board on behalf of the Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand (hereinafter termed "the Conference") UPON TRUST for the use and benefit of the Rangiatea Maori College carried on conducted or administered under the general control and superintendence of the Conference.

4. The trusts and purposes upon, and for which, the said lands and moneys shall be held and upon and for which any lands or moneys hereafter acquired by the Board shall be held are and shall be for the benefit, maintenance and education of children and youth being the descendants or natives of the Maori race of New Zealand and the support and upkeep of any home, school, college or institution which the Board may, with the sanction and approval of Conference, acquire or establish for the purposes aforesaid, and the funds raised by the 1922 Centennial and the N.Z. Centennial Appeals for the general objective of a Maori Girls' School in the Taranaki Province shall be held and administered by the Board upon and for the trusts and purposes hereinbefore set out.

5. The selection of any children or youth, being descendants of the native or Maori race of New Zealand, to receive the benefits of the trusts and purposes of these presents or to be admitted to any home, school, college or institution acquired or established by the Board and the term for which they may enjoy the benefits shall be at the discretion of the Board and the Board may in its absolute discretion charge reasonable fees for maintenance and tuition in such home, school, college or institution.

6. The course of instruction in any home, school, college or institution acquired or established by the Board shall be determined by the Board and shall provide for such religious education as is approved and directed by the Conference, and shall place particular emphasis on the education of Maoris for Christian living.

7. All instructors, overseers, and general employees necessary for the working of any home, school, college or institution shall be appointed by the Board.

8. The Board shall be competent to take and receive, either by way of gift or by way of devise or bequest, any land, money or other property either generally or for any specific purpose connected with the trusts hereby created and shall be competent to hold and administer such land, money or other property upon the trusts of and for the purposes upon and for which the same was given, devised or bequeathed, provided always that the sanction of the Conference shall be obtained before any lands are transferred to the Board.



9. All moneys held by the Board for and on behalf of any purposes connected with the trusts herein declared and which the Board may think proper to invest shall be invested in the name of the Board in all or any such modes of investment of trust funds which are authorised by law or may be used in aid of any home, school, college or institution established by the Board and otherwise in the administration of the trusts and purposes herein declared.

10. The Board shall have the following powers in and about the execution of the trusts herein declared:—

- (a) With the consent of the Conference to acquire by purchase gift or otherwise howsoever or to hold under lease any land and with such prior consent to sell lease exchange or otherwise dispose of any land now or hereafter vested in it as aforesaid or any part thereof.
- (b) To raise any money, by the way of loan or bank overdraft, and with the consent of Conference to mortgage, pledge or give security over any part or parts of the property of the Board.
- (c) To subdivide all or any of the lands in the Board and lay off, make, or form any roads or streets thereon and to make and carry out arrangements with local authorities with regard to the construction of and other matters connected with such roads and streets.
- (d) To repair, improve and maintain all or any of the property of the Board.
- (e) To erect buildings, furnish and equip the same, provided always that no erection, enlargement or structural alteration of buildings shall be commenced without the previous consent of Conference first had and obtained.
- (f) To enter into any contract or contracts with any public body corporate or person, notwithstanding the fact that any of its members may be interested therein, provided that before such contract or contracts are authorised by the Board, the member who is so interested shall disclose to the Board the nature of his interest and that he shall refrain from voting in respect of the making of such contract or contracts and that, if he does so vote, his vote shall not be counted.
- (g) To pay all reasonable and proper expenses of members of the Board, or of any committee of the Board, and officers attending meetings of the Board or of committees.
- (h) To advertise any college, school or institution established by the Board.
- (i) To open any account with any trading or savings bank and to operate the same.
- (j) To form, cultivate and manage any of the lands or properties of the Board and to purchase stock, farm implements and equipment in connection therewith.

11. In the conduct of the business of the Board the following provisions shall apply:—

- (a) The members of the Board may meet together for the despatch of business, adjourn or otherwise regulate their meetings and proceedings as they think fit. The quorum of a meeting shall be six. The Board shall elect its own Chairman.

- (b) Questions arising at any meeting of the Board shall be determined by a majority of votes and in case of equality the Chairman presiding shall have a second or casting vote.
- (c) A meeting of members of the Board for the time being at which a quorum is present shall be competent to exercise all or any of the powers, authorities and discretions for the time being vested in the Board. The Chairman may at any time, and the Secretary of the Board shall, upon the requisition in writing of any three members, summon a meeting of the Board. Seven clear days' notice of every meeting shall be sent by post to each member who is for the time being in New Zealand. Notice of the meeting shall contain reasonable particulars of the business to be transacted at the meeting of the Board.
- (d) The Board shall keep minutes of the meetings of the Board setting out a complete and accurate record of the business transacted by the Board and shall keep all proper books of account, which shall be submitted to audit annually.
- (e) The financial year of the Board shall end on the 31st day of August, and a report on the activities of the College and the Board, and of the accounts of same, shall be submitted to the Synods and Conference next following.
- (f) The Board may establish a house committee resident in New Plymouth, and may delegate to such committee, and may also establish and delegate to any other committee, any of its functions and powers under these presents. Any committee so appointed shall in the exercise of its powers conform to any directions given from time to time by the Board. The Board may appoint to any such committee or committees any person whether or not such person is a member of the Board.
- (g) The Board may make by-laws for the governance of committees or with respect to the general management of any home, school, college or institution established or controlled by the Board or with respect to any other matter under the control of the Board.

12. Members of the Board shall hold office from their appointment until their successors shall be appointed by Conference.

13. In the event of the death of any member of the Board and in the event of any member being unable or unwilling to act as a member of the Board, then, and in every such case, any vacancy so occurring shall be filled by appointment of the President of the Conference, and any person so appointed shall continue in office until the appointment by Conference of the successor to the person whose position has so become vacant.

14. The foregoing trusts and powers and rules may from time to time be rescinded, amended, altered or added to by the Methodist Conference, but no amendment thereof shall be made unless with the consent of the Board on or after notice of the proposed amendment shall have been previously given to the Board.

15. The Board is hereby authorised and permission is granted for it to register under the provisions of the Religious Charitable and Educational Trusts Acts 1908.

16. No member of the Board shall be answerable or liable for any loss or damage occasioned by the action of the Board so long as such member acts in good faith and without wilful neglect or default.



17. Any sanction, approval, consent or direction or appointment of and by the Conference required in terms of the Constitution shall be sufficient if given or made by or on behalf of the Conference by the Committee of the Church Building and Loan Fund or of any Committee exercising the functions of the Committee of the Church Building and Loan Fund appointed by Conference. A certificate under the hand of the President of the Conference for the time being that such sanction, approval, consent, direction or appointment, as the case may be, has been given or made, shall be conclusive evidence of the giving of such sanction, approval, consent or direction or of any such appointment by the Conference.

18. The resolutions of the Conference from time to time affecting the constitution of the Rangiatea Maori College Trust Board or any regulation regarding the administration by the Board of the said College shall be binding on the Board.

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

**A.—AUCKLAND METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION.**

**ANNUAL REPORT, YEAR ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER, 1944.**

Strategically situated in the centre of the City, the Mission pursues its policy of attacking social evils, providing a centre of Evangelism to those who do not ordinarily attend Church worship, and of providing social amenities. This specific work which is essential in any large city (Auckland's population has decidedly increased) demands consecrated leadership together with adequate equipment and plant in order to prosecute its work. The problems arising from leisure and industrial unrest alone, call for additional workers in order to meet the modern challenge.

**New Building Appeal:** As sanctioned by Conference the Missioner has spent a large portion of the year in placing the claims of the Mission before people of goodwill throughout the North Island in general and the Auckland area in particular. In promises and donations the fund to date stands at £31,500, and two-thirds of the amount is now in hand. It is hoped that by the end of the Connexional year further sums will augment the Fund.

**Youth Work:** A well balanced programme calculated to meet the needs of children and adolescent youth in particular has resulted in attracting and holding many young folk who have no Church connection. Retreats at the Health Camp assist in initiating them into a wider participation of Christian citizenship.

**Health Camp and Rest Home:** Over two hundred children have received treatment during the year, and many tired mothers and those recuperating in health have benefited. The Camp has also provided a centre for helping various Youth Groups in and round the city to comprehend the necessity of a fully orb'd life. Extensions to the amount of £461 have been made, while provisions for a Laundry and Vegetable Store are now in progress. We are grateful to the Matron, Miss M. Cowley, for further consecrated service.

**Social Service and Goodwill Industries:** The Goodwill Centre continues to meet the need of a proportion of folk who do not desire Charity but a chance to help themselves. The amount spent in this department was £2,075/18/4. Hours have been spent in interviews, thus straightening out personal and domestic problems. The Missioner also assists on a number of Committees for the community welfare.

**Astley House:** The House continues to provide a permanent home for elderly ladies, and while it is meeting a long felt need, numerous applications reveal the need for extension work. The Trustees are preparing sketch plans for further accommodation, but additional funds are necessary in order to meet the heavy expenditure. We record our grateful thanks to the Staff for their generous and gracious service.

**Franklin Road Branch:** The Sunday Service which is held at 11 a.m. has increased in attendance, and the Ladies' Guild is particularly active. The proceeds from the sale of the Church and Sunday School are gradually accumulating and the first distribution will be made in the near future.

**Ministerial Supply:** We have been fortunate in securing the services of the Rev. Arthur Mitchell, who has recently attained his 80th birthday. Both Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell are still young in spirit and are well received in the Mission Circuit, and we record special thanks for spiritual inspiration.

**Need for Youth Hostels:** We are continually receiving communications from parents regarding their young people, whom they desire to see housed in Christian hostels during their stay in Auckland. There is room in Auckland's rapidly growing city for hostels for both young men and young women.

**General:** The Mt. Eden Prison is regularly visited and worship conducted (the past year by Rev. J. F. Jack). The Down-and-Out Meetings assist in helping many men round the City. The Ladies' Guild and Women's Fellowship are particularly active. The general work of the Mission has been made possible by the providence of God, the generosity of a large number of firms and individuals, the East Street Trustees, the Ladies' Guild, the Ladies' Committee. We record our thanks to Mrs. N. Gallivan for faithful service in the Goodwill Store, and to Mrs. A. M. Burton for effective service in the office. As the Missioner has moved round the North Island during the past few months he has been aware of an increasing interest in the work—our brochure "In Your Midst" has been distributed. We trust that the present policy of the Mission enterprise will inspire further gifts and legacies which will enable us to maintain and extend the work. Our last word is one of grateful thanks to all who have by their prayers and gifts and unstinted voluntary services expressed their confidence in the work, thus enabling us to continue our religious and humanitarian work. To the Office-bearers, Youth Workers, Choir, Choirmaster, Organist, Chairman of the District, Ministers and Laymen, the Board of Management expresses its sincere appreciation.

A. EVERIL ORR, Superintendent.

J. TYLER, Secretary and Treasurer, Board of Trustees.

WALTER WOOD and F. M. SOUSTER, Circuit Stewards.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That congratulations be extended to Rev. A. E. Orr and his officials.
3. That the Central Mission Board of Management for next year be: The Superintendent (Chairman), Superintendent H.M. Department, Chairman of District, Revs. Dr. H. Ranston, E. W. Hames, M.A., A. J. Seamer, A. Mitchell, H. J. Odell, J. F. Jack; Mesdames T. Clark



and L. Verry; Misses E. Booth; and Messrs. J. Tyler, W. S. Mackay, J. J. Parker, A. Williams, J. Trenwith, L. Moor, L. Joll, E. J. Hutson, F. Penn, together with Circuit officials and representatives, and Trustees of the Mission property.

4. That the Superintendent of the Auckland Methodist Central Mission be requested during the forthcoming year to take steps to call together representatives of the various Methodist organizations doing social service work in the district with a view to the re-establishment of the Methodist Social Service Association, and the publication of an annual report gathering together brief references to all the sections represented.

## B.—DUNEDIN METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION.

### 54th ANNUAL REPORT.

The officials of the Mission decided not to send in a lengthy report to Synod and Conference this year as it is anticipated that a brochure summarising the history and policy of the Mission will shortly be available. It may even be ready for Conference, but this will depend on the printers.

The work has gone along the lines of previous years, and has proceeded in a satisfactory manner. The congregations have been well maintained, the finances are easier, the debt has been reduced by half, and there are encouraging signs of advance. The youth work is responding to leadership, particularly in the Sunday School and Bible Classes. The September Quarterly Meeting recommended that prior to the meeting of the Stationing Committee a special Committee be set up by Conference to consider the special recommendations.

The recommendations of the Board of Trustees held on the 19th October, 1943, and endorsed by the Quarterly Meeting held on the 27th October, 1943, were sent to the Synod of last year (1943) with the idea of providing full information of the requirements of the Mission and seeking the mind of the Church.

It was the intention of the officials to ask the Conference to set up a special committee to go into details and discuss everything that was proposed in order to get the backing of the entire Church and to prevent any false step. It was unfortunate that travelling restrictions prevented the attendance of a special representative at the Executive committee when the annual report was under discussion.

The officials of the Mission are grateful for the time the Executive spent in discussing the recommendations. Following the advice of the Executive the Mission officials have given further consideration to what was proposed.

The Conference Executive decided (page 38, Conf. Min., par. 1): "That the recommendations be referred back to the Mission for further consideration and to report to the next Conference when the appointment of a second married agent would be considered."

The Quarterly Meeting and the Board of Trustees, after further discussion, decided to rescind all previous resolutions and to consider the proposals de novo.

In order to clarify the position, the following facts may prove helpful.

The Mission was founded on the third Sunday in April, 1890, at 11 a.m., by the Rev. Wm. Ready. Under the ministries of the Revs. Ready, Sinclair and Slade, the Mission in reality was a big Sunday night service, but during the ministries of the Revs. Eaton, Walker, Hinton and Neale, the Mission has developed along social as well as spiritual lines.

This development has resulted in the establishment of institutions, purchase of sites for future expansion, the establishment of offices and organisational activities.

In April, 1915, the late Rev. Wm. Slade wrote to his circuit stewards as follows: "It has always been a cause of regret to me that the multitude of business details and the round of meetings have prevented me from visiting to the extent I have desired. To carry on this Mission as it ought to be carried on is beyond the strength of one man, however able and strong. Missions like this are the most onerous positions ministers occupy." If such was the case in 1915, it is apparent that to-day the position is aggravated.

It is almost impossible for those outside the circle of the Mission to gauge the complexity and extent of the work. The Mission has thirty employees and constant attention has to be given to questions relating to staff. Much property of the Mission is old, demanding constant attention; an office staff of two is constantly engaged in dealing with details of work; preaching and social ministries occupy more time than that of an ordinary circuit. Every city missionary knows unusual claims upon his time and thought, because of the particular position he occupies in the city. The Dunedin Mission ministers to people resident not only in the city but in the suburbs, necessitating much travelling. Its members and adherents are drawn from all districts. In the last eleven years, three big homes for aged and young have been built at a cost of £70,000.

The Octagon Hall has been remodelled at a cost of £20,000. Property in the Octagon has been purchased at a cost of £19,500, all of which has involved and will involve considerable personal supervision by the Superintendent. The Conference of 1931 confirmed the action of the Trustees in purchasing the Octagon property in order to centralise the work of the Mission and to extend its field of service. The buildings at Company Bay are free of debt. The Octagon property, last Conference, had a mortgage of £17,500, which, this year, has been reduced to £9,900 odd.

The Social Service department which has supported the Homes and the Trust has a debit balance of approximately £4500. It is apparent that financial matters require very careful supervision. The Social Service department alone expended £15,000 this year.

The present Sunday School and the shops on the corner of the Octagon are outdated and the question of replacement will need to be faced. The present Sunday School is absolutely inadequate for modern tutorial work and totally unsuitable to deal with organisational and recreational youth work.

For fifty-three years the progress of the Mission has been stultified by overhead expenditure and mortgages. A stage has been reached when all mortgages and debts should be extinguished. Community and church life following the war-period will demand extensive ministries. The officials feel that the time has come to follow the lead of the great missions in the Homeland and elsewhere by appointing a specialised and adequate staff. It is noteworthy that the Rev. Jasper Calder of Auckland has sought permission to be relieved of the pastoral work, and that Knox Church, Dunedin, has appointed an associate Minister.

The Leaders' Meeting, Quarterly Meeting, and the Board of Trustees, having thoughtfully and prayerfully considered the whole position, now recommend to Synod and Conference the following—

1. That the present Superintendent be appointed for a further term of office.



2. That a second married agent be appointed to the Mission staff at the Conference of 1945.
3. That the appointment of a probationer be continued.

In making these recommendations, the Mission seeks no financial grant from any Department of the Church. It is in a position to provide a suitable parsonage for the second married minister and adequate allowance.

The Mission is anxious to strengthen its pastoral and spiritual ministries, to make more potent its challenge and service in the life of the city and to departmentalise a work now beyond the capacity of one married minister.

L. B. NEALE, Superintendent.  
H. H. JOHNSON,  
W. AITKEN.                      Circuit Stewards.

### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the cordial thanks and appreciation of the Conference be accorded Rev. L. B. Neale and his staff.
3. For appointments see under Question XXV. (a).

**QUESTION XLVII.**—What are the Resolutions of the Conference with regard to the training of Deaconesses?

### ANNUAL REPORT, 1944.

Successful work has been carried out by the three Students in training. The term examinations have shown that they are progressing in their studies, while Church reports give evidence of their acceptance in visitation. They have all gained experience in conducting services by giving addresses at Rapaki Maori Church, at the Children's Fresh Air Home, Cashmere, and in some of the Christ-church Churches. Two of the students will probably take up work under the Home Mission Board in the New Year.

The same lecturers as last year have given instruction in English, Theology, New Testament, Old Testament, Church History, Homiletics, Psychology and Maori. The Term Examinations show steady progress. We are greatly indebted to the lecturers for their very helpful work.

The Ladies' House Committee keeps in close touch with the domestic side of the Institution. Miss Purdie as Lady Superintendent has again made us indebted to her by her management and by her influence in gaining a widening interest amongst the women of the Church. Sister Madeline Holland has been of great assistance in the work of the house and in her influence on the students. Staff problems are still with us and the future may have more difficulties.

Communications have been sent to the Chairmen of Districts and to the Young Women's Fellowships asking them to encourage young women to train for the work of the Church. We have several applications from those willing to enter the Institution next year. Besides those training for Deaconess there are 22 hostel students in residence this year.

Reports from workers on the field are being received. Sister Atawhai Wilcox has resigned owing to her approaching marriage. She has done fine work for her people during the past thirteen years and the Church is grateful for such useful work.

The Committee reaffirms the Resolution of last year regarding the position of Deaconesses who marry. The Resolutions of Conference on page 145, Minutes of 1944, are being considered by the Committee, and a report will be presented to Conference. The names of members of the Committee for 1945 will also be presented to Conference.

J. H. ALLEN, Chairman.

A. N. SCOTTER, Convener.

### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the regulations bearing on the position of Deaconesses who marry (Min. Conf., 1944, p. 144) be amended to read "Any Deaconess or probationer who decides to marry shall give as early notice as possible of her intention, etc.," and that the following words be added thereto: "If a Deaconess, however, has served ten years her name shall be placed upon the Honours List in the Members of Conference."
3. Having regard to the ever increasing need for young women in all departments of our Church, and particularly with respect to the problems that will confront the Church after the war, Conference requests and empowers the Deaconess Committee to select at least twenty suitable young women to train for Deaconesses, Nurses and for the institutional posts. If a sufficient number of such young women cannot be obtained within N.Z., enquiries be made overseas.
4. That Conference instruct the Deaconess Committee to take immediate steps along these lines this year.
5. That the thanks of Conference be extended to Miss Purdie, Sister Madeline Holland and the Tutors.
6. That application for admission to the Institution for Training be made to the Secretary not later than August 31st, and that the entrance examination be taken in September of each year.
7. That the Conference expresses its appreciation of the financial assistance given to the Institution and the Trainees by the Women's Missionary Union.
8. That the General Superintendent of the Home Missions review the Deaconess Travelling Allowances with a view to making a further grant based on the average annual mileage travelled in each District by the Deaconesses.
9. Methodist Deaconess Committee, 1945:—The Chairman of the District, Revs. E. Drake, A. N. Scotter, M. A. R. Pratt, R. Dudley, W. H. Greenslade, D. O. Williams, N. P. Larsen, F. O. Prosser, J. M. Blight, C. O. Hailwood; Mesdames H. E. Lamb, A. A. Sandford, R. Dudley, S. H. Provost, S. Orchard, and A. Allen; Sister Mabel Morley; Messrs. J. E. Purchase, E. H. Andrews, W. C. Francis, and A. A. Harrow; Mrs. W. R. Featherston for M.W.M.U. Also Mrs. G. Bowron and Mr. C. A. Newman (Life Members).

**QUESTION XLVIII.**—What are the Resolutions of Conference respecting Connexional Orphanages?

**A.—THE AUCKLAND CHILDREN'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE, MT. ALBERT AND EPSOM.**

In presenting this Report of the thirty-first year's work in connection with our Homes, we gratefully acknowledge the guidance and blessing of our Heavenly Father. The problems of management, staffing, and supply have been successfully met month by month, and every child under our care has been well fed, housed, and clothed.



**Admissions and Withdrawals.** During the year 22 children were admitted, and 25 withdrawn. Our numbers have remained in the vicinity of 70 most of the year, but on September 30th we had 32 boys at "Wesley," and 29 girls and 4 small boys at "Epsom"; a total of 65, with a staff of 9.

**Girls' Hostel.** The outstanding event of the year was the opening of the Girls' Hostel on May 20th in connection with our Epsom Home. The Matron reports:—"The Hostel has filled a long-felt want. The girls thoroughly enjoy living under the new conditions, and all are very happy and helpful in every way." The Board is satisfied that the expenditure of £1366 for building and furniture was fully justified, and that the Hostel will add to the efficiency of our work among the senior girls.

**Building Projects.** Although the building of the Boys' Home at Mt. Roskill has not been possible during the year, the Board has the matter constantly under review. It is sincerely hoped that priority will be secured for the erection of the Home in the new building programme.

**Home for Infants.** The May Synod of the Auckland District forwarded a remit asking the Board to make provision for the care of infants and small children up to 3 years of age. The Board recognises the great need there is to provide for numbers of war babies, and the matter of building and equipping an Infants' Home is being given earnest consideration.

**Street Appeal.** The Board gratefully acknowledges the largely increased donation of the Auckland Orphanages United Council's street appeal throughout the Province. The Methodist per capita proportion of the proceeds was £788/5/-, an amount equal to 4/7 per week for each child in our care, and an increase over the previous year of £354. The Board urges Methodist people throughout the Province to give all possible assistance in organising in their own locality for this united annual appeal.

**Finances.** The Treasurers report a total income from Churches and Young People's Organisations of £1006, which is an increase of £100 on the previous year, and a new record in income from these sources. The splendid service of our City Collector, Mr. J. H. Whitburn, has again yielded cash donations of £100, in addition to goods valued at £45/8/-.

Bequests received during the year (£1518) testify that the work of our Homes is appreciated by Methodists and others who make suitable provision from their estates. We again commend this cause to those making a will.

Excess Revenue of £1792, and Income from Legacies of £1518, enable us to transfer the sum of £3310 to Capital, for the new building fund. This includes the sum of £1366 for the building and furnishing of the Girls' Hostel, which has been paid out of the year's income.

**Appreciation and Thanks.** The sincere thanks of the Board are offered in appreciation of their services to the Honorary Medical Officers, Dr. J. Rule and Dr. J. Kirkwood; to Mr. K. W. White, Chemist; to Messrs. C. Martyn & Sons, Opticians; to Mr. L. S. Dearing, Butcher; to Messrs. Platt & Wright and Mrs. Freeman, for large gifts of fruit; to the Auckland Brush Co. for brooms; to the Wakefield Oil Co., for motor oil; to the Para Rubber Co., for sand shoes; to Robinson's Ice Cream Co. for supplies; to Miss Harbutt, for the provision of firewood; to Mr. and Mrs. Faulkner, for constant services of outstanding merit; to several Ladies' Guilds and Churches, for Harvest

Festival gifts; to the Ladies' Committees of both Homes; to the Ladies of the Auckland Travel Club, for making garments; to the Ladies from several Churches, who regularly assist with mending and darning; and to all the business Houses who have so generously responded to the appeal of the City Collector.

**Sympathy.** The sincere sympathy of the Board is tendered to those of its members who have suffered bereavement during the year; to the Board's Chairman, Rev. E. T. Olds, and Mrs. Olds, in the death of their son on active service; to Mrs. and Miss Frost in the passing of Rev. G. Front; and to the Misses Mason in the loss of their sister, Miss Agnes Mason.

**Board of Management for 1945.** Mrs. W. R. Emerson and Mr. W. Astley (life members), Revs. E. T. Olds (Chairman), F. E. Leadley (Secretary-Treasurer), E. W. Hames, M.A., H. E. Bellhouse, W. Walker, Ministers of Enson and Remuera Churches, W. Parker, A. E. Orr; Mesdames A. H. White, T. Clark, A. L. Caughey, A. Peak, C. J. Burton, C. K. Wigglesworth; Misses E. Mason, E. Waddingham, I. Buttle, C. E. Wagstaff, B. M. Brooke; Messrs. J. E. Astley, T. Clark, F. Penn, A. Williams (on leave), F. L. Rudd (on leave), J. S. Caughey, A. L. Caughey, J. H. Whitburn, J. Hargreaves, J. Tyler, R. T. Garlick (on leave), G. W. Turley, D. E. Parton, W. H. Faulkner, C. K. Wigglesworth, C. E. Goode, W. E. Burley, B.A., F. C. Matthews, and the Chairman and Secretary of the South Auckland District.

E. T. OLDS, Chairman.

F. E. LEADLEY, Secretary-Treasurer.

17th October, 1944.

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

#### B.—MASTERTON CHILDREN'S HOME.

#### REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1944.

**Children.** At the beginning of the year there were 27 children in residence; admissions numbered 15 and removals 6—leaving 36 children in the Home at 30/9/1944.

The health of the children has been good and their school progress excellent.

**Staff.** With the increased number in the Home—particularly in the younger ages—it became necessary to add to the staff, and Miss C. Fell took up her duties in January as Assistant Matron.

While the Master and Matron were absent from the Home on annual leave—the Rev. and Mrs. Utting very ably controlled the Home, and cared for the children not then away on holiday. The Committee has expressed its appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Utting. The whole staff has given excellent services during the year.

**Committee.** The Committee suffered the loss of Mrs. J. Cocker, whose death occurred on 6th July, 1944. Mrs. Cocker had been a member of the Home Committee since its inception, until her death, and had given untiring and devoted service in the interests of the children.

By removal from Masterton the Committee also lost the services of Mr. T. H. Crosbie, who had been a most active member during his term of appointment.

Mr. J. H. Conly, having resumed civil duties after service overseas with the Forces, has again taken his seat on the Committee.



**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 sum of £505/17/1 (only once exceeded) has been received. Other donations amounted to £26/3/3. To the many who have made other gifts of books, fruit, hobby materials (and instruction), and to the good folk who received the children into their homes during the holiday periods—the Committee expresses its thanks. The ready assistance and co-operation of the Wellington Board, so promptly and cordially available at all times, has been most appreciated by the Masterton Committee.

**Bequests.** Several bequests have been reported through the Committee to the Wellington Board.

**Nominations.** The following nominations for 1945 are submitted: Mr. G. F. Whitlock (Chairman), Mr. J. H. Conly (Deputy Chairman), Mr. W. R. Nicol (Secretary-Manager and Treasurer), Mr. W. H. J. Watson (Assistant Secretary), Dr. N. H. Prior (Physician), Mesdames J. Elliott, F. C. Daniell, G. H. Goodman, Misses M. Burton, R. Elliott and L. Cocker, Rev. G. H. Goodman, Messrs. D. A. Barns, A. H. Daniell, W. H. Judd, and F. E. Wells.

For the Committee,

F. E. WELLS, Chairman.

W. R. NICOL, Secretary-Manager.

Resolved: That the Report, Financial Statement and Balance Sheet be received and adopted, and appreciation expressed of the splendid work of Mr. and Mrs. H. Bateup and the staff.

## C.—SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME.

### 30th ANNUAL REPORT.

It is with deep thankfulness to God that we present this 30th Annual Report of the work in our South Island Methodist Children's Home.

From early beginnings in 1914 with 6 children on the Roll, up to to-day, when we have 79 under our care, the work has gone on with the fine support of our Church people and the faithful care of a devoted band of workers.

During the year ending 30th September, 1944, 10 children have been admitted and 7 discharged. The health of the children has been good, and school progress in most cases very satisfactory. We have at the present time, 13 at Secondary School, 1 at Otago University, and 5 working, 3 girls and 2 boys.

Staff problems, as in all institutions in these unsettled times, cause much concern to the Board. There have been numerous changes during the year, and at the moment we are seriously short of help.

It would be impossible to pay too high a tribute to the ability and inspirational leadership of our Matron, Miss Barclay, who, under most difficult conditions continues to direct the life of the Home.

Our thanks, too, go to our Chaplain, Rev. C. R. Taylor, for a notable contribution to the work among the children, and a faithful band of workers who, in Sunday School, B.C., Clubs, Scouts and Cubs, seek to further the work of the Kingdom of God in our midst.

During the year the Rev. E. Drake, after outstanding service as Secretary and Treasurer, was compelled to relinquish his duties, and the Board appointed Mr. George H. Coley as Secretary-Manager, thereby inaugurating a new order.

Our most sincere thanks goes out to the Ladies' House Committee, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Pratt, for their untiring efforts on our behalf, to Dr. Orchard for medical services, and to Mr. Sevicke Jones for his continued help in caring for the eyes of the children. We would thank, too, that great company of friends who, with gifts of clothes, toys, and produce, help to make our work easier.

The Christchurch Combined Orphanages' Annual Street Appeal is becoming justly famous, and our share in the proceeds of this year's street appeal and Radio Concert was £739—a most acceptable addition to our funds.

We remember, too, with gratitude, the people of our Church in the South Island who, year by year, give their most generous help to our work among the children.

In these troubled days our hearts take courage in the knowledge that these young lives under our care, fraught with such fine possibilities, are being guided in the way of truth and sent out into the world with a knowledge of Jesus Christ as a loving Saviour.

#### Committee for 1945.

Chairman of District, Connexional Secretary, Superintendent Ministers of Durham Street, Christchurch East, Cambridge Terrace, St. Albans, Woolston, and Papanui Circuits; Revs. W. Grigg, E. Drake and A. N. Scotter; Messrs. J. E. Purchase, H. de R. Flesher, F. A. Sheat, H. S. Harrington, W. S. Worner, W. G. Wright, C. Palmer, L. J. Dale, A. J. Harrow; Mesdames Pratt, W. Cock, M. Opie, F. C. Thornton, J. Allen, C. W. Barrell, R. A. Marsh, Miss Horrell. Secretary-Manager: Geo. H. Coley.

GEO. H. COLEY, Secretary-Manager.

J. H. ALLEN, Chairman.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

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

2. That appreciation be expressed of the excellent services rendered by Rev. E. Drake as Secretary and Treasurer for a number of years.

3. That Conference re-affirms its resolution of last year that the annual list of circuit contributions to the South Island Children's Home be forwarded to the Synod Secretary in time for presentation to Synod.

4. That, having regard to the exacting nature of the work devolving upon members of Orphanage staffs and the high cost of living, Conference requests that where necessary the Orphanage Boards consider the urgent necessity of an adequate wage and pleasant working conditions for the staff, with special reference to the question of periodic leave where necessary.

#### QUESTION XLIX.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Connexional Literature?

##### A.—“METHODIST TIMES” AND LITERATURE COMMITTEE. REPORT FOR 1944.

The Committee has pleasure in reporting that the number of subscribers to the Church paper continues to increase. Since the Rev. H. E. Bellhouse undertook editorial duties in 1936 the circulation has advanced by 35.33 per cent. and is now higher than at any period in the last twenty years.



Under the Emergency Regulations the number of pages has been reduced by 25%, thus limiting its scope in relation to literary matter and to advertisements. The management has never used the full space sanctioned by Conference for advertisements. In the general interest of the paper current advertisements suffered a 33 1-3 per cent. cut, and many requests for large space contracts have recently been declined. Negotiations are now in progress for a return to a 16 page publication. When this is arranged we hope to make less use of the small type that is so trying to the eyes of many readers. Advice and opinions have been sought from journalists, printers and others in relation to the paper, its size, its format, its content, and all related matters. Every point raised has been carefully considered and where financially practicable and mechanically possible constructive suggestions have been adopted with a view to giving increased readability to the paper. The larger use of illustrations in the past year has given widespread satisfaction.

Before the contract was made with our present printers the Committee got tenders for various sizes and types of journal. Then and since it has had before it for consideration dummy copies of various sizes. These included Demy octavo (5 x 8 inches), Demy quarto (8½ x 10½), Royal (10 x 12), and Crown folio (10 x 14), which is the size now used. One journalist recommended a publication the size of the ordinary daily newspaper. Another advised the publication of a high class general magazine covering wide public, social and domestic interests, but incorporating a section to feature Church affairs. Those most familiar with the requirements of religious journalism made few suggestions regarding the contents of the paper and most favoured the size now in use as being easily handled and readily readable. The Committee has had before it reports from America and Canada on the whole aspect of Church journalism and it is giving close attention to every aspect of the paper.

Several years ago the Committee entered into negotiations with the Foreign Mission Department and the Youth Board with a view to incorporating their periodical publications with the Church paper. Both Departments felt that they could best foster their particular interest by publishing their own papers.

Many requests for regular copies of the paper for men and women of the Forces have been received from Chaplains of our own and other Churches, and from Y.M.C.A. workers, who have paid tribute to its wide acceptability.

The Committee has considered the whole matter of the conditions covering Editorial appointments, including a suggested departure from the custom of an annual appointment. Finality has not been reached and the subject will be further considered next year. In the meantime the Committee heartily recommends the re-appointment of the Rev. H. E. Bellhouse for next Connexional year, and at his request it nominates the Rev. G. R. Harris as Associate Editor and the Rev. R. E. Fordyce as editor of the LYM page.

The Committee places on record its appreciation of the services of the late Rev. R. B. Gosnell, who so long catered for the needs of the children.

The financial position is shown in the printed statement. Publication costs show an upward trend which will be emphasised when we revert to a larger paper. The Committee asks for the usual subsidy of £150 from the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund and for £75 from the Contingent Fund plus one-half of the honoraria for the editors and their contingent expenses in accordance with the standing regulations.

The following are nominated as the Committee for next Connexional year: Revs. M. A. Rugby Pratt (ex officio), E. Drake, R. Dudley, J. Dennis, N. P. Larsen, H. W. Payne, and Messrs. E. H. Andrews (lay treasurer), W. G. Wright, H. de R. Flesher, and D. McHarg.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. H. ALLEN, Chairman.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Secretary.

Christchurch,

18th December, 1944.

### SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

It is with very great regret that we report the death of Mr. H. Holland, C.B.E., who has been for twenty-one years lay treasurer of the "Methodist Times" Committee. Mr. Holland has served the Church with distinction as a local preacher, as Vice-President of Conference, and in many other capacities. He has rendered notable public service as Mayor of Christchurch and as a member of Parliament. His widow and the members of his family are girded with the prayers of the Church in their bereavement.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT.

Christchurch, 16th January, 1945.

### 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 Conference puts on record its cordial appreciation of the service rendered by the late Rev. R. B. Gosnell as editor of the LYM page and tenders its deep sympathy to Mrs. Gosnell and her family in their sudden bereavement.

6. That Conference records its deep sense of the value of the services rendered by the late Mr. Henry Holland, C.B.E., as lay treasurer of the "Methodist Times" for many years. It prays that the widow and family may find Divine comfort to be very rich and very real.

7. That Mr. E. H. Andrews be appointed as lay treasurer of the "Methodist Times" and Literature Committee.

8. Realizing the importance of the printed word in shaping the life of to-day and believing that this method of Christian witness is not being as efficiently exploited as is possible, Synod recommends Conference to set up a Committee which shall sit during 1945 in order to inquire into and examine ways and means of improving the style, format and nature of our Connexional paper the "Methodist Times"; and also to go into the whole question of Church publications and possible ways of using as fully as possible this medium of Christian witness and evangelism; the Committee to bring down recommendations to Synods, 1945, and Conference, 1946.



9. That the personnel of the Committee be as follows:—The President of the Conference (Rev. A. H. Scrivin), Dr. H. Ranston, Revs. E. T. Olds, G. I. Laurenson, E. W. Hames, M.A., H. L. Fiebig, B.A., H. A. Cochrane, A. J. Johnston, and V. R. Jamieson; Miss L. Hendra, Sister Rita Snowden, Messrs. E. P. Salmon, T. W. Hemer, D. E. Parton, L. T. Hayman, J. Hargraves, A. Turner, and Rev. C. T. Symons, M.A., B.D. Rev. V. R. Jamieson, Convener.

10. Such committee shall work in closest consultation and heartiest co-operation with the "Methodist Times" and Literature Committee to which it shall forward its draft report by 30th September for consideration prior to its adoption for the Synods of 1945 and the Conference of 1946.

#### **QUESTION L.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference concerning Military, Naval and Air Affairs?**

##### **REPORT OF SENIOR CHAPLAIN.**

All reports continue to speak well of the splendid service being rendered by our Chaplains in the several departments of the War Services, both overseas and in the Dominion.

Chaplains J. C. Draper, W. A. Mills, W. R. Francis, J. K. Watson, M.C., and J. B. Dawson, are serving in the Middle East. Chaplain W. A. Mills has been chosen for special duty in England in connection with Prisoner-of-War Repatriation Work, and has probably arrived there by this time.

Chaplain A. R. Witheford has just returned from a good turn of duty in the Pacific and has reported at Burnham Camp, relieving Chaplain F. G. Brown, who thus completes his chaplaincy duties. Chaplain Wesley Parker continues at Narrow Neck Camp, Auckland. We are glad to be able to report that Chaplain H. T. Peat has been discharged from hospital and has returned to his home.

##### **AIR.**

In the Air Force, Chaplain J. Churchill has completed a long term of service in Fiji and latterly in Forward Areas in the Pacific, and is returning home, his place being taken by Chaplain B. M. Chrystall, B.A., from Ardmore Air Station, Auckland. Other changes are pending because of the closing down of several Air Stations in the Dominion. Chaplain W. Rowe will transfer from Levin to Ardmore, and Chaplain H. S. Kings from Rongotai to Camp Anderson.

During the year Chaplain John K. Watson was awarded the Military Cross for distinguished service, and Rev. Harold Burley (serving in the Middle East as an n.c.o. in the Medical Corp), was awarded the Military Medal. Since last reporting to Synods and Conference, the Rev. V. R. Jamieson, our first chaplain to go overseas and now returned to Circuit work, had the well-merited award of O.B.E. granted to him.

To all these Brethren we give our hearty congratulations.

##### **NAVAL.**

In naval affairs the matter of Honorary Chaplains at the various ports in the Dominion has been taken up with the Naval Authorities, but action has been very much delayed, and so far no final decision has been made. The matter involves all the Churches in the Dominion apparently and the Navy Department is making haste slowly. We are hopeful that finality will be reached by Conference time and if the right is granted appointments will then be made.

## LITERATURE.

We are just now able to begin in earnest our task of supplying much needed literature to our chaplains for distribution. One big parcel has already gone to each chaplain and another is now being prepared for despatch, and we hope to keep up a regular supply to each chaplain. Those who have been able to acknowledge this literature, speak in highest terms of its value. We continue to make the strongest appeal to all Synods and to Conference, so that the knowledge of the need may reach every one of our members. We must have funds for this much needed work.

## ADVISORY BOARDS.

Auckland, Wellington, North Canterbury and Otago Synods are asked to nominate their Advisory Boards to Conference.

FREDERICK J. PARKER, C.F.,  
Senior Chaplain.

## RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Reports and Financial Statement be received and adopted.

2. That Rev. R. F. Clement be appointed a Chaplain and ordained.

3. That the Methodist Chaplains returned from overseas be recommended to take advantage of opportunities of continuing their ministry by joining with the R.S.A.

4. That Chaplain J. K. Watson be returned to Circuit work.

5. That the congratulations of Conference be extended to Rev. H. W. Burley, M.M., and Rev. J. K. Watson, M.C., B.A., and that these decorations be printed in the Minutes.

6. That the appreciation of Conference be conveyed to every Chaplain serving with the Forces.

7. That the Rev. F. J. Parker be thanked for his services as Senior Chaplain and that he be re-appointed.

8. That Rev. J. S. Willoughby be elevated from the ranks and appointed a Chaplain in the Middle East Forces, to replace Rev. J. K. Watson.

9. That the congratulations of the Conference be extended to the Rev. J. M. McKenzie, C.F., upon his elevation as Moderator Elect of the Presbyterian Assembly, and appreciation be expressed of his outstanding leadership and of his consistently helpful attitude to the Chaplains of our Church.

10. That the name "Military and Naval Affairs" be altered to "Naval, Military and Air Affairs."

11. Naval Chaplains. That the following be nominated by the Senior Chaplain to the Navy Board for appointment as Honorary Officiating Naval Chaplains at the various ports:—

Auckland: Rev. V. R. Jamieson, C.F.

New Plymouth: Rev. J. H. Allen.

Nelson: Rev. C. Blair.

Timaru: Rev. O. Burnet.

Wellington: Rev. H. S. Kings, C.F.

Onehunga: Rev. D. J. D. Hickman.

Napier: Rev. F. Copeland.

Lyttelton: Rev. J. Silvester.

Dunedin: Rev. L. B. Neale.

Bluff: Rev. R. Thornley.



12. That Central Command Advisory Board be given authority to make the annual appeal and to deal with other financial matters in connection with the War Services and Chaplaincy Fund, in consultation with the Senior Chaplain.

13. That the Senior Chaplain be given power to co-opt an Advisory Committee in the Taranaki-Wanganui District, if thought advisable.

14. District Chaplains' Advisory Boards.

#### AUCKLAND.—

WELLINGTON.—Rev. W. A. Burley, The Senior Chaplain, Rev. J. D. McArthur; Messrs. T. M. Pacey, B. O. Stokes, R. Hardie Boys, A. J. Johnston, E. W. A. Kellow, P. E. Patrick, S. Roberts.

NORTH CANTERBURY.—Revs. W. Grigg, H. L. Blamires, J. Dennis, M. A. Rugby Pratt, E. Drake, R. Dudley, C. R. Taylor, N. P. Larsen, H. Whitfield, J. Silvester; Messrs. W. G. Wright, E. R. Caygill, C. H. Perkins, W. A. Bascand. Convener: Rev. J. Dennis.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—Revs. W. G. Slade and L. C. Horwood; Messrs. I. 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.

There have been few additions to the Connexional Collection during the past year. To Mr. C. F. Overton we are indebted for two letters written by the Rev. J. Waterhouse to the Rev. J. H. Bumby in 1839, and a letter to Mr. Bumby from the Rev. J. Beecham. The same donor also sent the Minutes of the Translation and Printing Committee of the Wesleyan Mission for March 1846; Minutes of a District Meeting at Kawhia in September 1847, and Notes of a District Meeting, held in 1851.

Mr. J. H. Tarlton of Te Aroha sent some English circuit plans for 1860-1864; Mrs. Peters a volume of "Free Methodist Memories"; the Rev. Ben Dudley a copy of "The Diary of Kitty Trevelyman"; Mr. A. T. McIndoe several historical publications on Dunedin Methodism; the Rev. T. W. Vealie a copy of the Ashburton Jubilee Souvenir of 1926; Mr. D. H. Payne the Centennial Register of the Lower Hutt Sunday School 100th Anniversary, and Mr. L. J. Thwaites some photographs of early Methodist ministers.

Other additions included publications of the local Wesley Historical Society covering the story of "Toil and Adversity at Whangaroa" by Dr. Laws; the Story of Three Kings' College by the Rev. E. W. Hames; the Primitive Methodist Centennial brochure by the Rev. E. Drake, and the Durham Street 80th Anniversary Souvenir.

A typed but unpublished story of Methodism in Canterbury with references to our Maori contacts as early as 1841 and the genesis and development of the Durham Street Church has been filed, and also a typed but hitherto unpublished detailed story of St. Albans Methodism from its commencement in 1853. These were written by the Connexional Secretary.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Custodian.

Christchurch,

13th December, 1944.

## B.—TRINITY COLLEGE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM.

During the past twelve months a number of donations have been made, chiefly of books. The most important items are as follows:—

Mr. W. Ambury: Several volumes of the Proceedings of the Wesley Historical Society. Congregation of Wesley Church, Taranaki St., Wellington: Some 200 volumes relating to St. Francis of Assisi, or devotional, and four pictures, a memorial gift associated with the name of the Rev. P. R. Paris. Further details will be given when the transaction is complete. Mr. Roland Hames: Mss. Preacher's Plan for "Wesleyan Church, Kaipara," 1879. Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt: Six presentation volumes each carrying the author's signature. Proceedings of the Royal Historical Society, London. Also through Mr. Pratt about 150 volumes of literature from the library of the late Rev. P. W. Fairclough. Mr. James Pascoe: Photo of Prince Albert College, Pupils and Masters, 1895. Mr. Percy Dellow: Interleaved Maori Bible used by the Rev. T. Buddle at the revision committee, 1857. Rev. W. A. Sinclair: Pamphlets and papers relating to Wesley College, Three Kings and Paerata. Mr. W. G. Tiller: Old Bible, with illustrations by Gustave Dore. Rev. W. J. Elliott: Framed pictures, including one of the Wesley brothers with their mother. Mrs. J. Astley: Letters of the Rev. C. H. Schnackenberg, Missionary to the Maoris, covering the period 1846-1879 (in specially made case). Trustees of Pitt St. Church: Eleven volumes of early Church records, including the Minutes of the District Meeting from 1827-1858, with contemporary Account Books; also the Minutes of the Board of Education for Native Schools, 1854-1869, and the Account Book of the Wesleyan College, Auckland, 1850-1856.

E. W. HAMES, Custodian.

## C.—WESLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY (N.Z. BRANCH). ANNUAL REPORT.

During the year the Society has been giving attention to the growing number of important centennials that are taking place. In co-operation with the respective Boards, we have shared in the publication of brochures dealing with the centennial of Primitive Methodism in New Zealand, and the centennial of the commencement of the Wesleyan Native Institution at Grafton Road, Auckland, the forerunner of the present Wesley College, Paerata. The former was written by the Rev. Edward Drake, and the latter by the Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A. We are also following up inquiries with a view to the publication of material recording the centennial of the first European service in Dunedin; and the centennial of the Wairau engagement with which our pioneer missionary, Samuel Ironside, was indirectly but significantly associated. Dr. Laws is also working on a further brochure carrying a stage further his documentation of the early period of our Maori Mission.

C. H. LAWS, Chairman of the Standing Committee.

GEO. I. LAURENSEN, Hon. Secretary.

## RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Reports be received and adopted.
2. That the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt be appointed Custodian for the ensuing year, with the Principal of the College as joint Custodian.
3. That thanks be tendered to those who have sent in various records and gifts during the year.



**QUESTION LII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on Matters Previously Remitted to Synods for Committees to Report?**

**I.—CHURCH UNION.**

**Report of Committee, 1944.**

It has been possible to hold only one meeting of the full committee since the meeting of the Conference Emergency Executive in April last. But for the past two years a combined committee of representatives of the three Denominational Committees has met on at least four occasions. Its main work has been the re-drafting of the Basis of Union in the light of the main amendments proposed by the Quarterly Meetings in 1942. This revised Basis is presented to the Conference with a Recommendation that it be submitted to Quarterly Meetings and Synods of 1945.

In the meantime the Committee strongly urges that all possible steps be taken to co-operate with the congregations of the other negotiating Churches. It is suggested that this might be done by combined meetings of office-bearers, united week-night devotional and inspirational meetings, and the interchange of pulpits. The Committee believes there is no surer way to prepare for Union and that understanding and appreciation of one another can be achieved by combined worship and service.

The Committee submits the amended Proposed Basis of Union as follows:—

**PROPOSED BASIS OF UNION.**

This proposed Basis is a preliminary outline which presupposes at a later date a detailed treatment of all the matters briefly referred to therein.

**I.—Brief Statement of Faith.**

In this Act of Union the United Church, as part of the Holy Catholic or Universal Church worshipping one God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—affirms its belief in the Gospel of the sovereign grace and love of God, wherein through Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Incarnate, Crucified, and Risen, He freely offers to all men, upon repentance and faith, the forgiveness of sins, renewal by the Holy Spirit, and eternal life, and calls them to labour in the fellowship of faith for the advancement of the Kingdom of God throughout the world.

The United Church acknowledges the Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, to be the supreme rule of faith and life.

The United Church acknowledges its creedal and confessional inheritance as part of the Holy Catholic Church, especially the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed. The United Church also acknowledges as subordinate standards the Westminster Confession, John Wesley's Forty-four Standard Sermons and Notes on the New Testament, and the Savoy Declaration, recognising liberty of opinion on such points of doctrine as do not enter into the substance of the Catholic Faith as expressed in the opening paragraph, and claiming the right, in dependence on the promised guidance of the Holy Spirit to formulate, interpret or modify its subordinate standards: always in agreement with the Word of God and the fundamental doctrines of the Christian Faith contained in these standards, of which agreement the United Church itself shall be the sole judge.

In this Statement of Faith the United Church disclaims intolerant or persecuting principles.

## II.—A Short Statement of Polity.

### The Church.

1. **Standards:** As 1 above.

2. **Membership:**

(a) The members of the United Church shall be members of the uniting churches, and such other persons as may hereafter be admitted as members by the Session.

(b) The conditions of communicant membership shall be baptism, confession of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, an outward life in conformity therewith, and participation in the Lord's Supper.

(c) The conditions of adherent membership shall be a consistent Christian life, regular attendance at Public Worship, and support of the Church by service and means according to ability.

### Order.

3. **The Parish:** The Parish shall be a defined area. Rolls shall be kept of members, communicant and adherent, who customarily worship in the Church or Churches within this area, and these members shall constitute the congregation, which normally shall be the unit of organisation and shall have responsibility for the work of the Churches within the parish.

4. **The Board of Management:** The Board of Management of the parish shall consist of persons chosen by the congregation from its own number, together with the Session, ex officio. The Board shall administer the temporal affairs of the parish, and shall be presided over by the minister or a member of the Board elected by it for the purpose.

5. **The Parish Council:** (i) The Parish Council, which shall meet at least quarterly, shall consist of the minister or ministers, the elders and lay preachers, the senior Sunday School Superintendent, representatives of boards of management, representatives of youth work, women's organisations, men's organisations and a stated number of representatives elected annually by each congregation. Ordinarily the minister shall preside. There shall be one Parish Council in each parish, but where there is more than one congregation meeting for public worship in the parish, each shall be represented as above.

(ii) The functions of the Parish Council shall be—

(a) To consider what further can be done to promote the work of God in the parish, to review the work of the different organisations within it, and to make recommendations relating thereto.

(b) To appoint a local Youth Council which shall be representative of the Session and of all sections of youth work. Such Youth Council shall be responsible to the Parish Council.

(c) To review the finances of the different organisations within the parish, and to facilitate the necessary organisation for securing of moneys for general Church Funds and enterprises such as Missions at home and overseas, youth work and philanthropic activities.

(d) To co-operate with the Session in forming a Parish Selection Committee for the choosing of a new minister.

(e) To elect representative elders to the Synod from the Session.

(f) To attend to such matters affecting the parish as are not assigned to any of the other bodies.



(iii) Alternatively, the function of the Parish Council may be assumed by the "Church Meeting," which shall comprise all communicant members.

**6. The Session:** (i) The Session shall consist of the minister or ministers of the parish and such members in full communion as have been duly elected by communicant members and ordained as elders by the Session. Ordination of elders is for life, but election to any Session may be for life or for a stated period. Re-ordination does not take place on appointment for a new term or when elected to a new Session. No limit shall be placed on the number of elders in any congregation except that imposed by (a) the requirements of the local cause, and (b) the number of suitable persons available for election. Nominations for election to the eldership shall be made by the Session or by the communicant members; or by both. The Session exercises rule in spiritual matters within the parish and represents the parish in the higher courts of the Church.

**(ii) Eldership and membership of the Higher Courts:**

(a) That subject to qualifications later to be determined, it be accepted as a general principle that eldership shall be a necessary qualification for membership in the Higher Courts of the United Church.

(b) That the Parish Council shall elect from within the Session the representative elders to the Synod. N.B.: This is subject to the clause re Existing Organisation and Practices.

(c) That Lay Treasurers of Funds and Boards who hold ex officio membership in the Higher Courts of the negotiating churches and who may not desire to accept the office of elder shall for five years after union be consummated be ex officio members of the Higher Courts of the United Church.

(d) That the General Assembly may appoint officials of the Church as associate members of the General Assembly provided that they are in full membership with the Church.

**7. The Synod:**

(a) The Synod shall consist of ministers and representative elders of the parishes within its bounds, together with such other ministers or elders as may be appointed by, or on the authority of, the General Assembly. As far as practicable there shall be equal representation of ministers and laymen. The Synod has the pastoral care of the parishes within its bounds and exercises administrative powers and functions on behalf of the superior courts.

(b) Synod, acting for the whole Church, which acknowledges the priesthood of all believers, ordains ministers, who are responsible to it and the higher courts alone for the discharge of their duties.

(c) The Moderator of the Synod shall be elected annually from among its members. He may be re-elected from year to year. The election shall be made with due regard to the importance of the office in the Church and the community. The Moderator shall constitute and preside over the meetings of the Synod, generally direct its business and perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Synod either on its own initiative or by instruction received by it from a superior court.

**8. The General Assembly:**

(a) The General Assembly shall consist of representatives, being ministers and elders, elected by Synods. The Assembly, as the supreme court, exercises rule over all its Synods, Sessions and Parishes, and its decisions are final and binding on the whole Church.

(b) A reception service for those to be ordained during the ensuing twelve months shall be held at each General Assembly.

(c) The Assembly shall be presided over by a Moderator who shall be elected by the Assembly.

### III.—The Ministry.

#### 9. Training:

(a) A candidate for the ministry must be a member of the United Church in full communion, have given evidence of the possession of preaching and other suitable gifts, and be approved by the Synod on the recommendation of a Session. Candidates are urged to become lay preachers.

(b) Throughout the course of their training candidates are under the supervision of a Synod.

(c) Before entering upon theological training each candidate must pass an entrance examination to the Theological College. Except as hereinafter provided, the Theological Hall Committee must be satisfied that each candidate, before sitting for this entrance examination, has taken an approved course of at least three years at a recognised university.

(d) The course of study at the Theological Hall shall extend over a period of at least three years, and candidates must pass an exit examination and be certified by the Hall Committee to his Synod.

(e) Before a student can be inducted into a parish of his own he must undergo some form of probation to the satisfaction of his Synod.

(f) Anyone who is deemed by the General Assembly to have given proof of being specially qualified for the work of the ministry may be admitted to the ministry by a resolution of the General Assembly.

**10. Lay Preachers:** The office of a lay preacher shall be recognised as a part of the organisation of the Church. Candidates for this office shall be recommended by a Session, and after examination by an Assembly Committee and approval by a Synod, admitted to the office of lay preacher and publicly set apart thereto by the Synod.

### IV.—The Settlement of Parishes.

#### 11. The Settlement Committee:

(a) The Settlement Committee shall consist of an equal number of ministers and elders appointed annually by the General Assembly, due consideration being given to Synodal representation. It shall be the duty of this committee to see that as far as possible every parish shall have a minister and every effective minister a parish.

(b) The Settlement Committee shall report to the General Assembly for information only, all changes made in pastoral relations of self-sustaining parishes in consequence of calls made by them and of the changes made by the Settlement Committee on its own initiative in the pastorates of the aided parishes.

#### 12. Self-sustaining Parishes:

(a) A parish which furnishes a stipend equal to or above the standard minimum stipend shall have the right to "call" a minister according to the following:—

(Here followed the outline of procedure)

(b) Among the questions put at the Triennial Visitation shall be the following:—"Is there any matter relating to the Gospel ministry in this parish concerning which you would wish the Synod to take action?" It is understood that at the visitation the Session shall seek to express the mind of the members of the church.



(c) In order to facilitate the settlement of self-sustaining parishes there shall be set up a Ministerial Transfer Committee. This Committee shall be small, and its composition determined as to location and personnel by its task, which will gradually alter as the Union is consolidated. The function of this committee shall be to keep a confidential list of ministers desirous of a change of pastorate, and from this list, or from any other source, send names of suitable men to Interim Moderators, who must submit them to selection committees, though the latter will exercise their own discretion in the use of them.

(d) When a congregation fails to call a minister within six months the Synod may ask the Settlement Committee to make the appointment.

### 13. Aided Parishes:

(a) A parish which furnishes a stipend, part of which is contributed from a central fund to make a total equal to the standard minimum stipend, shall not have the right of call. In such cases the Settlements Committee, having consulted the Session, shall with the concurrence of the Synod appoint a minister for a stated period.

(b) Six months before the expiry of the term the pastoral relation shall be reviewed by the Synod, the continuance thereof to be at the request of the congregation with the concurrence of the Synod.

(c) In the event of a minister's term not being extended, the Settlement Committee shall appoint him to another parish.

(d) A minister in an aided parish shall be free to accept call to an unaided parish, but not earlier than six months before the expiry of his term.

(e) Students on completing their training shall be at the disposal of the Settlement Committee for their first appointment unless otherwise determined by the General Assembly.

## V.—General.

### 14. Rights, etc.:

(a) All existing rights between ministers and congregations at the date of the Union shall be conserved during existing pastorates, or for a term not exceeding (?) years, whichever shall be the shorter period.

(b) Such changes within congregations as are necessitated by the terms of the Union shall be given effect to as soon as possible—e.g., the setting up of Parish Councils and Sessions.

(c) Budget allocations and connexional levies shall remain as at present, pending the amalgamation of the relevant funds by the committees concerned.

15. Missions: The United Church shall be responsible for the Mission fields at present served by the uniting churches and shall continue the present connection with the London Missionary Society.

16. Theological College: In the United Church there shall be one Theological Faculty, and for an initial period at least there shall be only one Theological College, on the staff of which the present Theological Colleges shall be represented, and at which all unmarried theological students shall reside. It is envisaged that the other existing Theological College shall be continued as a residential college for students and also for the training of other Christian workers.

17. Funds: The funds of the Presbyterian Synod of Otago and Southland will continue to be administered and applied as at present. Consideration of other funds governed by special trusts shall for the present be deferred.

18. **Existing Organisation and Practices:** In the management of their local affairs, the various churches, charges, circuits, or congregations of the negotiating churches existing previous 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 the Union, at any time to adopt any features of the polity as set forth in the Basis of Union. Pastoral charges continuing the organisation and practices which they enjoyed previous to union shall follow their usual method of electing the lay representatives now provided for in the constitution of the Synod.

J. M. BATES (Presbyterian Church).

W. A. BURLEY (Methodist Church).

C. CANNELL HOSKIN (Congregational Church).

The various amendments and additions to the Basis previously submitted will be stated to the Conference.

Recommendations of your Church Union Committee are appended to this Report.

R. B. TINSLEY (President of the Conference), Chairman.

W. A. BURLEY, Convener.

### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received.

2. That Conference reaffirms its belief in the principle of Church Union and its readiness to continue negotiations with a view to attaining such an incorporating union as will preserve the continuity and historic witness of the contracting Churches.

3. That the proposed basis, as amended, be submitted to the Synods of 1945.

4. That, where possible, arrangements be made for Delegations, each consisting of a member from each of the denominational Church Union Committees to attend and present the Proposed Basis of Union, as amended, to Presbyteries, Synods and Congregational District Committees.

5. That the Wellington Members of the Church Union Committee, together with the Secretary of Conference, the Connexional Secretary, and Mr. H. de R. Flesher, be a sub-committee to make all necessary arrangements for the presentation of the Proposed Basis to Conference, Synods and Quarterly Meetings.

6. That a greater degree of co-operation with the other negotiating Churches be attempted in all Districts by combined meetings of officials, by devotional and inspirational week-night meetings, by joint meetings for discussing the Basis of Union, and by inter-change of pulpits.

7. That Conference expresses its readiness to co-operate with the other negotiating Churches in formulating united plans for dealing effectively with the pressing problems of the post-war period and requests the Combined Church Union Committee to conduct purely exploratory conversations with a view—

(a) To making a survey of the religious conditions in every district and a scientific study of the policies, agencies, programmes and methods now operating.



- (b) To effecting a closer integration and more strategic alignment of our resources of men and money so that every community may be provided with an adequate evangelical ministry.
  - (c) To working out a policy and formulating a programme of necessary projects to be jointly or severally conducted on the basis of broader service to ensure vigorous and effective functioning for the Christianising of all human relationships and the establishment of the Kingdom of God.
  - (d) To adjusting competitive situations and promoting consolidations and mergers in over-churched communities, arranging voluntary withdrawals and negotiating exchanges of fields where mutually acceptable.
  - (e) To making assignments of unoccupied territory and apportioning responsibility for needed extension work.
  - (f) To instituting federal churches each affiliated to a denomination yet receiving into fellowship members who whilst escaping the weakness of isolation desire to conserve their own denominational life.
  - (g) To framing effective programmes for work amongst the unchurched masses, immigrants, week-enders at pleasure resorts, and in other spheres where the task is beyond the power of a single denomination to achieve.
  - (h) To review as spheres for united action such matters as:—
    1. The selection and training of students for the ministry.
    2. Youth work and Christian education.
    3. Men's and Women's work.
    4. Overseas Missions.
    5. Home and Maori Mission activities.
    6. Public Questions and Social and Post-War problems.
8. That the 1945 Union Committee be: The President, Vice-President and Secretary of Conference, Revs. W. A. Burley (Convener), W. T. Blight, R. Dudley, E. W. Hames, G. I. Laurenson, C. H. Olds, M. A. Rugby Pratt, E. Te Tuhi, Messrs. H. de R. Fleisher, G. H. B. Lill, T. M. Pacey, J. E. Purchase, N. R. Seddon, C. E. Taylor, J. Tyler, and Mrs. Nicolson.
9. That the Methodist representatives on the Joint Committee for 1945 be—Revs. W. A. Burley, M. A. Rugby Pratt, W. G. Slade, G. I. Laurenson, Mrs. H. Nicolson, Messrs. H. de R. Fleisher, N. R. Seddon, and T. M. Pacey.
10. That the Rev. W. A. Burley be very sincerely thanked for his services as Convener and be re-appointed.

## II.—NEW ZEALAND CENTENNIAL THANKSGIVING FUND.

### A.—REPORT FOR 1944.

In presenting this final report of the Appeal (all subsequent reports will be supplementary only) the Committee desire Conference to express thanks to Almighty God for the evidence of His sustained Grace and Favour; and for the evident thankfulness of our people. Though initiated in a somewhat hurried manner, and carried through in a most abnormal period, a surprisingly strong response has been maintained.

**Fulfilment of the Purpose of the Appeal.** A perusal of the various "local objectives" reveals the fact that the largest interest of the donors has been that of local debt-reduction. This is as was anticipated, and meets a basic principle of the Appeal. New Parsonages, and Church extension generally in the various Circuits has figured largely. Few trusts have not indirectly or directly benefited from the Appeal. The Connexion, generally, has already profited to the extent of almost £80,000; and there is strong reason to believe that a good deal in excess of this figure has been paid, as some Circuits are notoriously slow at advising us of payments made, or promises fulfilled.

By the time all likely promises are redeemed the major Connexional Objective, viz., the Taranaki Maori Girls' School, should be achieved. Already the Fund has enabled the School Trust to purchase a site for the School—the sum of £3,000 having been paid over to them. A further sum of almost £13,000 is in hand as a further contribution. A sum of £20,000 is set down as required for the initial expenditure on the project. The provision of this Centennial Memorial School is in itself sufficient justification for the Appeal. A feature worthy of note in this connection is that one hundred and twenty Sunday Schools have contributed amounts from one to thirty pounds towards the furnishings of the new School. This is indeed a splendid gesture from the Sunday School folk.

Other Connexional Objectives well supported have been: the Otakou Memorial Maori Church (enabling the Trustees to qualify for a special Government subsidy); the raising of the Capital Account of the Deaconess Retiring Fund, the Connexional City Missions at Dunedin and Auckland, and the Foreign Mission Fund.

**Period of the Appeal.** The principle of allowing three years in which to fulfil promises has not been without serious disadvantages; possibly owing to the exigencies of the war situation. Heavy toll has been taken over the course of the Appeal (over four years) by the normal course of death, change of mind, and pure forgetfulness. The unforeseen and abnormal demands of the various war loans, however, have taken heaviest toll. In fact, these, especially latterly, have seriously jeopardised the successful fulfillment of many promises. All told, however, we must be indeed thankful for the strong support of our people through most unsettled times.

**Organisation.** The Appeal was launched vigorously by the Rev. L. B. Neale, and to him, together with Rev. F. Copeland, Chairman of the original Committee, and Rev. G. H. Goodman, the Connexion owes more than is probably realised.

The Circuit figures will show exactly where there has, and where there has not, been efficient local organisation. A system of local "agents" was adopted at the beginning; and these proved to be the key to either the success or partial failure of the Appeal within the local areas. Where agents were appointed and were able to give consistent help to the Dominion Organiser, all has gone well. Levin Circuit shines in this regard, as does Opunake. The calls of war service have, however, in many circuits made sustained attention almost impossible. The changing of Ministers, too, is having a marked effect in some cases, as so many men carry so much "in their head."

The North Canterbury District, all things considered, shows the "cleanest sheet." For this splendid effort the District and Connexion must thank Mr. W. C. Francis, who, from the inception of the Appeal has given unstintingly of his time to the somewhat laborious task of collecting and collating promises.



To the great army of almost six thousand donors, and their families in many cases, the Church expresses her thanks. The files of the office reveal much sacrificial giving to the accompaniment of much prayer. With gratitude will the Church remember the New Zealand Centennial Methodist Thanksgiving Appeal.

W. WALKER, Chairman.

ANDREW J. JOHNSTON, Secretary.

### B.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the year ended 30th September, 1944, together with the Balance Sheet, duly certified as correct by the official auditor, Mr. Bruce Verry, requires little explanation.

Briefly, the cash donations received during the year, together with interest, totalled just over £4,000; but the actual position is better than this, some £800 having come to hand since 30th September—no doubt as a result of the Organiser's efforts.

A total of £46,808/13/9 is advised as having been paid to local efforts up to 30th September; though here again this sum has been substantially increased since that date.

Working expenses have been substantially reduced, the figures in the balance sheet being for only half the year at this greatly reduced basis.

Great credit must be given to the Organiser (Rev. Andrew J. Johnston) for his strenuous effort to collect outstanding promises, which at 30th September stood at over £16,000. With the passing of time and altered conditions it becomes increasingly difficult to collect these promises; but every effort should be made to clean up the whole effort during the year.

Presuming that at least £4,000 to £5,000 will still be collected (an amount estimated by our Organiser) there should be just enough to pay the entire £20,000 for the Taranaki Maori Girls' School. Other claims on the Fund will also have to be considered.

The Circuit and district summaries prepared by the Organiser fully explain the position of affairs. These returns give some indication of the tremendous amount of detailed work involved in the Rev. Johnston's duties. Seeing that the Organiser has all the facts at his finger-tips, it is essential that his services in at least an advisory capacity should be retained during the year.

FRANK PENN, Honorary Lay Treasurer.

### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That though the Appeal is now closed the Fund remain open for a further year, to March 31st, 1946, in order to facilitate the completion of promises made in 1942, and any others that may be collected.

2. That the Committee for 1945 be: Revs. E. T. Olds, W. Walker, G. I. Laurenson, H. J. Odell, E. W. Hames, M.A., A. H. Scrivin, 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.

3. That the Dominion Organiser be asked to prepare a report embodying the method of procedure adopted in preparing for and carrying through the Appeal, together with any recommendations for the guidance of future appeals.

4. Conference extends to the Committee of the N.Z. Methodist Centennial Thanksgiving Fund its congratulations on the implementing of the scheme, and that the individuals who have done the most part of the work be especially thanked, including Rev. A. J. Johnston for his services as Secretary.

### III.—REPORT OF CENTRAL FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Committee has had to meet only once during the year. It dealt with appeals from two circuits.

In consultation with the Supernumerary Fund Board as directed by the Emergency Executive Committee allocations of the surplus revenue resulting from the restoration of the Supernumerary Fund levy to the old basis have been made.

H. DE R. FLESHER, Secretary.

Resolved: 1. That the regulations relating to Connexional Levies be amended to provide that, where relief is granted to a Circuit in response to an appeal to the Central Committee, the re-allocation of the amount of such relief be done by the District Committee in consultation with the Circuits concerned. Failing agreement, the Central Committee shall then adjudicate.

2. That in view of the re-assessment of connexional levies for the circuits in the Otago-Southland District made in 1944, and its general acceptability, Conference requests the Dunedin Central Mission and the Invercargill (St. Peter's) Circuit to pay their arrears for 1943 at the earliest possible date and upholds the District Finance Committee in its unwillingness to remit these arrears.

#### District Finance Committees.

##### AUCKLAND.—

SOUTH AUCKLAND.—The Chairman of the District (Convener), The District Secretary, and Messrs. W. B. L. Williams, H. Wood, and P. Rushton.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.—Chairman of District, Rev. Wm. C. Jenkin, Messrs. W. H. C. Clemow, T. P. Hughson, Junr., and L. M. Moss, M.A., LL.B. Convener: Rev. Wm. C. Jenkin.

##### HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU.—

WELLINGTON.—The Chairman of the District, Rev. J. D. McArthur, Messrs. A. J. Johnston, T. M. Pacey, and N. R. Seddon (Convener).

##### NELSON.—

##### NORTH CANTERBURY.—

##### SOUTH CANTERBURY.—

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—Revs. W. G. Slade, W. R. Laws, Messrs. G. S. Gapper, J. McIndoe, and A. L. Stanton.

### IV.—CENTRAL STIPEND FUND.

#### REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

(See 1944 Minutes, p. 129.)

#### Central Stipend Fund.

As directed by Conference the Committee has given careful consideration to the desirability of establishing a Central Stipend Fund, and is of the opinion that a good case can be made for the establishment of such a Fund. In looking carefully into the proposal, the Committee came to the conclusion that the following points stand out prominently in support of a Central Fund:



- (1) The Minister being in the service of the Connexion rather than in that of a particular Circuit it is therefore desirable that the Connexion should be responsible for the Stipend.
- (2) A Central Fund would give the Church control over the Stipend paid and enable the Church to maintain a reasonable standard.
- (3) It would ensure the regular and punctual payment of Stipends.
- (4) It would remove from the Minister that feeling of dependence for the means of livelihood on those with whom he is intimately associated.

In view of the above mentioned considerations, the great importance of which cannot be lightly passed over, the Committee is of the opinion that the Church could, with advantage to itself and to the Ministers, make provision for a Central Stipend Fund containing the following salient features:

- (1) The Fund to be administered under the organisation, both Central and District, at present handling the Connexional Levies scheme.
- (2) A Standard Stipend to be paid, without variation, according to the scale for—
  - (a) Ordained Ministers;
  - (b) Married Probationer;
  - (c) Single Probationer.
- (3) For the purpose of the Central Stipend, the Central Committee to assess each District Fund on the basis of the standard stipend for every Minister and Probationer actually employed.
- (4) District Committees, through their respective Synods, to assess each Circuit having regard to the various factors taken into consideration in regard to the present Connexional Levies.
- (5) District Committees to be responsible for receiving from the Circuits their monthly assessments and for paying the stipend to every Minister by a certain date each month.
- (6) Grants from the Home Mission and other Funds to be initiated by the Central Committee on the application of the District Committees, and only after there has been careful consideration by such District Committees as to the needs. Such grants to be paid to the District and not the Circuit.
- (7) Circuits to be granted permission to make additional payments to their Ministers by way of bonus or other method, but only after they have paid their assessment to the Central Stipend Fund.
- (8) A Capital Fund to be established to give the scheme a degree of necessary flexibility.

Having regard to the radical nature of the proposals and the need of having the support of the whole Church, the Committee is of the opinion that the proposals will need to be presented to our people through the various Church Courts in a way that will be educational. For that purpose, it feels that a fully detailed scheme, with a schedule showing how it would operate, would need to be presented to Synods and Conference with a view to its being sent down to the Quarterly Meetings before again coming to Synods and Conference for final approval. The Committee, however, feels that, before such a scheme is preparing for sending to the Quarterly Meetings, Synods and Conference ought to express themselves on the principle, having due regard to the points made above.

The Committee therefore recommends as follows:

- (1) That Conference be asked to express its approval of the principle of the establishment of a Central Fund based on the considerations outlined in this report.
- (2) That the Committee be requested to prepare a detailed scheme for submission to Synods and Conference with a view to its being sent down to Quarterly Meetings for their consideration.

#### **Travelling Allowances.**

From information which has been made available to the Committee, it is evident that the Resolutions of the 1942 Conference (page 135) have not been fully implemented in a number of Circuits, with the result that Ministers and Home Missionaries are either unable to do their work effectively or have been compelled to draw on their own meagre resources.

It is found that there are 109 men who find it necessary to provide their own cars for their work, and, of this number, only 33 express themselves as being satisfied with the travelling allowances received. Of the total of 109, there are 61 who do not receive enough to cover actual running expenses in circuit work without allowing anything for depreciation, while there are a further 15 who receive enough to cover actual travelling expenses but insufficient to cover depreciation. It does not appear to be recognised in many Circuits that depreciation on a motor car is just as much a running cost as is petrol and tyres. It has been well stated that, in some Circuits, the Minister is required to work a "motor-car timetable on horse and buggy finance."

There are cases where Ministers use cars where the Circuit officials do not consider the use of a car is necessary, while it has been suggested that, in other cases, a car is necessary but that its use by the Minister is excessive when alternative means of transport is available for some purposes. It is known that, particularly in cities, it is a convenience for Ministers to use their cars for pastoral visitation and for attending meetings, but, with tram services available, such use cannot be classified as being strictly necessary, and it is in this connection that difference of opinion arises with Circuit officials. It is abundantly evident, however, that there is a great need for a franker and more understanding approach to the problem, and the Committee suggest that it be one of the definite functions of the Quarterly Meeting to review, at least annually, the travelling arrangements for its Minister.

Further, many Ministers, in order to do their work, have themselves purchased cars which are unsuitable for their needs, are unduly costly to run, and the Minister and his family suffer because of high instalments and excessive interest charges which have to be met. The Committee is therefore formulating a scheme for assisting Ministers to acquire suitable cars under conditions which will greatly ease the financial burden. The proposed scheme will be very similar to the one which is being investigated by the Presbyterian Church and will be submitted to Conference for approval when motor-car supply conditions make such a scheme practicable.

The Committee is of the opinion that, as general principles, it is desirable for the Minister or Home Missionary to be the owner of the car rather than the Circuit, and, further, that, because of the differing nature of Circuits, the use of a small car is not necessarily the cheapest and best proposition in the long run. The proposals which the Committee are investigating will be formulated with these principles in mind.



Until it is possible to put the comprehensive scheme into operation, the Committee recognises that it is necessary to indicate to Circuits a basis on which travelling allowances should be paid to Ministers and Home Missionaries in the meantime, and it is accordingly recommending that the basis of payment for use of motor-cars, as used by the Public Service, be adopted.

### SYNOD RECOMMENDATIONS.

AUCKLAND.—That the Report be received and adopted, and the following be substituted for the recommendations: "That without committing itself to the principle embodied in the Report, Conference requests the Committee to prepare a detailed scheme for submission."

SOUTH AUCKLAND.—That the Report be adopted with the following amendments:—

(1) Substitute the word "Connexional" for the word "Church," Central Stipend Fund (2) so that line 1 of paragraph 2 will read—"A Central Fund would give the Connexion control over the Stipend, etc. . . ."

(2) That the word "Committee" be added after the word "Fund" (para. 3, line 30) so that (3) shall read—"For the purpose of the Central Stipend, the Central Committee to assess each district Fund Committee on the basis of the standard stipend, etc."

(3) That in para. 7, the words "granted permission" be deleted, and the word "free" be substituted, so that para. 7 shall read—"Circuits to be free to make additional payments to their ministers, etc."

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.—That the Report be approved.

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU.—That clause 2 be not recommended.

WELLINGTON.—That the Report be adopted with the following resolutions: That Synod gives its general approval to the scheme and

(1) That Conference be asked to express its approval of the principle of the establishment of a Central Fund based on the considerations outlined in this report.

(2) That the Committee be requested to prepare a detailed scheme for submission to Synods and Conference with a view to its being sent down to Quarterly Meetings for their consideration.

NELSON.—That the Report be adopted with the addition of the words, "with the addition of Home Missionaries."

NORTH CANTERBURY.—That Conference be recommended not to affirm at this stage the principle of the establishment of a Central Stipend Fund, but that the Committee be requested to prepare a detailed scheme for submission to Synods and Conference with a view to its being sent down to Quarterly Meetings for their consideration.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.—Recommendations approved subject to substituting "consider" for the words "express its approval of" in recommendation 1.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—That recommendations 1 and 2 be approved.

## RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the consideration of the section of the foregoing Report dealing with a Central Stipend Fund, together with Synod Recommendations thereon, be deferred until the Conference of 1946.

2. **Travelling Allowances:** That the following regulations be adopted—

(1) That at the beginning of each connexional year, the Minister and circuit officials confer with a view to arranging a satisfactory travelling allowance for the ensuing year.

(2) In the event of need arising for the services of such a committee, each district and sub-district executive shall appoint a small committee of experts to act as a committee of review to decide

(a) The most serviceable means of transport for the Circuits within the district.

(b) The mileage (approximately) to be covered in each district.

(c) A fair amount to cover depreciation.

(d) How long such transport can be run economically.

(3) In the event of a Minister choosing to use a type of transport more expensive than that considered by the district committee of review to be necessary, he be responsible for the additional costs.

(4) That there be added to the questions of the June Quarterly Meeting the following: "Have adequate arrangements for travelling been made with the Ministers and Home Missionaries of the Circuit?"

(5) That as a general principle it is desirable that the Minister provide his own car instead of the Circuit and that in respect of the use of the car for essential circuit work he be given a travelling allowance sufficient to cover all running expenses including depreciation and interest where applicable.

(6) That until a more comprehensive scheme be adopted, travelling allowances for Ministers and Home Missionaries providing their own cars be made on the following minimum mileage bases: (As recommendation 5).

(7) That the Committee be requested to submit to Conference, as soon as conditions permit, a comprehensive scheme for the acquisition and operation of motor-cars for Ministers and Home Missionaries, including financing the purchase, regular replacement, and a basis for covering running costs.

(8) That the Committee for 1945 be:—Rev. W. A. Burley, Rev. J. D. McArthur, Messrs. C. R. Edmond, A. J. Johnston, S. Roberts, P. E. Patrick, B. O. Stokes, C. A. Russell, N. R. Seddon, D. Tayler, and T. M. Pacey (Convener).

3. That the section of the Report regarding Travelling Allowances and the Resolutions thereon be referred to Quarterly Meetings for sympathetic consideration.



## V.—STANDARD MINIMUM STIPEND.

(1944 Minutes, page 128).

### REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

The above Committee makes the undernoted Recommendations to Conference:—

Ordained Ministers	....	....	....	£300
Married Probationers	....	....	....	£240
Unmarried Probationers	....	....	....	£195
Married Home Missionaries	....	....	....	£250
Married Home Missionary Probationers	....	....	....	£230
Unmarried Home Missionaries	....	....	....	£185
Unmarried H.M. Probationers	....	....	....	£160
Dedicated Deaconesses £185 (with an increment in stipend of £5 for every three years of service from date of above increase, to a maximum stipend of £200.)				
Deaconess Probationers	....	....	....	£185

The above minimum stipends are to be paid irrespective of any travelling or other allowances.

In view of the general increase in the cost of living and taxation, the Committee respectfully urges Conference to adopt the above minimum stipends.

W. S. MACKAY, Convener.

### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the amended Report of the Committee, as above, be received and adopted.

2. That these increases in stipend apply to all Executive and Departmental Officers.

3. That a letter signed by the President and Secretary of the Conference be sent to all Circuit Stewards informing them of the increases of stipends.

### 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.—Revs. E. T. Olds, E. W. Hames, M.A., A. E. Waite, J. H. Bailey, A. E. Orr, V. R. Jamieson, A. J. Johnston, Walter Parker, D. J. D. Hickman, and Wesley Parker; Messrs. S. E. Chap-pell, J. Tyler, T. L. Hames, C. K. Wigglesworth, J. H. Blackwell, L. E. Rhodes, W. E. Burley, B.A., A. E. Freeman, J. Stanton, LL.B., E. M. Marshall, B.A. Convener: Rev. D. J. D. Hickman.

Northland Sub-Executive.—Revs. G. E. Brown (Deputy-Chairman), L. R. M. Gilmore (Secretary), C. B. Oldfield, J. R. Metcalfe, H. K. Brown, W. G. Peate, R. Rogers, P. I. Cooke, and H. H. Jeffreys; the Home Missionaries from Kaikohe, North Hokianga and Bay of Islands, and a representative of the Hikurangi Circuit; Messrs. W. J. Court, A. Cameron, T. P. Lane, C. N. Taylor, N. Simpkin, H. Neal, and T. Spooner.

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. B. Clark.

WELLINGTON.—Revs. W. A. Burley, J. D. McArthur, A. O. Harris, J. D. Grocott, H. White, E. D. Patchett, J. L. Mitchell, C. E. Dickens, C. T. Symons, C. P. Lucas, A. K. Petch; Mesdames Bramwell Scott and H. W. Smith; Miss P. Yearbury; Messrs. T. M. Pacey, W. A. Heath, H. W. Smith, N. R. Seddon, S. Fellows, T. W. Treen, and D. Payne. Convener: Rev. C. E. Dickens.

NORTH CANTERBURY.—Chairman of District and Superintendents of Durham Street, Woolston, Riccarton, Papanui, St. Albans, Addington, Sydenham, Christchurch East Circuits; Revs. M. A. R. Pratt and E. Drake; Messrs. W. C. Francis, J. E. Purchase, S. D. McHarg, H. de R. Flesher, S. Sayers, J. Holland, T. Walker, C. W. Barrell, B. Caygill, and Newman Hall.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—The Chairman of the District, Revs. T. A. Pybus, L. B. Neale, L. C. Horwood, C. L. Duder, H. E. Harkess, H. Whitfield, H. C. Dixon, and H. W. Burley; Mrs. W. G. Cole; Messrs. C. F. Roberts, J. McIndoe, C. S. Gapper, E. J. King, A. L. Stanton, H. H. Johnson, A. T. McIndoe, 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?

#### I.—LAW BOOK REVISION COMMITTEE.

##### REPORT 1944.

The Committee has revised and consolidated the laws and regulations relating to the Supernumerary Fund Board and the Youth Department.

During the coming year the Committee hopes to complete the revision of the Law Book with a view to publishing the new Law Book the following year.

The recommendations of the Committee are set out below.

H. DE R. FLESHER, Convener.

(1) **Presidential Rulings**, 1944 Minutes, 181. The Committee has considered the rulings and is of the opinion that no changes are necessary in the existing laws.

(2) **The Supernumerary Fund Rules and Regulations**. It is recommended that all the existing Rules and Regulations of the Supernumerary Fund (Law Book, paragraph 285, Nos. 1-65), and all amendments of same and additions thereto, be repealed and the rules and regulations set out hereunder be substituted therefor.



## THE SUPERNUMERARY FUND RULES AND REGULATIONS.

The Supernumerary Fund of the Methodist Church of New Zealand was formerly incorporated with "The Supernumerary Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' Fund" established in 1856 by the Conference of the Australasian Wesleyan Methodist Church. It was formed in connection with the constitution of an Independent Conference for New Zealand as provided for by the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia held in Adelaide in the year 1910. The administration of the New Zealand proportions of the original Fund was transferred to the Methodist Church of New Zealand in 1913. The objects of the Fund are to make provision for the financial needs of aged and infirm ministers, for widows of ministers, and for certain orphaned children of ministers. The following rules and regulations, powers and authorities relating to the Fund shall be deemed to be the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Board of Management incorporated by the authority of the Conference under "The Religious, Charitable and Educational Trusts Act, 1908."

1. The Fund shall be maintained by subscriptions from ministers and probationers, by levies made on circuits, departments and institutions as hereinafter provided, by hymn book royalties, by donations, bequests and grants and from such other sources as may from time to time be determined by the Conference.

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

3. One member of the Board shall retire therefrom annually, and shall not be eligible for re-appointment for twelve months. As far as practicable, a ministerial and a lay member shall retire alternately. Members shall retire in the order in which their names appear in the resolution appointing them, with the following exceptions: (1) This rule shall not apply to the treasurer of the Fund; (2) When the lay treasurer of the Fund retires he shall be continued as a member of the Board for a further period of three years, unless otherwise determined by the Conference; (3) A member of the Board who has been absent without leave from one-half of the Board's meetings during the year shall be ineligible for nomination as a member for the following year. Should any vacancy occur in the office of lay treasurer of the Fund during the interval between two Conferences, the Board shall appoint one of its members to fill the office until the succeeding Conference. Any vacancy in the office of managing treasurer shall be dealt with pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph 92 of the Law Book affecting Departmental appointments.

4. When any vacancy occurs in the membership of the Board during the interval between two Conferences, the Board shall have power, subject to the approval of the President of the Conference, to fill such vacancy, provided that the person so appointed shall hold office only until the next Conference, unless re-appointed by such Conference.

5. The Board shall meet together for the despatch of business, or adjourn or otherwise regulate its meetings and proceedings as it thinks fit. Five members of the Board shall form a quorum. It shall appoint a Chairman, and may act notwithstanding any vacancy that may occur.

6. The Board may pay any debts or claims upon such proof as it thinks sufficient, accept any composition or security, real or personal, for any debts due to the Fund, allow time for payment thereof, compromise, compound, or submit to arbitration all debts, accounts, claims, and things whatsoever relating to the Fund, and for all or any of the purposes aforesaid may enter into, give and execute all such deeds, documents, writings, agreements, instruments of composition, releases, and other things, as it shall deem expedient, without being responsible for any loss occasioned thereby. The Board shall also have power to borrow from time to time any sum of money that may be required for the effective carrying on of its business, and to give security in the name of the Board for the payment of principal or interest or other charges upon the Fund. The Board may also obtain any actuarial advice it considers necessary.

7. After meeting all current claims upon the Fund, the Board shall from time to time invest all moneys as hereinafter provided. The moneys so invested shall form an "Accumulated Fund" to provide for the prospective claims which may be made upon it. The interest from such investments shall be applied in the same manner as income from other sources to meet the claims upon the Fund.

8. All moneys belonging to the Fund may be invested by the Board in any of the following ways:—

- (a) First mortgage of freehold properties in New Zealand;
- (b) Stocks, funds, or other securities of the Government of the Dominion of New Zealand;
- (c) Bonds, debentures, or other securities of any Municipal Corporation or local body in New Zealand, having authority by law to borrow;
- (d) On deposit with any Bank having statutory authority to carry on business in New Zealand, or in any Post Office Savings Bank, or Permanent Building Society.
- (e) In the purchase of freehold property and (or) erection of buildings, when approved by at least three-fourths of the members of the Board, and sanctioned by the Conference or any Committee authorised by the Conference to sanction any such purchase or erection.

9. (a) No loan upon mortgage of freehold property shall be made except upon the unanimous vote of the members of the Board present at the meeting at which the application for such loan is considered.

(b) No advance on the security of freehold property shall exceed three-fifths of the amount at which such property shall be valued by the Valuer or Valuers appointed by the Board.

10. The Board shall submit to each annual Conference a report of its operations during the year, together with the annual audited statements of the financial position of the Fund in the form of (a) a revenue account, and (b) a balance sheet as at 30th November in each year.

11. The Board shall embody in its annual report a statement of the amount received from ministers' subscriptions and from circuit levies and the respective amounts in arrear. It shall also state the numbers of ministers, widows and orphans who are annuitants, on the Fund.

12. The financial statement shall show the amount invested in freehold properties, on mortgage and other securities, and the rent and interest charged, paid, accrued and in arrear.



13. The Board shall once every three years, or as may be otherwise directed by the Conference, make a special investigation into the state of the Fund and the securities held, and for that purpose may engage at the expense of the Fund such assistance, professional or otherwise, as it considers necessary, and shall report thereon to the next Conference.

14. Every minister or probationer, excepting those holding membership in the Australasian Fund, shall become a member of the Fund. From the date of the commencement of his ministry or probation he shall pay into the Fund an annual subscription of such amount as from time to time is fixed by the Conference. Any minister who has completed 44 years in the active work and has paid all subscriptions due for that period shall, if he continues in the active work, be exempt from further payment of personal subscriptions. A minister shall be deemed to be in active work if he has not been made a supernumerary, or left without pastoral charge or left without an appointment.

15. No probationer shall be received into full connexion until all the moneys owing by him to the Fund are paid, nor shall any probationer whose payments are in arrear be appointed to a married minister's Circuit. The Board shall each year report to the Examination Committee of the Conference the position of all probationers in relation to their personal subscriptions to the Fund.

16. Ministers' subscriptions shall become due and payable on the 1st day of April in each year provided always that such subscription may be paid by two equal instalments falling due on the 1st April and 1st October in each year. If any subscription or instalment shall be in arrear and unpaid for one month after the date for payment thereof the Minister shall pay interest on the amount so in arrear or unpaid at the rate from time to time fixed by Conference. In exceptional cases of subscriptions in arrear by Ministers who have not met their commitments on account of factors outside their personal control, the Board of Management may remit the difference between the rate so fixed and the current bank rate of interest. Where application for such remission is made the Board shall, in order to guide its decision, call for evidence concerning the exceptional factors occasioning default. Probationers shall not be charged any interest in respect of their subscriptions if not paid punctually during the first year of their probation, but interest on arrears shall accrue as from the commencement of the second year of probation.

17. Ministers whose subscriptions are in arrear shall pay the same at the rate of not less than 20 per cent. per annum, in addition to the ordinary subscriptions. The Board may call upon the Chairman of the District to deduct from any Connexional moneys passing through his hands for the benefit of any minister or probationer in his District, the amount due for subscriptions or interest thereon, and to remit the same to the treasurers of the Fund. The Board is empowered to bring before the Complaints and Appeals Committee of the Conference any serious cases of default in the payment of personal subscriptions to the Fund.

18. An annual levy of such amount as from time to time may be fixed by the Conference shall be paid by each circuit, department or institution for each minister or probationer appointed thereto, whether such minister or probationer be connected with the New Zealand Supernumerary Fund or not. The levy shall be in respect of the connexional year commencing on the first day of April. If, through the failure of any minister or probationer to take up his appointment,

or through the resignation of a minister or other cause a vacancy occurs and no ministerial appointment is made the circuit levy shall not be required after the quarter during which the vacancy occurred. When the vacancy is filled by the appointment of another minister or probationer in active work the levy shall be re-imposed as from the commencement of the quarter in which the vacancy is filled.

19. Circuit levies shall become due at the close of each quarter. They shall be paid immediately to the chairman or financial secretary of the district, who shall forward the same to the treasurers of the Fund not later than the last day of April, July, October and January in each connexional year.

20. For any minister or probationer of the New Zealand Conference who may be appointed as a missionary to any mission field under the control of the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia the Board of Management for the Overseas Missions of the said Church shall pay to the Fund an annual levy of such amount as may from time to time be fixed by the New Zealand Conference.

21. The treasurers shall forward direct to each minister a note of advice on receiving his subscription, when it is not paid by himself, and such note shall specify the period for which payment is made.

22. A minister who is permitted by Conference to "rest" for one or more years shall pay an amount equivalent to the circuit levy in addition to his own subscription. The levy and subscription may be paid by four equal quarterly instalments not later than the last day of the months of June, September, December and March in such connexional year or years. After the expiry of one year from the commencement of the period of "rest" any arrears shall bear interest at the rate from time to time fixed by the Conference.

23. Pursuant to Paragraphs 93 and 94 of the Law Book (page 22) no minister whom the Conference has left without pastoral charge and no minister left without an appointment shall be permitted to make any payments to the Fund in respect of the period during which he is in such relationship nor shall he or his widow be entitled to receive any allowance or benefit from the Fund in respect of such period.

24. Any minister received into the Conference from England or elsewhere shall be required to pay or have paid on his account, an amount sufficient to purchase an annuity for each year of status granted.

25. Every candidate for the ministry, before being accepted by the Conference, shall undergo a careful and complete examination by a duly qualified medical practitioner approved by the Board. All fees payable in respect of such examination shall be paid by the Conference. The Board shall have proper forms prepared for reports for the medical examination of candidates for the ministry, and of applicants for superannuation, and shall supply the same to the Chairmen of Districts as required.

26. No Maori candidate for ordinary ministerial status shall be accepted unless an X-ray photograph of the lungs shall also have been submitted to the Board and approved by it on the recommendation of its Chief Medical Officer.

27. A Chief Medical Officer shall be appointed, to whom all medical reports shall be submitted; and for this purpose the Chairmen of Districts shall forward all medical reports to the Board of Manage-



ment immediately after the Synod. The Board, after obtaining the Chief Medical Officer's opinion thereon, shall submit the reports, with its recommendations, to the Conference.

28. The Conference shall not be debarred from accepting a candidate on account of an unfavourable medical report as to his physical fitness for the work of the ministry.

29. In the case of a candidate who is otherwise acceptable but whose prospects of life and service are reported by the Chief Medical Officer to be inferior to those of healthy men of his age, the Conference may, on the recommendation of the Board, fix a term of medical probation, and such term shall be in addition to the period of five years referred to in Regulation 40. At the end of the term so fixed the minister concerned shall undergo a further medical examination by a medical practitioner appointed by the Board. The report of such examination shall be submitted to the Chief Medical Officer for his opinion thereon. Should the medical examination prove unsatisfactory it shall be competent for the Conference on the recommendation of the Board to retire him from the work or to prolong the term of medical probation for any further period. In all cases of ministers on extended medical probation the usual personal subscriptions and circuit levies shall be paid.

30. At the termination of the period of medical probation, a minister who has been placed thereon shall be again medically examined, and if passed, he shall then become an ordinary member of the Fund.

31. A person whose reception as a candidate is subject to medical probation shall not during the period of such probation become a beneficiary of the Fund nor in the event of his death during such period shall there be any obligations on the Fund in respect of his widow or children. Should he be compelled to retire from the work of the ministry through a breakdown in health or should he die during the period of his medical probation there shall be refunded to him or to his legal representatives in the event of his death all subscriptions paid by him to the Fund with compound interest, computed from the date of payment, at the average rate earned by the Fund during the time the amount so paid shall have been in the control of the Board and in addition thereto the full amount of the levies paid by the circuits in respect of his appointments during the years in which he has paid his subscriptions to the Fund and after such refund his claims upon and his interest in the Fund shall cease.

32. The annual subscription of any minister or probationer who is or will be 40 years of age or over on the first day of April following his reception by the Conference shall be loaded and such loading shall be deemed to be part of his annual subscription. The annual loading shall be on the following scale: for a minister in his 41st year 8/-, 42nd year 16/-, 43rd year 24/-, 44th £1/12/-, 45th £2, 46th £2/16/-, 47th £3/12/-, 48th £4/8/-, 49th £5/4/-, 50th £6, 51st £7, 52nd £8, 53rd £9, 54th £10, 55th £11.

33. A supernumerary is a minister who, by reason of age, infirmity, or other cause is permitted by the Conference to retire from the full work of the ministry, subject to the conditions hereinafter provided.

34. No minister shall be made a supernumerary without the recommendation of his District Synod, provided, however, that when special circumstances shall have arisen subsequent to the Synod, the Conference may dispense with such recommendation.

35. No minister shall be made a supernumerary by the Conference because of—(a) His unacceptability in his circuit work, (b) The inability of the Conference to provide him with what he regards as a suitable circuit.

36. A minister applying to be made a supernumerary on the ground of failing health must obtain two medical certificates from duly qualified medical men approved by the Board, such medical certificates to be submitted to the Chief Medical Officer and the Board before presentation to the Conference; provided that no medical certificate shall be required from a minister who is of 44 years' standing in the ministry, or is 65 years of age and not less than 40 years' standing in the ministry, or is 70 years of age or over.

37. A minister who has been made a temporary supernumerary may be continued as such from year to year only on furnishing an annual certificate from one or more medical men as may be required by the Board of Management. Before being re-admitted to active work he shall produce a medical certificate that shall be satisfactory to the Chief Medical Officer. When a minister is made a permanent supernumerary no further medical certificates shall be required.

38. A supernumerary shall receive an annuity according to the scale from time to time fixed by the Conference, provided, however, that the amount thereof shall be determined, not by the years of his ministerial standing, but by those in respect of which he has paid subscriptions.

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

40. The benefits of the Fund shall not be available to a minister on his becoming a supernumerary unless he shall have completed five years of service, or to the widow of a minister who shall have died before completing such term of service.

41. A minister who becomes a supernumerary at an early age for reasons which unfit him for the itinerancy is recommended to enter into business.

42. A minister who is compelled by failure of health to retire from the ministry before he has been a member of the Fund eight years, shall be entitled to a return of his subscriptions, with compound interest at the average rate earned by the Fund, and all further claim by him upon the Fund shall then cease. A medical certificate of permanent unfitness shall be furnished, and the Board shall report thereon to the Conference.

43. A minister of less than ten years' active status who becomes a supernumerary shall not be entitled to draw allowances as per scale for more than five years unless the Board is satisfied that physical disability debars him from other means of livelihood.



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

45. A person who is married at the time of his reception into the ministry, or an unmarried minister (who has obtained permission to marry) who thereafter marries shall within three months after reception or marriage (as the case may be) notify the Board of the date of his marriage, and the name and maiden surname of his wife, the date of her birth and her birthplace. Should he fail so to notify the Board he shall pay the sum of £1 by way of fine.

46. The requirements of Rule 45 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to a minister who re-marries. Such a minister shall also within the prescribed period of three months forward to the Board an application for the registration of his wife as a participant in the benefits of the Fund. With such application he shall also furnish a medical certificate in respect of his own health on the form prescribed by and obtainable from the Board. If the medical certificate is satisfactory to the Chief Medical Officer the Board shall admit her to the benefits of the Fund. If the certificate is not satisfactory the widow of such minister shall not be entitled to any annuity from the Fund, provided, however, that if such minister survives for a period of not less than seven years from the date of his re-marriage his wife shall, without any further medical certificate become entitled to participate in the benefits of the Fund.

47. Upon the death of the wife of a minister such minister shall, within three months notify the Board of the date of her decease. Upon the death of a minister or of the widow of the minister the Chairman of the District in which such death occurs shall notify the Board of the date thereof.

48. Subject to the limitation prescribed in Rule 46 a second or subsequent wife of a minister shall have the same rights in regard to benefits as a first wife. The annuity of a widow other than a first wife who was the junior of her husband by more than five years shall be reduced by an amount equivalent to £1 per cent. per annum for every year by which her juniority exceeded five years. This rule shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to any minister who was a widower when received on probation.

49. The annuity payable to the widow of a minister shall be according to the scale in force for the time being but shall be only for the years for which her husband has paid his subscription.

50. Such portion of a widow's annuity as is derived from subscriptions paid by her husband shall be payable during her lifetime. Such portion of her annuity as is derived from levies shall be payable during her widowhood only. The proportion of the annuity to be paid if she re-marries shall be fixed by the Board.

51. If a minister marries while he is a supernumerary, his widow shall have no claim on the Fund.

52. A minister on becoming a supernumerary shall be entitled to receive from the fund a furniture grant of £75 or of such amount as may from time to time be determined by the Conference. The widow of a minister who has died in active work shall receive a similar grant.

53. If a minister who is a widower dies while in full work, leaving young children for whom a home has to be provided, a furniture grant in accordance with the foregoing rule shall be made for their benefit. The Board shall have sole discretion as to whether the grant shall be paid to the guardian of such children or to the legal representative of the deceased. In cases where both father and mother are dead the Board shall make an allowance to the guardian in respect of the orphan children of ministers at the rate of £10 per annum for each boy up to the age of 16 years and for each girl up to the age of 18 years, provided, however, that the total sum thus paid shall not exceed the amount of the annuity that would have been payable to the widow had she survived her husband.

54. (a) A supernumerary on returning to active work or becoming a minister who is "resting" shall repay to the Board one-half of the amount of the furniture grant received by him when he became a supernumerary; and, should he again, or his widow, become a claimant upon the Fund, the amount of the grant to be paid in either of such cases shall be one-half of the amount then payable by the Board in respect of a furniture grant.

(b) Should such repayment of the one-half of the original grant be not made to the Board within twelve months of such minister resuming active work or becoming a minister who is "resting" the amount representing the one-half of such grant shall bear interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum calculated from the beginning of the connexional year next succeeding the year in which such minister resumed active work or was allowed by the Conference to "rest," and such interest shall be payable to the Board by the minister concerned. If such interest be not paid to the Board it shall be compounded annually, and the full amount owing in respect thereof shall be deducted from the annuity payable to such minister on his again being made a supernumerary, or to his widow.

(c) Should a minister who has been a supernumerary more than once again return to active work or become a minister "resting" such minister shall not be required to repay one-half of the furniture grant paid to him when becoming a supernumerary for the second time, but an amount representing one-half of such grant shall be charged with interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum, calculated from the beginning of the connexional year next succeeding the year in which such minister again resumed active work or was allowed by the Conference to "rest," and such interest shall be payable to the Board by the minister concerned. If such interest be not paid to the Board it shall be compounded annually, and the full amount owing in respect thereof shall be deducted from the annuity payable to such minister on his again becoming a supernumerary, or to his widow.

55. If a minister resign, or for any cause cease to be recognised as a minister in connexion with the Conference, all moneys paid by him, excepting fines and interest on arrears, shall be repaid to him, and thereupon his interest and that of his wife (if any) in the Fund shall cease and determine. If such a minister has been a supernumerary, then he shall receive only the difference, if any, between the subscriptions he has paid and the amount he has received from the Fund for furniture grant and annuity. A minister who has purchased benefits in the Fund in pursuance of Rule 25 and who ceases to be a minister of the Conference shall, subject to the deductions herein set forth, receive a refund of the amount paid by him to the Fund for the acquisition of interests therein.



56. Annuities shall be paid according to the scale from time to time determined by the Conference and shall be on the basis of the status of the minister in relation to the Fund. Annuities shall be paid by equal quarterly instalments in advance on the first day of the months of April, July, October and January in each year. Such payments shall commence (a) For a supernumerary on the first day of April following the date on which he was made a supernumerary, (b) For the widow of a supernumerary or for the widow of a minister who, immediately prior to his decease was in the active work, or was resting (pursuant to the provisions of Rule 23) or was without pastoral charge or left without an appointment (pursuant to the provisions of Paragraphs 93 and 94 of the Law Book, page 22), on the first day of the quarter following the date of decease of her husband.

Annuities payable to persons residing outside New Zealand shall be paid in New Zealand currency according to the approved scale.

The Board may from time to time pay bonuses to annuitants as may be determined by the Conference to supplement the annuity payments.

57. Any minister or probationer of the Methodist Church of Australasia temporarily transferred to the New Zealand Conference shall remain a member of the Australasian Supernumerary Fund, and both his personal subscriptions and the circuit levies shall be paid to the Australasian Fund. The amounts to be so paid shall be those fixed from time to time by the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia.

58. The New Zealand Conference shall observe the rules and regulations of the General Conference with respect to superannuation in the case of any of its ministers who hold membership in the Australasian Fund.

59. The Board shall administer a branch of the Supernumerary Fund to be called "The Benevolent Fund of the Methodist Church." The objects of such branch fund shall be:—

- (a) To supplement the annuities of supernumeraries or of widows of ministers when in the judgment of the Board this is necessary.
- (b) To afford help in other cases which in the judgment of the Board are specially necessitous.

The Board may make grants from this Fund to any supernumerary minister or to any widow of a minister of the New Zealand Conference.

60. The Conference may rescind, amend, or add to the foregoing Rules and Regulations provided that notice of motion therefor shall have been first referred to the Board of Management for its consideration and thereafter considered by the Conference Committee dealing with Supernumerary Fund affairs, and the motion shall have been carried by not less than two-thirds of those present and voting in the Conference. Where financial considerations are involved the Board of Management shall have power to obtain a report from the actuary of the Fund as to whether such proposal is likely, in his judgment, to affect the stability of the Fund. The printed Minutes of the Conference shall be conclusive evidence of any such rescission, amendment, or addition.

## YOUTH DEPARTMENT.

It is recommended that the following paragraphs of the Law Book and amendments and additions thereto be repealed and the paragraphs and regulations set out hereunder be substituted therefor:—

Paragraphs 262, 263 a, b, d, 264-267a, 267c to 276 inclusive (Paragraphs 263 (c) and 267 (b) re representatives in Conference and Synod are not repealed at present).

## YOUTH DEPARTMENT.

1. There shall be a Youth Department under the authority of the Conference. It shall be responsible through the Youth Board for the supervision, maintenance and development of the whole youth work of the Church.

2. The objects of all Youth Organisations shall be:—

- (a) To win Youth for Jesus Christ as their Leader, Saviour and Lord.
- (b) To bring Youth into Membership of the Methodist Church.
- (c) To gain the whole-hearted service of Youth for Christ, the Church, and the Kingdom of God.
- (d) To relate Christianity to the whole life of Youth, physical, mental, moral and spiritual.
- (e) To apply Christianity to all human relationships—personal, social, national and international.

3. The Youth Department shall be administered by the Connexional Youth Board which shall be appointed annually by Conference and it shall consist of:—

- (a) The Chairman of the District in which the Board is located.
  - (b) Youth Directors.
  - (c) Four Ministers and four laymen nominated by the Synod of the District in which the Board is located.
  - (d) Four representatives of Sunday Schools nominated by District Youth Councils and Sub-Councils.
  - (e) Four representatives of the Young Women's Bible Classes nominated by District Youth Councils and Sub-Councils.
  - (f) Four representatives of the Young Men's Bible Classes nominated by District Youth Councils and Sub-Councils.
  - (g) Youth Office Secretary.
4. All lay members of the Board shall be active members of the Church and of the section they represent.

5. A member absent from three consecutive meetings of the Board without reasonable excuse shall forfeit his seat.

6. When any vacancy occurs in the membership of the Board it shall have power subject to the approval of the President of the Conference to fill such vacancy.

7. The Board shall meet at least four times a year. Twelve members shall be a quorum. The Chairman of the District in which the Board is located shall be Chairman of the Board.

8. The Board shall:—

- (a) Develop and co-ordinate in co-operation with the Youth Directors all sections of Youth work.



- (b) Administer the Youth Office.
- (c) Report annually to Synods and Conference and appoint its lay representative thereto.
- (d) Appoint from its members an Honorary Secretary and an Honorary Treasurer.
- (e) Set up such National Committees as are required for various sections of the Youth work.
- (f) Determine Youth Missionary objectives after consultation with the Home and Foreign Mission Boards and through District and local Youth Councils pursue such objectives and also co-operate with the said Boards in Missionary publicity and education.

9. Youth Directors shall be appointed by Conference. Each Director shall be appointed for Youth work in an area preferably for a six-year period subject to a review at the end of each three-year period.

10. All Directors shall be members of the Board and shall represent it in such capacities as the Board may determine. They shall be responsible to the Board and to Conference.

11. The Youth Directors shall:—

- (a) Co-operate with and advise ministers and lay officials regarding Youth work in local Churches.
- (b) Give spiritual leadership and counsel to all Sunday Schools, Bible Classes, and other Youth organisations of the Church.
- (c) Establish personal contacts with leaders and teachers and organise leader and teacher training courses classes and schools.

12. The Conference shall designate and appoint one of the Directors as Senior Youth Director. He shall perform the same duties as the other Directors and in addition shall:—

- (a) Be the Chief Executive Officer and adviser of the Department and the Board.
- (b) Represent the Board at Conference especially in reporting on the field work of the Department.

13. The Honorary Secretary to the Board shall be responsible for the recording of the Minutes of meetings, shall conduct the correspondence of the Board and shall generally attend to all clerical duties in connection with the business of the Board except such as are within the scope of the duties of the Senior Youth Director and of the Youth Office Secretary. He shall keep the Senior Youth Director informed of all business relating to the Department.

14. The Honorary Treasurer of the Board shall from time to time submit to meetings of the Board an interim statement of finance and shall present annually detailed and duly audited statements of accounts and a report thereon. He shall when required by the Board furnish it with all information relating to its finances.

15. The Board shall appoint the Youth Office Secretary and determine the terms, conditions and duties of employment.

16. The Board shall prepare a Budget in conformity with the policy approved by Conference. Such Budget shall include all approved expenses of National Committees, District Youth Councils and Sub-

Councils. The Board shall allocate to Circuits separately the Circuit and Bible Class contributions on the basis of membership in Church and Bible Classes respectively.

17. All Circuit and Bible Class contributions shall be paid through the Circuit fund to the Youth Board, and shall be specified in the Circuit returns.

18. The Board shall unless otherwise determined by a majority of the District Youth Councils call an annual Convention of Youth leaders representative of all sections of Youth work. The programme of each Convention shall be prepared by the Board after consultation with District Youth Councils and Sub-Councils. Provision may be made for sectional meetings.

19. In each District of the Church there shall be a District Youth Council which shall be appointed annually by Conference on the nomination of the District Synod. It shall consist of:—

- (a) The Chairman of the District.
- (b) The Senior Youth Director and the Youth Director working in the area as ex officio members.
- (c) Three Ministers whose names shall be submitted by the District Youth Council to the Synod for its consideration and approval.
- (d) Three laymen whose names shall be submitted by the District Youth Council to the Synod for its consideration and approval.
- (e) Three representatives of the Sunday Schools. Each District Youth Council shall invite the Sunday Schools within the District to submit to it names for consideration. From these the District Youth Council shall select three and submit them to the Synod for its consideration and approval, provided always that in any District where a Sunday School Union existed on the 1st day of October, 1942, such Union shall have the right to submit the names of the three Sunday School representatives to the District Youth Council for its consideration.
- (f) Three representatives each of Young Women's and Young Men's Bible Classes. Each District Youth Council shall invite the Bible Classes within the District to submit to it names for consideration. From these the District Youth Council shall select six, three representative of the Young Women's and three representative of the Young Men's Bible Classes, and submit them to Synod for its consideration and approval, provided always that in any District where a District Bible Class Fellowship existed on the 1st day of October, 1942, such Fellowship shall have the right to submit the names of the Young Women's and Young Men's Bible Classes' representatives to the District Youth Council for its consideration.

20. No person shall be nominated for membership of the District Youth Council unless his consent thereto shall have previously been obtained and unless he shall be actively associated with the section of the work he is to represent.

21. When any vacancy occurs in the membership of a District Youth Council it shall have power, subject to the approval of the Chairman of the District, to fill such vacancy.

• 22. The District Youth Councils shall meet at least four times a year. Seven members shall be a quorum. The Chairman of the District shall be Chairman of the Council.



23. District Youth Councils shall

- (a) Act as Advisory Committees to the Youth Board and to the Youth Director working in their area.
- (b) Promote in the District the policy of the Conference and of the Board.
- (c) Consider the annual report of the Board and the District statistical returns prior to Synods and make recommendations thereon.
- (d) Appoint from its members an Honorary Secretary and an Honorary Treasurer and a Statistical Secretary.
- (e) Set up Committees to deal with the various sections of Youth work in the District. Where these Committees are set up nominations shall be called for from local Youth Councils for membership of such Committees.

24. A District Youth Sub-Council may be established in any District where deemed necessary by the Youth Board. The constitution of such Sub-Council shall be on the same basis as for District Youth Councils. It shall be appointed annually by the Conference on the nomination of the Youth Board after consultation with the District Youth Council. The Chairman of the District or his duly appointed deputy shall be Chairman of the District Sub-Council.

25. A District Youth Council shall exchange Minutes with its Sub-Council. The Sub-Council shall keep in touch with the Youth Board through its District Youth Council provided always that a District Sub-Council may deal directly with the Youth Board in matters affecting its own area.

26. The provisions governing District Youth Councils shall mutatis mutandis apply to District Sub-Councils.

27. There shall be a local Youth Council in each Church in a Circuit subject to the right of the Quarterly Meeting to group several smaller Churches under one Council.

28. Each Council shall consist of the Superintendent Minister of the Circuit, the Minister of the local Church, the Officers and teachers of the Sunday School, the Bible Class leaders and Secretaries, one representative appointed by and from each of the Senior Bible Classes, one representative appointed by and from each of the other Young People's organisations, and one representative appointed from the local Trustees. One member shall be elected local Youth Secretary. He shall report to the Quarterly Meeting on all matters relating to the Youth work of the Church.

29. Sunday Schools and Bible Classes respectively shall arrange their own programme of study and work, control their own finance, and generally manage their affairs in co-operation with and subject to oversight of the local Youth Council and the Quarterly Meeting in harmony with the purposes of the Methodist Church of New Zealand and in accordance with its laws and regulations.

30. The Council shall meet monthly where practicable but at least once each quarter. It shall consider

- (a) The preparation of young people for Church membership.
- (b) The needs of the Junior Church or Sunday School.
- (c) The formation of Sunday School Teachers' and Bible Class Leaders' training classes.

- (d) The grading and promotion of the Sunday School and Bible Class members.
- (e) Arranging for the observance of special days in the Church, Sunday School and Bible Class activities.
- (f) Any other relevant matters.

31. The Sunday School staff shall elect annually the officers of the School provided always that the Superintendent of the Sunday School shall be elected by an absolute majority of the votes of the staff present, the voting being by ballot without nomination, subject to the election being confirmed by the local Youth Council.

32. The Superintendent Minister or one of his colleagues duly appointed by him shall be President of the local Bible Classes. The Senior Bible Classes shall elect their own officers at properly convened meetings, subject however in the case of leaders, to the approval before nomination of such minister and to the confirmation of the Youth Council. Intermediate and Junior Bible Classes shall elect their own officers at a properly convened meeting, the leaders to be nominated by the local Youth Council.

33. Each Sunday School and Bible Class and Young People's Society shall be conducted in distinct and avowed connection with the Methodist Church of New Zealand and in accordance with its laws and regulations and policy.

34. Officers, teachers and Bible Class leaders, where practicable, shall be members of the Methodist Church, but if not shall accept and follow the Christian faith and be sympathetic with the doctrines and discipline of Methodism. (See Law Book, paragraph 193.)

35. Teachers shall be received on probation by the local Youth Council on the nomination of the Minister or Sunday School Superintendent. After three months they may be given full status.

36. No scholar may be expelled until his case has been considered by the local Youth Council.

4. That the **Committee for 1945** 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.

Resolution: That the Report be received and adopted, together with the Recommendations.

## II.—PRESIDENTIAL RULINGS.

### 1. Invitation to a Minister for a Sixth Year.

Question: If a decision regarding the Invitation of a Minister for a sixth year has been arrived at at a Quarterly Meeting previous to the September Quarterly Meeting, whether the motion be deemed carried or not, can such decision be questioned or reversed at the September Quarterly Meeting? Must such decision be ratified or confirmed at the September Quarterly Meeting, and can that be done on the voices, or by show of hands, or is another ballot necessary, whether or not it is requested by any member of the meeting?

Ruling: Paragraph 89, Law Book, plainly states that an invitation to a Minister for a sixth year must be given or withheld only on a vote taken in the September Quarterly Meeting, so that any vote taken in a previous meeting is invalid, and the vote in the September Quarterly Meeting must be by ballot; and I do so rule.



## 2. Representation of a Men's Club in the Quarterly Meeting.

Question: Has a Men's Club the right to appoint a representative to the Quarterly Meeting?

Ruling: In Par. 199, Law Book, as amended by the Section "Representation at Leaders' Meetings and Quarterly Meeting" on page 16 of "Amendments and Additions to the Laws and Regulations of the Methodist Church of New Zealand," there is no mention of Men's Clubs having the right to appoint a representative to the Quarterly Meeting, and, as no subsequent resolution has been passed by Conference granting that right, Men's Clubs are therefore not entitled to representation in Quarterly Meetings; and I do so rule.

## 3. Representation at Conference of a Circuit left "One Wanted" in lieu of an additional Minister in Full Connexion.

Question: Has a Circuit or Institution or Department of the Church whose status is two Ministers in Full Connexion, but to which, owing to shortage of men, only one such Minister has been appointed, the right to elect two lay representatives to Conference?

Ruling: In Par. 238, page 74, Law Book, there are two bases of lay representation to Conference: (1) Circuit. A Circuit whether it has a Minister appointed to it or not has the right to appoint a lay representative to Conference. (2) Representation based upon the number of Ministers in Full Connexion appointed to a Circuit, exclusive of the first one in Full Connexion appointed. An additional lay representative may be appointed for every Minister in Full Connexion appointed to the Circuit. The decisive word is "appointed." If, for any reason, a second Minister in Full Connexion is not appointed then the Circuit loses the additional lay representative given to it by the appointment of an additional Minister in Full Connexion; and I do so rule.

Resolved: That the foregoing Rulings by the President be sustained.

## 4. Manifesto on Peace and War.

Resolved: That the Ruling of the President of 1943 upon the Manifesto on Peace and War, printed in the Minutes of Conference, 1944, page 181, the consideration of which was deferred, be sustained in the following form:—

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?

Ruling:

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. Whereas the Rev. O. E. Burton moved against the status of the Manifesto on grounds of conscientious protest, he thereby created a situation involving discipline, and it was on this point that Conference took action. The specific requirements of the Manifesto had no direct bearing on the decision of Conference which acted within its legal rights and in accordance with the provisions of the Law Book, page 36, par. 149, in ceasing to recognize him as a Minister of the Methodist Church. I do so rule.

#### QUESTION LVI.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on other Questions

##### 1.—WORLD CONFERENCE ON FAITH AND ORDER.

###### ANNUAL REPORT.

War conditions still seriously limit the operations of the Movement. The General Secretary, Rev. Dr. Hodgson, writing hopefully in September said, "This September I may surely hope that by January we shall be living in a world in which many of the barriers to communications have been cast down, in which plans for the meeting of the World Council of Churches, which were interrupted in 1939, may again be going forward.

When the Council meets, the Faith and Order Movement will become its Commission on Faith and Order.



By 1939 the Continuation Committee had agreed that three subjects needed immediate study: (i) the Church, (ii) Ways of Worship, (iii) Intercommunion. On (i) and (iii) American Committees have been able to hold series of meetings, and have produced valuable reports and memoranda for use by our full international Commission when these can be gathered together. On all three subjects further material has been in preparation for the same purpose. Much of it is now in hand."

Continuing, Dr. Hodgson says:—"It looks to me as though the next steps will be: (1) the reconstitution of the membership of the three Commissions, (2) the collection and sorting of all existing prepared material and its distribution to the Commissions for circulation among their members. Then (3) each Commission will arrange for the writing of what further papers are needed to fill up the gaps. All this can be done by correspondence. Later on when this becomes possible, (4) each Commission will arrange for such meetings as will be necessary to produce its Report.

It is most important that (3) shall not be concluded, or (4) undertaken until the work can be done on a fully international basis."

"This is probably as far as we can look ahead at present. Whether the Commission Reports will be presented to the existing Continuation Committee or to the World Council, and when and by whom a third World Conference on Faith and Order will be summoned, are questions that can safely be left to the future. The steps I have outlined will give us plenty of work to be going on with, and plenty of material for thanksgiving and intercession as we take our part in the Week of Prayer."

In the death of William Temple, late Archbishop of Canterbury, the Movement and the Christian Church in general, have lost a Master in Israel indeed. Strong, sagacious, upright and able, his desires and labours for the Unity of Christendom were excelled by few. We place upon record our deep sense of loss in the passing of a great leader.

FRED GREENWOOD, Convener.

## RESOLUTIONS.

1. That Report be received and adopted.
2. Wellington Committee:—Revs. W. A. Burley, M.A., F. Greenwood (Convener), E. D. Patchett, J. D. McArthur, A. O. Harris, J. D. Grocott, B.A., C. E. Dickens, C. T. Symons, M.A., B.D., J. L. Mitchell, A. K. Petch, B.A., C. P. Lucas.
3. That the whole matter of "Faith and Order" be considered by the Wellington District Executive.

## 2.—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 District 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 designated 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.

## REPORT FOR 1944.

The Committee's Recommendations to the Conference of 1944 were, of course, held over for consideration in a full representative assembly. The Committee has since met to review the position, and has decided to send forward the same Recommendations to the Conference of 1945, with one addition (No. 5).

Some time was spent over the amendment proposed twelve months ago by the North Canterbury Synod, which if carried would involve the retention of two grades of membership, instead of three as at present. We recognize that in the comparatively few cases where

Junior Classes have been established and properly worked, they have done excellent service, and should like to see them in operation wherever suitable leaders can be found, but also consider that their purposes may be realized without the use of the word "member." To "join the Church" on confession of personal and responsible allegiance to Christ should be a definite and "once-for-all" experience, memorable and unique, and nothing should be permitted to obscure or to minimize the importance of this step. We are therefore suggesting that the Youth Department be asked to endeavour to incorporate the best elements of the Junior Membership system into the Youth Movement membership.

### ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATION.

5. That it be a recommendation to the Youth Department to consider the working of the Christian Youth Movement membership with a view to conserving in it the best elements of the Junior Membership system.

Resolved: That the consideration of this matter of Baptism and Membership be deferred to the Conference of 1946.

### 3.—COMMISSION ON WOMEN AND THE ORDAINED MINISTRY.

#### CONVENER'S REPORT.

Attention is drawn to the fact mentioned a year ago that the Convener has removed from Auckland and is therefore unable to act in conjunction with the Committee. Consequently no further action has been possible. Conference is recommended to re-appoint the Committee with a Convener resident in Auckland.

W. G. SLADE, Secretary of the Conference.

Resolved: That the Report be received and that the Committee be re-appointed with Rev. E. W. Hames as Convener.

### 4.—RADIO COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

No Report was received.

Resolved: That the Rev. W. A. Burley be the representative to the Central Committee on Broadcasting.

#### District Committees.

WELLINGTON.—Appointed by the District Executive. Convener: Rev. J. D. McArthur.

NORTH CANTERBURY.—The Chairman of the District, Revs. R. Dudley, N. P. Larsen, D. O. Williams, C. O. Hailwood, C. R. Taylor, and two laymen to be appointed by the District Executive.

### 5.—PRESIDENT'S LEGAL ADVISER.

That Mr. J. Stanton, LL.B., be thanked for his services and be re-appointed.

### 6.—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., W. Walker, 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.



## 7.—THE RIGHTS OF THE MINISTRY.

(1) That in view of the conflict arising between a Minister's personal call to preach and the discipline exercised by the Church, the following be a committee to investigate the issue and doctrines involved with special reference to the historic rights of the Ministry:—The President, the Vice-President, Revs. E. T. Olds, H. Ranston, E. W. Hames, G. I. Laurenson, E. B. Chambers, H. L. Fiebig, H. C. Matthews; Messrs. J. Stanton, J. Tyler, T. L. Hames, E. H. Burton, L. Peak, N. R. Seddon, and C. R. Edmonds. Convener: Rev. H. L. Fiebig.

(2) That the Committee define the principles governing the suspension of a Minister for a breach of discipline arising out of obedience to the sacred call to preach.

(3) That the Committee report its findings to the Synods and the Conference of 1946.

**QUESTION LVII.—When and Where shall the next Conference be held?**

At PITT ST. CHURCH, AUCKLAND, on THURSDAY, 21st FEBRUARY, 1946, at 7 p.m.

# 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. Wesley	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.
Dunedin	1945	Arthur H. Scrivin	William E. Burley, B.A.	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

## OF 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.,<br/>        (Sup.) Foundation Fellow of<br/>        Trinity College.</p> <p>1888—Grigg, William (Sup.)</p> <p>    "    Olphert, John (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.,<br/>        (Sup.)</p> | <p>1901—Bailey, Samuel (Sup.)</p> <p>    "    Eaton, Clarence (Sup.)</p> <p>    "    Featherston, Jacob (Sup.)</p> <p>    "    Ranston, Harry, M.A., Litt.D.<br/>        (Sup.)</p> <p>    "    Woolloxall, Thomas R. B. (Sup.)</p> <p>1902—Coatsworth, Thomas (Svp.)</p> <p>    "    Oxbrow, Walter J. (Sup.)</p> <p>    "    Patchett, Ernest D. (Sup.)</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 (Sup.)</p> <p>    "    Richards, Raymond (Sup.)</p> <p>1906—Avery, William W.</p> <p>    "    Roberts, Charles M. (Sup.)</p> <p>    "    Ryan, Henry (Sup.)</p> <p>    "    White, Hedley</p> <p>1907—Blair, Charles</p> <p>1908—Jordan, Chas. B.,<br/>        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> <p>1910—Burley, William A., M.A.</p> <p>    "    Harris, Archer, O</p> <p>    "    Olds, Charles H., B.A.</p> <p>    "    Richards, James</p> <p>    "    Sharp, Harold A.</p> |
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## CHRONOLOGICAL LIST—*continued*

- 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—Hinton, George B.  
 „ Lawrence, Frederick B.  
 „ Scrivin, Arthur H.  
 „ Walker, William (Sup.)
- 1913—Bensley, Arthur A.  
 „ Peat, Harold T.
- 1914—Burnet, Oswald  
 „ 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.
- 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.  
 „ Moore, William E.  
 „ Parker, Gordon, M.A.  
 „ Payne, Herbert W.  
 „ Williams, David O., M.A., LittD
- 1932—Alley, Donald C.  
 „ Day, Reginald  
 „ Hickman, D. J. Donald  
 „ Jamieson, V. Roy  
 „ Jenkin, William C.  
 „ Williamson, Ivan S.



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| 1933—Chrystall, Bernard M., B.A. | 1940—Dawson, John B.             |
| " Daglish, J. Ainsley            | " Dixon, Haddon C., M.A.         |
| " Mitchell, John L.              | " Gilmore, Leslie R. M.          |
| " Orr, A. Everil                 | " Greenslade, Lawrence           |
| " Patchett, Ralph E.             | " Jones, Alan O.                 |
| " Waite, Alfred, E.              | " Winiata, Maharaja, M.A.        |
| 1934—Goodman, George H.          | 1941—Bell, Charles H.            |
| " Johnston, Andrew, J.           | " Brown, Harold K.               |
| " Matthews, Howard C., B.A.      | " Burley, Harold W., M.M.        |
| 1935—Duder, Clifford L.          | " Darvill, Harold A.             |
| " Hanna, L. Gordon               | " Thomas, Gordon V.              |
| " Luxton, Clarence T. J.         | " Woolford, Henry J., B.A.       |
| " Mills, William A.              |                                  |
| " Thornley, Robert, M.A., Dip.   | 1942—Clement Robert F.           |
| Soc.Sc.                          | " Collins Alan F.                |
| " Witheford, Arthur R.           | " Ivory, Arthur H. LL.B., B.Com. |
| 1936—Hopper, H. Ian K.           | " Lewis, John J., M.A., B.D.     |
| " Tasker, Bert. M., B.A., Dip.   | " Morrison William J., B.A.      |
| Soc. Sc.                         | " Willing Leonard V.             |
| " Willoughby, James S.           | " Williams, J. C. Aldwyn         |
| 1937—Francis, William R., B.A.   | 1943—Brown, Clifford G.          |
| " Mayson, Robert W., B.A.        | " Cramond, George W.             |
| " Norwell, Leslie T.             | " Dawson, William S.             |
| 1938—Harkness, Howard E., M.A.   | " Falkingham, Wilfred E.         |
| " Hoddinott, Ernest S.           | " Grounds, Edmund D.             |
| " Laws, William R., M.A.         | " Jolly, Albert                  |
| " Long, Wesley L.                | " Prosser, Frederick O.          |
| " Petch, Ashleigh K., B.A.       | 1944—Allen, Robert H.            |
| " Silvester, John, M.A.          | " Bell, Ronald G.                |
| " Whitfield, Harris              | " Bycroft, Leslie F.             |
| 1939—Cochrane, Herbert A.        | " Chambers, Wesley A.            |
| " Grice, Reginald                | 1945—Green, Warren               |
| " Hayman, Leslie A. D. B.Sc.     | " Gregory, William H.            |
| (Agric.)                         | " Shapcott, Len                  |
| " Lucas, Campbell P.             | " Dorrian, A. Peter              |
| " Oldfield, Charles B.           | " Parker, Francis H.             |
| " Sanft, Alfred                  | " Rissley, Benjamin H.           |
| " Waite, J. Stanley              | " Sherson, Donald G., B.A.       |
| " Watson, John K., M.C., B.A.    |                                  |

NATIVE MINISTERS.

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1911—Te Tuhi, Eruera   | 1933—Kera, Nathan        |
| 1914—Rakena, Rakena P. | 1933—Sotutu, Uziah       |
| 1920—Tauroa, Matarae   | 1937—Afu, John           |
| 1930—Gina, Belshazzar  | 1941—Kukutai, Ngatete K. |
| 1931—Havea, Paul       | 1942—Piani, Timothy      |
| 1932—Kotosoma, Aaron   | „ Rogers, Ranginohoora   |

# 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	.... 1	Allen, J. Henry, 92 Liardet St., New Plymouth	.... 45
1944	.... 2	Allen, Robert H., 22 Lake Road, Hamilton	.... 32
1932	.... 10	Alley, Donald C., c/o. P.O. Box 23W, Auckland, C.1	[8]
1906	.... 2	Avery, William W., 58 Elizabeth St., Timaru, South Canterbury	.... 110
1924	.... S	Ayrton, Moses, Karori, Wellington, W.3	.... 77
1924	.... 3	Bailey, John H., 1 Tennyson Ave., Takapuna, Auckland	.... 7
1901	.... S	Bailey, Samuel, c/o. Mrs. Stanley Service, Otara, West Plains Road, Invercargill R.D.	.... 130
1924	.... 1	Bateup, Frank, Willowby R.M.D., Ashburton	.... 114
1941	.... 1	Bell, Charles H., 39 Strathaven St., Miramar, Wellington, E.4	.... 72
1944	.... 2	Bell, Ronald G., 42 Ngatoto St., Ngaio, Wellington	.... 73
1894	.... S	Bellhouse, Harold E., 12 Ranui Rd., Remuera, Auckland, S.E.2	.... 4
1921	.... 3	Benny, Henry, Coronation Street, Waimate	.... 111
1913	.... 4	Bensley, Arthur A., Devonport Street, Tauranga	.... 38
1907	.... 4	Blair, Charles, 320 Hardy Street, Nelson	.... 82
1923	.... 1	Blakemore, Albert, Church St., Te Aroha	.... 28
1900	.... S	Blamires, E. Percy, 43a Church Street, Devonport, Auckland, N.1 (1944)	.... 6
1904	.... 11	Blamires, Ernest O., Beerehaven Road, Seatoun, Wellington, E.5	.... 68
1896	.... S	Blamires, Henry L., 23 Aikman's Road, St. Albans, Christchurch, N.W.1 (1930)	.... 89
1930	.... 1	Blight, J. Montgomery, 15 Nelson St., Riccarton, Christchurch, W.1	.... 96
1917	.... 1	Blight, William T., B.A., B.D., Havelock Street, Ashburton	.... 114
1922	.... 1	Brooks, Leslie A. G., 111 Wood St., Palmerston North	.... 64



Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit.
1925	.... 1	Brown, F. Gardner, 15 Bonnie Brae Avenue, Meadowbank, Auckland	.... .... 1
1943	.... 1	Brown, Clifford G., 1 Ensor's Road, Opawa, Christchurch	.... .... 92
1916	.... 6	Brown, George E., Methodist Church, Whangarei	.... .... 18
1941	.... 3	Brown, Harold K., Kaeo, Auckland	.... .... 20
1924	.... 4	Brown, Hubert G., 112 Derby Street, Westport	.... .... 87
1941	.... 1	Burley, Harold W., 80 Wesley St., Dunedin, S.1	.... .... 121
1910	.... 4	Burley, William A., M.A., 18 Matai Rd., Wellington, E.2	.... .... 72
1914	.... 4	Burnet, Oswald, 142 North Street, Timaru	.... .... 109
1944	.... 2	Bycroft, Leslie F., 35 Robertson Rd., Auckland, S.W.3	.... .... 5
1931	.... 2	Carr, Thomas H., 45 Haupapa St., Rotorua	.... .... 37
1931	.... 1	Carr, W. E. Allon, Thames St., Morrinsville	.... .... 45
1917	.... 1	Chambers, Ernest B., 12 Poronui St., Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.1	.... .... 4
1944	.... 2	Chambers, Wesley A., c/o. 170 Fitzgerald Avenue, Christchurch, C.1	.... .... 91
1933	.... 3	Chrystall, Bernard M., B.A., C.F., R.N.Z.A.F. (overseas)	.... .... 6
1887	.... S	Clement, George, Sandringham Street, St. Clair, Dunedin, S.1 (1923)	.... .... 118
1942	.... 1	Clement, Robert F., C.F., R.N.Z.A.F.	.... .... 119
1902	.... S	Coatsworth, Thomas, Foxton	.... .... 84
1939	.... 3	Cochrane, Herbert A., 17 Church St., Devonport, Auckland, N.1	.... .... 6
1942	.... 1	Collins, Alan F., Putaruru	.... .... 93
1915	.... 1	Cooke, Percy I., Normanby St., Dargaville	.... .... 16
1905	.... 3	Copeland, Fred, 8 Madeira Steps, Napier	.... .... 56
1918	.... 5	Costain, Alfred M., 162 King Street, Rangiora	.... .... 104
1909	.... 8	Cottom, Harry, Springston R.D., Canterbury	.... .... 100
1943	.... 3	Cramond, George W., Methodist Church, Hauraki Plains, Waikato	.... .... 26
1933	.... 3	Daglish, J. Ainsley, Wesley Street, Pukekohe	.... .... 12
1941	.... 1	Darvill, Harold A., c/o. Box 23W, Auckland	.... H.M.
1940	.... 2	Dawson, John B., C.F. (overseas), Ranolf Street, Rotorua	.... .... 37
1943	.... 3	Dawson, W. Selwyn, 6 Duigan St., Gonville, Wanganui	.... .... 54
1932	.... 1	Day, Reginald, 5 William Street, Gore	.... .... 131
1917	.... 5	Dennis, John, 336 Selwyn St., Addington, Christchurch, S.W.1	.... .... 95
1929	.... 3	Dickens, Charles E., 3 Rossmoor Crescent, Wellington, N.1	.... .... 70
1940	.... 2	Dixon, Haddon C., M.A., 467 Leith St., Dunedin, N.1	.... .... 118
1944	.... 1	Dorrian, A. Peter, c/o. 80 Wesley St., Dunedin, S.1	.... .... 121
1893	.... S	Drake, Edward, 100 Chapter Street, St. Albans, Christchurch (1936)	.... .... 97
1930	.... 5	Draper, Joseph C., C.F., 492317 Chaplain, 2nd N.Z. General Hospital, 2nd N.Z.E.F., Middle East Forces	.... .... 7
1935	.... 2	Duder, Clifford L., 46 Brighton St., Roslyn, Dunedin	.... .... 125
1898	.... S	Dudley, Ben, F.R.A.S., 149 Rose St., Christchurch, S.W.1 (1938)	.... .... 90
1931	.... 7	Dudley, Raymond, M.A., F.R.E.S., 54 Chester St. W., Christchurch, C.1	.... .... 90
1901	.... S	Eaton, Clarence, 78 West Street, Feilding	.... .... 66

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit.
1893	.... S	Elliott, William J., 32 Gladstone Road, Parnell, Auckland	4
1911	.... 1	Enticott, Walter J., c/o. 149 Tennyson Street, Dunedin, C.2	118
1943	.... 2	Falkingham, Wilfred E., 24 Passmore Crescent, Maori Hill, Dunedin, N.W.1	120
1901	.... S	Featherston, Jacob, 442 Cashel Street, Christchurch, E.1 (1931)	90
1924	.... 1	Fiebig, Herbert L., B.A., 17 Pukehana Ave., Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3	4
1919	.... 1	Ford, Herbert, Pah Road, Motueka	84
1916	.... 3	Fordyce, Robert E., 12 Domett Street, Opunake	51
1911	.... S	Fowles, Albert H., 18 Lionel St., Avonside, Christchurch, N.E.1 (1941)	91
1937	.... 3	Francis, William R., B.A., C.F., 103647, P.W. Sub. Commission, C.M.F., Middle East Forces	4
1919	.... 6	Gatman, William, 68 Firth St., Hamilton East	33
1940	.... 4	Gilmore, Leslie R. M., Lake Road, Kaitaia, North Auckland	23
1897	.... 44	Goldie, John F., Solomon Islands	[5]
1934	.... 3	Goodman, George H., 48 Lincoln Road, Masterton	78
1945	.... 1	Green, Warren, 9 Ralph Street, Huntly, Waikato	34
1940	.... 2	Greenslade, Lawrence, Taitua St., Taumarunui	44
1941	.... 1	Greenslade, William W. H., 170 Fitzgerald Ave., Christchurch, C.1	91
1897	.... S	Greenwood, Fred, 37 Charlotte Avenue, Brooklyn, Wellington, S.W.1 (1934)	68
1945	.... 1	Gregory, William H., c/o. 18 Matai Road, Wellington, E.2	72
1939	.... 3	Grice, Reginald, 304 High Street, Carterton	77
1888	.... S	Grigg, William, 88 Cranford Street, St. Albans, Christchurch, N.1 (1932)	90
1928	.... 1	Grocott, John D., 235 Karori Rd., Wellington, W.3	83
1943	.... 3	Grounds, Edmund D. (on Active Service), c/o. 10 Hopetoun Street, Auckland, C.2	1
1928	.... 6	Hailwood, Charlie O., 38 Cranford St., St. Albans, Christchurch, N.1	97
1926	.... 7	Hall, James H., Woodend, Canterbury	105
1923	.... 7	Hames, Eric W., M.A., "Leigh House," Trinity College, Grafton, Auckland, C.3	Th.C.
1928	.... 6	Handy, Francis J., Queen Street, Thames	25
1935	.... 3	Hanna, L. Gordon, 8 King Edward St., Eltham	48
1916	.... 3	Harkness, Edwin S., 64 Albert Street, Pahiatua	62
1938	.... 4	Harkness, Howard E., M.A., 60 Lawrence Street, Morningson, Dunedin, W.1	124
1910	.... 4	Harris, Archer O., 37 Nelson Street, Petone	75
1926	.... 5	Harris, G. Raymond, Cambridge Street, Levin	80
1900	.... S	Haslam, Jonathan H., "Flaxmere," Studholme Junction, South Canterbury	111
1939	.... 1	Hayman, Leslie A. D., B.Sc. (Agr.), 67 Brougham Street, Sydenham, Christchurch, S.1	94
1932	.... 5	Hickman, D. J. Donald, 77 Grey Street East, Onehunga, Auckland, S.E.5	9
1912	.... 1	Hinton, George B., 53 Fuller St., Kaiapoi	102
1938	.... 4	Hoddinott, Ernest S., Franklin Street, Greymouth	88
1911	.... S	Hopper, Arthur, 416 Massey Rd., Hastings (1935)	58
1936	.... 3	Hopper, H. Ian K., Ohoka, Canterbury	103



Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit.
1929	6	Horwood, Leonard C., 52 Queen's Drive, Musselburgh, Dunedin, S.2	122
1900	S	Hunt, George P., 116 Peary Rd., Mt. Eden, Auckland (1940)	1
1942	3	Ivory, Arthur H., LL.B., B.Com., Regent Street, Waihi	28
1922	1	Jack, J. Francis, 524 Church St., Palmerston Nth.	63
1930	S	James, Benjamin J., 22 Winston Street, St. Albans, Christchurch, N.1 (1940)	90
1932	2	Jamieson, V. Roy, 11 Horopito St., Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.1	1
1919	4	Jefferson, Alfred E., 216 Earn St., Invercargill	130
1928	1	Jeffreys, Howard H., Paparoa, North Auckland	15
1932	5	Jenkin, William C., Mowatt Street, Waitara	46
1934	5	Johnston, Andrew J., Pupuke Road, Birkenhead, Auckland, N.5	8
1943	1	Jolly, Albert, Greytown, Wairarapa	76
1940	2	Jones, Alan O., 138 Somme Parade, Aramoho, Wanganui	53
1908	3	Jordan, Charles B., M.A., B.D., F.R.E.S., Queen Street, Waiuku	13
1899	S	Keall, R. Purcell, 22 Trinity Avenue, Lower Hutt (1940)	74
1916	1	Kendon, Charles H., Tancred Street, Hokitika	89
1929	2	Kent, Arthur T., Box 40, Raglan	32
1924	3	Kings, Harry S., C.F., Station Chaplain, R.N.Z.A.F. Station, Rongotai, Wellington, E.4	68
1927	4	Larsen, Norman P., 237 Salisbury Street, Christchurch, C.1	92
1927	7	Laurenson, Geo. I., 11 Karariki Ave., Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.1	H.M.
1912	4	Lawrence, Frederick B., Ashhurst, Manawatu	65
1887	S	Laws, Charles H., B.A., D.D., Foundation Fellow of Trinity College, 4 Tahuri Road, Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3 (1931)	4
1938	4	Laws, William R., M.A., 95 Fitzroy Street, Kew, Dunedin, S.W.1	123
1930	4	Leadley, E. Clarence, Picton	86
1900	S	Leadley, Frank E., 26 Arthur Street, Onehunga, Auckland, S.E.5 (1940)	9
1942	2	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)	97
1938	4	Long, Wesley L., 80 Knights Road, Lower Hutt	74
1939	3	Lucas, Campbell P., 39 Washington Ave., Brooklyn, Wellington, S.W.1	68
1935	7	Luxton, Clarence T. J., c/o. Box 23W, Auckland	[8]
1908	S	Martin, J. Frederick, 32 Karaka Street, Castlecliff, Wanganui (1944)	45
1934	1	Matthews, Howard C., 32 Arthur St., Ponsonby, Auckland, W.1	3
1937	3	Mayson, Robert W., B.A., Eden Street, Oamaru	116
1909	4	McArthur, John D., 24 Colombo St., Wellington, S.1	72
1904	S	McBean, Angus, 2 Winter's Rd., Ashburton (1942)	114

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit.
1930	.... 7	McDowell, Matthew A., 77 Port Hills Road, Heathcote, Christchurch, S.E.2	.... Y.P.
1924	.... 10	McGregor, Robert, Greendale, Canterbury	.... 106
1916	.... 26	Metcalfe, John R., Port Albert, North Auckland	.... [7]
1905	.... S	Metson, Basil, Oxford	.... 106
1935	.... 4	Mills, William A., C.F., 21st Battalion, 5th Brigade, 2nd N.Z.E.F., Middle East Forces	.... 90
1890	.... S	Mitchell, Arthur, 40 Mt. Albert Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2 (1930)	.... 5
1933	.... 1	Mitchell, John L., 1 Knights Road, Lower Hutt	.... 73
1931	.... 3	Moore, William E., Otorohanga, King Country	.... 42
1942	.... 2	Morrison, William J., Porirua, Wellington	.... 73
1918	.... 6	Neal, Wallace S., 35 Wood St., Papakura, Auckland	.... 11
1931	.... 15	Neale, Leslie B., B.A., F.R.G.S., 56 Royal Terrace, Dunedin, C.2	.... 119
1917	.... 7	Nelson, John R., Arney Street, Paeroa	.... 27
1875	.... S	Nixon, John, Eliot St., New Plymouth (1907)	.... 45
1937	.... 3	Norwell, Leslie T., Johnson St., Milton	.... 127
1915	.... 7	Odell, Henry J., 32 Mount Albert Road, Auckland, S.W.2	.... H.M.
1939	.... 5	Oldfield, Charles B., Rawene, Hokianga	.... 24
1910	.... 4	Olds, Charles H., B.A., 18 London St., Hamilton	.... 32
1914	.... 11	Olds, E. Thomas, 10 Hopetoun St., Auckland, C.2 (1932)	.... 1
1888	.... S	Olphert, J., 39 View Road, Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.1	.... 1
1920	.... 3	Orchard, Hector C., Banks St., Te Awamutu	.... 41
1933	.... 13	Orr, A. Everil, 10 Eden View Road, Sandringham, Auckland, S.W.1	.... 2
1902	.... S	Oxbrow, Walter J., Ngongotaha, Rotorua (1938)	.... 37
1917	.... 1	Parker, Frederick J., 33 Wicksteed St., Wanganui	.... 52
1931	.... 1	Parker, Gordon, M.A., Kaiapoi	.... 102
1918	.... 8	Parker, James W., Matai Street, Maeroa, Hamilton	.... 32
1929	.... 4	Parker, Walter, 994 New North Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2	.... 5
1930	.... 1	Parker, Wesley, M.A., 14 St. Vincent Avenue, Remuera, Auckland, S.E.2	.... 4
1902	.... S	Patchett, Ernest D., 22 Mersey Street, Island Bay, Wellington, S.2	.... 72
1933	.... 1	Patchett, Ralph E., Queen St., Richmond	.... 83
1931	.... 3	Payne, Herbert W., 88 Linwood Avenue, Christchurch, E.1	.... 91
1913	.... 1	Peat, Harold T. (C.F.), 40 George Street, Dominion Road, Auckland	.... 1
1927	.... 5	Penn, Athol R., 77 Grey Street, Woodville	.... 61
1892	.... S	Peryman, Samuel H. D., Railway Ter., Johnsonville (1928)	.... 73
1938	.... 4	Petch, Ashleigh K., 38 McFarlane St., Wellington, E.1	.... 68
1925	.... 6	Peterson, Gordon R. H., 179 Regan St., Stratford	.... 47
1920	.... 3	Pickering, William B., Kirk Street, Otaki	.... 81
1902	.... 19	Pratt, M. A. Rugby, F.R.Hist.S., 118 Knowles St., St. Albans, Christchurch, N.1	.... C.S.
1943	.... 1	Prosser, Frederick O., 46 Radley St., Woolston, Christchurch	.... 93



Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit.
1897	.... S	Pybus, T. Arthur, De Lacy Street, Ravensbourne, Dunedin (1939)	.... 121
1901	.... S	Ranston, Harry, M.A., Litt.D., Fellow Trinity College, 34 Alexis Avenue, Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2 (1941)	.... 5
1927	.... 1	Raynor, Ivo M., 9 Paynter's Ave., Fitzroy, New Plymouth	.... 45
1911	.... 3	Richards, H. Leslie, Selwyn Street, Leeston	.... 101
1910	.... 3	Richards, James, 98 North Street, Timaru	.... 108
1905	.... S	Richards, Raymond, 317 Park Street, New Brighton, Christchurch (1942)	.... 91
1906	.... S	Roberts, Charles M., 286 South Road, New Plymouth	.... 45
1911	.... 3	Rowe, William, C.F., Papakura	.... 11
1906	.... S	Ryan, Henry, 8 Burns Road, Napier	.... 56
1916	.... 1	Sage, Ernest E., 22 Union Street, New Brighton, Christchurch	.... 91
1939	.... 4	Sanft, Alfred I., 40784 2/Lt. A. Sanft, 30th Battalion, 8th Rifle Brigade, 2nd Relief, 2nd N.Z.E.F., Overseas	.... 57
1900	.... S	Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A., 9 Elmwood Road, Fendalton, Christchurch, N.W.1 (1940)	.... 90
1912	.... 13	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
1945	.... 1	Shapcott, Len, c/o. 320 Hardy Street, Nelson	.... 82
1910	.... 4	Sharp, Harold A., 71 High Street, Blenheim	.... 85
1944	.... 2	Sherson, Donald G., B.A., Opotiki, Bay of Plenty	.... 40
1927	.... 11	Silvester, A. Wharton E., Gizo, British Solomon Islands	.... [6]
1938	.... 4	Silvester, John, M.A., 19 Exeter St., Lyttelton	.... 99
1891	.... S	Sinclair, William A., 16 Empire Road, Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3 (1933)	.... 4
1918	.... 2	Skuse, Thomas, 230 High Street, Dargaville	.... 60
1915	.... 3	Slade, William G., M.A., 149 Tennyson Street, Dunedin, C.2	.... 118
1892	.... S	Smith, G. Knowles, Main Street, Greytown, Wairarapa (1940)	.... 76
1908	.... S	Speer, William H., Whakaue St., Rotorua (1937)	.... 37
1923	.... 1	Spencer, Herbert, Sanson, Manawatu	.... 67
1904	.... S	Stockwell, George F., "Whare Reka," Thornton's Bay, Thames (1942)	.... 25
1930	.... 7	Symons, Clifford T., M.A., B.D., 22 Webb Street, Wellington, C.2	.... Y.P.
1936	.... 1	Tasker, Bert M., 351 Palmerston St., Gisborne	.... 58
1924	.... 3	Taylor, Cecil R., 156. Matson's Road, Papanui, Christchurch, N.W.2	.... 98
1941	.... 1	Thomas, Gordon V., 27 Cambrai Ave., Mt. Roskill, Auckland, S.2	.... 1
1935	.... 1	Thornley, Robert, M.A., "Homewood," Chapman Street, Invercargill	.... 129
1908	.... 4	Tinsley, Robert B., 801 E. Queen Street, Hastings	.... 57
1927	.... 3	Utting, Harry V., Stanley Street, Eketahuna	.... 79
1894	.... S	Vealie, Thomas W., 35 Cudby Street, Lower Hutt (1934)	.... 74

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit.
1926	.... 20	Voyce, Arthur H., 118 Orakei Rd., Remuera, Auckland, S.E.2	.... [8]
1933	.... 1	Waite, Alfred E., Station Street, Otahuhu	.... 10
1939	.... 3	Waite, J. Stanley, 43 Queen Street, Cambridge, Waikato	.... 31
1912	.... S	Walker, William, 638 Manukau Road, Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3	.... 4
1939	.... 1	Watson, John K., M.C., B.A., Cashmere Hills, Christchurch	.... 90
1914	.... 3	Werren, Samuel J., Wesley House, 19 Regent St., Hawera	.... 49
1906	.... 1	White, Hedley, Porirua Road, Johnsonville	.... 76
1938	.... 1	Whitfield, Harris, c/o. Dunedin Central Mission, 35 The Octagon, Dunedin	.... 119
1931	.... 4	Williams, David O., M.A., Litt.D., 3 Repton Street, Merivale, Christchurch, N.W.1	.... 97
1943	.... 1	Williams, J. C. Aldwyn, Roxburgh	.... 128
1932	.... 1	Williamson, Ivan S., Matamata	.... 35
1942	.... 2	Willing, Leonard V., Taihape	.... 55
1936	.... 2	Willoughby, James S. (C.F.), c/o. 12 Ada Street, Palmerston North	.... 64
1899	.... S	Wills, William, 2 Seacliffe Ave., Takapuna, Auckland, N.2 (1939)	.... 7
1940	.... 4	Winiata, Maharaia, B.A., Probert Chambers, Queen Street, Auckland	.... 1
1935	.... 4	Wittheford, Arthur A., C.F., Headquarters Coy., 36th Battalion, N.Z.E.F. I.P., A.P.O. 150, Overseas	.... 7
1941	.... 1	Woolford, J. Henry, Birkett Street, Temuka	.... 112
1901	.... S	Woolloxall, Thomas R. B., 12 Tennyson Avenue, Takapuna, Auckland, N.2 (1937)	.... 7

#### NATIVE MINISTERS.

1914	.... 2	Rakena, Rakena P., Waihi Road, Hawera	.... [4]
1920	.... 3	Tauroa, Matarae, Tuakau	.... [1]
1911	.... 9	Te Tuhi, Eruera, 519 Mt. Albert Rd., Auckland, S.1	.... [1]
1942	.... 2	Rogers, Ranginohora, Waima, Hokianga	.... [1]
1937	.... 8	Afu, John, Roviana, Solomon Islands	.... [5]
1930	.... 15	Gina, Belshazzar, Roviana, Solomon Islands	.... [5]
1931	.... 14	Havea, Paul, Marovo, Solomon Islands	.... [5]
1933	.... 12	Kera, Nathan, Roviana, Solomon Islands	.... [5]
1932	.... 13	Kotosuma, Aaron, Teop, Bougainville, Mandated Territory of New Guinea	.... [8]
1933	.... 12	Sotutu, Uzziah, Buka, Bougainville, Mandated Territory of New Guinea	.... [8]
1941	.... 5	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.



# HOME MISSIONARIES.

	Years.
1904—C. Aker, Coromandel ....	8
1907—S. Keen (retired), Kirk Street, Otaki ....	7
1909—C. W. Brown (retired), 33 Sainsbury Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2 ....	7
1909—T. W. Featherstone (retired), 2 Roy Ter., New Plymouth	8
1910—C. Duncan (retired), 24 Marunui Road, Point Chevalier, Auckland ....	6
1911—C. Strand (retired), Warden St., Shirley, Ch'ch., N.1 ....	15
1913—J. Common (retired), Bristol Street, Levin ....	10
1915—J. H. Edmondson (retired), Albany ....	12
1917—A. L. Witheford (retired), Claudelands, Hamilton ....	11
1919—J. W. Bayliss (retired), Paekakariki ....	7
1919—J. Belshaw (retired), 161 Blockhouse Bay Rd., Avondale ....	14
1922—H. Ashworth (retired), South Road, New Plymouth ....	9
1922—C. Robinson, Marton ....	1
1924—R. T. Alexander, Halcombe ....	3
1924—G. Hall (retired), Greenmeadows, Napier ....	1
1924—W. H. Wilson (retired), 19 Rangitoto Ter., Takapuna, N.2	7
1925—W. J. Henderson, Waipawa, Hawke's Bay ....	3
1925—H. J. Malcolm (retired), 31 St. John St., Ch'ch, N.W.2 ....	5
1926—W. Sussex (retired), Bayswater, Auckland ....	7
1928—R. Coombridge, Warkworth ....	3
1930—J. C. R. Ashworth, Inglewood ....	1
1937—N. R. Hooper, Edendale, Southland ....	1
1938—H. M. Brasell, Scotia Street, Port Chalmers ....	1
1939—K. A. Robinson, Otautau ....	1
1939—W. G. Peate, Ruawai, North Auckland ....	2
1939—H. R. Wright, Paraparaumu, Wellington ....	3
1940—W. J. Bryant, Te Kuiti ....	1
1940—D. I. Robertson, Kaikohe, North Auckland ....	2
1944—W. Maitland Jones, Wesley Home, Mt. Albert, Auckland ....	2
1944—A. F. Attwood, Whakatane ....	2
1941—L. E. G. Sharp, Kaukapakapa, North Auckland ....	2
1941—T. Steele, Balcutha ....	3
1941—J. H. Thompson, Kohukohu, Hokianga ....	2

# HOME MISSIONARY PROBATIONERS.

1942—M. H. Taylor, Kawhia, King Country ....	1
1943—J. F. Amos, P.O. Box 21, Nightcaps ....	1
1943—E. J. Carter, Waikouaiti, Otago ....	3
1943—A. Currie, Okato ....	1
1943—G. R. Woodfield, Waddington, North Canterbury ....	3
1943—M. D. G. Turkington, Hikurangi, North Auckland ....	2
1944—C. E. Roke, 28 Elizabeth Street, Bluff ....	2
1944—L. D. Rolinson, Tai Tapu, North Canterbury ....	2
1945—D. G. Burt, Sockburn, Canterbury ....	1
1945—J. M. Daley, Cromwell ....	1
1945—O. T. Woodfield, Murchison, Nelson ....	1

# HOME MISSIONARY SUPPLIES.

- H. Moore, non-resident Student of Trinity College, Methodist Parsonage, Glen Eden, Auckland.  
Francis H. Parker, non-resident Student of Trinity College, 10 New Bond St., Kingsland, Auckland, S.W.1.  
Ben. H. Riseley, non-resident Student of Trinity College, c/o. Trinity College, Grafton Road, Auckland, C.3.  
H. Thornley, Methodist Parsonage, Foxton.  
G. R. Rotherham, Russell, Bay of Islands.  
F. E. Trim, Methodist Parsonage, Shiel Street, Reefton.

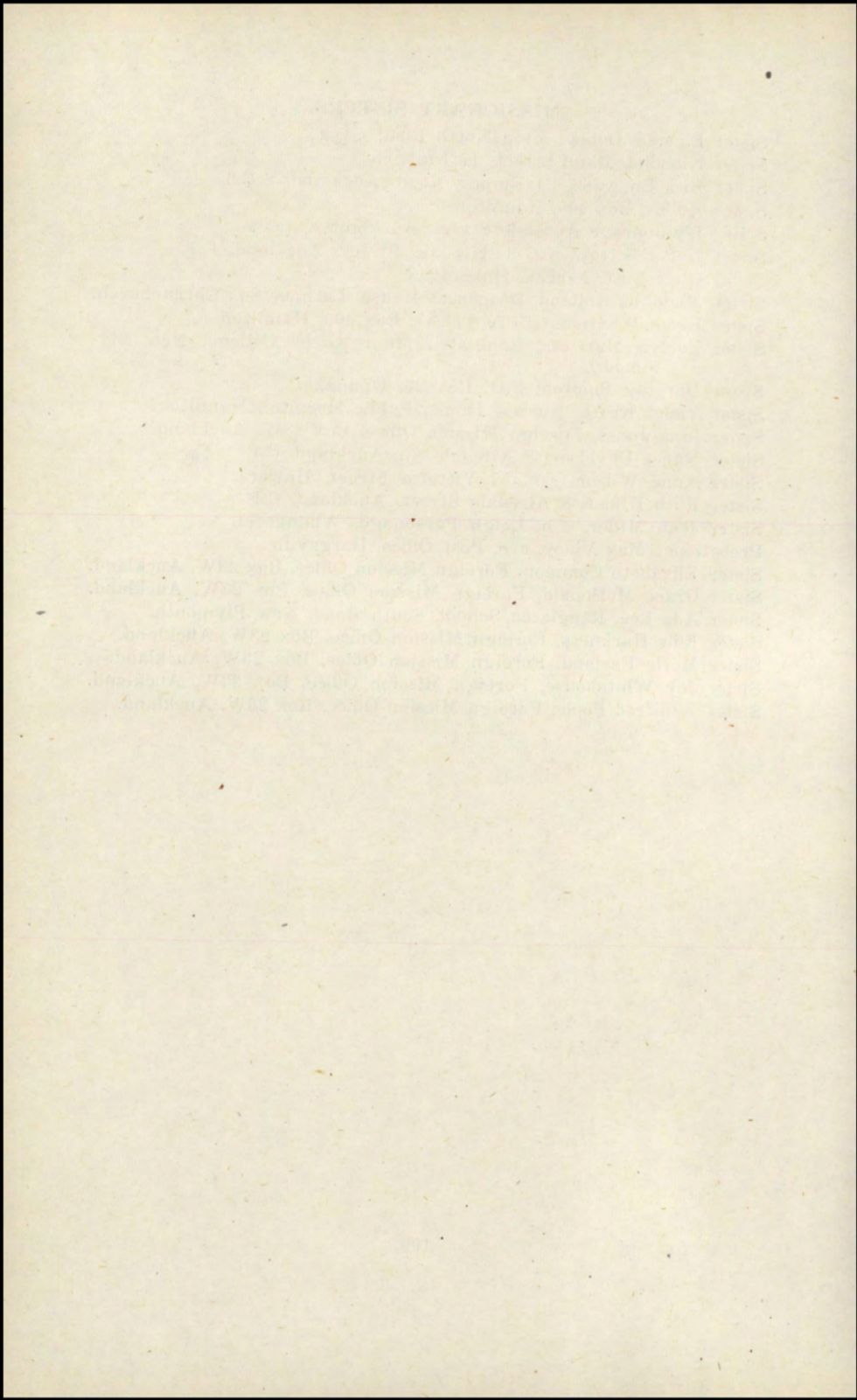
# MAORI HOME MISSIONARIES.

	Years.
1918—Hone Tamati, Paihia, Bay of Islands	12
1920—To-Aho-o-to-Rangi Pihama, P.O. Box 400, Hamilton	16
1922—Te Hira Ratete, Punakitere, Hokianga, North Auckland	18
1930—Wetini Hotu, Hangatiki, King Country	16
1930—Paahi Moke, 37 Breakwater Road, New Plymouth	2
1930—Rangiira Tumahuki, Whenuakura Pa, Taranaki	16
1932—Hoani Hakaraia Te Uawiri, Kai Iwi, Wanganui	15
1932—Rameka Eru, Te Karae, Hokianga	13
1932—Tuteao Manihera, Raglan	5
1932—Paikea H. Toka, c/o. P.O. Box 23W, Auckland	2
1934—Huru Wiperi, c/o. P.O. Box 23W, Auckland	2
1934—Wirewu Wi Hongi, Kaikohe	10
1934—John Nicholls, Te Kuiti	12
1934—Poo Kingi, Whatawhata, Waikato	12
1934—Heemi Rihimona, Box 400, Hamilton	5
1935—Honehone Kereopa, Raglan	11
1935—Hoana Tonga, Otewa, Otorohanga	11
1935—Horo Te Awa, Rakaumanga, Huntly	11
1936—Paoa Rakena, Mangamuka, Hokianga	10
1936—Ngaweke Tuhimata, Ngaruawahia	2
1937—Te Paki Kinita, Marakopa, King Country	6
1937—Roi Moke, Box 400, Hamilton	4
1938—Paraire Paraone Kena, Poutu, Kaipara Heads	8
1938—Piripi Livingstone, Pokere, Bay of Islands	8
1938—Wiremu Paki Ihaka, Dargaville	8
1939—John Harris, Matakana, North Auckland	7
1939—Nehana Pu, Whananaki, North Auckland	7
1940—Wiremu Tonga, Aramiro P.O., Waitetuna, Waikato	6
1941—Wiremu Kamana, Marokopa R.M.D., King Country	5
1941—Weni Herangi, Te Mania, King Country	5
1942—Taniera Poihipi, Tokoroa, Mercer	2
1942—Tawai te Riri Kawiti, Waiomio, Bay of Islands	4
1943—Ngakao Rapana, Owairaka, via Te Awamutu	3
1943—Heemi Winiata, Whirinaki, Hokianga	3
1944—Te Urunga Pura Wetere, Kawhia, King Country	2
1944—Paki Manga, c/o. Dairy Factory, Otorohanga, King Country	2
1944—Rangi Katipa, Hiona Pah, Ngatunui P.O., King Country	2
1945—Tame Ponui, c/o. Box 400, Hamilton	1



### MISSIONARY SISTERS.

- 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, c/o. 8 Airedale Street, Auckland, C.1.  
Sister Olive Bott, Taheke, Hokianga.  
Sister Madeline Holland, Deaconess House, Latimer Sq., Christchurch.  
Sister Heeni Wharemaru (Te Teira), Box 400, Hamilton.  
Sister Evelyn Marriott, Rangiatea Maori Girls' College, New Plymouth.  
Sister Dorothy Pointon, P.O. Box 26, Opunake.  
Sister Violet Kruse, Nurses' Home, Public Hospital, Hamilton.  
Sister Lina Jones, Foreign Mission Office, Box 23W, Auckland.  
Sister Nance Davidson, 8 Airedale St., Auckland, C.1.  
Sister Anne Wilson, c/o. 57 Victoria Street, Hawera.  
Sister Ruth Hilder, 8 Airedale Street, Auckland, C.1.  
Sister Jean Miller, c/o. Leigh Parsonage, Whangarei.  
Probationer May Viney, c/o. Post Office, Dargaville.  
Sister Elizabeth Common, Foreign Mission Office, Box 23W, Auckland.  
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Sister Effie Harkness, Foreign Mission Office, Box 23W, Auckland.  
Sister Merle Farland, Foreign Mission Office, Box 23W, Auckland.  
Sister Joy Whitehouse, Foreign Mission Office, Box 23W, Auckland.  
Sister Winifred Poole, Foreign Mission Office, Box 23W, Auckland.





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# APPENDIX

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# GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1944.

## AUCKLAND DISTRICT

CIRCUITS	Church Membership															
	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Class Leaders	Members on Roll	Received during Year	On Probation	Junior Members	Infant Members	Infants Baptised	Communi-cants
Auckland Central ..	6	1	5	4	14	1	..	18	..	891	18	..	497	687	89	720
„ Central Mis.	1	2	1	2	2	..	..	6	3	155	5	3	61	65	10	172
„ West ..	4	1	4	1	2	..	..	6	..	201	5	..	70	50	20	215
„ East ..	9	..	7	5	10	..	..	21	..	801	45	..	110	100	32	665
Avondale ..	7	2	3	3	5	4	..	11	..	487	14	..	100	98	39	550
Devonport ..	3	..	2	1	4	..	..	1	..	184	19	2	30	35	19	141
Takapuna ..	1	2	1	1	4	2	..	6	6	189	13	28	21	87	16	174
Birkenhead ..	5	1	2	..	1	..	..	8	..	233	17	..	66	60	6	175
Onehunga ..	4	..	2	1	3	..	..	7	..	225	9	3	62	77	19	250
Otahuhu ..	3	..	2	1	1	..	..	9	..	284	8	..	90	55	36	214
Papakura ..	3	1	2	1	1	..	..	5	..	138	7	..	50	74	12	102
Pukekohe ..	5	1	2	1	1	..	..	8	..	143	20	..	41	74	13	176
Waiuku ..	1	5	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	84	..	2	28	49	2	60
Mahurangi ..	2	8	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	76	..	..	24	24	7	90
Paparoa ..	4	10	1	1	..	..	..	6	..	87	..	..	31	32	3	36
Dargaville ..	5	7	1	1	1	..	..	6	..	182	10	..	55	57	5	112
Ruawai ..	1	7	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	100	2	..	33	34	6	60
Whangarei ..	3	4	1	1	1	..	..	12	..	203	10	..	8	68	17	135
Hikurangi ..	1	4	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	63	6	..	18	37	8	60
Whangaroa ..	2	6	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	41	..	..	40	58	6	56
Port Albert ..	5	5	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	87	1	..	73	46	9	90
Kawakawa-Kaikohē	2	7	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	63	3	..	22	27	8	40
Mangonui ..	5	4	1	1	1	..	..	5	..	63	3	1	42	83	18	60
Hokianga ..	2	8	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	49	3	..	41	29	11	70
Bombay-Tuakau ..	3	2	..	1	..	1	..	7	..	119	8	..	50	14	8	95
North Waitemata ..	3	12	33	2	..	2	..	10	..	96	3	1	18	45	4	43
Albany ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bay of Islands ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15
North Hokianga ..	3	10	2	1	..	1	..	4	2	110	..	..	116	66	22	88
TOTALS ..	93	110	46	35	55	15	..	174	11	5344	229	40	1797	2131	445	4664



# GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1944.

## 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	2	2	1	2			1	2	109	13		55	33	7	66
Hauraki Plains ..	2	4			1					57			35	37	8	30
Paeroa .. ..	1	1	1	1	1			1		56	2		26	32	8	36
Waihi .. ..	1	3	1	1	2			2	6	84	6		13	51	7	110
Te Aroha .. ..	4	1	3	1	2			5		247	20		64	67	13	207
Morrinsville ..	3	3	2	2	1			7		184	6		142	78	16	180
Cambridge ..	3	1	2	1	1			4		131	5		25	14	2	60
Hamilton ..	4	2	3	2	3	1		14		465	15		43	42	40	350
Hamilton East ..	3	5	2	1	1			12		190	9				22	220
Huntly .. ..	1	6			1			3		101		2	43	47	4	70
Matamata ..	3	2	1	1	1			5		156	2		46	54	8	140
Putaruru ..	1	5	1	1	1					58	2		27	22	10	50
Rotorua ..	2	4	2	1	3			1		130	6		20	30	25	130
Tauranga ..	2	10	1	2	1			5		228	114		78	60	12	170
Whakatane ..	2	2		1		1		1	4	61	4		29	29	6	19
Opotiki ..	2	1	1	1		1				40	6		30	22	5	50
Te Awamutu ..	2	6	1	1	1			3		139	7		40	52	11	120
Otorohanga ..	1	13		1	1			6		80	3		40	41	6	58
Te Kuiti ..	1	6		1	1			1		60	3		36	45	8	35
Taumaranui ..	1	7		1	1					65	5		32	49	12	40
Raglan (1st Return)					1					31						
Ngaruawahia ..	3	1		1				1		32	3		11	12	4	21
Kawhia ..	1	7		1		1				51	16		18	10	1	21
Coromandel ..	1	7	1	1		1		2		29	2				5	50
Ohura ..	3	7				1		1		49			24	34	5	41
TOTALS	49	106	24	24	26	6		65	12	2833	136	16	877	861	245	2273

## TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

New Plymouth ..	9	3	3	2	4	2	2	12	..	553	16	..	133	151	45
Waitara ..	3	2	2	1	1	..	..	2	..	95	9	..	62	56	13
Stratford ..	5	..	1	1	1	..	..	6	..	162	9	..	38	100	16
Eltham-Kaponga ..	2	5	2	1	1	..	..	9	..	149	2	..	31	52	23
Hawera ..	3	..	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Manaia ..	2	2	1	1	..	1	..	3	..	66	4	7	31	15	15
Opunake ..	6	7	3	3	1	1	..	11	..	198	..	1	76	139	40
Wanganui ..	2	..	1	1	2	..	..	3	..	323	9	..	53	38	5
Wanganui North ..	3	1	3	2	1	..	..	7	..	169	..	..	93	53	7
Gonville ..	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	96	7	..	60	33	15
Taihape ..	1	5	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	34	..	..	10	27	3
Inglewood ..	2	4	1	1	..	1	..	2	..	81	9	..	25	39	12
Marton ..	1	3	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	62	11	..	27	17	3
Patea ..	2	2	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	33	..	..	13	17	5
Raetihi-Ohakune ..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	19	..	..	5	7	1
Douglas ..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTALS	46	34	22	20	14	7	2	..	..	2269	80	8	721	832	227

# GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1944.

## 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	Communi-cants
Napier .. ..	5	..	2	1	1	..	..	14	..	313	..	4	104	107	16	250
Hastings .. ..	1	2	2	1	2	..	..	9	..	342	..	..	..	85	16	220
Gisborne .. ..	4	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	195	..	2	39	32	10	150
Wairoa .. ..	1	3	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	30	..	..	17	24	..	35
Dannevirke .. ..	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	110	..	..	..	..	14	60
Woodville .. ..	1	3	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	100	..	5	24	52	9	94
Pahiatua .. ..	3	2	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	91	3	3	20	33	9	88
P.N., St. Paul's ..	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	7	..	210	..	10	30	35	5	145
P.N., Cuba Street ..	2	..	2	1	1	..	..	2	..	194	..	8	47	74	21	120
Ashurst-Bunnythorpe	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	120	..	2	34	30	5	95
Feilding .. ..	6	4	3	2	1	1	..	6	..	360	..	6	152	159	27	240
Sanson-Rongotea ..	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	97	3	4	35	42	7	85
Foxton-Shannon ..	2	1	1	1	..	..	1	3	2	64	4	8	..	..	4	36
Apiti .. ..	2	2	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	82	..	2	14	45	..	47
Waipawa-Waipukurau	2	2	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	49	..	1	22	28	4	45
Norsewood .. ..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	55	..	..	..	..	..	40
TOTALS ..	39	20	16	16	12	5	..	59	2	2412	10	55	538	746	147	1750

## WELLINGTON DISTRICT

Wellington Central	3	..	3	2	6	..	..	7	..	454	12	..	9	..	30	400
„ Webb St. ..	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	30	..	..	10	..	..	20
„ West .. ..	4	..	3	1	2	..	..	16	..	283	13	..	90	101	20	365
„ South .. ..	1	..	2	1	1	..	..	2	..	158	11	..	38	69	22	130
„ East .. ..	5	..	2	3	7	..	..	10	..	421	13	..	126	142	42	310
Johnsonville-Ngaio ..	5	3	2	2	4	..	..	17	..	264	..	12	180	126	24	170
Hutt .. ..	3	..	1	1	4	..	1	9	..	369	18	..	66	195	34	285
Petone .. ..	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	170	7	..	70	84	15	110
Greytown-Feath'rst'n	2	1	2	1	3	..	..	2	..	64	1	..	20	28	4	35
Carterton .. ..	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	97	7	..	23	41	9	45
Masterton .. ..	3	3	2	1	1	..	..	5	..	246	..	13	214	95	10	155
Eketahuna .. ..	2	8	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	120	..	4	38	67	22	70
Levin .. ..	1	1	2	1	1	1	..	1	..	155	2	..	88	80	14	150
Otaki .. ..	3	..	..	1	2	1	..	1	..	108	6	..	29	34	10	85
Paraparaumu .. ..	4	3	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	44	1	..	18	7	16	45
Upper Hutt .. ..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	55	..	..	30	13	..	35
TOTALS	42	20	23	19	35	4	1	77	..	3038	91	29	1049	1082	272	2410



# GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1944.

## 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	..	..	10	..	265	8	20	35	32	..
Richmond .. ..	4	..	3	1	1	..	..	10	..	153	13	11	67	33	..
Motueka .. ..	1	3	1	1	1	..	..	6	..	109	6	7	12	..	..
Blenheim .. ..	6	3	4	2	2	..	..	11	..	331	38	10	112	110	..
Reefton .. ..	2	1	1	1	..	1	..	2	..	71	3	7	44	50	..
Westport .. ..	2	1	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	110	7	3	36	51	..
Greymouth .. ..	3	5	1	1	1	..	..	6	..	187	15	6	70	65	..
Hokitika .. ..	1	2	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	64	6	2	11	32	..
Wakefield-Dovedale	4	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	38	..	..	18	..	..
Murchison .. ..	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	25	1	..	22	16	..
Granity .. ..	3	6	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	53	5	..	20	16	..
Havelock .. ..	4	7	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	25	1	..	..	..	..
TOTALS	32	35	17	11	8	2	..	51	..	1431	103	66	447	405	1005

## NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Durham Street .. ..	2	1	3	1	10	..	2	4	..	433	29	..	99	67	31
Christchurch East ..	7	1	6	3	8	1	..	13	..	657	28	..	336	219	65
Cambridge Terrace ..	3	..	2	2	1	..	..	3	..	137	6	..	31	20	5
Woolston .. ..	5	..	5	1	3	..	..	5	..	292	8	..	79	81	26
Sydenham .. ..	2	1	3	2	1	..	..	5	..	209	5	..	98	98	10
Addington .. ..	2	..	2	1	1	1	..	4	..	206	..	..	74	41	17
Riccarton .. ..	3	1	3	1	1	..	..	1	..	155	11	..	59	71	30
St. Albans .. ..	3	..	2	2	4	..	..	10	..	419	15	4	103	124	30
Papanui .. ..	3	..	1	2	1	..	..	5	..	194	5	..	72	22	12
Lytelton .. ..	1	2	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	65	2	..	15	22	2
Springston .. ..	5	2	2	1	1	..	..	7	..	118	3	..	40	22	2
Leeston .. ..	7	..	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	253	8	..	50	72	16
Kaiapoi .. ..	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	100	..	..	37	53	3
Ohoka .. ..	4	..	1	1	1	..	..	8	..	112	20	..	23	22	4
Rangiora .. ..	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	151	5	..	36	23	4
Woodend-Sefton .. ..	4	2	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	96	..	8	36	36	7
Greendale .. ..	2	5	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	84	8	..	32	19	3
Oxford .. ..	1	..	1	1	..	1	..	4	..	76	7	..	9	37	6
Tai Tapu .. ..	3	1	1	1	..	1	..	3	..	68	..	..	17	15	6
Hawarden .. ..	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	6	..	29	..	..	34	9	..
Waddington .. ..	4	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	53	1	..	13	14	2
Totals	66	18	38	27	38	5	2	86	..	3907	161	12	1293	1097	281

## SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Rakaia-Methven .. ..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	45	..	..	..	..	..
Ashburton .. ..	2	3	1	1	..	..	1	11	..	332	..	..	51	43	20
Willowby .. ..	6	5	3	2	1	..	..	6	..	137	3	..	58	19	4
Geraldine .. ..	1	3	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	93	..	..	21	27	3
Temuka .. ..	1	2	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	98	7	..	28	49	6
Timaru (Banks St.) ..	1	2	2	1	1	..	..	6	..	169	8	..	50	40	8
„ (Woodlands St.) ..	2	1	2	1	1	..	..	3	..	233	..	..	..	..	12
Timaru South .. ..	3	1	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	84	1	..	25	10	11
Waimate .. ..	2	2	1	1	2	..	..	2	..	170	7	..	51	26	8
Oamaru .. ..	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	140	4	..	20	18	4
TOTALS	23	19	12	9	11	..	1	37	..	1501	30	..	284	232	76

# GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1944.

## 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	Communicants
Dunedin, Trinity	3	..	3	1	2	..	..	6	..	253	6	..	75	55	7	120
Central Mis.	1	..	1	1	2	..	..	4	..	173	5	..	13	93	20	215
Dundas St.	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	84	2	..	37	15	1	70
Cargill Rd.	2	1	3	1	1	1	..	3	..	187	14	4	52	60	7	123
St. Kilda	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	151	2	..	37	21	5	160
Caversham	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	4	..	159	10	..	32	41	10	112
Mornington	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	5	..	158	2	..	44	36	4	140
Roslyn	1	..	1	1	2	..	..	2	..	76	..	3	11	18	4	70
Port Chalmers	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	53	..	..	19	4	..	43
Milton	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	74	2	..	12	26	1	40
Roxburgh	3	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	49	..	5	19	10	8	68
Invercargill, Central	2	2	2	1	1	..	..	3	..	300	16	4	78	43	38	230
Invercargill, St. Peters	2	2	2	2	2	..	..	3	..	219	10	2	62	34	8	220
Gore	2	1	1	2	1	..	..	1	..	115	4	..	25	58	6	95
Bluff	2	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	44	..	..	31	19	1	24
Ravensbourne-Broad Bay	2	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	30	..	..	..	..	1	22
Maori Hill	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	2	..	45	4	..	12	29	5	20
Waikouaiti	2	3	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	26	2	..	10	17	3	30
Mosgiel	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	47	2	..	12	20	1	35
Balclutha	2	..	1	1	..	1	..	6	..	57	2	..	20	19	8	30
Edendale	2	2	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	79	6	..	29	24	..	40
Lawrence	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	23	2	..	7	16	2	15
Cromwell	3	..	1	1	..	..	..	3	..	41	1	..	21	17	..	24
Otautau-Tuatapere	3	..	1	1	..	1	..	2	..	55	..	..	14	18	8	32
Nightcaps	2	2	2	1	..	1	..	1	..	39	2	..	14	12	3	25
Riverton	2	1	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	40	..	..	..	..	2	16
TOTALS	48	17	31	26	18	9	..	57	..	2577	113	18	686	705	153	2019



# SUMMARY OF GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1944.

DISTRICTS	Church Membership									
	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Class Leaders	Members on Roll
Auckland .. ..	93	110	46	35	55	15	..	174	..	5344
South Auckland .. ..	49	106	24	24	26	6	..	75	..	2833
Taranaki-Wanganui .. ..	46	34	22	20	14	7	2	60	..	2269
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu .. ..	39	20	16	16	12	5	..	59	..	2412
Wellington .. ..	42	20	23	19	35	4	1	77	..	3038
Nelson .. ..	32	35	17	11	8	2	..	51	..	1431
North Canterbury .. ..	66	18	38	27	38	5	2	86	..	3907
South Canterbury .. ..	23	19	12	9	11	..	1	37	..	1501
Otago-Southland .. ..	47	18	30	26	18	10	..	56	..	2580
TOTALS, 1944 .. ..	437	380	228	187	217	54	6	675	..	25315
TOTALS, 1943 .. ..	439	362	225	186	212	50	7	681	..	25377
Increase .. ..	..	18	3	1	5	4	..	..	..	155
Decrease .. ..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	6	..	62

## MAORI RETURNS.

Churches .. ..	..	18	Deaconesses .. ..	..	14
Other Preaching Places .. ..	..	252	Local Preachers .. ..	..	101
Ministers .. ..	..	5	Class Leaders and S.S. Teachers .. ..	..	67
Home Missionaries .. ..	..	30	Members .. ..	..	3476
			J. and Infant Members .. ..	..	4120

**STATE OF CIRCUIT FUNDS (BY DISTRICTS) AS AT  
30th SEPTEMBER, 1943.**

District.	Debits.			Credits.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland .....	380	9	7	938	5	5
South Auckland .....	154	6	7	638	12	8
Taranaki-Wanganui .....	147	7	6	235	1	6
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu .....	231	11	6	132	8	7
Wellington .....	170	12	4	787	15	0
Nelson .....	36	16	2	143	5	7
North Canterbury .....	143	11	2	612	10	11
South Canterbury .....	48	7	5	257	2	2
Otago-Southland .....	369	13	3	318	3	10
Totals, 1943 .....	£1,682	15	6	4,063	5	8
Totals, 1942 .....	£2,258	9	8	2,636	18	10
Decrease .....	£575	14	2			
Increase .....				£1,426	6	10

**Improvement of Position.**

	£	s.	d.
1943 .....	2,002	1	0
1942 .....	521	16	2
1941 .....	1,257	16	3
1940 .....	2,420	19	6
1939 .....	50	17	2

**STATE OF CIRCUIT FUNDS (BY DISTRICTS) AS AT  
30th SEPTEMBER, 1944.**

District.	Debits.			Credits.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland .....	262	19	0	1,579	16	1
South Auckland .....	98	8	10	649	17	10
Taranaki-Wanganui .....	169	16	1	388	3	10
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu .....	45	18	9	620	17	10
Wellington .....	79	16	2	940	18	11
Nelson .....	81	1	10	226	2	11
North Canterbury .....	98	19	6	925	3	2
South Canterbury .....	7	13	5	347	13	8
Otago-Southland .....	145	2	11	798	2	10
Totals, 1944 .....	£989	16	6	6,476	17	1
Totals, 1943 .....	£1,682	15	6	4,063	5	8
Decrease .....	£692	19	0			
Increase .....				£2,413	11	5

**Improvement of Position.**

	£	s.	d.
1944 .....	3,106	10	5
1943 .....	2,002	1	0
1942 .....	521	16	2
1941 .....	1,257	16	3
1940 .....	2,420	19	6



# Dominion Statistical Returns

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE CLASS

NAME OF DISTRICT	No. of Sun. Schools	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 Societies	Total Roll	No. of Bible Classes	Membership							Av. Attendance	Membership							Av. Attendance	C.Y.M.M. Pledges	Infant	Junior	Senior	Total	Infant	Junior	Senior	Total
																			Junior	Inter.	Senior	Leaders	Sub-Total	National Service	Total		Junior	Inter.	Senior	Leaders	Sub-Total	National Service	Total										
Auckland .. .. .	95	1245	361	1066	870	1161	1060	4157	695	594	814	757	2860	142	424	109	2483	120	250	180	133	56	619	20	639	446	202	143	93	48	486	170	656	332	36	353	185	89	627	1710	1392	345	3447
South Auckland .. ..	63	584	168	637	572	721	531	2461	420	415	497	407	1739	70	203	43	889	55	147	70	81	15	313	14	327	218	129	68	79	25	301	42	343	201	26	119	117	39	275	748	745	168	1661
Taranaki-Wanganui ..	39	503	174	376	314	450	452	1592	232	203	317	326	1078	58	143	19	343	39	91	48	62	21	222	9	231	157	38	37	12	16	103	49	152	741	..	132	60	41	233	714	610	130	1454
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ..	40	436	106	402	371	527	459	1759	248	248	371	332	1199	58	151	29	643	38	85	31	63	18	197	4	201	130	82	39	26	15	162	39	201	111	19	79	53	15	147	659	557	107	1323
Wellington .. .. .	42	751	245	722	504	676	569	2471	450	338	484	426	1698	88	241	50	1012	88	182	91	83	39	395	11	406	267	180	103	53	38	347	141	155	259	58	141	110	47	298	867	973	200	2040
Nelson .. .. .	29	344	95	267	248	305	258	1078	175	166	217	200	758	29	177	16	229	26	33	43	37	11	124	1	125	94	42	35	19	14	110	30	140	71	42	64	59	39	162	421	433	88	942
North Canterbury .. ..	55	752	225	573	535	871	727	2706	362	345	607	517	1831	110	291	87	1611	87	178	108	110	41	437	6	443	305	138	89	70	34	331	110	441	229	39	197	233	77	507	1066	1238	359	2663
South Canterbury .. ..	15	216	35	152	103	182	206	643	91	4	133	154	452	32	74	21	358	33	57	43	40	17	157	7	164	108	45	29	35	14	123	30	153	84	12	30	46	9	85	233	248	103	584
Otago-Southland .. ..	51	534	109	573	403	654	416	2046	369	287	457	308	1421	72	191	51	1051	49	107	58	49	22	236	9	245	169	93	64	31	22	210	77	287	152	2	100	100	47	247	692	644	157	1493
Dom. Stat. year endg. 30/9/44	429	5365	1518	4768	3920	5547	4678	18913	3042	2670	3897	3427	13036	659	1835	425	8619	535	1130	672	658	240	2700	81	2781	1894	949	607	418	226	2200	688	2888	1513	234	1215	963	403	2581	7110	6840	1657	15607
"    "    30/9/43	417	5106	1290	4353	3769	5252	5031	18405	2796	2569	3663	3615	12643	661	1831	399	8028	521	1088	642	744	247	2721	121	2842	1921	889	590	329	210	2018	981	2999	1361	..	1077	737	344	2158	6998	7217	1791	16006
Increase .. .. .	12	259	228	415	151	295	..	508	246	101	234	..	393	..	4	26	591	14	42	30	..	..	..	..	..	..	60	17	89	16	182	..	..	152	234	138	226	59	423	112	..	..	..
Decrease .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	353	..	..	..	..	188	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	86	7	21	40	61	27	..	..	..	..	..	293	111	..	..	..	..	..	..	377	134	..	399	



**General Account.**

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# NEW ZEALAND METHODIST LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

## Benevolent Account.

RECEIPTS			EXPENDITURE		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Balance .. .. .	524	5 8	Invested in Liberty Loan .. .. .	300	0 0
Interest on Shares, Wright Stephenson & Co. Ltd. ..	9	7 6	By Balance .. .. .	342	0 9
Interest in Govt. Inscribed Stock .. .. .	2	19 6			
Interest P.O. Savings Bank .. .. .	5	8 1			
Redemption of Inscribed Stock .. .. .	100	0 0			
	<u>£642</u>	<u>0 9</u>		<u>£642</u>	<u>0 9</u>

## Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1944.

LIABILITIES			ASSETS		
NIL					
	£	s. d.	Cash at P.O.S. Bank (int. to June, 1944) :		
To Balance .. .. .	1604	16 7	General Account .. .. .	39	6 9
			Benevolent Account .. .. .	336	7 9
				<u>375</u>	<u>14 6</u>
			215 Preference Shares, Wright, Stephenson & Co. Ltd. .. .. .	215	0 0
			N.Z. Govt. Inscribed Stock .. .. .	1000	0 0
			National Bank Current Account .. .. .	14	2 1
	<u>£1,604</u>	<u>16 7</u>		<u>£1,604</u>	<u>16 7</u>

I have compared this Statement with the books and vouchers of the above Association, and certify that it correctly shows the position at 31st December, 1944.

Auckland, 16th January, 1945.

P. DELLOW, Auditor.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND—YOUTH DEPARTMENT.

**Statement of Income and Expenditure for Year Ending 30th September, 1944.**

## EXPENDITURE

£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
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To Directors' Salaries .. ..	835	3	6
House Allowances .. ..	350	0	0
Connexional Charges .. ..	125	9	1
Travelling Expenses .. ..	262	13	7

1573 6 2

District Youth Council Expenses	76	12	10
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Grant to Property Trustees ..	53	0	0
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Supplies, etc. Correspondence S.S.

less Contributions received ..	30	13	3
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Bible Class "Link" .. ..	30	15	8
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General Expenses	..	..	3	9	7
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### Dominion Leadership and Teach-

er's Training Committee Grant	16	10	0
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Youth Workers' Convention

Travelling Exps. Equalisation	15	0	0
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Depreciation, Projectors and Films	46	19	4
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£1,846 6 10

INCOME

£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
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By Contributions :

Circuits	..	..	1510	0	10
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Connexional Fire Ins. Fund	50	0	0
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1560 0 10

## Youth Workers' Convention

Surplus .. .. .	6 10 9
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Interest P.O.S.B.	..	..	20 15 3
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Supplies less Administration

Charges .. .. .	104 19 9
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Excess of Expenditure over In-

come Transferred to Accumu-

lated Funds	..	..	154	0	3
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£1,846 6 10



# METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND—YOUTH DEPARTMENT.

Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1944.

	LIABILITIES			ASSETS		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sundry Creditors .. ..			39 9 3	Cash in National Bank .. ..		644 15 7
Subscriptions in Advance:				Cash in P.O.S.B. Current Account ..	689 12 7	
"Christian Education" ..	77	8 3		Depreciation Account .. ..	115 19 0	
B.C. Newsheet .. ..		0 12 6				805 11 7
			78 0 9	Petty Cash and Imprest Accounts ..		31 5 5
Booklets Fund .. ..			38 15 1	Loan, Property Trust, Palmerston N.		200 0 0
Projector and Film Reserve ..			246 15 3	Sundry Debtors .. ..	569 19 3	
Sunday School Reserve Fund ..			93 5 9	Less Sales in Advance .. ..	195 9 0	
Depreciation Res., Office Equipment			115 19 0			374 10 3
Youth Workers' Travelling Exps.				Stock, Literature and Supplies ..		69 0 8
Equalisation .. ..			9 16 4	Office Furniture .. ..		32 3 6
Capital Account:				Projectors as at 30/9/43 .. ..	31 13 5	
Budget Fund .. ..	1500	0 0		Plus Machines Purchased .. ..	107 13 0	
Accumulated Fund £330 3 1						139 6 5
Less Excess of Expendi-				Less Depreciation .. ..	23 9 2	
ture over Income for						115 17 3
year .. ..	154	0 3		Films .. ..		25 0 0
			176 2 10			
			1676 2 10			
			£2,298 4 3			£2,298 4 3

Wellington,

S. FELLOWS

JOAN H. YOUNG, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z.

Co-Treasurers.

# THE PROBERT TRUST BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year Ending 31st October, 1944.

RECEIPTS			
1943, Oct. 31st—	£	s.	d.
To Balance at Credit Bank of New Zealand	442	7	8
1944, Oct. 31st			
To Rents and Interest Collected .. ..	4267	9	8
Emsly Trust—Receipts .. ..	85	10	0
	<hr/>		
	£4,795	7	4

EXPENDITURE			
1944, Oct. 31st—	£	s.	d.
By <b>General Expenses :</b>			
Repairs, Maintenance and Renovations .. ..	385	11	0
Rates .. ..	694	10	8
Insurance Premiums .. ..	283	10	2
Interest .. ..	1616	1	6
Land Tax.. ..	70	17	0
Audit Fee .. ..	8	8	0
Secretary's Salary .. ..	50	0	0
Commission on Rents and Interest collected .. ..	108	18	9
Sundries .. ..	24	6	10
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Emsly Trust—Disbursements .. ..		3242	3 11
Theological College Trustees .. ..		85	10 0
Balance at Credit Bank of N.Z....		300	0 0
		1167	13 5
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	£4,795	7	4

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, 15th November, 1944.



# THE PROBET TRUST BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.

Balance Sheet, 31st October, 1944.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
		£	s. d.		£	s. d.	£ s. d.
Capital Account—	.. ..			Freehold Properties—			
Balance as at 31st October, 1944	..	36,565	4 6	Great North Road ..	55,220	7 3	
Income Account—				Queen Street ..	24,312	5 0	
Balance as at 31st October, 1944	..	8402	5 9				79,532 12 3
Auckland Sinking Fund Commissioners—				Balance of Purchase—			
Balance of Loan .. ..	..	34,000	0 0	Avondale Property ..			200 0 0
Emsly Trust Deposit Account—				Bank of New Zealand—			
At Call .. ..	..	1900	0 0	Balance as at 31st Oct., 1944			1167 13 5
Emsly Trust—							
Balance as at 31st October, 1944	..	32	15 5				
		<u>£80,900</u>	<u>5 8</u>				<u>£80,900 5 8</u>
<b>Memo : Liability—Rates for year ending 31st</b>							
May, 1945 .. ..	..	£696	12 3				

F. A. CLAYTON, Secretary.

JAS. TYLER, Chairman.

We have examined the Books and Accounts of the Probet Trust Board for the year ended 31st October, 1944 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, 1944 as shown by the Books.

J. A. GENTLES, F.P.A.N.Z. }  
LEONARD KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

Auckland, 15th November, 1944.

# **THE PROBERT TRUST BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.**

**Expenditure for the Year Ending 31st October, 1944.**

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<b>Repairs, Maintenance and Renovations :</b>									
No. 1 Block .. ..	48	14	6						
No. 2 Block .. ..	11	11	7						
No. 3 Block .. ..	32	1	9						
Cottages .. ..	13	1	6						
						105	9	4	
<b>Probert Chambers :</b>									
Caretaker .. ..	165	2	0						
Electric Power Board ..	14	9	10						
Lift Maintenance .. ..	45	13	6						
Repairs and Maintenance ..	54	16	4						
						280	1	8	
								385	11 0
<b>Insurance Premiums .. ..</b>								283	10 2
<b>Rates .. ..</b>								694	10 8
<b>Interest :</b>									
Bank of New Zealand .. ..						0	11	6	
Auckland Sinking Fund Commrs.						1530	0	0	
Emsly Trust .. ..						85	10	0	
								1616	1 6
<b>Sundries :</b>									
Audit Fee .. ..						8	8	0	
Land Tax .. ..						70	17	0	
Bank Charge .. ..						0	10	0	
Sundries .. ..						23	16	10	
Secretary's Salary .. ..						50	0	0	
Commission on Rents and Interest Collected.. ..						108	18	9	
								262	10 7
								<u>£3,242</u>	<u>3 11</u>

## **Revenue Account for the Year Ending 31st October, 1944.**

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1943, Oct. 31st—						
To Balance .. ..	300	6	0			
Rents Accrued .. ..	4234	7	2			
Interest Accrued .. ..	9	10	0			
By Rents Received.. ..				4257	19	8
Interest Received .. ..				9	10	0
Rents Written off .. ..						
Balance .. ..				276	13	6
	<u>£4,544</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>£4,544</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>

JAS. TYLER, Chairman.

F. A. CLAYTON, Secretary.

Examined and found correct.

J. A. GENTLES, F.P.A.N.Z.

L. KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z.

Auditors.

Auckland, 15th November, 1944.



**PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUST.**  
**Balance Sheet for Year Ending 30th September, 1944.**  
Treasurers : MESSRS. J. STANTON and J. W. SHACKELFORD

INCOME				EXPENDITURE			
1943, Oct. 1st—		£	s. d.	1943, Oct. 1st—		£	s. d.
Balance Auckland Savings Bank .. ..	48	3	0	Land Tax .. ..	46	4	8
1944, March 30th—				Loan to Pitt Street .. ..	300	0	0
Interest .. ..	2	8	8	Loan to Pitt Street .. ..	250	0	0
Interest Pitt Street Church .. ..	52	0	0	Commission .. ..	17	0	0
Interest Pitt Street Church .. ..	60	0	8	Sundries .. ..	0	8	0
Rent 12 months per N. Newcomb .. ..	696	0	0	Balance Auckland Savings Bank .. ..	244	19	8
	£858	12	4		£858	12	4

**Capital Account.**

On Loan to Pitt Street Trustees at Call on Bank			
Rate of Interest .. ..	3150	0	0
Balance Auckland Savings Bank .. ..	244	19	8
	£3,394	19	8

J. W. SHACKLEFORD, Secretary.

ALDRED E. LAWRY }  
P. DELLOW } Hon. Auditors.  
12th October, 1944.

**JAMES AND MARTHA TROUNSON BENEVOLENT FUND TRUST BOARD.**  
**Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31st December, 1944.**

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£ s. d.
To Stamps .. .. .	..	3	0 0	By Interest Inscribed Stock .. ..	..	413	19 11
Bank Charges .. ..	..	0	10 0	Interest Auckland Savings Bank ..	..	3	19 6
Secretary's Salary .. ..	..	25	0 0				
Office Rent .. .. .	..	5	0 0				
			33 10 0				
Grants .. .. .	..		179 16 6				
Excess Income over Expenditure			204 12 11				
			<u>£417 19 5</u>				<u>£417 19 5</u>

**Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1944.**

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Accumulated Funds on 31/12/43	11,555	15	11	N.Z. Govt. Inscribed Stock (1960)		5755	0 0
Excess Income over Expenditure for the year .. ..	204	12	11	N.Z. Govt. Inscribed Stock (1951)		5645	0 0
Add Premium on Conversion of Government Stock ..	55	0	0	Cash Balances at Bankers:			
			11,815 8 10	Auckland Savings Bank ..	163	0	4
			<u>£11,815 8 10</u>	Bank of New Zealand ..	252	8	6
						415	8 10
						<u>£11,815</u>	<u>8 10</u>

Audited and found correct.

JOHN E. ASTLEY.

7th February, 1945.



# THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS.

## Revenue Account for the Year Ended 31st December, 1944.

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Rates and Taxes .. ..	64	8	10				By Interest .. ..	644	12	10			
General Expenses .. ..	131	14	0				Rents .. ..	873	19	8			
Insurances .. ..	7	0	2								1518	12	6
Travelling Expenses .. ..	15	13	0										
Rents written off .. ..	27	0	0										
				245	16	0							
Balance carried down ..				1272	16	6							
				£1,518	12	6					£1,518	12	6
To Grant Rangiatea Maori Girls' School				400	0	0	By Balance brought down .. ..				1272	16	6
<b>Masterton Home Expenses :</b>							Interest on Account Masterton Home						
Cash remitted to Masterton							Investments .. ..				280	8	4
Committee .. ..	471	0	0										
Depreciation written off Bldgs.	150	0	0										
				821	0	0							
Excess of Income over Expendi- ture transferred to Capital A/c.				332	4	10							
				£1,553	4	10					£1,553	4	10

# THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS.

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1944.

LIABILITIES					ASSETS				
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Capital Account 31/12/43 ..	42,897	18	5				Bank of Australasia, Current A/c.	928	3 3
Add Premium on Conversion Govt. Stock .. ..	146	5	0				Fixed Deposit	1000	0 0
Add Excess Income over Expenditure	332	4	10						1928 3 3
				43,376	8	3	Post Office Savings Bank ..		564 7 10
Masterton Capital Account 31/12/43	8060	6	4				N.Z. Govt. Stock & Liberty Loan		17,798 18 2
Add Bequests .. ..	381	3	8				Masterton Home Property ..	9950	0 0
							Less Depreciation .. ..	150	0 0
				8441	10	0			9800 0 0
Newcombe Trust Prize Fund ..				51	5	0	Wellington Property .. ..		16,113 6 9
Rent Paid in Advance .. ..				65	17	7	Foxton Property .. ..		842 0 0
							Newcombe Trust Investment ..		51 5 0
							Loans on Mortgage .. ..		3798 15 0
							Purchase Monies on Table Repayments		879 9 2
							Rent and Interest Accrued ..		158 15 8
				£51,935	0	10			£51,935 0 10

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, 1944, 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, 1944.

Wellington, 25th January, 1945.

G. T. WITHERS, A.R.A.N.Z., Auditor.



# EMSLY TRUST BOARD.

## Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year Ending 31st October, 1944.

RECEIPTS				EXPENDITURE			
1943, Oct. 31st—			£ s. d.	1944, Oct. 31st—			£ s. d.
To Balance .. .. .	..	..	32 15 5	By Theological College .. .. .	..	..	85 10 0
1944, 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.

1944, Oct. 31st—			£ s. d.	1944, 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, 17th November, 1944.

JAS. TYLER, Treasurer.

**Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 30th September, 1944.**

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I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 30th September, 1944. 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.

VAL DUFF, Public Accountant.





# STATEMENT.

## THE MARTIN BROTHERS MEMORIAL TRUST HOME.

Year Ending 31st October, 1944.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Rent to 23/9/44 at £2/5/- .. ..	119	5	0			
Bank Interest No. 1 Account .. ..	5	0	0			
Bank Interest No. 2 Account .. ..	4	16	6			
Debenture Interest .. ..	4	5	0			
				133	6	6
Agents collecting Fee .. ..	5	19	3			
Repairs .. ..	7	0	0			
Insurance .. ..	5	12	6			
Land Tax .. ..	2	5	10			
Rates to 31st May, 1945 .. ..	24	10	4			
				45	7	11
				87	18	7
Bank Account No. 1, 31/10/43 .. ..	253	0	8			
Bank Account No. 2, 31/10/43 .. ..	193	9	2			
Cash .. ..	144	5	4			
Debenture Nominal Value .. ..	100	0	0			
				690	15	2
				778	13	9
Bank Account No. 1 .. ..	258	0	8			
Bank Account No. 2 .. ..	198	5	8			
Debenture .. ..	100	0	0			
War Loan .. ..	150	0	0			
Post Office Savings Bank .. ..	72	7	5			
				778	13	9

### ASSETS.

Mountain Road Government Valuation	1920	0	0
Franklin Debenture .. ..	100	0	0
War Loan .. ..	150	0	0
Auckland Savings Bank .. ..	258	0	8
Auckland Savings Bank .. ..	198	5	8
Cash Post Office Savings Bank .. ..	72	7	5
	£2,698	13	9

1st November, 1944.

Audited and found correct.

T. L. HAMES, 7/11/44.

The Mountain Road property is still tenanted and until it becomes vacant the income is being accumulated. Meantime nothing of a practical nature in carrying out the terms of the Trust seems possible.



**"THOMAS EVE TRUST," (ASHBURTON).**  
**Statement of Receipts and Expenditure to 30th September, 1944.**

RECEIPTS				EXPENDITURE			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Balance, 1943	.. .. .	..	4090 12 0	Ashburton Methodist Church	.. .. .	..	60 0 0
Additional from "Thomas Eve Trust"	.. .. .	..	250 0 0	Bank Charges	.. .. .	..	0 10 0
				Balance	.. .. .	..	4280 2 0
			<u>£4,340 12 0</u>				<u>£4,340 12 0</u>

Audited and found correct.

R. A. COLLINS, Treasurer.

K. G. FOWKE.

# TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year ended 31st October, 1944.

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
Probert Trust .. .. .	..	..	300 0 0	Balance, 1st Nov., 1943 .. .. .	..	..	76 15 11
Contingent Fund .. .. .	..	..	990 0 0	House and Service .. .. .	..	..	473 3 1
Emsley Trust .. .. .	..	..	85 10 0	Stipends .. .. .	..	..	425 0 0
Home Mission Dept. .. .. .	..	..	25 0 0	Tutors' Fees .. .. .	..	..	225 0 0
Foreign Mission Dept. .. .. .	..	..	50 0 0	Connexional Charges .. .. .	..	..	90 0 0
Congregational Church .. .. .	..	..	170 0 0	Quarterages .. .. .	..	..	56 0 0
Collegiate Church .. .. .	..	..	71 9 11	Rates .. .. .	..	..	193 8 9
Collegiate Church—Special .. .. .	..	..	50 0 0	Telephone .. .. .	..	..	24 0 0
Student's Contributions .. .. .	..	..	102 10 0	Furnishings .. .. .	..	..	21 7 4
Friends of Trinity College and College Sunday	..	..	71 15 7	Repairs .. .. .	..	..	376 4 0
Rents .. .. .	..	..	2319 2 0	Insurance .. .. .	..	..	48 2 11
Sale of Badges .. .. .	..	..	0 16 0	University Fees .. .. .	..	..	31 18 6
Est. S. J. Ambury .. .. .	..	..	17 0 0	Printing, Postages and Stationery .. .. .	..	..	24 8 5
War Insurance (Refund Bank of N.Z.) .. .. .	..	..	32 0 0	Bible Class Camp Fees .. .. .	..	..	2 6 0
				Advertising Church Services .. .. .	..	..	8 0 0
				Student Christian Union .. .. .	..	..	5 0 0
				Wesley Circulating Library .. .. .	..	..	5 0 0
				Travelling Expenses .. .. .	..	..	6 4 6
				Rent Board Room .. .. .	..	..	9 6 0
				Bank Charges .. .. .	..	..	3 3 3
				Sundries .. .. .	..	..	4 14 0
				Transfer to Rehabilitation Fund Account .. .. .	..	..	2000 0 0
				Balance, 31st October, 1944 .. .. .	..	..	176 0 10
			£4,285 3 6				£4,285 3 6

FRANK M. WINSTONE, Hon. Treasurer.

We have examined the Books and Vouchers of the Methodist Theological College, and compared same with Bank Statements and we are of the opinion that they give a true and correct statement as at 31st October, 1944.

R. B. VERRY, A.R.A.N.Z.

R. LOVIE, Dip: Bkg.



**METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE—STUDENTS' LIBRARY FUND.**  
**Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 30th September, 1944.**

RECEIPTS					PAYMENTS				
				£ s. d.					£ s. d.
To Balance .. .. .	..	..	..	87 1 11	By Books and Periodicals .. .. .	..	..	..	37 0 11
Debenture Interest:					Balance .. .. .	..	..	..	84 17 9
Auckland City Council .. .. .	..	..	..	17 7 8					
Auckland Transport Board .. .. .	..	..	..	4 5 0					
Interest—W. Gorman Investment .. .. .	..	..	..	2 5 0					
Interest on A/c. 708 Auckland Savings Bank .. .. .	..	..	..	2 4 1					
National Savings Interest .. .. .	..	..	..	8 15 0					
				<u>£121 18 8</u>					<u>£121 18 8</u>

**Capital Account**

				£ s. d.				£ s. d.
Capital .. .. .	..	..	..	800 0 0	National Savings Deposit Account, No. 1/5131			800 0 0
				<u>£800 0 0</u>				<u>£800 0 0</u>

Audited and found correct.

P. DELLOW  
 J. R. BLAYNEY } Joint Auditors.

E. W. HAMES  
 F. E. SUTHERLAND } Joint Treasurers.

**METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE—ELOCUTION PRIZE FUND.**  
**Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 30th September, 1944.**

RECEIPTS					PAYMENTS				
				£ s. d.					£ s. d.
To Balance	..	..	..	45 15 6	By Prizes	..	..	..	4 10 0
Debenture Interest	..	..	..	3 10 0	Balance	..	..	..	45 18 8
Interest on Account No. 5861	Auckland								
Savings Bank	..	..	..	1 3 2					
				<u>£50 8 8</u>					<u>£50 8 8</u>
<b>Capital Account.</b>									
Capital	..	..	..	100 0 0	Mt. Eden Borough Council, 3½% Debentures				100 0 0
				<u>£100 0 0</u>					<u>£100 0 0</u>

Audited and found correct.

P. DELLOW }  
 J. R. BLAYNEY } Joint Auditors.

E. W. HAMES }  
 F. E. SUTHERLAND } Joint Treasurers.



**METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE—KENT MEMORIAL FUND.**  
**Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 30th September, 1944.**

RECEIPTS					PAYMENTS				
				£ s. d.					£ s. d.
To Balance	..	..	..	21 14 3	By Prizes	..	..	..	1 0 0
Debenture Interest	..	..	..	2 9 8	Balance	..	..	..	24 19 6
Interest on National Savings Deposit	..			1 5 0					
Interest on Account No. 5844, Auckland Savings Bank	..	..	..	0 10 7					
				<u>£25 19 6</u>					<u>£25 19 6</u>

**Capital Account.**

				£ s. d.				£ s. d.
Capital	..	..	..	100 0 0	National Savings Deposit Account No. 1/5129			100 0 0
				<u>£100 0 0</u>				<u>£100 0 0</u>

Audited and found correct.

P. DELLOW }  
 J. R. BLAYNEY } Joint Auditors,

E. W. HAMES }  
 F. E. SUTHERLAND } Joint Treasurers,

**METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE—GARLAND PRIZE FUND.**  
**Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 30th September, 1944.**

RECEIPTS					PAYMENTS				
				£ s. d.					£ s. d.
To Balance	..	..	..	12 11 10	By Prizes	..	..	..	4 10 0
Debenture Interest	..	..	..	4 5 0	Balance	..	..	..	12 12 10
Interest on Account No. 3245, Auckland									
Savings Bank	..	..	..	0 6 0					
				<u>£17 2 10</u>					<u>£17 2 10</u>

**Capital Account.**

				£ s. d.				£ s. d.
Capital	..	..	..	100 0 0	Auckland Harbour Board Debenture	..	..	100 0 0
				<u>£100 0 0</u>				<u>£100 0 0</u>

Audited and found correct.

P. DELLOW  
 J. K. BLAYNEY } Joint Auditors.

E. W. HAMES  
 F. E. SUTHERLAND } Joint Treasurers.



**METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE—WAGSTAFF MEMORIAL FUND.**  
**Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 30th September, 1944.**

RECEIPTS					£	s.	d.						£	s.	d.
To Balance	..	..	..	..	14	7	6	By Prizes	..	..	..	..	4	10	0
Debenture Interest	..	..	..	..	2	9	8	Balance	..	..	..	..	13	19	2
Interest on National Savings Deposit	..			..	1	5	0								
Interest on Account No. 5841, Auckland Savings Bank	..	..	..	..	0	7	0								
					<hr/>								<hr/>		
					£18	9	2						£18	9	2

**Capital Account.**

PAYMENTS										£	s.	d.
Capital	..	..	..	..	100	0	0	National Savings Deposit Account No. 1/5130		100	0	0
					£100	0	0			£100	0	0

Audited and found correct.

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E. W. HAMES }  
 F. E. SUTHERLAND } Joint Treasurers.

### REHABILITATION FUND ACCOUNT.

Credit Balance transferred from Site Acquirement Account .. .. .	87	5	0
Transferred from General Account (Invested in National Savings) .. .. .	2000	0	0
Interest .. .. .	5	0	0
	<u>£2,092</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>

FRANK M. WINSTONE  
F. E. SUTHERLAND,  
Hon. Treasurers.

### NEW ORGAN FUND.

			£	s.	d.
Fund as at 1st November, 1943 .. .. .			457	3	11
Add—Dividends .. .. .			18	0	0
Interest .. .. .			3	14	8
			<u>478</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>7</u>
Less Repairs to Organ .. .. .			2	5	6
Fund as at 31st October, 1944 .. .. .			<u>£476</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>1</u>

FRANK M. WINSTONE,  
Hon. Treasurer.

### GORMAN BOOK FUND.

New Zealand Government Stock .. .. .	£180	0	0
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FRANK M. WINSTONE,  
Hon. Treasurer.



# BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1944.

LIABILITIES									
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		
Sundry Creditors .. ..				1294	16	2			
Bank of New Zealand Overdraft	819	14	0						
Plus Accrued Interest (Secured over Three Kings, Waikowhai and Paerata Properties) ..		0	16	9					
				820	10	9			
War Memorial Fund (Maori) ..	296	9	0						
Plus Interest added ..		17	17	6					
				314	6	6			
Scholarship Funds :									
Marianne Caughey Smith-Preston	2200	0	0						
George Winstone .. ..	1125	0	0						
Stephen Jas Ambury	809	8	6						
Plus Interest added	36	8	6						
				845	17	0			
				4170	17	0			
College Bldgs. Maintenance Res.				46	17	0			
Capital Account :									
Balance at 1/1/1944 ..	130,403	7	5						
Plus Profit on sale of sections	995	7	6						
Plus Additional Assets taken over from Maurice Harding (Deceased) .. ..		185	1	3					
				131,583	16	2			
Less Donation of Site for Three Kings S.S.	300	0	0						
Less Donation to Roskill Meth. Trust	200	0	0						
Less Excess of Exp. over Income	1594	9	6						
				2094	9	6			
				129,489	6	8			

ASSETS									
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		
Paerata Land at Cost ..	15,442	2	0						
College Buildings at Cost ..	43,694	3	0						
Improvements to—									
Paerata Property	13,718	2	10						
Less Depreciation	149	14	0						
				13,568	8	10			
				72,704	13	10			
Mount Wlgn. Land	5375	0	11						
Less Half Value of Scoria sold	385	5	0						
				4989	15	11			
Preparatory School Buildings ..	4819	5	5						
Improvements to Mt. Wlgn. Propty.	369	12	4						
				10,178	13	8			
City and Suburban Properties at Government Valuation :									
Grafton .. ..	20,667	19	6						
Three Kings (Landscape Road)	1150	0	0						
Waikowhai .. ..	4255	0	0						
				26,072	19	6			
Improvements to Propty.—Waikowhai				174	1	1			
Otamatea County Property ..	115	0	0						
Hobson County Property ..	10	0	0						
				125	0	0			
Plant and Machinery :									
Paerata .. ..	927	6	6						
Wellington Park .. ..	337	19	5						
				1265	5	11			
Less Depreciation .. ..	158	0	11						
				1107	5	0			
Motor Vehicles :									
Paerata .. ..	709	15	0						
Wellington Park .. ..	420	0	0						
				1129	15	0			

# Balance Sheet—continued.

Less Depreciation .. ..	214	5	0	
				915 10 0
Furniture and Fittings—College .. ..	335	10	9	
Equipment—College .. ..	1177	15	9	
	1513	6	6	
Less Depreciation .. ..	127	16	6	
				1385 10 0
Furniture and Fittings—Preparatory School .. ..	334	5	3	
Equipment—Preparatory School .. ..	284	2	0	
	618	7	3	
Less Depreciation .. ..	46	13	9	
				571 13 6
Stock on Hand at Valuation:				
Live Stock—Paerata .. ..	6044	6	0	
Live Stock—Wellington Park .. ..	58	0	0	
Produce and Sundry Stocks .. ..	903	2	6	
				7005 8 6
Mount Albert Estate and Three Kings Estate Purchasers .. ..	2151	3	7	
Plus Accrued Interest .. ..	17	11	0	
				2168 14 7
Loans on Mortgage .. ..	4762	5	0	
Plus Accrued Interest .. ..	88	12	0	
				4850 17 0
Loan at Call .. ..	1000	0	0	
Plus Accrued Interest .. ..	61	9	9	
				1061 9 9
National Savings Investment A/c. .. ..	1007	10	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 Bonds .. ..	20	0	0	
				4027 10 0



## Shares :

Frank M. Winstone (Merchts. 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
Whakatane Development Co. Ltd. (100 Shares of 10/- each fully paid) .. ..	Nil		
		1620	4 2
Debenture of £1310 in Marua Est., Ltd. (Non-Interest bearing— Valuation) .. ..		605	17 6
Sundry Debtors :			
For Rents .. ..	192	4	0
For Fees .. ..	148	17	10
For Sundries .. ..	952	3	4
	1293	5	2
Less Reserve for Bad Debts ..	50	0	0
		1243	5 2
Payments in Advance .. ..		313	5 2
Cash in Hand—Office .. ..		4	15 8
		£136,136	14 1

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 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, 1944, 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, 25th January, 1945.

HUTCHISON, ELLIFFE &amp; CAMERON, Auditors.

# BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.

## Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ended the 31st December, 1944.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Loss on College .. ..	2428	18	10	By Rents Received .. ..	1927	9	0
Loss on Preparatory School .. ..	490	12	1	Interest .. ..	133	18	2
Loss on Farm—Paerata .. ..	271	5	2	Profit on Farm—Wellington Park ..	313	18	10
General Expenses .. ..	778	19	5	Excess of Expenditure over Income			
				Transferred to Capital Account ..	1594	9	6
	£3,969	15	6		£3,969	15	6

## Farm Working Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1944.

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	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Net Loss on :				By Profit on :			
Bees .. ..	75	0	0	Dairy .. ..	1471	16	0
Poultry .. ..	30	4	2	Sheep .. ..	258	6	8
Pigs .. ..	18	10	3				
			123 14 5				1730 2 8
General Exps. not apportionable :				Rent of 36 acres occupied by			
Wages .. ..	443	14	3	Army Department .. ..		97	19 4
Depreciation .. ..	337	15	6	Sundries .. ..		9	3 3
Lorry Expenses .. ..	307	7	6	Net Loss to Income and Expendi-			
Lime, Seeds and Manures ..	301	19	8	ture Account .. ..		271	5 2
Repairs and Maintenance ..	327	7	10				
Horse and Tractor Expenses	206	6	8				
Insurance .. ..	60	4	7				
			1984 16 0				
	£2,108	10	5				£2,108 10 5



**BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.**  
**Wellington Park Farm Working Account for the Year Ended 31st December, 1944.**

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Loss on Sale of Stock .. ..	43	0	8	By Rent Received .. ..	648	3	2
Wages .. ..	420	19	0	Scoria Royalties (half of total received) ..	385	5	0
Rates .. ..	136	2	11	Dairy Receipts .. ..	174	17	8
Depreciation .. ..	75	4	5				
Repairs and Maintenance .. ..	54	10	2				
Motor Expenses .. ..	43	11	1				
Stock Expenses .. ..	40	3	2				
Sundry Expenses .. ..	28	7	11				
Power and Light .. ..	25	6	0				
Seeds and Manure .. ..	21	18	7				
Insurance .. ..	3	1	11				
Poultry Expenses .. ..	2	1	2				
Net Profit to Income and Expenditure A/c.	313	18	10				
	£1,208	5	10		£1,208	5	10

**Interest Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1944.**

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Interest on Long Term Mortgage Loan ..	298	13	11	By Interest from—			
Interest on Overdraft .. ..	2	13	0	Mortgages taken over from Harding Estate	224	18	8
Interest on Scholarship Funds deposited ..	54	6	0	Mount Albert Estate .. ..	67	11	11
Balance Transferred to Income and Expenditure Account .. ..	133	18	2	Three Kings Estate .. ..	40	17	6
				Kawhia Property .. ..	5	9	11
				Loan at Call—Pitt Street Methodist Church Trustees .. ..	61	9	9
				N.Z. Govt.—Third Liberty Loan ..	30	0	0
				Post Office Savings Bank .. ..	14	3	4
				National Savings Investment Account	7	10	0
				Dividend—New Remuera-Panmure Land Co. Ltd. .. ..	37	10	0
	£489	11	1		£489	11	1

**BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.**  
**Rent Received for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1944.**

	£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
To Balance Transferred to				By Rents received from—				
Expenditure Account .. ..	1927	9	0	Grafton Road Property .. ..		975	18	4
				Three Kings Property .. ..		76	2	8
				Waikowhai Property .. ..		875	8	0
	<u>£1,927</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>0</u>			<u>£1,927</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>0</u>

**College Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1944.**

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Advertising .. ..	55	14	6	By College Fees .. ..	3352	0	0
Bad Debts written off .. ..	25	17	10	Rent—Army Department .. ..	33	17	5
Beneficiary Work—Maori .. ..	853	0	0	Decrease in Reserve for Bad Debts .. ..	25	0	0
Depreciation .. ..	180	6	6	Sports .. ..	11	14	0
Fuel and Light .. ..	264	0	4	Working Loss carried forward .. ..	2428	18	10
Garden Expenses .. ..	222	12	1				
Insurance .. ..	124	0	8				
Laboratory Expenses .. ..	13	18	10				
Piano .. ..	1	2	6				
Prizes .. ..	9	2	10				
Provisions—							
Bread .. ..	224	17	6				
Dairy Produce .. ..	171	18	1				
Groceries .. ..	404	1	0				
Meat .. ..	281	16	10				
Sundry .. ..	124	6	1				
	<u>1206</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>6</u>				
Salaries .. ..	1445	10	11				
Stationery and Books .. ..	113	12	8				
Sundries .. ..	151	14	8				
Wages .. ..	1183	16	5				
	<u>£5,851</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>3</u>				
					<u>£5,851</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>3</u>



**BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.**  
**General Expenses Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1944.**

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Increase in Bad Debts Reserve ..	10	0	0	By Balance Transferred to Income and			
Insurance .. .. .	0	3	1	Expenditure Account .. .. .	778	19	5
Printing and Stationery ..	58	16	9				
Rates .. .. .	132	15	11				
Repairs and Maintenance ..	9	1	0				
Salary .. .. .	350	0	0				
Sundry Expenses .. .. .	19	10	8				
Legal and Collection Expenses ..	95	16	0				
Valuation Fees .. .. .	37	16	0				
Rent—Board Room .. .. .	12	8	0				
Audit Fee .. .. .	31	10	0				
Office Expenses .. .. .	7	12	6				
Donation .. .. .	10	0	0				
Advertising for Principal .. ..	3	9	6				
	£778	19	5		£778	19	5

**Preparatory School Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1944.**

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Advertising .. .. .	11	2	6	By School Fees .. .. .	1601	3	0
Beneficiary Work—European ..	105	0	0	Piano Fees .. .. .	8	1	0
Bad Debts written off .. .. .	9	17	0	Working Loss carried forward ..	490	12	1
Depreciation .. .. .	103	3	9				
Fuel and Light .. .. .	111	17	0				
Insurance .. .. .	20	12	1				
Prizes .. .. .	3	12	6				
Provisions .. .. .	573	15	7				
Repairs and Maintenance ..	176	3	1				
Salaries .. .. .	439	3	3				
Sports .. .. .	4	12	1				
Stationery .. .. .	6	2	3				
Sundries .. .. .	103	4	0				
Wages .. .. .	431	11	0				
	£2,099	16	1		£2,099	16	1

**METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.**  
**Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th September, 1944.**

EXPENDITURE				INCOME				
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	
<b>Church Sites Fund—</b>				<b>Church Sites Fund—</b>				
Grants : Greymouth .. ..	50	0	0	Donations : Fire Insurance Fund	100	0	0	
Whangarei .. ..	75	0	0	Home Mission Fund	50	0	0	
Nae Nae .. ..	25	0	0			150	0	0
Ravensbourne .. ..	40	0	0	Interest on Deposits .. ..		42	6	8
Palmerston Nth., Cuba St.	60	0	0	Grants Exceeding Revenue ..		57	13	4
			250 0 0	<b>Administration—</b>				
<b>Administration—</b>				Working Expenses Repaid ..	175	4	3	
Authorised Appropriation ..	225	0	0	Trust Contributions .. ..	56	6	0	
Stationery and General Expenses ..	61	14	3	Interest on Arrears .. ..	9	6	3	
			286 14 3	Interest on Deposits .. ..	31	0	7	
Reserve Appropriation Account ..			56 8 1	Hymn Book Commission Account	71	5	3	
						343	2	4
			£593 2 4					£593 2 4

**Loans Account as at 30th September, 1944.**

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Amount of Loans as at 30th Sept., 1943 ..	20,640	2	6	By Loans Repaid .. ..	5051	7	3
New Loans Advanced .. ..	4268	18	9	Amount of Loans as at 30th Sept., 1944	19,857	14	0
			£24,909 1 3				£24,909 1 3
To Balance .. ..	£19,857	14	0				

H. de R. FLESHER }  
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.  
Christchurch, 18th October, 1944.

Audited and found correct.  
R. H. SHERRIS, A.I.I.A., A.C.S.N.Z. }  
W. A. HADLEE, A.R.A.N.Z. } Auditors.



LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Accumulated Funds .. ..	18,900	0	0	Outstanding Loans .. ..	21,119	12	10
<b>Capital Account—</b>				<i>less</i> Working Expenses	1132	16	11
Thomas Emsly Bequest £1500				<i>less</i> Interest .. ..	129	1	11
H. Herbert Wake Bequest 50					1261	18	10
David Graham Bequest 50							19,857 14 0
Wm. H. Duke Bequest 100				<b>Deposits—</b>			
Samuel Lawry Bequest 50				Supernumerary Fund 510 6 10			
Geo. Winstone Bequest 1000				P.O. Savings Bank 1054 12 2			
Thomas Fee Bequest 50							1564 19 0
	2800	0	0	Balance at Bank of New Zealand ..			277 7 0
			21,700 0 0	<b>Trust Accounts—</b>			
Trust Accounts (Properties Sold) ..			870 10 6	Invested for Sites Fund ..			800 0 0
<b>Church Sites Fund—</b>				Deposit—Supernumerary Fund ..			70 10 6
As at 30th September, 1943 ..	360	0	1	<b>Church Sites Fund—</b>			
Trust Properties for Investment	800	0	0	North Canterbury E.P. Board			
				Debentures .. ..			800 0 0
	1160	0	1	Deposit : P.O. Savings Bank ..	105	9	1
Grants Exceeding Revenue ..	57	13	4	Supernumerary Fund ..	196	17	8
			1102 6 9				302 6 9
<b>Administration—</b>				<b>Administration—</b>			
Working Expenses Trust Account			300 0 0	North Canterbury E.P. Board			
Reserve Appropriation Account				Debentures .. ..			200 0 0
30th Sept., 1943 .. ..	160	2	4	Balance at Bank of New Zealand			317 3 8
Rents received, <i>less</i> Rates paid							
on Church Sites .. ..	0	13	3				
<i>Plus</i> Transfer from Revenue A/c.	56	8	1				
			217 3 8				
	£24,190	0	11				£24,190 0 11

H. de R. FLESHER }  
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.  
Christchurch, 18th October, 1944.

Audited and found correct.  
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W. A. HADLEE, A.R.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

# METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND.

Revenue Account for Year Ended 31st October, 1944.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Re-Insurance .. ..	1185	0	11	By Levies and Premiums .. ..	2032	6	2
War Damage Premiums on Mortg. ..	4	7	11	Mortgage Interest .. ..	142	10	10
<b>Office Expenses—</b>				Mortgage Interest Accrued .. ..	39	2	6
Authorized Appropriation .. ..	395	0	0	Debenture Interest .. ..	1036	10	11
Stationery and General Exps. ..	53	7	10	Debenture Interest Accrued .. ..	359	1	11
			448	Interest on Deposits .. ..	9	3	0
Fire Losses .. ..	32	18	10	Donation .. ..	1	0	0
Less Re-Insurance Cover .. ..	32	18	10				
Investment Contingency Reserve ..	100	0	0				
Balance to P. & L. Appropriation ..	1881	18	8				
Account .. ..							
	£3,619	15	4		£3,619	15	4

GEORGE J. SMITH }  
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.

E. H. SMITH }  
H. F. ARNOLD, A.R.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

Christchurch, 20th November, 1944.



# METHODIST CHURCH CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND.

Balance Sheet as at 31st October, 1944.

LIABILITIES					ASSETS				
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Accumulated Funds .. ..				32,500	0	0	Mortgage Investments .. ..	3717	2 3
Fire Loss Reserve Account ..	3565	0	0				Interest Accrued .. ..	39	2 6
<i>plus</i> Further Provision ..	1000	0	0						3756 4 9
				4565	0	0	Debenture Investments .. ..	34,973	13 3
Investment Contingency Res. A/c.				821	17	10	Interest Accrued .. ..	359	1 11
Natural Calamities Suspense Approp- riation .. ..				100	0	0			35,332 15 2
P. & L. Appropriation Account ..	1217	7	10				Deposits—P.O. Savings Bank ..		20 16 5
Less Appropriations voted—							Balance at Bank of N.Z. ..		31 14 0
<b>Ordinary :</b>							Levies in Arrear .. ..	13	1 4
Home Acquirement Fd. £334							War Damage Premiums in Arrear	2	5 10
Foreign Mission Fund 100									15 7 2
Home Mission Fund .. 100							War Damage Premiums Paid to Commission in advance ..		48 1 0
Deaconess House .. 25							War Damage Commission (refunds due) .. ..		224 19 6
Super. Benevolent Fund 25									
Church Sites Fund .. 50									
Youth Department .. 50									
"Methodist Times" .. 150									

**Special :**

Deaconess House (Mortg. Reduction) ..	100
S.I. Rehabilitation Fund	100
H.M. Removal Expenses	25
Auckland Maori Centre	50
Church Sites Fund ..	50
W.M.U. Sisters' Fund ..	50

— 375

— 1209 0 0

8 7 10

Balance from Revenue Account .. 1881 18 8

1890 6 6

less Fire Loss Reserve Account.. 1000 0 0

890 6 6

Supernumerary Fund Deposit ..

150 0 0

Levies Prepaid ..

86 11 5

Re-Insurance Provision Account ..

316 2 3

£39,429 18 0

£39,429 18 0

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and attached Revenue Account and have compared them with the books of the Fund and certify to the correctness of the same. We have had all securities produced to us except those held by the Solicitors of the Fund or deposited with the Bank of New Zealand, whose certificates have been accepted by us. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the fund as at 31st October, 1944.

GEORGE J. SMITH }  
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers

Christchurch, 20th November, 1944.

E. H. SMITH }  
H. F. ARNOLD, A.R.A.N.Z. } Auditors.





## Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1944.

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**SUPERNUMERARY FUND.**  
**Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1944.**

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Accumulated Funds as per				<b>Investments :</b> Mortgages ..	79,820	11	9
Revenue Account .. ..	153,398	4	4	Debentures .. ..	45,350	0	0
<b>Deposit Accounts :</b>					125,170	11	9
Allied Funds (5) .. ..	28,013	3	10	<i>less</i> Investment Fluctuation and			
Connexional Funds (5) ..	1357	18	0	Doubtful Debts Res. 224	4	4	
			29,371	<i>plus</i> further provision 100	0	0	
<b>Freeholds :</b>				<i>plus</i> Adjustments			
Rates Accrued .. ..	380	5	5	(Deb. Premiums) 179	14	0	
Lift Maintenance Accrued ..	4	6	8		503	18	4
			384				124,666
General Treasurers, Melbourne ..			6	<b>Freehold Properties :</b>			13
				Epworth Chambers ..	48,602	5	11
				Worcester Street ..	4118	15	8
					52,721	1	7
				<i>less</i> Epworth Chambers Depre-			
				ciation Reserve 5000	0	0	
				<i>plus</i> further Reserve 500	0	0	
					5500	0	0
							47,221
				<b>Deposit :</b> P.O. Savings Bank ..	36	1	9
				Balance at Bank of N.Z.	1111	7	11
							1147
				<b>Interest :</b> Mortgages due ..	73	2	11
				Mortgages accrued ..	654	16	11
				Debentures accrued ..	696	9	11
							1424
							9

# Balance Sheet—continued.

<b>Circuit Levies : Arrears</b>	..	64	3	7	
Accrued	..	436	8	8	
					500 12 3
<b>Personal Subscriptions :</b>					
Arrears .. ..	..	596	10	5	
Interest due .. ..	..	81	15	3	
					678 5 8
<b>Freehold Properties :</b>					
Rent due .. ..	..	195	3	8	
Rent accrued .. ..	..	117	2	6	
					312 6 2
Properties in Possession ..	..	6259	0	0	
Mortgagor's Stock and Farm					
Working Accounts .. ..	..	921	19	7	
					7180 19 7
Epworth Press .. ..	..				28 12 6
		£183,160	10	7	£183,160 10 7

We have examined the above Balance-Sheet and attached Revenue Account and have compared them with the books of the Fund and certify to the correctness of the same. We have had all securities produced to us except those held by the Solicitors of the Fund or deposited with the Bank of New Zealand, whose certificates have been accepted by us. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 30th November, 1944.

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, 13th December, 1944.



**SUPERNUMERARY FUND—BENEVOLENT BRANCH.**  
**Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1944.**

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EXPENDITURE					INCOME							
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.			
To Grants .. ..	..	86	8	8	By Balance 30th Nov., 1943 ..	..	452	2	2			
Exchange on Annuities..	..	10	0	0	<b>Donations :</b>							
				96	8	8	Fire Insurance Fund ..	25	0	0		
Authorised Appropriation ..	..	5	0	0	Special .. ..	..	29	9	10			
Debenture Commission and General Expenses .. ..	..	1	1	9					54	9	10	
				6	1	9	Interest .. ..			64	0	5
Balance—Super. Fund Deposit ..	..			468	2	0						
				<u>£570</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>5</u>				<u>£570</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>5</u>

# **SUPERNUMERARY FUND—BENEVOLENT BRANCH.**

Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1944.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
			£ s. d.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Capital Account..	..	..	1400 0 0	<b>Plampin Bequest :</b>			
Balance Revenue Account	..	..	468 2 0	Debentures ..	..	800 0 0	
				Deposit : Supernumerary Fund ..	..	200 0 0	
							1000 0 0
				<b>Penrose Bequest :</b>			
				Capital A/c. : Debentures ..	..	300 0 0	
				Supernumerary Fund	..	100 0 0	
							400 0 0
				<b>Revenue Account :</b>			
				Deposit Supernumerary Fund ..	..	468 2 0	
			<u>£1,868 2 0</u>				<u>£1,868 2 0</u>

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Revenue Account and have compared them with the books of the Fund and we certify to their correctness. We have had the securities produced to us, and in our opinion the Statements are properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct position of the Fund as at 30th November, 1944.

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, 13th December, 1944.



**HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND.**  
**Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1944.**

**Contributors' Account.**

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Retiring Allowances .. ..	..	327	14 5	By Balance as at 30th Nov., 1943 ..	..	15,396	2 10
Reserve Account .. ..	..	54	6 11	Personal Contributions .. ..	..	753	8 9
Balance as at 30th Nov., 1944 ..	..	16,646	4 8	Fire Insurance Fund Subsidy ..	..	331	0 0
				Interest .. ..	..	547	14 5
		<u>£17,028</u>	<u>6 0</u>			<u>£17,028</u>	<u>6 0</u>

**Reserve Account.**

	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Interest to Deposit Accounts ..	547	14 5			By Balance as at 30th Nov., 1943 ..	37	18 0
<b>Office Expenses :</b>					Contributors' Account .. ..	54	6 11
Authorised Appropriation ..	70	0 0			Interest : Supernumerary Fund ..	552	11 0
Stationery and General Expenses	13	4 11					
			83	4 11			
Balance as at 30th Nov., 1944 ..			13	16 7			
		<u>£644</u>	<u>15 11</u>			<u>£644</u>	<u>15 11</u>

# HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND.

Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1944.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
Personal Accounts	..	..	16,646 4 8	Debentures	..	..	9647 8 11
Reserve Account	..	..	13 16 7	Deposits: Supernumerary Fund	..	..	7061 2 4
Subsidy Suspense Account	..	..	48 10 0				
			<u>£16,708 11 3</u>				<u>£16,708 11 3</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, 1944.

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, 13th December, 1944.





# METHODIST HOME MISSIONARIES' RETIRING FUND.

Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1944.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Personal Accounts	.. ..			6706	11 0	Debentures	.. .. 3724 14 0
Reserve Fund	.. ..			301	11 10	Deposit: Supernumerary Fund	.. .. 3468 3 10
<b>Accumulated Funds:</b>							
Centenary Gift	.. ..	100	0 0				
Inscribed Stock Profits	.. ..	44	15 0				
Special Donation	.. ..	40	0 0				
				184	15 0		
				<u>£7,192</u>	<u>17 10</u>		
						<u>£7,192</u>	<u>17 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, 1944.

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, 13th December, 1944.



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### Reserve Account.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Interest to Deposit Accounts ..				244	15	7	By Balance as at 30th Nov., 1943 ..	166	3	8
Office Expenses:							Contributors' Account ..	5	14	9
Authorised Appropriation ..	30	0	0				Interest: Supernumerary Fund ..	296	7	3
Stationery and General Expenses	4	13	1							
				34	13	1				
Balance as at 30th Nov., 1944 ..				188	17	0				
				£468	5	8				

# METHODIST DEACONESS' RETIRING FUND.

Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1944.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£ s. d.
Personal Accounts	.. ..			7302	14 10	Debentures	.. .. 4489 18 0
Capital Account 30th Nov., 1943		1301	16 0			Deposit: Supernumerary Fund	.. .. 4455 11 11
M.W.M.U.	.. ..	152	2 1				
				1453	18 1		
Reserve Fund	.. ..			188	17 0		
				£8,945	9 11		£8,945 9 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, 1944.

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, 13th December, 1944.



## Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1944.

Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1944.

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, 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.

Christchurch, 13th December, 1944.

**THE WINSTONE MEMORIAL TRUST FUND.**  
Revenue Account to 31st December, 1944.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Insurance	.. .. .	51	12 0	By Rents to 31st Dec., 1944	.. .. .	1712	12 9
Rates	.. .. .	244	15 4	Interest	.. .. .	44	19 9
Water and Water Rates	.. .. .	15	4 6				
Repairs	.. .. .	123	3 6				
Agents' Commission	.. .. .	85	12 7				
Exchange	.. .. .	1	13 3				
Land Tax	.. .. .	5	4 9				
Depreciation	.. .. .	250	0 0				
Balance to Revenue Account	.. .. .	980	6 7				
		<u>£1,757</u>	<u>12 6</u>			<u>£1,757</u>	<u>12 6</u>

**Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1944.**

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Capital	.. .. .	25,222	19 6	Freehold Property	.. .. .	25,000	0 0
Transfer from Revenue Account	.. .. .	196	1 4	Less Depreciation Res.	.. .. .	250	0 0
						<u>24,750</u>	<u>0 0</u>
Revenue Account as at 31/12/43	.. .. .	891	18 4	N.Z. Inscribed Stock	.. .. .		250 0 0
Grants	.. .. .	665	2 8	Deposit with General Purposes	.. .. .		1437 11 9
				Trust Board	.. .. .		
		226	15 8				
Income for 1944	.. .. .	980	6 7				
Discount on Inscribed Stock	.. .. .	7	10 0				
		1214	12 3				
Transfer to Capital Account	.. .. .	196	1 4				
		<u>1018</u>	<u>10 11</u>				
		<u>£26,437</u>	<u>11 9</u>			<u>£26,437</u>	<u>11 9</u>

G. S. SALTER }  
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.  
Christchurch, 19th February, 1945.

Audited and found correct.

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.



**For the Year Ending 31st December, 1944.**

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Audited and found correct,  
 ERNEST HOBBS }  
 J. M. DALE } Auditors.

# METHODIST CONFERENCE CONTINGENT FUND.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year Ended 31st December, 1944.

		RECEIPTS					
Jan. 1st—		£ s. d.			£ s. d.		
To	Balance .. ..				1379 8 11		
	<b>Circuit Levies—Districts :</b>						
	Auckland .. ..	683	0	0			
	South Auckland ..	376	0	0			
	Taranaki-Wanganui ..	230	0	0			
	Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ..	240	0	0			
	Wellington .. ..	417	0	0			
	Nelson .. ..	177	0	0			
	North Canterbury ..	467	0	0			
	South Canterbury ..	157	0	0			
	Otago-Southland ..	323	0	0			
					3070 0 0		
	<b>Synod Collections :</b>						
	Auckland .. ..	6	18	4			
	South Auckland ..	11	9	9			
	Taranaki-Wanganui ..	3	15	0			
	Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ..	4	2	3			
	Wellington .. ..	4	10	0			
	Nelson .. ..	4	0	0			
	North Canterbury ..	7	12	6			
	South Canterbury ..	10	0	11			
	Otago-Southland ..	11	12	4			
					64 1 1		
	<b>Sales :</b>						
	Agenda .. ..						
	Minutes .. ..	19	12	7			
	Law Books, etc. ..	18	11	10			
					38 4 5		

		EXPENDITURE					
By		£ s. d.			£ s. d.		
	<b>Cost of Conference :</b>						
	(a) Travelling :						
	Official Representatives ..				132 5 8		
	(b) Printing :						
	Agenda .. ..	119	9	0			
	Minutes .. ..	167	7	3			
	Other .. ..	3	9	9			
	Stationery, Bibles, etc. ..	7	0	0			
					297 6 0		
	<b>District Expenses,</b>						
	Chairman's Travelling & Other :						
	Auckland .. ..	46	8	7			
	South Auckland .. ..	51	1	8			
	Taranaki-Wanganui .. ..	28	17	7			
	Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ..	13	1	10			
	Wellington .. ..	32	16	9			
	Nelson .. ..	29	6	0			
	North Canterbury .. ..	27	0	6			
	South Canterbury .. ..	30	0	1			
	Otago-Southland .. ..	53	14	5			
					312 7 5		
	<b>Synod Expenses :</b>						
	Auckland .. ..	48	5	8			
	South Auckland .. ..	56	2	6			
	Taranaki-Wanganui .. ..	26	16	0			
	Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ..	11	10	9			
	Wellington .. ..	22	11	5			
	Nelson .. ..	28	4	0			
	North Canterbury .. ..	13	8	0			
	South Canterbury .. ..	9	9	8			
	Otago-Southland .. ..	52	14	2			
					269 2 2		



**Ministerial Supply :**

South Auckland ..	9 0 0
Taranaki-Wanganui ..	14 0 0
South Canterbury ..	10 10 0
Otago-Southland ..	8 0 0
Wellington ..	5 0 0

46 10 0

**Connexional Payments :**

President's Travelling ..	51 1 3
President's Travelling, 1943 ..	18 4 2
Postages, etc. ..	12 10 0
Supply ..	20 10 0
Secretary of Conference—Pos- tages, Stationery, etc. ..	20 6 10
Sec. of Conference—Hon. ..	25 0 0
Examination Committee Exps. ..	44 7 2
Union Committee Expenses ..	44 2 6
Presidential Election Exps. ..	9 7 6
Printing ..	186 12 6

432 1 11

**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
Affiliation ..	25 0 0
University Fees ..	40 0 0
Faith and Order ..	6 5 5
Chaplains' Fund ..	30 0 0
"Methodist Times" Editorial..	53 0 10
"Methodist Times" Special ..	100 0 0
Children's Fund—Special ..	100 0 0
Stipend Adjustment—Ordinands ..	37 0 0

1436 6 3

**Hon. Treasurers :**

Interest Charges, Exchange, etc ..	2 18 6
Postages, Stationery, etc. ..	3 15 0

6 13 6

**Balances Due by Districts :**

Auckland .. ..	10	19	1
South Auckland .. ..	32	12	3
Taranaki-Wanganui .. ..			
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu .. ..	7	5	10
Wellington .. ..	74	15	2
Nelson .. ..	1	0	0
North Canterbury .. ..	53	11	8
South Canterbury .. ..	35	0	0
Otago-Southland .. ..	18	0	0

**Total Balances held by or due to Chairmen .. ..**

233 4 0

**Bank of N.Z. Auckland Current Account .. ..**

1385 17 6

1619 1 6£4,451 14 5£4,451 14 5

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, 1944.

Christchurch,

14th February, 1945

WILSON, ROFE &amp; CO.,

I. J. WILSON, B.Com., A.P.A.N.Z., Hon. Auditor.



# **REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND.**

**Cash Statement Year Ending 31st December, 1944.**

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Cash in Hand 1/1/44 .. .. .	524	4	2	Removal Expenses Paid .. .. .	433	9	5
Circuit Levies Paid .. .. .	1089	10	7	Sundry Expenses .. .. .	3	10	3
Interest Earned .. .. .	10	12	9	Cash in Hand as per Balance Sheet ..	1205	10	6
Refund Removal Expenses .. .. .	18	2	8				
	<u>£1,642</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>2</u>		<u>£1,642</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>2</u>

# **Revenue Account Year Ending 31st December, 1944.**

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Removal Expenses .. .. .	415	6	9	Circuit Levies .. .. .	1090	0	0
Sundry Expenses .. .. .	3	10	3	Interest Earned .. .. .	10	12	9
Transfer to Capital Account .. .. .	681	15	9				
	<u>£1,100</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>9</u>		<u>£1,100</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>9</u>

**REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND.**

**Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1944.**

		£ s. d.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Accumulated Fund 1/1/44	.. .. .	806 4 2	Outstanding Levies	.. .. .		282 9 5	
Transfer from Revenue Account	.. .. .	681 15 9	Cash in Hand:				
			Sup. Fund Deposit	.. .. .	30 7 2		
			P.O.S.B.	.. .. .	1064 11 7		
			Bank of N.Z.	.. .. .	110 11 9		
						<u>1205 10 6</u>	
		<u>£1,487 19 11</u>					<u>£1,487 19 11</u>

Audited and found correct.

H. W. ARMITAGE, A.R.A. (N.Z.), A.I.A. (N.Z.).

20th December, 1944.

J. H. ALLEN, Chairman.

H. CHAPMAN, Lay Treasurer.



**"METHODIST TIMES."**

**Revenue Account for Year Ended 31st October, 1944.**

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EXPENDITURE				RECEIPTS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Printing and Publishing ..	1033	16	0	Subscriptions ... ..	1238	13	1
Process Blocks ..	13	7	3	Less Agents' Commission ..	71	10	10
Distribution Charges ..	181	18	11				
Exchange ..	1	12	6				
				Advertisements ..			1167 2 3
			1230 14 8	Interest ..			178 9 6
Editors' Honoraria ..	90	0	0	Grants:			37 12 10
Editors' Incidental Expenses ..	8	0	10	Connexional Fire Ins. Fund ..	150	0	0
				Contingent Fund ..	100	0	0
	98	0	10				250 0 0
Less Refund from Contingent Fund	53	0	10				
			45 0 0				
<b>Office Expenses—</b>							
Authorised Appropriation ..	170	0	0				
Stationery and General Expenses	45	3	4				
			215 3 4				
Balance to Accumulated Funds ..			142 6 7				
			<u>£1,633 4 7</u>				<u>£1,633 4 7</u>

Audited and found correct.

H. HOLLAND }  
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers

E. H. SMITH }  
H. F. ARNOLD, A.R.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

Christchurch, 27th November, 1944

# **"METHODIST TIMES."**

**Balance Sheet as at 31st October, 1944.**

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
<b>Unexpired Values—</b>							
Subscriptions .. ..	..	621	0 6	Subscriptions Outstanding ..	..	251	7 6
Advertisements .. ..	..	87	2 0	Less Prepaid .. ..	..	18	13 2
						232	14 4
Contingent Reserve Account ..	..		708 2 6	Less Provision for Agents' Commisn.		21	17 6
Suspense Account .. ..	..		500 0 0				210 16 10
Accumulated Funds .. ..	..	445	7 7	Advertising Accounts Outstanding			32 14 0
Transfer from Revenue Account ..	..	142	6 7	<b>Deposits—</b>			
			587 14 2	P.O. Savings Bank .. ..	..	50	17 6
				Supernumerary Fund .. ..	..	1305	5 7
						1356	3 1
				Balance at Bank of N.Z. ..	..	196	9 3
						£1,796	3 2
						£1,796	3 2

H. HOLLAND  
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers

Christchurch, 27th November, 1944

Audited and found correct.

E. H. SMITH  
H. F. ARNOLD, A.R.A.N.Z. } Auditors.



**METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND.**  
**Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended December 31st, 1944.**

EXPENDITURE					INCOME				
To		£	s.	d.	By		£	s.	d.
<b>To Solomon Islands District :</b>					<b>Solomon Islands Contributions :</b>				
Missionaries' Stipends and					Roviana ..	£340 17 9			
Allowances .. ..	1991 16 1				Vella Lavella ..	463 1 1			
Sisters' Stipends & Allowances	291 10 0						803 18 10		
Doctors' Allowances and					Insurance Credit ..		23 18 6		
Superannuation ..	231 5 0							827 17 4	
Native Agents .. ..	2435 0 0				<b>N.Z. Contributions :</b>				
Travelling .. ..	111 3 5				General Fund 1941 ..	5 11 9			
General Expenses ..	8 19 3				1943 ..	926 2 11			
		5069 13 9			1944 ..	10,833 16 10			
<b>N.Z. Working Expenses :</b>					For Native Teachers ..	316 2 8			
General Secretary :					For Orphans ..	59 10 0			
Salary .. ..	300 0 0				Womens' Auxiliaries ..	1345 0 0			
Travelling .. ..	44 18 11				Interest on Working Capital	614 14 8			
House Allowance ..	150 0 0				Medical Fund, Including Int.	1213 10 5			
Hospitality .. ..	25 0 0						15,314 9 3		
Treasurer's Honorarium	50 0 0				Working Capital—Legacies and				
Audit Fee .. ..	15 15 0				Gifts .. ..		308 19 9		
Connexional Charges ..	52 0 0				<b>Rehabilitation :</b>				
Deputation Exps. & Travel	151 4 9				Legacies .. ..	426 15 7			
Exchange, Postages, etc. ..	145 2 7				Women's Auxiliary for Sisters'				
Printing Annual Report ..	99 5 0				Rehabilitation .. ..	705 18 9			
Office Rent and Telephones	84 15 8				N.Z. and U.S. Servicemen for				
Printing and Stationery ..	109 14 2				Specific Purposes ..	1143 17 1			
Office Assistance .. ..	270 19 4				Other Donations .. ..	7129 19 2			
"Methodist Times" ..	10 0 0				Interest on Investments ..	763 16 0			
Sundry Expenses .. ..	33 10 2						10,170 6 7		
		1542 5 7			Leper Fund .. ..		1580 5 7		
<b>Miscellaneous Payments :</b>					Interest Boat Insurance Fund		94 5 2		
Deaconess Institution ..	25 0 0				Proceeds Charter <i>Fauro Chief</i>		228 2 6		
Imperilled Missions ..	200 0 0				Premium on Loan Conversion		20 0 0		
National Missionary Council	7 10 0								
Youth Board Projector ..	15 0 0								
S.C.M. Chaplain Fund ..	5 0 0								
		252 10 0							

Interest on Overdraft & Loans	86	3	5	
Repatriation (Dr. Rutter) ..	50	0	0	
Loss on Publications ..	56	16	4	
				192 19 9
<b>Boat Insurance Fund :</b>				
Interest .. ..	94	5	2	
Transfer for 1944 ..	55	14	10	
Proceeds Charter <i>Fauro Chief</i>	228	2	6	
				378 2 6
Depreciation Atherton Road				
Property .. ..				70 0 0
<b>Transfer to Special Funds Contra :</b>				
Medical Fund to Rehabilitation	1213	10	5	
Special Leper Fund ..	1580	5	7	
Rehabilitation ..	10,170	6	7	
Working Capital ..	300	19	9	
				13,273 2 4
Balance on Income and Exps.				
Account from 1943 now				
written off .. ..				1002 1 5
Balance (Surplus for Year)				
Transferred to Rehabilitation				
Fund .. ..				6763 10 10
				<u>£28,544 6 2</u>

£28,544 6 2**General Secretary's Residence Reserve Account.**

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Interest .. ..	36	9	3	By Balance at 31st December, 1943 ..	601	7	3
Rates, Maintenance and Insurance ..	35	18	0	House Allowance .. ..	150	0	0
Balance at 31st December, 1944 ..	679	0	0				
	<u>£751</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>			<u>751</u>	<u>7 3</u>



# METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND.

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1944 (exclusive of Solomon Islands Properties).

LIABILITIES					ASSETS				
Solomon Islands District :					Solomon Islands District :				
	£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.	
Circuit Balances .. ..	6444	14	9		Sundry Debtors .. ..	1595	0	1	
Sundry Creditors .. ..	633	10	0		Cash .. ..	635	1	6	
				7078	4	9			2230
Loans on Fixed Deposit and at call				400	0	0			1
Income for special purposes ..				132	10	0			7
<b>Special Funds :</b>					<b>Sydney Office</b>				662
Medical Fund (including Samuel					<b>Medical Fund :</b>				10
and Clara Matilda Gorman					Colonial Sugar Refining Co. ..	500	0	0	
Bequest (£29,581) Balance 31st					N.Z. Govt. Stock 3% .. ..	2571	5	0	
December, 1943 .. ..	21,886	3	6		3 1/2% .. ..	3595	0	0	
Added During 1944 .. ..	11,095	0	0		4% .. ..	7980	0	0	
				32,981	3	6			
<b>Special Lepers Fund :</b>					Nat. War Savings Investment	1017	10	8	
Balance 31st Dec., 1943 (includ-					Certificates .. ..	1	4	0	
ing £250 special from Lepers'					Nelson County Council Debs. ..	5200	0	0	
Trust Board) .. ..	1875	13	7		Palmerston North Debentures ..	1000	0	0	
Added during 1944 (including					Auckland Gas Co. Shares .. ..	1466	10	0	
£1500 special from Lepers'					Debentures .. ..	3309	10	0	
Trust Board) .. ..	1580	5	7		Wellington City Council Debs. ..	3100	0	0	
				3455	19	2			
<b>Boat Insurance Fund :</b>					Wellington C.C. Milk Debentures	1200	0	0	
Balance Dec. 31st, 1943 .. ..	2616	14	4		Mortgage .. ..	800	0	0	
Added during 1944 .. ..	378	2	6		Loan Pitt Street Trustees .. ..	974	4	3	
				2994	16	10			
<b>Boat Replacement Account (Sale</b>					P.O. Savings Bank .. ..	265	19	7	
<b>of Bilua) .. ..</b>				1275	0	0			32,981
									3
									6
					<b>Working Capital :</b>				
					Auckland C.C. Debentures .. ..	200	0	0	
					Mt. Eden Borough Debentures	700	0	0	
					Fuller and Sons .. ..	750	0	0	
					N.Z. Farmers' Dairy Co. .. ..	7	10	0	
					Mortgage .. ..	1450	0	0	
					N.Z. Govt. Stock 2 1/2% .. ..	2196	0	0	
					3% .. ..	9912	10	0	
					3 1/2% .. ..	2940	0	0	
					4% .. ..	1250	0	0	
					P.O. Savings Bank .. ..	13	13	4	
					Auckland Savings Bank .. ..	426	10	10	
					Caughy Preston Bequest :				
					N.Z. Govt. Stock 1000	0	0		
					Mt. Eden Deb. 800	0	0		
									1800
									0
									0

**Rehabilitation Fund :**

Balance 31st Dec., 1943	..	14,556	15	7
Contributions and				
Legacies ..	£9464	7	10	
Less Special Exps.	145	0	6	

	9319	7	4	
Medical Income, 1944	1213	10	5	
Transfer from Income				
and Exp. A/c.	6763	10	10	
Sisters Rehab. Fund	705	18	9	

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18,002 7 4

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32,559 2 11

Less School Requisites	..	101	1	0
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32,458 1 11
**Atherton Road Property Reserve**

Capital Account	..	11,759	15	1
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Plus Legacies	..	308	19	9
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Legacies Gorman Estate..	11,095	0	0	
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23,163 14 10

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£104,618 11 0

Taylor Bequest N.Z. Govt. Stock	500	0	0
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National Savings Investment ..	1017	10	8
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23,163 14 10
**Boat Insurance Fund :**

N.Z. Govt. Stock 3%..	..	491	5	0
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4%..	..	1648	0	0
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P.O. Savings Bank ..	..	855	11	10
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2994 16 10
**Rehabilitation Fund :**

N.Z. Govt. Stock 2½% ..	27,620	0	3
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3%..	..	1065	6	0
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National Savings Certificates	..	590	8	9
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Investments	..	1017	10	8
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Auckland Hospital Board Debs.	..	1021	5	0
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Auckland C.C. Debentures	..	1016	5	0
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P.O. Savings Bank ..	..	127	6	3
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32,458 1 11

General Secretary's Residence	..	1335	0	0
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Less Depreciation	..	70	0	0
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1265 0 0

Less Mortg. F.I. Board	415	2	3
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Less Loan ..	380	0	0
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595 2 3

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469 17 9

Paper Paid in Advance	..	100	9	6
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N.Z. Govt. Stock 3% ..	..	4294	14	0
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4% ..	..	2042	14	9
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National Savings Certificates	..	716	9	6
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P.O. Savings Bank	..	524	17	2
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Loan Pitt Street Trustees	..	1025	15	9
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Bank of New Zealand ..	..	953	3	4
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£104,618 11 0

**AUDITOR'S REPORT.**—I hereby 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, 1944, as shown by the books of the Society. I have obtained all the information I have required. The amount of Creditors and Debtors in the Solomon Islands is estimated on available information, the value of the Solomon Islands Properties having been excluded from the Balance Sheet.

Auckland, 19th January, 1944.

JOHN G. FREAR, A.P.A.N.Z., A.A.I.S., Auditor.



# METHODIST WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF NEW ZEALAND.

Balance Sheet as at 31st August, 1944.

	LIABILITIES			ASSETS		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sisters' Salaries and Executive Fund	1319	2	6	<b>Credit Balances in Banks 31/8/44—</b>		
Sisters' Salaries Reserve Fund ..	572	12	9	General Account ..	4769	18 10
"Kurahuna" Fund ..	21	7	6	"Kurahuna" Emergency Fund ..	2040	2 3
Medical Fund ..	523	19	5	"Kurahuna" Depreciation Fund ..	536	14 3
Gleanings ..	206	0	1	"Kurahuna" Repairs and Replace-		
Stamp Fund ..	465	16	8	ments ..	33	8 9
Nursing Sister for Teop ..	840	1	3			7380 4 1
Equipment, Maori Youth Extension				"Kurahuna" Treasurer's Cash A/c.		133 3 7
Work ..	332	7	11	Fixed Deposit, National Bank of		
Waimate Sunday School Pennies ..	2	2	0	New Zealand Ltd. ..		100 0 0
Donation, Connexional Fire Insurance				<b>Deposits General Purposes Trust Board—</b>		
Board ..	50	0	0	Solomon Islands Girls' School ..	1907	2 11
"Kurahuna" Capital Fund ..	1	0	0	"Kurahuna" Capital Fund ..	1429	14 1
Home Sisters' Christmas Gifts ..	5	0	0	Doctors' Fund Investment A/c. ..	100	0 0
Solomon Islands Christmas Gift						3436 17 0
Boxes ..	430	8	9	Solomon Islands Capital Fund ..	304	7 8
			4769 18 10	Home Mission Capital Fund ..	178	9 3
"Kurahuna" Emergency Fund ..			2040 2 3			482 16 11
"Kurahuna" Depreciation Fund ..			536 14 3	Drainage Board Debentures ..		500 0 0

"Kurahuna" Repairs and Replacements .. ..	33	8	9	"Kurahuna" Maori Girls' School—				
Somerville ("Kurahuna" Committee) Legacy Fund .. ..	100	0	0	Property .. ..	1650	10	0	
"Kurahuna" Capital Fund .. ..	1429	14	1	Less Depreciation .. ..	23	6	0	
Solomon Islands Girls' School .. ..	1907	2	11		1627	4	0	
Solomon Islands Capital Fund .. ..	304	7	8	Furniture .. ..	240	0	0	
Solomon Islands Doctor Fund .. ..	100	0	0					1867 4 0
Home Mission Capital Fund .. ..	178	9	3	Section in Auckland ( $\frac{1}{4}$ -acre) .. ..				50 0 0
"Kurahuna" Treasurer's Maintenance Account .. ..	133	3	7					
Excess of Assets over Liabilities .. ..	2417	4	0					
	<u>£13,950</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>					<u>£13,950 5 7</u>

I have examined the books and vouchers of the Methodist Women's Missionary Union with the exception of those relating to the Accounts of the "Kurahuna" Maori Girls' School, for which a copy of the audited accounts has been submitted for my inspection.

Certificates relating to all Bank Balances and the Fixed Deposit Account have been produced to me and I have accepted the Certificate of Deposit with the Supernumerary Fund Board and the Certificate of the Secretary of the General Purposes Trust Board with reference to the custody of the Title Deeds of the "Kurahuna" Property, the Auckland Section, and the Drainage Board Debentures.

I certify that, in my opinion, the above Balance Sheet correctly presents the position of the Union's Funds, as shown by its books, at 31st August, 1944.

Wellington,  
16th September, 1944.

I. C. CROFT, Hon. Auditor.



# MOUNT ALBERT AND EPSOM METHODIST ORPHANAGE.

Treasurers: REV. F. E. LEADLEY; Mr. WM. ASTLEY.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 30th September, 1944.

RECEIPTS			
	£	s.	d.
1943, Oct. 1st			
To Balance—Bank of New Zealand	2198	19	10
1944, Sept. 30th—			
To Revenue:			
General Subscriptions:			
per Treasurer ..	235	12	2
per Collector ..	100	15	0
Churches—Collections & Subs.	955	14	2
Sunday Schools & Y.P. Societies	50	9	1
Street Appeal ..	788	5	0
	2130	15	5
Value of goods donated ..	45	8	0
Maintenance ..	1944	12	5
Rents ..	86	10	0
Interest and Dividends ..	1316	11	2
	5523	17	0
To Capital: Bequests:			
Maurice Harding Estate ..	1000	0	0
S. J. Ambury Estate ..	8	10	0
E. Stephenson Estate ..	6	10	0
J. H. Hannan Estate ..	267	3	2
Thos. Miller Estate ..	106	5	0
Amy Hartley Estate ..	30	0	0
Alfred Trenwith Estate ..	100	0	0
	1518	8	2
Balance Purchase Money—			
“Epworth” ..	2000	0	0
Fixed Deposit Bank of N.Z.			
Matured ..	1000	0	0
	4518	8	2

PAYMENTS			
	£	s.	d.
1944, Sept. 30th—			
By Revenue:			
Wages and Commission ..	1294	12	2
Groceries and Provisions ..	1054	11	10
Repairs and Renewals ..	557	9	1
Shoes and Shoe Repairs ..	40	2	5
Fuel and Light ..	157	9	3
Farm and Garden ..	23	1	1
Printing and Stationery ..	89	1	11
Medical and Dental ..	19	13	1
Telephones ..	32	9	0
Travelling Expenses ..	68	16	6
Stamps and Petty Cash ..	58	10	0
Insurance and War Risk ..	55	2	5
Rent of Office & Board Room	40	0	0
Rates on Properties ..	78	9	2
Audit Fee ..	8	8	0
Sundry Expenses ..	3	16	0
Goods Donated and used ..	45	8	0
	3626	19	11
By Capital:			
N.Z. Govt. Stock £1000, 2½%	946	15	0
Victory Bond (Gift) ..	100	0	0
Deposit—			
Auckland Savings Bank ..	1000	0	0
Post Office Savings Bank ..	1000	0	0
Fixed Deposit—Bank of N.Z.	2000	0	0
	5046	15	0
Mt. Roskill: Excavating, etc.	189	17	6
Architects Fee ..	65	0	0
	254	17	6

£12,241 5 0

Epsom, Girls Hostel—			
Hostel	..	1100	0 0
Furnishings	..	266	3 2
			1366 3 2
Balance—Bank of N.Z.	..		1946 9 5
			£12,241 5 0

# Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th September, 1944.

1944, Sept. 30th—	£	s.	d.
To Expenditure as per above Statement ..	3626	19	11
Depreciation : Furnishings .. ..	70	5	8
Motor Van .. ..	35	0	0
Capital A/c.—Excess Revenue Transferred	1791	11	5
	£5,523	17	0

1944, Sept. 30th—	£	s.	d.
By Receipts as per above Statement ..	5523	17	0
	£5,523	17	0

# Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1944.

LIABILITIES		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<b>Endowment Legacies :</b>							
Eliza Gilmore Trust	..				1000	0	0
M. Caughey Preston	..				2000	0	0
John Randall	..				200	0	0
Capital as at 1st Oct., 1943	..	44,521	11	0			
Add Bequests	..	1518	8	2			
Add Revenue Account Excess		1791	11	5			
					47,831	10	7

ASSETS		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<b>Properties :</b>							
Wesley Home—latest Valuation					3985	0	0
Epsom Home—latest Valuation		4230	0	0			
Add Girls' Hostel	..	1100	0	0			
					5330	0	0
14 Railway St.—latest Valuation					775	0	0
Mt. Roskill—cost	..	2723	18	2			
Add Expenditure	..	254	17	6			
					2978	15	8



**Shares—at par :**

Whangarei Gas Co. Ltd.—			
Ordinary Shares—£1	..	1000	0 0
Preference Shares—£1	..	666	0 0
Frank M. Winstone Ltd.—			
Ordinary Shares—£1	..	8700	0 0
			<hr/> 10,366 0 0

**Inscribed Stock and Local Body Deb'ts.**

(including investment of Endowment Legacies)—

N.Z. Govt. Stock, £12,250 at cost		12,355	15 0
National Savings Bond—at cost ..		100	0 0
Auckland City Deb'ts.—at cost ..		500	0 0
Newmarket Boro' Debts.—at cost		500	0 0

<b>Furnishings</b> .. ..	436	13 0	
Add Girls Hostel .. ..	266	3 2	
		<hr/> 702	16 2
Less Depreciation .. ..	70	5 8	
			<hr/> 632 10 6

<b>Motor Van</b> .. ..	175	0 0	
Less Depreciation .. ..	35	0 0	
		<hr/> 140	0 0

<b>Farm Stock</b> .. ..	20	0 0	
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**Bank Balances :**

Auckland Savings Bank ..	4402	0 0	
Post Office Savings Bank ..	4000	0 0	
National Savings Investment A/c.	1000	0 0	
Bank of N.Z.—Fixed Deposit ..	2000	0 0	
Current Account	1946	9 5	

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£51,031 10 7

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£51,031 10 7

Trounson Bequest—with General Purposes Trust Board .. ..	525	0 0	
John Sheat Bequest—with Public Trust	2347	19 2	

**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, 1944, as shown by the books of the Trust.

30th September, 1944.

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, 1944.**

RECEIPTS				£	s.	d.
To Balance 1st Oct., 1943..	..	..	..	83	18	6
Donations ..	..	..	..	26	3	3
Circuit Collections ..	..	..	..	505	17	1
Maintenance Fees ..	..	..	..	742	2	10
<b>Wellington Board :</b>						
Grants ..	..	..	..	650	0	0
Mrs. Foster—Interest..	..	..	..	14	8	9
Chism Estate ..	..	..	..	1	7	6
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				£2,023	17	11

PAYMENTS				£	s.	d.
By Salaries and Wages ..	..	..	..	572	18	7
General House Expenses ..	..	..	..	626	12	3
Clothing and Drapery ..	..	..	..	310	6	10
Light and Heat ..	..	..	..	119	11	3
Printing and Stationery ..	..	..	..	21	2	6
Repairs and Renewals ..	..	..	..	151	3	6
<b>Miscellaneous :</b>						
Dental and Medical ..	..	..	..	£74	0	8
less Refunds ..	..	..	..	51	0	0
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Telephone Rental ..	..	..	..	23	0	8
Employers Liability Insurance ..	..	..	..	13	10	0
Bank Fees ..	..	..	..	2	14	5
Advertising ..	..	..	..	3	16	9
Sundries ..	..	..	..	2	14	6
Balance 30th Sept., 1944 ..	..	..	..	38	14	9
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				137	11	11
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				£2,023	17	11



# METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME, MASTERTON.

Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1944.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Sundry Creditors .. .. .	.. .. .	107	2 1	Cash at Bank of New Zealand .. ..	.. ..	137	11 11
Newcombe Trust .. .. .	.. .. .	0	2 6	Furnishings, etc. .. ..	£153 0 0		
Balance—being excess of Assets over Liabilities		168	7 4	less Depreciation .. ..	15 0 0	138	0 0
		£275	11 11			£275	11 11

Audited and found correct.

W. R. NICOL, Treasurer.

D. A. BARNES }  
F. E. WELLS } Auditors.

**SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME.**

**Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1944.**

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
A. H. Fletcher—Forward .. ..	342	0	2	Home, Buildings and Grounds—			
Add Receipts .. ..	85	0	0	Home and Outbuildings ..	19,162	2	6
				Less Depreciation .. ..	300	0	0
	427	0	2				18,862 2 6
Less Payments .. ..	88	15	10	Grounds .. ..			4363 17 0
				Furnishings .. ..	701	16	0
				Less Depreciation .. ..	70	0	0
Permanent Capital A/c.—Forward	8914	5	8				631 16 0
Add Legacies .. ..	1098	6	1	Tennis Courts .. ..	90	0	0
Add A. Cowie Trust.. ..	50	0	0	Less Depreciation .. ..	18	0	0
							72 0 0
			338 4 4	Asphalting .. ..	175	0	0
Accumulated Funds—Forward ..	29,552	1	6	Less Depreciation .. ..	30	0	0
Less Deficiency on Income A/c.	612	3	9				145 0 0
							24,074 15 6
			10,062 11 9	Live Stock .. ..	40	6	8
				Less Depreciation .. ..	5	0	0
			28,939 17 9				35 6 8
				Implements and Tools ..	190	10	0
				Less Depreciation .. ..	20	0	0
							170 10 0



£39,340 13 10

Christchurch,  
16th November, 1944.

E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z.,  
Auditor.

# **SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME.**

**Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th September, 1944.**

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EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Salaries and Wages ..	1585	16	6	By Interest Received ..	58	7	4
House Supplies ..	1011	17	5	Donations and Collections ..	852	4	0
Drapery, Clothing, etc. ..	462	10	4	Maintenance Fees ..	1665	13	6
Lighting and Heating ..	264	3	9	Rent ..	55	6	3
Repairs, Renewals & Maintenance	142	14	2	Combined Orphanages Appeal..	739	0	0
Stationery, Stamps and General							
Expenses ..	170	17	3				
Petty Cash—Matron ..	102	5	5	Capital Account :			
Insurances ..	23	10	1	Legacies ..	1098	6	1
Miscellaneous and Sundry Exps.	145	17	6	A. Cowie Trust ..	50	0	0
			3909 12 5				1148 6 1
Depreciation Written off ..			475 0 0	A. H. Fletcher Trust Account :			
A. H. Fletcher Trust Account :				Income Received ..	85	0	0
Expenditure, Clothing, Fees,				Balance to Debit ..	3	15	10
Fares and Sundries ..			88 15 10				
Permanent Capital Account :							88 15 10
Transfer A. Cowie Trust ..	50	0	0	Net Income of Investment Board			
Transfer Legacies ..	1098	6	1	Awaiting Transfer ..			401 17 7
			1148 6 1	Balance—Net Deficiency for Year			612 3 9
			£5,621 14 4				£5,621 14 4

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME



# SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE INVESTMENT BOARD.

Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1944.

LIABILITIES			ASSETS		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Investment Fluctuation Reserve .. ..	228	11 2	Mortgages .. ..	2969	15 1
Capital Account—Forward .. ..	11,202	19 2	Local Body Debentures .. ..	5000	0 0
S.I. Methodist Orphanage Account .. ..	346	12 5	N.Z. Govt. Inscribed Stock. .. ..	1980	0 0
Income for Year 1943-44—awaiting transfer	401	17 7	Liberty Bonds .. ..	4	0 0
			National Savings Investment Interest accrued thereon .. ..	1108	7 0
			Secured Deposit Stock—N.Z. Farmers' Co-op. Assn. .. ..	350	0 0
			Methodist Supernumerary Fund Board Deposit Account .. ..	200	12 2
			Post Office Savings Bank .. ..	259	16 4
			Bank of New Zealand .. ..	307	9 9
	<u>£12,180</u>	<u>0 4</u>		<u>£12,180</u>	<u>0 4</u>

## Income Account for Year Ended 30th September, 1944.

	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Bank Charges .. ..	0	10 0	By Interest Earned .. ..	452	7 7
Transfer to Investment Fluctuation Reserve	50	0 0			
Balance .. ..	401	17 7			
	<u>£452</u>	<u>7 7</u>		<u>£452</u>	<u>7 7</u>

I have audited the accounts of the above Investment Board for the year ended 30th September, 1944, and in my opinion the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up to show a true and correct view of the affairs of the Board as shown by the Books. All my requirements as Auditor have been complied with.

Christchurch,  
November 16th, 1944.

E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z.,  
Auditor.

Cash in Hand  
P.O. Savings I

STATIONARY STATE OF THE SYSTEM

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**METHODIST DEACONESS INSTITUTION.**  
**Balance Sheet as at 31st December., 1944.**

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Mortgage (less £200 reduction) ..			600 0 0	Property (less depreciation £100) ..	3550	0	0
Unpaid Accounts:				Furnishings .. ..	250	0	0
Aga Cooker.. ..	100	0	0				3800 0 0
Rates .. ..	60	11	3	Aga Cooker .. ..			100 0 0
December Account (estimated)	50	0	0	Deaconess Allowances Advanced ..			11 15 0
			210 11 3	Property Reserve P.O. Savings Bank	79	7	5
Excess of Assets over Liabilities ..			3565 0 0	Interest accrued .. ..	9	13	10
							89 1 3
				Balances: Bank of New Zealand	361	15	0
				Cash in Hand .. ..	13	0	0
							374 15 0
			<u>£4,375 11 3</u>				<u>£4,375 11 3</u>

J. H. ALLEN, Chairman.  
D. O. WILLIAMS, Treasurer.  
A. N. SCOTTER, Secretary.

Audited and found correct.  
**ARTHUR R. SHERRIS, A.R.A.N.Z.**  
January 23rd, 1945.

# METHODIST CENTENNIAL THANKSGIVING FUND.

Receipts and Payments Account as at 30th September, 1944.

RECEIPTS					PAYMENT				
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
To Balances as at 1/10/43:					By Salaries: Wilson .. ..	70	0	2	
P.O.S.B. .. ..	12,918	1	4		Office .. ..	92	17	3	
Bank .. ..	647	16	11						162 17 5
Petty Cash .. ..	2	7	6		Organiser's Expenses:				
Bonds .. ..	32	17	9		Wilson .. ..	3	0	0	
				13,601 3 6	Johnston .. ..	18	1	6	
Cash Donations .. ..				3780 0 1					21 1 6
Interest Received .. ..				133 9 3	Organiser's Honorarium ..				63 10 0
Interest Accrued .. ..				138 13 6	Office Rent .. ..				26 0 0
					Sundry Expenses .. ..				57 4 0
					Payments to Trusts .. ..				1070 17 8
					Balances as at 30/9/44:				
					P.O.S.B. .. ..	13,051	10	7	
					Interest Accrued.. ..		138	13	6
									13,190 4 1
					Bank .. ..	2190	15	11	
					Petty Cash .. ..		3	17	10
					Bonds .. ..		38	17	9
					Cash in Hand .. ..	828	0	2	
									16,251 15 9
									£17,653 6 4
				£17,653 6 4					



# METHODIST CENTENNIAL THANKSGIVING FUND.

Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1944.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<b>Balances held for Connexional Objectives :</b>							Cash in Hand	..	..	828	0	2	
T.M.G.C. .. ..	7343	8	4				Bank	..	..	2190	15	11	
Embarrassed Trusts .. ..	119	8	8				Petty Cash	..	..	3	17	10	
Deaconess Institution .. ..	158	11	8				Bonds	..	..	38	17	9	
New Housing Areas .. ..	443	3	8										3061 11 8
Youth Dept. .. ..	25	0	0				Connexional Objectives Overdrawn :						
Overseas Missions .. ..	172	18	9				Otakau .. ..	..	..	140	19	4	
				8262	11	1	Deaconess Retiring Fund	..	..	671	12	6	
Unallocated .. ..				4954	19	11							812 11 10
Specified Trusts .. ..				766	11	10	Specified Trusts Overdrawn	..	..				746 9 1
Donations for Particular Trusts (al-							Sundry Trusts (as per Contra)	..	..				8612 12 6
ready paid out—see Contra) :							P.O.S.B. .. ..	..	..				13,190 4 1
1941 .. ..	5219	7	4										
1942 .. ..	998	1	2										
1943 .. ..	1324	6	4										
1944 .. ..	1070	17	8										
						8612 12 6							
General Fund .. ..	7949	0	4										
Less Expenses .. ..	4122	6	6										
				3826	13	10							
				£26,423	9	2							£26,423 9 2

I hereby certify that I have examined the books of the Methodist Centennial Thanksgiving Fund, and in my opinion the Balance Sheet shows a true and correct position of the Fund as at 30th September, 1944.

R. B. VERRY, A.R.A.N.Z., Auditor.

# **NEW ZEALAND CENTENNIAL METHODIST THANKSGIVING FUND.**

**Position as at 30th September, 1944.**

## **DISTRICT SUMMARY.**

District	Connexional			Local			Cancelled			Outstanding		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland ..	5685	11	10	7116	8	4	506	10	0	1864	19	2
S. Auckland ..	4398	13	7	5751	6	4	569	0	0	2775	13	0
Taranaki- Wanganui	3064	3	7	3266	6	8	141	13	0	2155	4	10
Hawke's Bay- Manawatu	4873	10	7	5577	1	0	155	13	0	2109	8	4
Wellington ..	3760	14	5	3941	6	1	305	3	6	1180	14	2
Nelson ..	2265	4	10	2890	7	4	59	0	0	729	7	2
N. Canterbury	3562	17	4	8101	15	6	328	6	4	1711	19	2
S. Canterbury	1731	15	9	3229	8	2	..			751	6	0
Otago-Southland	1365	17	2	6934	14	4	93	5	0	2823	14	5
Miscellaneous..	362	11	0	..			..			..		
	31,071	0	1	46,808	13	9	2,158	10	10	16,102	6	3



# WAR SERVICES AND CHAPLAINCY FUND.

Cash Statement for period from 5th January, 1944 to 22nd January, 1945.

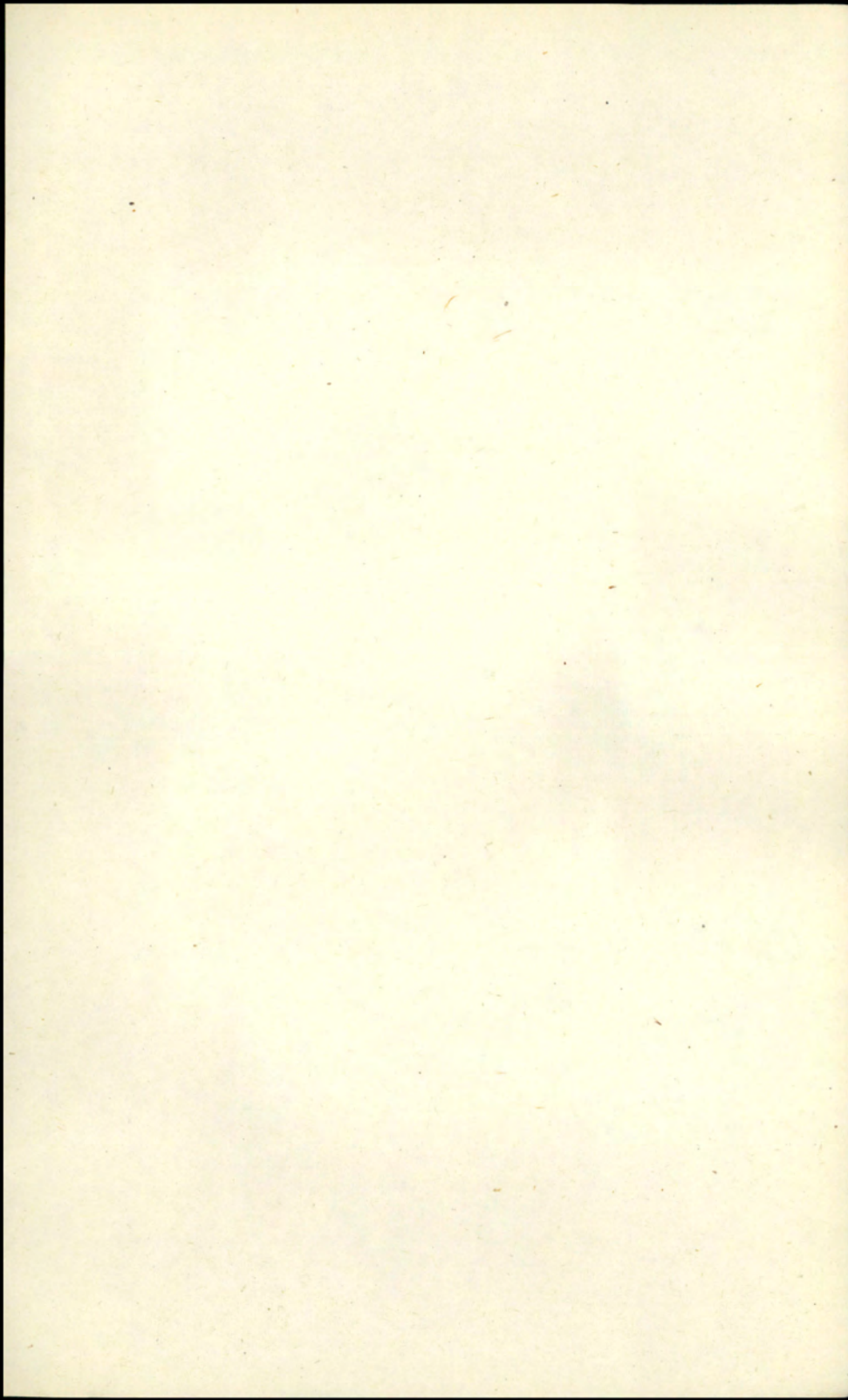
RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS			
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance as at 8th Jan., 1944	..	54 8 4	By <b>Furnishing Grants, etc.</b>			
Circuit Collections and Donations	..	626 10 5	Padre J. B. Dawson	..	100 0 0	
Grant: Contingent Fund	..	30 0 0	Padre V. R. Jamieson	..	30 0 0	
Interest: P.O. Savings Bank	..	2 7 9	Padre T. Skuse	..	25 0 0	
			Padre F. G. Brown	..	25 0 0	
					180 0 0	
			<b>Supernumerary Fund to 31/3/45:</b>			
			Circuit Levies	..	287 10 0	
			Personal Subscriptions	..	150 0 0	
					437 10 0	
			Literature and Supplies	..	19 0 9	
			Expenses (Senior Chaplain Parker)		10 0 0	
			Bank Fees, Exchange and Stamps		4 10 0	
			<b>Bank Balances:</b>			
			P.O. Savings Bank	..	33 6 3	
			Bank of New Zealand	..	28 19 6	
					62 5 9	
					£713 6 6	
		£713 6 6				

H. de R. FLESHER } Trustees.  
M. A. RUGBY PRATT }

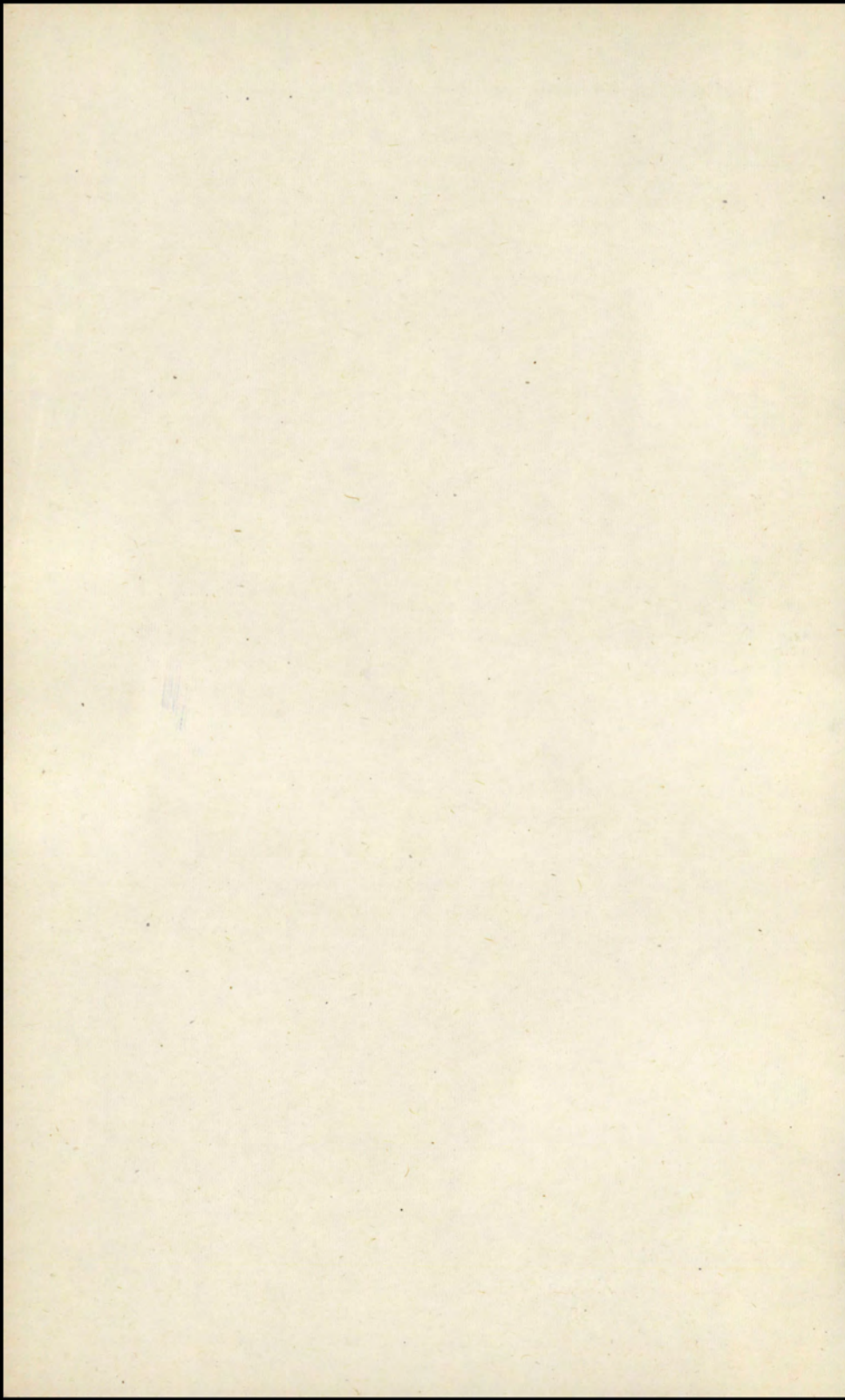
Christchurch, 24th January, 1945.

Audited and found correct.

E. R. THOMAS, F.I.I.A., A.C.S.N.Z. } Auditors.  
W. A. HADLEE, A.R.A.N.Z. }







**THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.**  
**HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.**

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the year ended 15th January, 1945.

Treasurers: REV. H. J. ODELL and MR. FRANK PENN.

**RECEIPTS.**

**AUCKLAND DISTRICT.**

**Circuits.**

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland Central	387	1	2			
Ditto, 1943	100	0	0			
Auckland Central Mission	18	16	10			
Auckland West	37	7	7			
Auckland East	440	3	3			
Ditto, 1943	5	10	0			
Auckland - Avondale	165	4	9			
Auckland-Devonport	48	17	2			
Auckland - Takapuna	45	2	4			
Auckland-Birkenhead	61	16	10			
Ditto, 1943	1	17	0			
Onehunga	67	5	4			
Otahuhu	84	9	11			
Papakura	50	18	7			
Pukekohe	49	17	0			
Waiuku	48	11	10			
Ditto, 1943	13	5	2			
Mahurangi	25	14	0			
Paparoa	28	12	1			
Dargaville	31	3	5			
Ruawai	25	15	0			
Whangarei	30	6	2			
Whangaroa	22	3	0			
Port Albert	38	0	0			
Kawakawa	17	12	4			
Mangonui	55	0	0			
Hokianga	30	1	0			

**Home Mission Stations.**

Bombay - Tuakau	39	18	3
North Waitemata	10	12	0
Bay of Islands	13	16	6
North Hokianga	17	8	4
Maori Missions	142	11	0
			2,157 17 10

**SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.**

**Circuits.**

Thames	29	4	4
Hauraki Plains	3	6	8
Ditto, 1943	1	11	9
Paeroa	44	5	0
Waihi			
Te Aroha	93	1	4
Morrinsville	134	14	6
Cambridge	41	2	7
Hamilton	289	5	2
Ditto, 1943	1	10	
Hamilton East			
Huntly	10	0	1
Matamata	82	12	9
Ditto, 1943	5	0	0
Putaruru	15	2	10
Ditto, 1943	3	8	9
Rotorua	24	17	6
Tauranga	85	2	11
Whakatane	10	18	0
Opotiki	23	10	2
Te Awamutu	31	14	6
Ditto, 1943	21	19	10
Otorohanga	20	13	3

**EXPENDITURE.**

**Maori Missions.**

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Stipends, Traveling and Rents				6	744	19 2

**Specials.**

Sunday School						
Materials	10	0	0			
Printing Leaflets	30	0	0			
South Island Travelling	15	0	0			
Workers' Conference	50	0	0			
Students	55	0	0			
"Methodist Times"	5	0	0			
Contingencies	150	0	0			
Subsidy Maori Paper	30	0	0			
Furniture	115	0	0			
Removal Expenses	50	0	0			
Bible Class Camps	40	0	0			
				550	0	0
				£7,294	19	2

**AUCKLAND DISTRICT.**

**Home Mission Stations.**

North Waitemata	99	7	6
Ditto, Special	65	0	0
Bombay - Tuakau	15	0	0
Bay of Islands	10	0	0
North Hokianga	50	0	0

**Circuit with Home Missionary.**

Whangarei-Hikurangi	15	0	0
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**Aided Circuits.**

Mahurangi	10	0	0
Hokianga	60	0	0
Whangaroa	30	0	0
Kawakawa-Kaikohu	45	0	0
Ditto, Special	50	0	0
Mangonui	35	0	0
Ruawai	25	0	0
Port Albert	18	15	0
			528 2 6

**SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.**

**Home Mission Stations.**

Coromandel	70	0	0
Kawhia	48	15	0
Ditto, Special			
Travelling	25	0	0
Ohura	30	0	0

**Aided Circuits.**

Taumarunui	98	15	0
Te Kuiti	52	10	0
Rotorua	47	10	0
Hauraki Plains	48	15	0
Opotiki	40	0	0
Whakatane	20	0	0
Waihi	11	5	0
Raglan, Special	30	0	0

**Circuit with Home Missionary.**

Tauranga-Te Puke	3	15	0
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**Specials from Peak Legacy.**

Taumarunui	10	0	0
Kawhia	10	0	0
			546 5 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 ..	10	13	8			
Taumarunui ..	—	—	—			

**Home Mission Stations.**

Ngaruawahia ..	—	—	—			
Ditto, 1943 ..	3	1	1			
Coromandel ..	26	11	0			
Kawhia ..	15	0				
Ohura ..	2	10	5			
Maori Missions ..	73	10	6			
				1,088	15	5

**TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.**

**Circuits.**

New Plymouth ..	118	0	8			
Ditto, 1943 ..	6	11	4			
Waitara ..	12	2	0			
Stratford ..	46	2	8			
Eltham-Kaponga ..	26	12	6			
Hawera ..	70	2	0			
Mania ..	6	3	4			
Opunake ..	90	17	3			
Wanganui ..	5	0	0			
Ditto, 1943 ..	66	16	6			
Wanganui North ..	51	10	3			
Gonville ..	30	10	0			
Taihape ..	12	18	6			

**Home Mission Stations.**

Inglewood ..	16	15	1			
Marton ..	26	16	3			
Raetihi ..	15	0	0			
Patea ..	7	19	10			
Maori Missions ..	14	17	2			
				624	15	4

**HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.**

**Circuits.**

Napier ..	155	4	10			
Hastings ..	100	4	5			
Ditto, 1943 ..	20	0	0			
Gisborne ..	45	14	2			
Waioa ..	9	0	6			
Ditto, 1943 ..	6	0	0			
Dannevirke ..	6	15	7			
Woodville ..	30	3	2			
Pahiatua ..	44	6	11			
Palmerston North—						
St. Paul's ..	106	5	1			
Cuba Street ..	101	7	10			
Ashurst - Bunny-						
thorpe ..	48	9	1			
Feilding ..	161	12	3			
Sanson-Rongotea ..	34	17	4			
Ditto, 1943 ..	7	6				

**Home Mission Stations.**

Waipawa ..	19	19	4			
Ditto, 1943 ..	1	19	10			
Foxton - Shannon ..	17	10	8			
Apiti ..	—	—	—			
Norsewood ..	7	8	9			
				945	7	3

**WELLINGTON DISTRICT.**

**Circuits.**

Wellington—						
Central ..	230	9	10			
Webb Street ..	12	0	0			
West ..	76	8	10			
Ditto, 1943 ..	67	0	7			
South ..	71	12	9			
East ..	128	13	6			

**EXPENDITURE.**

**TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.**

**Home Mission Stations.**

Inglewood ..	13	15	0			
Patea ..	53	15	0			
Ditto, Special ..	25	0	0			
Marton ..	50	0	0			

**Aided Circuits.**

Waitara ..	22	10	0			
Taihape ..	33	15	0			

**Special from Peak Legacy.**

Patea ..	10	0	0			
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**Special from Fugle Legacy.**

Waitara ..	20	0	0			
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228 15 0

**HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.**

**Home Mission Stations.**

Waipawa ..	50	0	0			
Foxton - Shannon ..	30	0	0			
Ditto, Special ..	30	0	0			
Apiti ..	30	0	0			

**Aided Circuits.**

Waioa ..	18	15	0			
Ditto, Transport ..	18	15	0			
Woodville ..	36	5	0			
Pahiatua ..	26	5	0			

240 0 0

**WELLINGTON DISTRICT.**

**Home Mission Stations.**

Paraparaumu ..	80	0	0			
Ditto, Special ..	30	0	0			
Upper Hutt ..	25	0	0			

**Aided Circuits.**

Wellington East ..	82	10	0			
Hutt ..	131	5	0			
Greytown—						
Featherston ..	15	0	0			
Eketahuna ..	30	0	0			
Otaki ..	31	5	0			
Webb Street ..	28	15	0			

453 15 0

**NELSON DISTRICT.**

**Home Mission Stations.**

Granity ..	50	0	0			
Havelock ..	20	0	0			
Murchison ..	25	0	0			
Wakefield (One						
Quarter) ..	3	15	0			

**Aided Circuits.**

Westport ..	20	0	0			
Reefton ..	25	0	0			

143 15 0

**NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.**

**Home Mission Stations.**

Tai Tapu ..	25	0	0			
Waddington ..	30	0	0			
Ditto, Special ..	32	6	5			

**Aided Circuits.**

Sydenham ..	33	15	0			
Riccarton ..	20	0	0			
Lytelton ..	35	0	0			
Ditto, Maori ..	5	0	0			
Springston ..	20	0	0			

**THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.**  
**HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.**  
**Statement of Receipts and Expenditure—Continued.**

**RECEIPTS.**

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Johnsonville—						
Ngalo ..	58	12	2			
Hutt ..	197	15	10			
Petone ..	28	10	8			
Greytown—						
Featherston ..	21	5	0			
Carterton ..	28	16	6			
Masterton ..	151	1	4			
Eketahuna ..	31	13	8			
Levin ..	78	13	3			
Ditto, 1943 ..	15	0				
Otaki ..	15	12	7			
<b>Home Mission Stations.</b>						
Paraparaumu ..	14	15	1			
Upper Hutt ..	22	0	0			
				1,145	16	6

**NELSON DISTRICT.**

**Circuits.**

Nelson ..	86	1	2
Ditto, 1943 ..	3	0	0
Richmond ..	32	13	9
Motueka ..	49	0	4
Blenheim ..	178	16	9
Reefton ..	17	15	0
Westport ..	27	2	2
Greymouth ..	52	17	6
Hokitika ..	27	16	2
<b>Home Mission Stations.</b>			
Wakefield—			
Dovedale ..	1	0	0
Havelock ..			
Murchison ..	6	2	1
Granity ..	7	12	5
			489 17 4

**NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.**

**Circuits.**

Christchurch—			
Durham Street ..	117	7	3
Ditto, 1943 ..	10	18	0
East ..	306	16	2
Cambridge Tee. ..	40	0	0
Woolston ..	89	9	2
Sydenham ..	44	8	9
Addington ..	63	8	7
Riccarton ..	44	17	5
St. Albans ..	159	14	0
Ditto, 1943 ..	39	0	5
Papanui ..	70	14	1
Ditto, 1943 ..	29	5	4
Lytelton ..	10	8	9
Springston ..	19	3	11
Leeston ..	49	16	6
Kalapoi ..	67	11	9
Ohoka ..	52	9	8
Rangiora ..	47	12	6
Woodend - Sefton ..	29	15	6
Greendale ..	16	14	10
Oxford ..	49	3	11
<b>Home Mission Stations.</b>			
Tai Tapu ..	19	18	5
Hawarden ..	5	10	6
Waddington ..	9	2	0
			1,393 7 5

**SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.**

**Circuits.**

Timaru—			
Banks Street ..	40	11	4
Woodlands St. ..	61	13	1
South ..	21	8	1

**EXPENDITURE.**

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Oxford ..	20	0	0			
Woolston (One Quarter) ..	7	10	0			
				228	11	5
<b>SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.</b>						
<b>Aided Circuits.</b>						
Temuka ..	35	0	0			
Ditto, Maori ..	5	0	0			
Geraldine ..	60	0	0			
Ditto, Special ..	20	0	0			
Timaru South ..	37	10	0			
				157	10	0

**OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.**

**Home Mission Stations.**

Bluff ..	35	0	0
Dunedin North ..	50	0	0
Waikouaiti ..	75	0	0
Mosgiel ..	50	0	0
Edendale ..	20	0	0
Balclutha ..	60	0	0
Nightcaps ..	65	0	0
Ditto, Special ..	25	0	0
Otautau ..	25	0	0
Cromwell (One Quarter) ..	12	10	0
<b>Aided Circuits.</b>			
Caversham ..	17	10	0
Milton ..	60	0	0
Port Chalmers ..	52	10	0
Roslyn ..	15	0	0
Roxburgh ..	72	10	0
Cargill Road (One Quarter) ..	12	10	0
			647 10 0

**GENERAL.**

<b>General Superintendent—</b>			
Stipend ..	300	0	0
Travelling ..	125	0	0
Rent ..	150	0	0
			575 0 0
<b>Assistant Superintendent—</b>			
Stipend ..	275	0	0
Travelling ..	100	0	0
Rent ..	150	0	0
			525 0 0
Treasurer's Incidental Expenses ..	2	12	0
Connexional Charges ..	100	0	0
			102 12 0
<b>Office.</b>			
Rent ..	68	7	0
Telephones and Toll ..	55	3	2
Electric Power ..	7	13	5
Salaries ..	283	7	6
			414 11 1

**Interest, etc.**

Interest on Overdraft ..	143	1	3
Cheque Books, etc. ..	3	10	0
Deputation Expenses ..	166	4	8
			312 15 11



## Statement of Receipts and Expenditure—Continued.

770 10 9

**THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.  
HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.**

**Statement of Receipts and Expenditure—Continued.**

**RECEIPTS.**

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Anonymous ..	5	15	0			
Sister Lily White ..	4	0	0			
Miss L. G. White ..	5	0	0			
Rev. B. M. Chry-						
stall ..	3	3	0			
B. K. Roigard ..	2	0	0			
"A Friend" ..	1	0	0			
Auckland D.Y.C. ..	28	10	0			
Pitt St. Y.P. ..	12	0	0			
Dominion Road						
Y.P. ..	7	18	8			
North Auckland						
Y.C. ..	1	11	6			
Otago Camp ..	1	0	0			
South Canterbury						
Y.C. ..	1	18	6			
South Auckland						
Y.M.B.C. ..	1	5	0			
Otago D.Y.C. ..		5	0			
Otago Y.W.B.C. ..						
Aux. Group ..	4	5	0			
Y.M.B.C. Camp,						
Long Bay ..	1	12	0			
				178	3	10

**Legacies.**

Fugle ..	20	0	0			
Miss M. Peak ..	75	0	0			
				95	0	0

£13,835 2 6

Debit Balance, 15th Jan.,						
1945 ..				1,331	6	4

**EXPENDITURE.**

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought Forward				13,912	0	7
Debit Balance, 15th Jan.,						
1944 ..				1,254	8	3

We have examined the Books and Vouchers of the Methodist Home Mission and Church Extension Department for the year ended 15th January, 1945. 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 }  
P. DELLOW } Auditors.

£15,166 8 10

£15,166 8 10



**METHODIST HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD.**  
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 15th JANUARY, 1945.

To Balances as at 15th January, 1944—				By Interest Transferred			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Maintenance A/S. . . . .				Direct to Home Mission Fund . . . . .	2,073	15	7
.. Capital Awaiting Investment—				.. Interest per Mornington . . . . .	4	0	0
Sinking Funds . . . . .	2,401	5	4				
General . . . . .	1,372	15	9				2,077 15 7
.. Cash on A/c. Capital—				.. Capital Invested—			
Gorman Estate . . . . .	4,781	16	8	Buddle Memorial			
Investments . . . . .	7,950	0	0	Gift . . . . .	5	0	0
Estate late J. J. B. Veale . . . . .	1	5	0	Buttle Memorial			
" " Miss Nixon . . . . .	2	10	0	Gift . . . . .	50	0	0
" " A. B. C. Willis . . . . .	2	15	8	Properties . . . . .	2,168	6	7
" " Wake Estate . . . . .	112	10	0	Mortgages . . . . .	600	0	0
" " A. Trenwith . . . . .	100	0	0	Loans . . . . .	4,010	0	0
" " Miss N. Peak . . . . .	75	0	0	Govt. Inscribed			
" " R. G. Denton . . . . .	75	0	0	Stock . . . . .	9,350	0	0
" " Agnes Ellis . . . . .	7	0	0	Debentures . . . . .	2,100	0	0
" " Agnes Rennie . . . . .	3	2		National Savings			
				Certificates . . . . .	400	0	0
.. New Capital Buddle Gift . . . . .	5	0	0				18,683 6 7
.. New Capital Buttle Gift . . . . .	50	0	0	.. Balance Maintenance			
				Account . . . . .			243 19 3
.. New Capital Sinking Funds . . . . .	323	10	8	.. Capital Awaiting In-			
				vestment . . . . .			2,555 11 5
.. Repayment Mortgage and Loans . . . . .	3,928	5	9				
.. Proceeds Walkare Native House . . . . .	50	0	0				
.. Interest from Home Mission Fund . . . . .	117	6	3				
" " Wake Estate . . . . .	85	8	8				
" " Canterbury Insee. Stock . . . . .	38	13	0				
" " Gorman Capital . . . . .	363	4	11				
" " Auckland Investments . . . . .	1,421	2	9				
" " Mornington Investments . . . . .	4	0	0				
.. 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				
.. Nett Income Maintenance A/cs. . . . .							

# METHODIST HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD.

STATEMENT OF CAPITAL AS AT 15th JANUARY, 1945.

Treasurers: REV. H. J. ODELL and MR. FRANK PENN.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Capital as at 15th January, 1944—							By Loans on Mortgage .. .. .	4,060	0	0
Legacies and Memorial Gifts .. .. .	41,770	4	7				.. Debentures .. .. .	7,000	0	0
Buddle Memorial Gift .. .. .	75	5	0				.. Government Inscribed Stock (excluding Canterbury Investment) .. .. .	21,330	0	0
Buttle Memorial Gift .. .. .	100	0	0				.. Canterbury Inscribed Stock .. .. .	1,100	0	0
Car Replacement A/c... .. .	695	3	3				.. Properties .. .. .	16,495	15	5
Sinking Funds... .. .	2,401	5	4				.. Car Replacement A/c. (Lodged with Maori Workers' Car A/c.) .. .. .	695	3	2
				45,041	18	1	.. Buddle Memorial Gift (Auckland Savings Bank) .. .. .	80	5	0
.. New Capital during year—							.. Buttle Memorial Gift (Auckland Savings Bank) .. .. .	150	0	0
Gorman Estate .. .. .	12,731	16	8				.. Special Loans .. .. .	3,807	14	3
J. J. B. Veale Estate .. .. .	1	5	0				.. Shares .. .. .	854	0	0
Miss Nixon Estate .. .. .	2	10	0				.. National Savings Certificates .. .. .	400	0	0
A. B. C. Wills Estate .. .. .	2	15	8				.. Balance Bank of New Zealand—Capital Awaiting Investment .. .. .	2,555	11	5
Wake Estate .. .. .	112	10	0							
A. Trenwith Estate .. .. .	100	0	0							
Miss M. Peak Estate .. .. .	75	0	0							
R. G. Denton Estate .. .. .	75	0	0							
Agnes Rennie Estate .. .. .	3	2								
Agnes Ellis Estate .. .. .	7	0	0							
				13,108	0	6				
.. Sinking Funds—										
New Capital .. .. .	429	8	2							
Less Disbursed .. .. .	105	17	6							
				323	10	8				
.. Buddle Memorial Gift .. .. .	50	0	0							
.. Buddle Memorial Gift .. .. .	5	0	0							
				55	0	0				
				£58,528	9	3				
								£58,528	9	3



# STATEMENT OF SAMUEL AND CLARA MATILDA GORMAN HOME MISSION BEQUEST.

(Abstracted from the foregoing Statement of Receipts and Payments.)

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Capital at 16th January, 1944 .. ..	5,049	0	0	By Interest to Home Mission Fund .. ..	363	4	11
„ New Capital .. ..	12,731	16	8	„ Capital as at 15th January, 1945 .. ..	17,780	16	8
„ Interest received during year .. ..	363	4	11				
	£18,144	1	7		£18,144	1	7

## REV. AND MRS. THOMAS BUDDLE CENTENNIAL GIFT.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance as at 16th January, 1944 .. ..	75	5	0	By Interest expended on Libraries .. ..	1	18	1
„ New Capital .. ..	5	0	0	„ Balance at 15th January, 1945 .. ..	80	5	0
„ Interest .. ..	1	18	1				
	£82	3	1		£82	3	1

## REV. AND MRS. BUTTLE CENTENNIAL GIFT.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance as at 16th January, 1944 .. ..	100	0	0	By Interest expended Wesley College .. ..	2	11	0
„ New Capital .. ..	50	0	0	„ Balance at 15th January, 1945 .. ..	150	0	0
„ Interest .. ..	2	11	0				
	£152	11	0		£152	11	0

# MISS K. TROUNSON CENTENNIAL GIFT.

To Balance as at 16th January, 1944 .. ..	£115 0 0	By Balance at 15th January, 1945 .. ..	£115 0 0
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# HOME MISSIONARIES' REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance at 16th January, 1944 .. ..	196	9	6	By Removal Expenses .. ..	102	13	4
„ Circuit Levies .. ..	145	0	0	„ Balance at 15th January, 1945 .. ..	308	16	2
„ Home Mission Subsidy .. ..	45	0	0				
„ Fire Insurance Fund .. ..	25	0	0				
	£411	9	6		£411	9	6

# SPECIAL LOANS ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Repaid North Waitemata .. ..	22	5	9	North Waitemata Transport .. ..	190	0	0
Repair Kohukohu .. ..	180	0	0	Kohukohu Parsonage .. ..	600	0	0
Balance .. ..	3,807	14	3	Russell Sunday School .. ..	220	0	0
	£4,010	0	0	Auckland Youth Camps .. ..	3,000	0	0
					£4,010	0	0



# METHODIST MISSION PROPERTY.

## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDED 15th JANUARY, 1945.

Treasurers: Rev. H. J. Odell and Mr. Frank Penn.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance as at 16th January, 1944 .. .. .				50	0	1	By Payments Home Mission Fund .. .. .				130	0	0
„ Rents—							„ Office Rent .. .. .				8	10	0
Kaeo .. .. .	39	0	0				„ Rates .. .. .				18	19	7
Mangawhare .. .. .	48	0	0				„ Secretarial Work .. .. .				10	0	0
Opononi .. .. .	10	10	0				„ Land Tax .. .. .				3	13	0
Mt. Wesley .. .. .	78	0	0				„ Sundries .. .. .				4	9	2
				175	10	0	„ Credit Balance—						
„ Repayment Opononi .. .. .				21	10	0	Capital .. .. .	66	15	0			
							Revenue A/c. .. .. .	4	13	4			
											71	8	4
				£247	0	1					£247	0	1

# BALANCE SHEET.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Accumulated Funds, 16th January, 1944 .. .. .	10,231	16	8				By Mortgages .. .. .				5,000	0	0
„ Revenue Account .. .. .				4	13	4	„ Properties .. .. .				5,165	1	8
							„ Credit Balance—						
							Cash on A/c. Capital .. .. .	66	15	0			
							Cash on Revenue A/c. .. .. .	4	13	4			
											71	8	4
				£10,236	10	0					£10,236	10	0

# METHODIST LITERATURE AND COLPORTEUR SOCIETY.

TRADING ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st JULY, 1944.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Stock, 1/8/43 .. ..	777	1	6				By Sales .. ..	2,586	5	7			
„ Purchases .. ..	2,333	19	4				„ Stock, 31/7/44 .. ..	1,029	13	2			
				3,111	0	10					3,615	18	9
„ Gross Profit .. ..				504	17	11							
				£3,615	18	9					£3,615	18	9

## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To General Expenses .. ..	1	1	4				By Gross Profit .. ..				504	17	11
„ Stamps .. ..	55	0	5				„ Subscriptions .. ..	1	15	6			
„ Cables .. ..	7	8	6				„ Interest .. ..	11	4	3			
„ Salaries .. ..	606	13	0				„ Home Mission Dept. Subsidy	187	10	0			
„ Rent .. ..	69	19	0								200	9	9
„ Freight .. ..		14	2				Less Transferred to Capital						
„ Advertising .. ..		8	10	6			A/c. .. ..				87	6	5
„ Printing and Stationery ..	12	15	8										
„ Insurance .. ..		5	15	5									
„ Bookroom Expenses .. ..	17	16	1										
„ Depreciation .. ..	7	0	0										
				792	14	1							
				£792	14	1					£792	14	1



**PICTURE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT.**

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Working Expenses ..	18	8	7				By Subsidy from H.M. Dept.	30	0	0			
„ Insurance ..	6	13	2				„ Hire of Plant ..	9	11	10			
„ Replacement Reserve ..	15	0	0								39	11	10
				40	1	9	„ Excess Expenditure over Income transferred to Capital A/c.					9	11
				£40	1	9					£40	1	9

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st JULY, 1944.**

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<b>LIABILITIES.</b>							<b>ASSETS.</b>						
Trade Creditors ..				551	8	1	Commercial Bank of Australia ..				746	1	9
Bad Debts Reserve ..				50	0	0	Van Replacement and Reserve—						
Picture Replacement Reserve ..				15	0	0	Auckland Savings Bank	212	2	8			
Capital Account ..	2,093	10	7				Fixed Deposit ..	306	0	0			
Less Loss transferred from P. & L. A/c. ..	87	6	5								518	2	8
							Picture Replacement Reserve ..				15	0	0
							Sundry Debtors ..				192	6	9
Less Excess of Expenditure over Income of Picture Dept. ..							Stock on Hand ..				1,029	13	2
							Office and Bookroom Equipment	74	0	0			
							Less Depreciation ..	7	0	0			
											67	0	0
							Lantern and Slides ..				1	8	0
							Picture Equipment ..				52	10	0
											£2,622	2	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, 1944. 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.

J. L. CRAWFORD, A.R.A.N.Z. }  
A. TURNER, A.R.A.N.Z. } Hon. Auditors.

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