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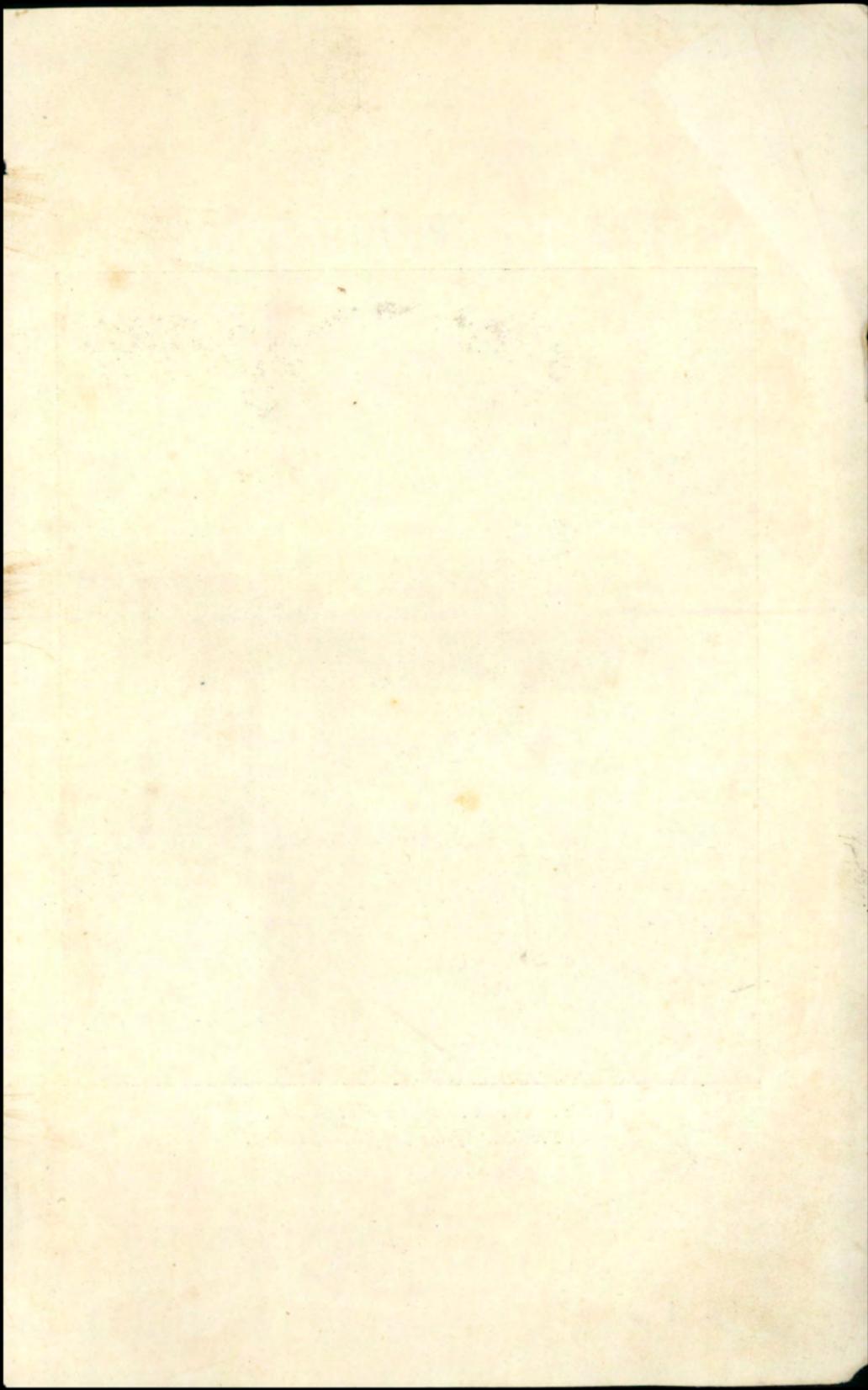
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Organised Methodism in Australasia, as a part of the Foreign Missions under the direction of the British Conference, dates from the appointment of the Rev. Samuel Leigh to New South Wales in 1815.—(Mins. Brit. Conf., 1814).

“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.

THE FIRST NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

of the Australasian Wesleyan Methodist Church was held in 1874.

THE TWENTY-FOURTH NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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

THE FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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

THE FIRST CONFERENCE

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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Mr. James Tyler was elected Vice-President, and was welcomed to that office by the Retiring President, and by Mr. William E. Burley, B.A., ex-Vice-President.

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

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Auckland East	H. P. Mourant
"	J. Tyler
"	C. K. Wigglesworth
Auckland (Avondale)	R. Thomas
"	
Auckland (Devonport)	....	....	....	Miss A. Drew
Auckland (Takapuna)	....	....	....	F. E. Sutherland
Auckland (Birkenhead)	....	....	....	A. Hadfield
Onehunga	....	....	....	C. E. Goode
Otahuhu	....	....	....	G. A. Gutry
Papakura	....	....	....	S. Evans
Pukekohe	....	....	....	E. M. Marshall, B.A., Dip.Ed.
Waiuku	....	....	....	A. Oldfield
Mahurangi	....	....	....	J. Goodall
Paparoa	....	....	....	E. A. Fenwick
Dargaville	....	....	....	Miss M. Slade
Ruawai	....	....	....
Whangarei	....	....	....	A. D. S. Cameron
Hikurangi	....	....	....	M. R. Edgar
Whangaroa	....	....	....	Miss E. Campbell
Port Albert	....	....	....	H. Neal
Kawakawa-Kaikohe	....	....	....	Mrs. Clifford
Mangonui	....	....	....	J. T. Williams
Hokianga	....	....	....	R. Parlane

South Auckland District.

Thames	....	....	....
Hauraki Plains	....	....	....	Miss O. G. Baker
Paeroa	....	....	....	G. H. Hill
Waihi	....	....	....	J. B. Beeche
Te Aroha	....	....	....	W. A. Clark
Morrinsville	....	....	....	P. Rushton
Cambridge	....	....	....
Hamilton	....	....	....	H. Beebe
"	....	....	....	C. S. Lindsay
"	....	....	....	J. B. Styles
Hamilton East	....	....	....	J. W. Chapman
Huntly	....	....	....
Matamata	....	....	....	C. Rayner
Putaruru	....	....	....	A. R. Vosper
Rotorua	....	....	....	N. Pachoud
Tauranga	....	....	....	N. C. Gibbs
Whakatane	....	....	....	Mrs. Attwood
Opotiki	....	....	....
Te Awamutu	....	....	....	J. T. Johnson, J.P.
Otorohanga	....	....	....	W. F. Walters
Te Kuiti	....	....	....	G. Elliott
Taumarunui	....	....	....

Taranaki-Wanganui District.

New Plymouth	....	....	....	....	M. H. Barnitt
Waitara "	....	....	....	....	M. S. Hughson
Stratford	....	....	....	....	A. K. Surrey
Eltham-Kaponga	....	....	....	....	W. H. C. Clemow
Hawera	....	....	....	....	E. Dixon
Mania	....	....	....	....
Opunake	....	....	....	....	C. W. Field, B.A.
Wanganui	....	....	....	....	W. Howells
Wanganui North	....	....	....	....	Mrs. M. J. Harris
Gonville	....	....	....	....	E. L. F. Buxton
Marton	....	....	....	....
Taihape	....	....	....	....	Mrs. J. S. Watson

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District.

Napier	....	....	....	....	J. H. Oldham
Hastings	....	....	....	....	P. E. Loach
Gisborne	....	....	....	....	F. J. Butler
Wairoa	....	....	....	....	Mrs. J. F. Haughton
Dannevirke	....	....	....	....
Woodville	....	....	....	....
Pahiatua	....	....	....	....
Palmerston North (St. Paul's)	....	....	....	....	C. V. Woodfield
Palmerston North (Cuba Street)	....	....	....	....	Mrs. E. Twigge
Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe	....	....	....	....
Feilding	....	....	....	....	H. Smithers
Sanson-Rongotea	....	....	....	....	C. Hunt

Wellington District.

Wellington Central	....	....	....	....	E. K. Read
Wellington "	....	....	....	....	P. E. Patrick
Wellington (Webb St.)	....	....	....	....	Mrs. M. Wolfgang
Wellington West	....	....	....	....	S. Roberts
Wellington "	....	....	....	....	C. Blackburn
Wellington South	....	....	....	....
Wellington East	....	....	....	....	N. R. Seddon
Johnsonville-Ngaio	....	....	....	....	D. Tayler
Hutt	....	....	....	....	W. Greenwood
"	....	....	....	....	Sister Winifred Beaumont
Petone	....	....	....	....	H. Maude
Greytown-Featherston	....	....	....	....
Carterton	....	....	....	....
Masterton	....	....	....	....	C. R. Goudge,
Wellington "	....	....	....	....
Eketahuna	....	....	....	....
Levin	....	....	....	....	H. Baumber
Otaki	....	....	....	....	W. G. Taylor

Nelson District.

Nelson	....	....	....	....	H. J. Savage
Richmond	....	....	....	....
Motueka	....	....	....	....	M. G. Cresswell
Blenheim	....	....	....	....	F. H. Southgate
"	....	....	....	....	W. S. Harris
Reefton	....	....	....	....
Westport	....	....	....	....	Mrs. H. G. Brown
Greymouth	....	....	....	....
Hokitika	....	....	....	....	T. W. Duff

North Canterbury District.

Christchurch (Durham Street)	....	....	....	K. J. Dale
"	....	....	....	H. Bosomworth
Christchurch East	....	....	....	J. Buxton
"	....	....	....	J. D. Gray
"	....	....	....	H. S. Harrington
Christchurch (Cambridge Terrace)	....	....	....	S. Falkingham
Christchurch (Woolston)	....	....	....
Christchurch (Sydenham)	....	....	....	Miss E. S. Hayman
Christchurch (Addington)	....	....	....	F. Turnpenny
Christchurch (Riccarton)	....	....	....	H. B. Moore
Christchurch (St. Albans)	....	....	....	Mrs. P. A. Le Brun
"	
Christchurch (Papanui)	....	....	....	G. H. Coley
Lyttelton	....	....	....	Mrs. W. T. Huston
Springston	....	....	....	H. W. Peryman
Leeston	....	....	....
Kaiapoi	....	....	....
Ohoka	....	....	....	E. A. Woodfield
Rangiora	....	....	....
Woodend-Sefton	....	....	....
Greendale	....	....	....
Oxford	....	....	....	C. W. Markham

South Canterbury District.

Timaru (Banks Street)	....	....	....	P. Woodnorth
Timaru (Woodland Street)	....	....	....	W. W. Hawkey
Timaru South	....	....	....
Waimate	....	....	....	E. C. Horsley
Temuka	....	....	....	A. E. Dobson
Geraldine	....	....	....
Ashburton	....	....	....	T. Wakelin
Willowby	....	....	....	G. H. B. Lill
Oamaru	....	....	....
Rakaia-Methven	....	....	....

Otago-Southland District.

Dunedin Central	....	....	....	G. S. Gapper
"	....	....	....	J. R. K. Roxburgh
Dunedin Central Mission	....	....	....	F. Dawson
"	....	....	....	A. W. Barnes
Dunedin North	....	....	....	Mrs. V. Drake
Dunedin (Cargill Road)	....	....	....	A. T. McIndoe
Dunedin (St. Kilda)	....	....	....	J. J. Kernohan
Dunedin (Caversham)	....	....	....	P. Nixon
Dunedin (Morningson)	....	....	....
Dunedin (Roslyn)	....	....	....
Port Chalmers	....	....	....
Milton	....	....	....
Roxburgh	....	....	....	Mrs. J. C. A. Williams
Invercargill (Central)	P. A. Pearce
Invercargill (St. Peter's)	
Gore	Miss R. M. Treloar

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"	"	"	L. T. Hayman
"	"	"	D. E. Parton
Home Missionaries' Representative	R. Coombridge
"	"	"	C. Robinson
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Youth Department	A. E. Bate
"	"	C. R. Edmond
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"	"	J. Watson
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Auckland	S. E. Chappell
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Wellington	*S. T. S. Martin
Nelson	*W. D. Pike
North Canterbury	*J. W. Hillary
South Canterbury	*A. L. Hudson
Otago-Southland	J. McIndoe

Maori Missions.

Taranaki	....	....	....
Waikato	....	....	....
Auckland	....	....	....	Te Hira Ratete
South Island	....	....	....

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

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.
Leonard V. Willing
J. C. Aldwyn Williams

Who have travelled four years.
Also, George R. Thompson.

QUESTION III.—What Preachers remain on Probation?

Clifford G. Brown
George W. Cramond
W. Selwyn Dawson, B.A.
Wilfred E. Falkingham
Edmund D. Grounds (see Question V.)
Albert Jolly
Ian C. E. Ramage, B.A. (see Question VI.)
Alfred Sanft (without Pastoral charge)

Who have travelled three years.
Robert H. Allen
R. Graham Bell, B.A.
Leslie F. Bycroft
Wesley A. Chambers
Maharaia Winiata, M.A., Dip.Ed. (without Pastoral charge)
A. Peter Dorrian
Donald G. Sherson, B.A.

Who have travelled two years.

Warren Green
William H. Gregory
Len Shapcott
Francis H. Parker (see Question V.)
Benjamin H. Riseley (see Question V.)

Who have travelled one year.

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

Donald Haylock
D. I. Allister McDonald
Harry Moore
Norman W. Olds
Trevor Shepherd

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

W. Lloyd Divers
Edmund D. Grounds (see Question III.)
Who are continued for a third year.

Wolf G. Eisner
Allen H. Hall, B.A.
Basil J. Hilder
Francis H. Parker (non-resident) (see Question III.)
Benjamin H. Riseley (non-resident) (see Question III.)
Who are continued for a second year.

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

T. Ralf Benny
Douglas H. Burt
Wilfred F. Ford
Clifford J. Keightley
A. Roger G. Nuttall
J. Stanley Olds
Hori Pratt
Ian C. E. Ramage, B.A. (see Question III.)

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

Ranginohoora Rogers
Who has travelled four years.

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

Timothy Piani
Who has travelled four years.

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

None.

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

None.

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

Fourth Year—
J. M. Daley, B.A.
M. H. Taylor

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

Second Year—
C. E. Roke

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

Samuel H. D. Peryman
George F. Stockwell
Thomas R. B. Woolloxall
Donald C. Alley

Home Missionaries—
John H. Edmondson
Green Hall
Hone Tamati

SAMUEL H. D. PERYMAN.

Samuel H. D. Peryman was a product of Canterbury Methodism, being born at Tai Tapu on August 16th, 1867. Trained in a Christian home, he early made his decision for Christ and became a local preacher. He was nominated for the ministry by Rev. J. H. Simmonds, and trained at Three Kings College. Practically the whole of his ministry was spent in country circuits. Gifted with a cheerful disposition, a ready wit, and sound judgment, he quickly established himself in the affections of his people. He was a true pastor of the flock of God. He took a keen interest in local bodies and in all that affected the moral and spiritual welfare of the people, especially as an ardent and effective advocate of the cause of Prohibition. In all his labours he was ably assisted by Mrs. Peryman, who was for many years Editor of "The White Ribbon." During his latter years of weakness he retained his sunny optimism, and faced the end with faith, courage and hope. He passed to higher service on his 78th birthday. He leaves to his friends the memory of a life joyously lived.

GEORGE FREDERICK STOCKWELL.

George Frederick Stockwell was born at Sproxtton in the Grantham Circuit, Leicestershire, England, in 1876. His parents were staunch Methodists and his father an acceptable local preacher. At the age of 25 years he came to New Zealand. In 1904 he was received into the Methodist ministry. For 38 years he rendered devoted and distinguished service in the active work and became a supernumerary in 1942. In 1908 he married Miss Mabel Hirst, who throughout the whole of his ministry was an untiring helper in his work. It was his conviction that provincial towns provided the sphere best suited to his gifts. All through his ministry he took a keen interest in civic and social life. This enabled him to carry the gospel into many societies and organisations outside the usual round of Church work. Yet it was as a Circuit minister that the best work of his life was done. He was a good preacher, a diligent pastor, a devoted worker amongst youth, a wise and kindly adviser. He gave careful attention to Church property. He gladly accepted his full share of connexional duties and was Chairman and Secretary of District. For 13 years he was convener of the Conference Committee on Circuits. Concerning him it may be truthfully said: "He was a brother beloved." The secret source of his rich and joyous life is to be found in his unreserved dedication to Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. He passed to his eternal reward on 20th December, 1945.

DONALD C. ALLEY.

Donald C. Alley has joined the high and valiant company of missionary martyrs. Remaining with his people at Teop and seeking to protect two European widows, he was taken by Japanese Naval Forces on 31st March, 1942, and interned at Rabaul. From then no reliable information concerning him was received until December, 1945, when news came to hand that he was lost at sea when the Japanese vessel "Montevideo Maru," in which he and other internees were being conveyed to Japan, was sunk with all personnel off Luzon in June, 1942. His missionary service was for six years only, but they were very full years, the record of which will long remain in the hearts of his people. He was an ardent pioneer and was the first man to link up our work on the two sides of Northern Bougainville. New stations were opened and native pastors stationed as evangelists, teachers and medical helpers. He was seized of the

vital importance of the printed word and during his first term edited a book of Scripture passages, hymns, etc., that was published by Bible Class workers in New Zealand. With the devoted and capable aid of Mrs. Alley he imitated his Master in a ministry of healing, and his half-yearly reports were eloquent of the extent and effectiveness of this aspect of his work. Don. Alley was greatly beloved by all who knew him. We thank God for every remembrance of this generous and gallant soul.

THOMAS R. B. WOOLLOXALL.

Thomas R. B. Woolloxall was born in England in 1873. He received his primary education in New Zealand at the Thames. In his youthful days he was associated with the theatrical profession. After going to reside in Wellington he joined the Primitive Methodist Church under the ministry of the Rev. J. Dawson, and engaged in youth work. His discovery of the unique character and personality of Jesus and the call of God led him to abandon the stage for the pulpit. He became a probationer in 1901, commencing his ministry at Eltham. His first wife was a daughter of the Rev. James Clover. After her decease he married the good woman who now mourns his departure. He proved himself to be an able preacher and an efficient pastor, and at Takapuna considerable church building projects were carried out under his superintendency. At one time he acted as Chairman of the Literature and Colporteur Society, and also for the Committee in publishing the "Book of Sacraments and other Services." As a member of the Conference Examination Committee he was examiner in theology for Home Missionaries, but his main ministry was that of preacher and pastor. Being a fervent evangelical preacher it was his joy to witness revivals of spiritual religion. As a strong Protestant he preached the truths that matter most. Whilst exercising a broad charity toward other churches he was ever loyal to Methodism. During his last long illness he manifested a strong faith and courageous hope. On Tuesday, January 29th, 1946, he passed on to be

"Forever with the Lord,
Amen so let it be.
Life from the dead is in that word,
'Tis immortality."

JOHN H. EDMONDSON.

John H. Edmondson was truly one of English Methodism's valued gifts to our Church in N.Z. He was born at Silverdale, England, converted at an early age, and after considerable experience as a preacher of the Gospel, came to N.Z. in 1902. In 1910 our late brother was received as a Home Missionary in which capacity he gave himself with more than ordinary vigour and faithfulness until his retirement 12 years ago. His ministry was characterized by much hard pioneering in many sparsely populated and difficult spheres, and he was instrumental in opening and re-opening and reviving both spiritually and financially many of our now thriving Circuits and Stations. Not the least of his activities in this respect was the colporteur work. He was the first on the road with the van. For a number of years Brother Edmondson served as Secretary and Treasurer of our Home Missionaries' Association and very ably represented his brethren at Annual Conferences. Many privileges enjoyed to-day by Home Missionaries were gained largely by his untiring and repeated efforts on their behalf. Truly a veteran H.M. has passed on, but he lives on in the memory of many, both Home Missionaries and laymen, who, but for his spiritual help and backing, would never have found the Christian way of life at all. He was called to his eternal rest on September 6th, 1945.

GREEN HALL.

The Home Mission Department of our Church has had no more faithful servant than the late Green Hall, who entered into Life on November 15th, 1945. Green Hall commenced Christian work in the Primitive Methodist Church in the Old Land. After coming to N.Z. he engaged in various pursuits in Hawke's Bay, eventually entering the Home Mission ranks from the Napier Circuit. For 21 years he laboured with the utmost fidelity and effectiveness until failing strength compelled his retirement in April last. His life strongly and beautifully exemplified his passionate love for Jesus Christ, to Whom he gladly consecrated all his powers. He was a faithful preacher of the Evangel. His musical gifts were of no mean order. He loved his hymn book, especially the hymns of Charles Wesley. In the Circuits in which he laboured many will thank God for every remembrance of Green Hall, a man whose life was "hid with Christ in God," and who joyously spent himself in the service of his fellows for his Master's sake.

HONE TAMATI.

Hone Tamati began his Christian ministry among his Maori people in the Hokianga district in 1918. At the Conference of 1919 he was appointed to Oparure in the King Country, and during the following five years he faithfully laboured for the advancement of the Kingdom of Christ. It was the Conference of 1926 that gave due consideration to Hone Tamati's transfer to his native home at Taumarere in the Bay of Islands. Here he served his people and his Church for approximately four years with loyalty and effectiveness. In 1929 he was appointed to Te Kuiti where he continued to do a remarkable and successful itinerant ministry until the end of 1933. Our late brother, having reached a mature age, retired to his home at Taumarere, but for several years he carried on preaching the gospel of love and peace among his people. During 1936 he removed to Paihia, where he remained until his death on October 7th, 1945. He commenced his ministry late in life, yet it was one of the most effective, full and telling ministries among the ranks of our Maori Home Missionaries. He was always full of enthusiasm and confidence in the preaching of the gospel, and appreciated the best customs of his people. And so ended a remarkable life of Christian service by a truly good Maori Rangatira.

QUESTION XIII.—What Ministers continue to be Supernumeraries?

John Nixon
George Clement
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

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
Raymond Richards
Ralph J. Liddell
E. Percy Blamires
Angus McBean
Henry Ryan
J. Frederick Martin

Ben 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

Clarence Eaton
Thomas Coatsworth
Ernest D. Patchett
Basil Metson
Moses Ayrton
Charles M. Roberts
William Walker

QUESTION XIV.—What Ministers now become Supernumeraries?

M. A. Rugby Pratt, F.R.Hist.S.
Ernest O. Blamires
William W. Avery
John R. Nelson
Albert Blakemore (for one year)

THE REV. M. A. RUGBY PRATT, F.R.Hist.S.

Although a native of New Zealand, the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt, F.R.Hist.S., spent his youth in Tasmania, whither his family had removed, and there joined the Church in membership, became a local preacher and for two years served as a Home Missionary. Being nominated as a Candidate for the Ministry, he was accepted for training by the Victoria and Tasmania Conference. He was received as a Probationer by the Conference of 1902. In that year, in response to a request for trained men for the ministry in New Zealand, he made application for a transfer to this Dominion, and was received as a Probationer by the New Zealand Conference.

For twenty-five years Mr. Pratt served the Church in important circuits, and proved himself an able and attractive preacher, a faithful and beloved pastor, an exceptionally gifted organiser, and, in every part of his work, a man of high spiritual aims.

During these years Mr. Pratt came to take an important part in the official work of the Church. He became Secretary of various Synods and was for many years a member of the secretarial staff of the Conference. He also served for some years as a Chairman of District, and in 1932 became President of the Conference.

In 1927, when the important office of Connexional Secretary and Authorised Representative fell vacant, his was the only name suggested for the position, and he was appointed by a unanimous vote of the Conference. He has held the Office for nineteen years, during which time the business has greatly increased in volume and in efficient discharge. Existing Departments have been extended and new ones brought into being. The volume of business has steadily increased and in the initiation of two important new enterprises Mr. Pratt had a chief part, viz. (1) the Ministers' Home Acquisition Fund, and (2) the Methodist General Purposes Trust Fund, which now administers trusts involving deposits of over £30,000.

These numerous and important interests, committed to the charge of the Connexional Office, have been controlled by the retiring Secretary with sedulous care, with expert business skill, and with the one aim of making the Office render the fullest service to the Church generally.

Mr. Pratt's influence has extended far beyond the bounds of his own Office and of his own Church. He has taken a prominent interest in the Prohibition Movement; his visit to Tonga in 1923 played an important part in promoting the spirit of accord in which the re-union of the churches there was finally consummated; he has been a vigorous supporter of the Bible-in-Schools Movement and a member of the Executive of the League; he took an active part in the creation of the National Council of Churches in New Zealand and has been a member of the Executive since its inception.

Mr. Pratt is well and favourably known in the Dominion as one possessing the gifts and enthusiasms of the historian. His contributions to Dr. Guy Scholefield's "Dictionary of New Zealand Biography" have high value and importance. The contributions to knowledge made by him in the field of early New Zealand history were recognised by the Royal Historical Society of London, which conferred upon him a Life Fellowship of the Society.

The Conference is losing from the active ranks of its ministry one who has been the trusted counsellor and encourager of his brethren, whose faith has never faltered, with whom duty has been a supreme watchword, and whose tireless devotion to the work of the Church has been an example and inspiration to all. Ill health has compelled the retirement of Mr. Pratt before the anticipated time, but the Conference hopes that he may soon recover and that for long years to come he may be spared to bring his great experience and his many gifts to the service of his Church.

ERNEST OSWALD BLAMIRES.

Ernest Oswald Blamires, son of the Rev. W. L. Blamires, a President of the Victoria and Tasmania Conference, and the youngest of five brothers, four of whom are Methodist ministers, the other dying when a candidate and Home Missionary, was born in 1881 at Warrnabool, Victoria, and educated at Wesley College, Melbourne. After five years in business life in Melbourne, he came to New Zealand in 1903 to act as supply for the late Rev. T. E. Thomas, at Port Chalmers, and was nominated as a candidate by the late Rev. C. E. Beecroft, at Napier, and after ordination in 1908, travelled in a number of important Circuits. In Dunedin he served for a year as Provincial Secretary of the Otago Branch of the Bible-in-Schools League, and was then appointed to the position of Dominion Organiser in 1928. By 1935 the work had increased to such an extent that from 1935 he was released from Circuit appointments for the Bible-in-Schools organisation alone. His retirement from the active work of the ministry coincides with his retirement from the position of Organising Secretary of the Bible-in-Schools League, a position in which he has served both Church and community with conspicuous success and marked ability for some eighteen years.

Familiarly known as "E.O." on the cricket field, he represented Wellington, Otago and New Zealand, and frequently found cricketers in his congregations. It is interesting to record that his was the privilege of holding the first Mothers' Day service in New Zealand, in Wellington in 1911, and of being one of the first ministers to deliver a sermon over the air in New Zealand at Christmas, 1924, at a time when the idea of Church broadcasts was viewed with some uneasiness by the Churches, lest they should interfere with Church attendances. He also participated in the Local Option Campaign in Scotland in 1921, representing the British Wesleyan Temperance Society. Following a fortnight's whirlwind campaign in Shetland, a large part of the Island voted "No License" and is still dry to-day.

Throughout a long and faithful ministry he has had the loyal support and encouragement of his gifted and devoted wife, who herself has given able leadership in so many aspects of Church life. Mr. and Mrs. Blamires enter upon a retirement from the active work of the ministry, richly deserved, and we trust that their future years will bring to them peace and joy in the knowledge of service well done and in the love and affection of their brethren.

WILLIAM W. AVERY.

William W. Avery began his career as a Methodist preacher in the Blenheim Circuit, and on the recommendation of the Nelson Synod in 1902 he was accepted as a candidate for the ministry at the following Conference, entering College for training immediately afterwards. He was received on probation in 1906, and on being received into full connexion at the Conference of 1910, he and his wife proceeded to Dobu, Papua, where he served for four years under the Rev. Matthew K. Gilmour, the Chairman of the Mission. During two of those years he was Secretary of the Mission Synod. Though his service abroad was of comparatively short duration, Brother Avery returned to New Zealand in 1914 with unabated enthusiasm for the Foreign Mission work of the Church. Convinced that the evangelical aspects of missionary service are greatly advanced by Medical Missions, he took up daffodil culture in order to raise money for that object. As an expert, recognized not only in the Dominion but beyond its shores, and acknowledged by frequent appointment as judge at Daffodil Shows, he was able to claim a ready sale for his bulbs, the proceeds of which over the years added up to many hundreds of pounds in support of medical missionary work.

For 25 years of his ministry in New Zealand he has acted as a District Foreign Mission Secretary, has been a member of the Foreign Mission Board throughout the whole of that period, and as Foreign Mission deputation, has visited nearly every Circuit and Home Mission Station in the Connexion.

By preference most of his appointments have been to country circuits, where his practical knowledge of farming and his genial personality enabled him to make many personal contacts with the people, and to use his gifts to the best advantage. For four years he served as Synod Secretary, and for three years as a Chairman of District, winning the appreciation and esteem of his brethren. It was from his experience as a country minister that he took the initiative in getting the basis of the Connexional levies changed. Mrs. Avery has shared to the full his zeal for our Foreign Mission work, and his faithful labours as a Circuit minister.

After a faithful practical ministry of 40 years, Brother Avery makes application to be made a Supernumerary, and he will retire from the active ranks with the warm regard and best wishes of all who have been associated with him and served under him.

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. Belshaw	S. Keen
A. L. Witheford	C. W. Brown
J. Common	T. W. Featherstone
H. Ashworth	W. H. Wilson
J. W. Bayliss	C. Duncan
	H. J. Malcolm

(b) Placed on the Retired List?

C. Aker

CHRISTIAN AKER.

CHRISTIAN AKER was born near Timaru, South Canterbury, of pioneer parents who took up virgin farm land. He was baptised by the late Rev. William Lee in the Methodist Church, Timaru. His early religious training was largely inter-denominational. In the year 1893 he was converted through the clear testimony of Assurance given by the Salvation Army. After four years' service as a Private soldier in the Salvation Army, he entered their Training College at Melbourne, returning to New Zealand to serve as an officer for six years. A breakdown in health made his retirement necessary. The then Commissioner for Australasia, in a letter of thanks, complimented him on his loyal service.

In October, 1903, he entered the Methodist Home Mission work, commencing at Little River, South Island. In 1905 he married Myrtle Asher, daughter of Mr. G. L. Asher, Local Preacher and Circuit Steward of Port Chalmers. Mr. and Mrs. Aker served the Church with unsparing devotion, unflagging energy, and considerable success, in fifteen appointments during a period of forty-two years. Many churches erected during these years stand as a tribute to his practical zeal. He now lays aside the strenuous task with a grateful heart for the field of service the Methodist Church has given him to work for the Kingdom, and with the esteem and affection of his brethren.

QUESTION XVII.—What Ministers or Probationers have permission to rest during the Year?

William R. Francis, B.A.

John K. Watson, M.C., B.A., who is permitted to visit England
Leslie A. D. Hayman, B.Sc. (Agric.), who is permitted to
with Corso.

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

Walter J. Enticott

Harold T. Peat

Henry J. Odell

James W. Parker

F. Gardner Brown

Gordon Parker, M.A., who is permitted to visit England
Maharaia Winiata

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

Harold W. Burley, M.M.

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

None.

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

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

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

Howard H. Jeffreys
Who has 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. G. R. Harris.
Principal, Theological College	Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A.
Honorary Members	Revs. C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., W. Grigg, W. A. Sinclair, W. J. Elliott, H. E. Bellhouse, T. W. Vealie, B. Dudley, F.R.A.S., W. Wills, H. Ranston, M.A., Litt.D., A. N. Scotter, B.A., E. P. Blamires, E. D. Patchett, M. A. Rugby Pratt, F.R.Hist.S., A. J. Seamer, R. B. Tinsley, A. H. Scrivin, J. H. Haslam, W. A. Burley, M.A., F. Copeland, H. L. Richards, J. D. McArthur, E. B. Chambers, A. McBean, W. G. Slade, M.A., Fred. J. Parker, C. B. Jordan, M.A., B.D., W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D., R. P. Keall, C. H. Olds, B.A., E. S. Harkness.

(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.
Greek (1st and 2nd years)	....	....	....	Rev. R. Dudley, M.A.
Greek (3rd and 4th years)	....	....	....	Rev. W. Parker, M.A.
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. J. D. Grocott, B.A.
Church History	....	....	....	Rev. E. E. Sage
Apologetics	....	....	....	Rev. V. R. Jamieson, M.B.E.
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	....	....	....	Mr. F. Penn and Mr. Clyde- Harris

(C) Examiners for Candidates.

Bible Knowledge I	....	....	....	Rev. J. C. Draper
Bible Knowledge II	....	....	....	Rev. F. J. Handy
Theology	....	....	....	Rev. E. T. Olds
English and Greek	....	....	....	Rev. A. R. Witheford
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	....	....	....	Rev. A. R. Penn
Homiletics	....	....	....	Rev. H. G. Brown

(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

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 (Dodds).

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

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

3. Theology.

1st Year: The Work of Christ.

The Spiritual Principle of the Atonement (Lidgett).

The Doctrine of the Work of Christ (Cave).

The Doctrine of the Atonement (Mozley).

Wesley's Sermons—

Salvation by Faith.
The Way to the Kingdom.
Wandering Thoughts.
The New Birth.
Self Denial.
On Sin in Believers.
The Repentance of Believers.
The Lord our Righteousness.

2nd Year: God.

The Christian Idea of God (M. Hughes).
The World and God (Farmer).
God in Christian Thought and Experience (Matthews).
Wesley's Sermons—
The Almost Christian.
Justification by Faith.
The Original, Nature, Property, and Use of the Law.
The Law Established through Faith I.
The Law Established through Faith II.
Original Sin.
The Scripture Way of Salvation.

3rd Year: The Holy Spirit.

The Christian Experience of the Holy Spirit (Wheeler Robinson).
The Holy Spirit in the New Testament (Swete).
Wesley's Sermons—
The Almost Christian.
Scriptural Christianity.
The First Fruits of the Spirit.
The Spirit of Bondage and of Adoption.
The Witness of the Spirit I.
The Witness of Our Own Spirit.
The Means of Grace.
The Circumcision of the Heart.

4th Year: The Doctrine of the Future.

The World to Come and Final Destiny (Leckie).
And the Life-Everlasting (J. Baillie).
Wesley's Sermons—
The Marks of the New Birth.
The Great Privilege of Those that are Born of God.
The Nature of Enthusiasm.
The Catholic Spirit.
Christian Perfection.
Heaviness Through Manifold Temptations.
The Use of Money.
The Witness of the Spirit II.

4. General.

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

2nd Year—One of the following :—

1. Apologetics :
The Relevance of Christianity (Barry).
The Christian Understanding of Man (Church, Community and State, Oxford Conference Series—Allen and Unwin).
2. Religion and Psychology :
The New Psychology and Religious Experience (T. H. Hughes).
The Psychology of Religion (Selbie).
3. Social Ethics :
The Christian Ideal for Human Society (Garvie).
4. Comparative Religion (including Anthropology) :
Living Religions of the East (Cave).
Soderblom "The Living God"
5. Religious Education :
The Approach to Religious Education (Yeaxlee).
Church Community and State in Relation to Education (Oxford Conference—Allen and Unwin).
6. Maori Language.

3rd Year : One of the subjects listed for 2nd year not already taken.
Or a thesis as specified for 4th year.

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

REGULATIONS.

1. All Probationers who have completed the two-year Hebrew Course in Auckland University College shall take Hebrew Old Testament, provided that any Probationer taking a B.D. Course may substitute in lieu thereof the Hebrew prescribed in the B.D. Syllabus for that year.
2. Unless special exemption is granted by the Examination Committee., Greek New Testament shall be compulsory for all Probationers who have been through College, provided that any Probationer taking a B.D. Course, may substitute in lieu thereof the Greek prescribed in the B.D. Syllabus for that year.
3. Probationers, to whom (1) and/or (2) do not apply, shall be permitted to take the alternative English Old Testament and/or English New Testament in lieu of Hebrew and/or Greek respectively.
4. The Examination in Hebrew Old Testament and Greek New Testament shall be mainly on translation, grammar, and exegesis, and that in English O.T. and English N.T. shall be mainly on the exegesis of the sections specified.
5. (a). Theology shall be taken under Correspondence Tutors, marks being assessed as follows :—Correspondence work, 40 ; Examination, 60. Each Tutor appointed shall send out study papers for four consecutive months beginning with June 1. He shall mark the work sent in, return

the corrected work together with suitable guidance. (Maximum marks for each study paper, 10). Each Tutor shall keep full records of every individual case and, on or before November 1, forward a complete report to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners.

(b). Any Probationer taking a Theological subject for a B.D. Course shall be permitted to substitute the same for that set down for his Probationary year.

6. Examinations, when not specifically limited to one particular text-book, shall be on the subject as a whole. Text-books are intended to provide a basis for wider and more thorough reading in the subject, and Probationers are encouraged to pursue the more extensive study, rather than limit it to one or two works.
7. Any Probationer pursuing a University Course shall be entitled to exemption from subjects (1) and (4) for two years of his Probation, but such exemption shall not be granted in his fourth year.
8. Examinations in the subjects 1, (Hebrew or English Old Testament) and 4 (General) shall be conducted in July and in the subjects 2 (Greek or English New Testament) and 3 (Theology) be conducted in December. N.B.—This does not apply to the presentation of Thesis as under 4 General.
9. Book List. Every Probationer shall forward to his Chairman, not later than October 15, a classified Book List embodying, in addition to more general reading, the bibliography of his studies during the year.

II.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR NATIVE PROBATIONERS.

FIRST YEAR.

1. Bible: St. Mark (Guild T. Books).
2. Hunter's "Notes on the Catechism."
3. McLeod's "Church, Ministry and Sacrament" (first half).

SECOND YEAR.

1. Bible: St. Luke (Guild T. Books).
2. McLeod's "Church, Ministry and Sacrament" (second half).
3. Telford's "Short History of Methodism."
4. Protestant Missions (Bible Class Primers).

THIRD YEAR.

1. Bible: Acts of the Apostles (Guild Text Books).
2. Wesley's Forty-four Sermons, 1 to 12 (inclusive).
3. Lilly's "The Principles of Protestantism."
4. Trumbull's "Individual Work for Individuals."

FOURTH YEAR.

1. Bible: St. Paul's Teaching (Guild T. Books).
2. Wesley's Sermons, 13-20, 40, 43 and 44. (Forty-four Sermons).
3. Fitchett's "What Methodism Stands For."
4. Stalker's "Life of Christ."

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—Whitcombe's Practical Book-keeping, Chaps. 1-11.

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

V.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR NATIVE CANDIDATES.

SECTION A.

1. General Bible Knowledge (Native).
2. Second Catechism (English).

SECTION B.

1. English Language—(a) Nesfield's "Outlines of English Grammar"; (b) Correction of Common Errors; (c) Essay on some easy subject of importance to the Young Maori Movement (subject to be chosen by the Examiner).
2. Geography—"Southern Cross Imperial Geography," for Standards V. and VI., Part I and II only.
3. History—Warner and Martin's "Groundwork of English History," Part III.
4. Arithmetic—"New Southern Cross," for Standard V.

VI.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR HOME MISSIONARIES.

FIRST YEAR.

1. English—"A First Modern English Course" (J. Stanley Jones). Part 1, Chs. 1-6.
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—"A First Modern English Course" (J. Stanley Jones). Part 1, Chs. 7-12.
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—"A First Modern English Course" (J. Stanley Jones). Part 2, Chs. 1-6.
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—"A First Modern English Course" (J. Stanley Jones). Part 2 Chs. 7-11.
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 1946 shall commence on the following dates—

Probationers—Tuesday, 16th July, and Tuesday, 3rd December.

Candidates for the Ministry—Tuesday, 20th August.

Home Missionary Probationers—Tuesday, 3rd December.

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

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

(III) The Examination may be taken in sections provided that the full course be completed within two years.

N.B.—In addition to the Written Examination, a Local Preacher must conduct a Trial Service and be orally examined before the Preachers' or Quarterly Meetings before he is granted status.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Oral Examiner for 1947 be the Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A.

2. That congratulations be extended to the following on the completion of the B.A. Degree and that this be printed in the Minutes:—Revs. Ian K. Hopper, W. S. Dawson, R. G. Bell, and Ian C. E. Ramage.

3. That the Rev. F. J. Handy be congratulated on the publication of his book, "His Divine Humanity."

4. That the Board of Studies give consideration to the matter of the study of Greek by Probationers.

5. That the request of the Foreign Mission Board be acceded to, in respect to Mr. A. H. Hall, B.A., completing his College training in 1946 in order that he may proceed for educational work in the Solomon Islands.

6. That in respect to the status of Maharaia Winiata, M.A., Dip.Ed.—(a) That he be regarded as a Probationer who has travelled two years. (b) That he be permitted to complete the course of study for the third and fourth years in the curriculum, decision as to his status to be revised at the end of that time. (c) That he be appointed as a minister without Pastoral charge under the Home Mission Department on the Stationing Sheet.

7. E. D. Grounds: (1) That he pursue his studies in Trinity College for 1946 as a Refresher Course, provided that he be granted a rehabilitation grant. (The Church to guarantee completion of his training.) (2) That he present himself as a Candidate for Ordination at the Synod of 1946 and Conference of 1947. (3) That in 1947/48 he take a post-ordination course to be determined by the Board of Studies in collaboration with the Secretary of the Board of Examiners.

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

NORTH CANTERBURY—

1. With a view to adequate provision being made for the ministration of the Church to the new housing areas within the city of Christchurch, and to facilitate this work, the North Canterbury District Executive consider Circuit boundary alterations in consultation with the Quarterly Boards concerned.

2. That the District Executive and the ministers and lay representatives of Circuits north of the Waimakariri River consider boundaries of Circuits in that locality.

3. That in view of the shortage of men, Waddington H.M. Station be amalgamated with the Oxford Circuit, the staff to be a minister and a Home Missionary, and that the Quarterly Meetings concerned be asked to investigate during the year the question of the relationship to one another of Oxford, Ohoka, and Kaiapoi Circuits.

SOUTH CANTERBURY—

That a commission be appointed to investigate the staffing and boundaries of the Timaru Circuit. Members of commission:—Chairman of District, Superintendents of Timaru Circuits, and two laymen from each Timaru Circuit to be nominated by the Superintendent ministers. Convener: Rev. M. A. McDowell.

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

SOUTH AUCKLAND—

That when it is possible to appoint a Probationer, the Ohura H.M. Station be raised to the status of a Circuit.

WELLINGTON—

Johnsonville-Ngaio.—That the staffing be two Ordained Ministers and one Probationer, with a suitable grant.

NORTH CANTERBURY—

Christchurch East.—That a fourth ordained Minister be appointed to be stationed at Shirley.

Lyttelton Circuit.—The appointment to be an unmarried minister.

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

AUCKLAND—

Auckland West.—That the staffing be two Ministers and a Probationer, the last to be stationed at Pt. Chevalier.

SOUTH AUCKLAND—

Morrinsville.—That as soon as possible a Probationer be appointed to be stationed at Waitoa.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI—

Eltham-Kaponga.—That the urgency of appointing a second agent be reaffirmed.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU—

Waipawa-Waipukurau—That in view of the needs of the Hospital and the Sanatorium an appointment be made as soon as possible.

Apti—That an appointment be made as soon as possible, and that the matter be regarded as urgent.

Wairoa—That an appointment be made as soon as possible, and that the matter be regarded as urgent.

WELLINGTON—

Upper Hutt—That Upper Hutt be constituted a Circuit with a Probationer.

Lower Hutt—That a Probationer be appointed with a suitable grant.

NORTH CANTERBURY—

Riccarton—That a single Probationer be appointed as soon as possible.

SOUTH CANTERBURY—

Ashburton—That in view of the Superintendent being President this year, and the inability of the Circuit to procure the services of a Deaconess, a Probationer be appointed during 1946, the Circuit to review the question of permanent staffing at the next September Quarterly Meeting.

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

WELLINGTON—

Webb Street:—

- (1) That the Webb Street Circuit be discontinued and the area included in the Wellington Central Circuit.
- (2) That the Church property be sold, excepting memorial features such as windows, and the proceeds of the realisation be known as The Webb Street Methodist Church Trust Fund.
- (3) That the apportioning of the funds arising from the sale be left in the hands of the Wellington District Executive, in consultation with the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee.

QUESTION XXVI.—What New Stations are now constituted?

None.

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

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

Auckland Avondale (3) is due but is relieved for one year.

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

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

Hauraki Plains is due, but is relieved for an eleventh year.

Whakatane is due, but is relieved for an eleventh year.

Taihape is due, but is relieved for an eleventh year.

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

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

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

Woolston (2nd) is due, but is relieved for an eighteenth year.

Timaru South is due, but is relieved for an eleventh year.

Huntly is due. That it be indicated to the Quarterly Meeting that they should be prepared to receive a married minister at the Conference of 1947, should such be necessary.

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. W. T. BLIGHT, B.A., B.D.

Vice-President: MR. J. TYLER.

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

STATIONS OF MINISTERS, 1946.

(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, M.B.E., One Wanted (Kingsland), Gordon V. Thomas, One Wanted (Sandringham), John Olphert, George P. Hunt, Ralph J. Liddell (Supernumeraries). A Deaconess.

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

THE HOME MISSION DEPARTMENT.—George I. Laurenson, General Superintendent. Bernard M. Chrystall, B.A., Assistant Superintendent; Harold A. Darvill, Maori Missionary; Maharaia Winiata, M.A., Dip.Ed. (without Pastoral Charge).
YOUTH DEPARTMENT.—Youth Director (see Question 29).

2. Auckland Central Mission.—A. Everil Orr; Arthur J. Seamer (Supernumerary), One Wanted. A Deaconess.
 3. Auckland West.—Howard C. Matthews, B.A.; One Wanted; a Home Missionary.
 4. Auckland East.—Joseph C. Draper; Ernest B. Chambers, Wesley Parker, M.A.; Leslie F. Bycroft; Harold T. Peat (is a Minister without Pastoral Charge); William R. Francis (is a Minister Resting); Charles H. Laws, B.A., D.D. (Foundation Fellow of Trinity College), William A. Sinclair, Harold E. Bellhouse (Connexional Editor), John R. Nelson (Supernumeraries).
Epsom Orphanage Chaplain—Joseph C. Draper.
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, Haddon C. Dixon, M.A. (Glen Eden), Donald Haylock (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; E. Percy Blamires (Supernumerary, with permission to reside in England).
7. Auckland (Takapuna).—John H. Bailey; William Rowe (C.F. overseas); Harry J. Odell (is a Minister without Pastoral Charge); James W. Parker (is a Minister without Pastoral Charge); William Wills (Supernumerary).
8. Auckland (Birkenhead).—Gordon R. H. Peterson; Albert Blake-more (Supernumerary); a Home Missionary.
9. Onehunga.—E. Clarence Leadley; Frank E. Leadley (Super-numerary).
10. Otahuhu.—Alfred E. Waite; Norman W. Olds.
11. Papakura.—Robert B. Tinsley.
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.—Wallace S. Neal (Warkworth)
15. Paparua.—One wanted.
16. Dargaville.—Percy I. Cooke; a Home Missionary (Te Kopuru).
17. Ruawai.—Harry Moore.
18. Whangarei.—George E. Brown.
19. Hikurangi.—One wanted.
20. Whangaroa.—H. Kilford Brown (Kaeo).
21. Port Albert.—George R. Thompson; a Home Missionary.
22. Kakakawa-Kaikohe.—One wanted.
23. Mangonui.—Leslie R. M. Gilmore.
24. Hokianga.—Donald G. Sherson, B.A.
Maori Mission.—Home Mission Department: Eruera Te Tuhi, Senior Maori Superintendent.

(1) Auckland—

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

BOMBAY-TUAKAU.—A Home Missionary.

NORTH WAITEMATA.—Two Home Missionaries.

ALBANY.—A Home Missionary.

BAY OF ISLANDS.—A Home Missionary.

NORTH HOKIANGA.—A Home Missionary.

COLPORTEUR WORK.—A Home Missionary.

E. THOMAS OLDS, Chairman of the District.
ALFRED E. WAITE, Financial Secretary.

II.—SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

25. Thames.—Francis J. Handy.
26. Hauraki Plains.—George W. Cramond.
27. Paeroa.—Wesley L. Long (who shall supervise the Hauraki Plains Circuit).
28. Waihi.—Arthur H. Ivory, LL.B., B.Com.
29. Te Aroha.—Athol R. Penn; William J. Elliott (Supernumerary).
30. Morrinsville.—W. E. Allon Carr; One Wanted.
31. Cambridge.—J. Stanley Waite.
32. Hamilton.—Charles H. Olds, B.A., William A. Mills (who shall supervise the Huntly Circuit and Ngaruawahia H.M. Station, One Wanted; Arthur T. Kent (Raglan Union Church).
33. Hamilton East.—William Gatman.
34. Huntly.—Warren Green.
35. Matamata.—Ivan S. Williamson (who shall supervise the Putaruru Circuit).
36. Putaruru.—D. I. Allister McDonald.
37. Rotorua.—Thomas H. Carr; 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; F. Gardner Brown (is a Minister without Pastoral Charge).
40. Opotiki.—One Wanted.
41. Te Awamutu.—Hector C. Orchard.
42. Otorohanga.—William E. Moore.
43. Te Kuiti.—One Wanted.
44. Taumarunui.—Alan F. Collins (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.—Harry V. Utting.
47. Stratford.—John Dennis.
48. Eltham-Kaponga.—L. Gordon Hanna; A Home Missionary.
49. Hawera.—Samuel J. Werren.
50. Manaia.—Henry Benny.
51. Opunake.—Robert E. Fordyce. A Home Missionary.
52. Wanganui.—Frederick J. Parker (who shall supervise the Raetihi-Ohakune Home Mission Station).
53. Wanganui North.—Alan O. Jones. A Home Missionary.
54. Gonville.—W. Selwyn Dawson; J. Frederick Martin (Supernumerary).
55. Taihape.—Trevor Shepherd.

- (4) Taranaki-Waimarino—
Rakena P. Rakena (Hawera).
12 Home Missionaries.
3 Deaconesses.

INGLEWOOD.—A Home Missionary.

MARTON.—A Home Missionary.

RAETIHI-OHAKUNE.—A Home Missionary.

PATEA.—A Home Missionary.

DOUGLAS.—A Home Missionary.

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.—G. Raymond Harris; Arthur Hopper (Supernumerary).
58. Gisborne.—Bert M. Tasker, B.A., Dip.Soc.Sc. A Home Missionary.
59. Wairoa.—One Wanted.
60. Dannevirke.—Thomas Skuse.
61. Woodville.—Charles B. Oldfield.
62. Pahiatua.—Edwin S. Harkness.
63. Palmerston North (St. Paul's).—J. Francis Jack.
64. Palmerston North (Cuba. Street).—Leslie A. G. Brooks (who shall supervise the Foxton-Shannon H.M. Station).
65. Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe.—Frederick B. Lawrence.

66. Feilding.—Charlie O. Hailwood (who shall supervise Apiti H.M. Station). A Home Missionary.
67. Sanson-Rongotea.—Herbert Spencer.
 WAIPAWA-WAIPUKURAU.—Two Home Missionaries.
 FOXTON-SHANNON.—A Home Missionary; T. Coatsworth
 APITI.—A Home Missionary.
 NORSEWOOD.—A Home Missionary.
 FRED COPELAND, Chairman of the District.

V.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

68. Wellington Central.—Ashleigh K. Petch; Campbell P. Lucas (Brooklyn); One Wanted; Fred Greenwood, Ernest O. Blamires (Supernumeraries).
 YOUTH DEPARTMENT.—Clifford T. Symons, M.A., B.D., Senior Youth Director.
69. Wellington West.—John D. Grocott, B.A., Charles E. Dickens (Thorndon); Moses Ayrton (Supernumerary).
70. Wellington South.—John D. McArthur.
71. Wellington East.—William A. Burley, M.A., Charles H. Bell, William H. Gregory; Ernest D. Patchett (Supernumerary). A Home Missionary.
72. Johnsonville-Ngaio.—Hedley White, William J. Morrison, B.A. (Porirua), Robert H. Allen (Ngaio).
73. Hutt.—John L. Mitchell, Robert F. Clement, One Wanted; Thomas W. Vealie, R. Purcell Keall (Supernumeraries).
74. Upper Hutt.—One Wanted.
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.—Leonard V. Willing.
80. Levin.—Harry S. Kings.
81. Otaki.—William B. Pickering.
 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 H.M. 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); William C. Jenkin (Picton).
86. Reefton.—One Wanted.
87. Westport.—Hubert G. Brown (who shall supervise the Granity Home Mission Station).
88. Greymouth.—John Silvester, M.A.
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., Arthur R. Witheford; 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.—Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.
Youth Director.—John K. Watson, M.C., B.A. (is a Minister Resting and with permission to visit England).
91. Christchurch East.—William W. H. Greenslade, Herbert W. Payne, Ernest E. Sage, John B. Dawson; 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).—Andrew J. Johnston.
95. Christchurch (Addington).—Leonard C. Horwood.
96. Christchurch (Riccarton).—J. Montgomery Blight; One Wanted.
97. Christchurch (St. Albans).—David O. Williams, M.A., Litt.D., Ernest S. Hoddinott; Edward Drake, Arthur Liversedge
M. A. Rugby Pratt, F.R.Hist.S.¹ (Supernumeraries).
98. Christchurch (Papanui).—Cecil R. Taylor.
SOUTH ISLAND ORPHANAGE—Chaplain: Cecil R. Taylor.

99. Lyttelton.—R. Graham Bell, B.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.; Basil Metson (Supernumerary).
 105. Woodend-Sefton.—James H. Hall (who shall supervise the Hawarden H.M. Station).
 106. Greendale.—Robert McGregor.
 107. Oxford.—Leslie T. Norwell; a Home Missionary.
 TAI TAPU.—A Home Missionary.
 HAWARDEN.—A Home Missionary.
 ALFRED M. COSTAIN, Dip.Soc.Sc., Chairman of the District.

VIII.—SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

108. Timaru (Banks St.).—James Richards; Walter J. Enticott, is a Minister without Pastoral Charge; William W. Avery (Supernumerary).
 109. Timaru (Woodlands St.).—Matthew A. McDowell.
 110. Timaru South.—One Wanted.
 111. Waimate.—Oswald Burnet; Leslie A. D. Hayman, B.Sc.(Agr.) (On Relief Service Overseas); Jonathan H. Haslam (Supernumerary).
 112. Temuka.—J. Henry Woolford, B.A.
 113. Geraldine.—One Wanted; Clarence Eaton (Supernumerary).
 114. Ashburton.—William T. Blight, B.A., B.D. (President of the Conference), Wesley A. Chambers; 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., President of the Conference,
 Chairman of the District.

IX.—OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

118. Dunedin Central.—William G. Slade, M.A. (Secretary of the Conference); Lawrence Greenslade (who shall supervise the Wai-kouaiti H.M. Station); George Clement (Supernumerary).
 119. Dunedin Central Mission.—Leslie B. Neale, B.A., F.R.G.S., Harris Whitfield, One Wanted; two Deaconesses.
 120. Dunedin North.—Wilfred E. Falkingham.
 121. Dunedin (Cargill Road).—Harold W. Burley, M.M.; A. Peter Dorrian; T. A. Pybus (Supernumerary).
 122. Dunedin (St. Kilda).—D. J. Donald Hickman.
 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.—John J. Lewis, M.A., B.D. (who shall supervise the Lawrence Home Mission Station).
128. Roxburgh.—J. C. Aldwyn Williams (who shall supervise the Cromwell H.M. Station).
129. Invercargill (Central).—Robert Thornley, M.A., Dip.Soc.Sc. (who shall supervise the Riverton Home Mission Station).
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.

HOWARD E. HARKNESS, 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)
One Wanted (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 1946.

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). (5).—One Wanted.

Auckland West (2).—W. A. Bridge, (3) B. H. Riseley, non-resident Student (Supply).

Auckland, Avondale.—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).—Supply (J. W. Bayliss, retired).

Bombay-Tuakau.—R. C. Patchett.

North Waitemata.—L. E. G. Sharp and H. Thornley (Supply).

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

Albany.—One Wanted.

Dargaville (Te Kopuru).—One Wanted.

Port Albert (Wellsford).—One Wanted.

Paparoa.—R. T. Alexander.

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

Hikurangi.—R. C. Groves.

Kawakawa—Kaikohe.—D. I. Robertson.

Home Mission Department—

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

Maori Mission—

Matauri Bay, Kaeo.—Supply.

Batley.—Supply.

Kawakawa (Waiomiu).—Tawai Te Riri Kawiti.

Paihia.—Supply.

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.—Paikea H. Toka and Waaka Simon Rewa.

South Auckland District—

Hamilton (3rd).—I. J. Clucas; A. L. Witheford (Retired).
Ngaruawahia.—J. F. Amos.
Tauranga (Te Puke).—One Wanted.
Coromandel.—O. L. Christian.
Kawhia.—G. T. Gilbert.
Ohura.—One Wanted.
Morrinsville (Waitoa).—One Wanted.
Whakatane.—A. F. Attwood.
Te Kuiti.—W. J. Bryant.
Opotiki.—L. C. Clements.

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.—One Wanted; Supply.
Waimiha.—Huru Wiperi.
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.—Waiwera Rangawhenua.

Te Kopua (Te Awamutu).—Supply.
Te Waitere.—Te Paki Kinita.
Raglan Rural.—Tuteao Manihera.
Marokopa.—Wiremu Kamana.
Kawhia.—Te Urunga Pura Wetere.
Ngutunui (Hiona Pa).—Rangi Katipa.
Makomako.—Tumu Te Huia.

Taranaki-Wanganui District—

New Plymouth (St. Aubyn's).—O. T. Woodfield; H. Ashworth and T. W. Featherstone (Retired).
Opunake (Okato).—A. Currie.
Patea.—One Wanted.
Raetihi-Ohakune.—One Wanted.
Wanganui North (2nd).—One Wanted.
Douglas (under Stratford Superintendent).—Vacant.
Inglewood.—J. C. R. Ashworth.
Marton.—C. Robinson.

Maori Mission—

New Plymouth.—Paahi Moke.
Rahotu.—Supply.
Nukumarū.—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.—A. W. Mackay (Halcombe).
Napier (Greenmeadows).—One Wanted.
Foxton-Shannon.—Supply (Rev. T. Coatsworth).
Apiti.—Gordon O. Dixon.
Norsewood (under Dannevirke Superintendent).—Vacant.
Waipawa-Waipukurau.—W. J. Henderson; One Wanted.
Gisborne (Second).—Vacant.
Wairoa.—One Wanted.

Wellington District—

Upper Hutt.—C. D. Clark.
Hutt (3).—Supply (Rev. R. P. Keall).
Paraparaumu.—H. R. Wright and One Wanted.

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).—One Wanted.
Murchison.—One Wanted.
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.—Bryndwr.—Supply (Rev. E.
Drake).
Christchurch—Woolston (Sumner).—One Wanted.
Christchurch—Addington (Lincoln Road).—Supply. (H. J.
Malcolm, Retired).
Oxford (Waddington).—One Wanted; C. Aker (Retired).
Tai Tapu.—Supply (L. D. Woolf).
Hawarden (under Woodend Superintendent).—Vacant
Christchurch (Riccarton).—One Wanted (Sockburn).

South Canterbury District—

Rakaia-Methven.—One Wanted.
Geraldine.—Supply (Rev. C. Eaton).
Timaru South (under Banks Street Superintendent).—B. E.
Lill.

Otago-Southland District—

Dunedin Central Mission (3).—L. P. Schroeder.
Port Chalmers.—H. M. Brasell.
Waikouaiti-Palmerston.—H. W. Toothill.
Mosgiel.—E. J. Carter.
Lawrence (under Milton Superintendent).—Vacant.
Balclutha (under Milton Superintendent).—T. Steele.
Cromwell.—J. M. Daley, B.A.
Edendale.—N. R. Hooper.
Otautau-Tuatapere.—K. A. Robinson.
Nightcaps.—One Wanted.
Riverton (under Invercargill Central Superintendent).—
Vacant.
Bluff.—Supply (E. Nicholls).

DEACONESS APPOINTMENTS, 1946.

I.—Home Work.

- 1928—Sister Rita Snowden, Home Mission Dept., Auckland.
- 1928—Sister Ivy Jones, Orphanage Board, Auckland.

II.—Maori Work.

- 1921—Sister Eleanor Dobby, South Island.
- 1921—Sister Nicholls, Te Kuiti.
- 1929—Sister Airini Hobbs, Hamilton (Supply).
- 1933—Sister Olive Bott, Hokianga (leave of absence).
- 1935—Sister Madeline Holland, Ratana Pa.
- 1936—Sister Heeni Wharemaru, Hamilton and Lower Waikato.
- 1939—Sister Evelyn Marriott (under Rangiataea Board).
- 1939—Sister Dorothy Pointon, Hokianga.
- 1940—Sister Violet Kruse (leave of absence).
- 1943—Sister Nance Davidson, Auckland.
- 1943—Sister Anne Wilson, Hawera.
- 1944—Sister Ruth Hilder, Bay of Islands.
- 1945—Sister Jean Miller, Outer Auckland.
- 1945—Sister May Viney, Kaipara District.
- 1946—Sister Joyce Webber, Auckland.

III.—Foreign Work.

1923—Sister Elizabeth Common.

- 1924—Sister Lina Jones, District Training Institution, Solomon Islands.
- 1927—Sister Grace McDonald, Choiseul, Solomon Islands.
- 1934—Sister Ada Lee, South Bougainville.
- 1937—Sister Effie Harkness, District Training Institution, Solomon Islands.
- 1938—Sister Merle Farland, Without Appointment.
- 1938—Sister Joy Whitehouse, District Training Institution, Solomon Islands.
- 1945—Sister Winifred Poole, Awaiting Transport.

IV.—Retired for Special Service.

- 1908—Sister Ruth Fawcett, c/o. Bible Society, Otago.
- 1914—Sister Annie Tocker, Government Service, Wellington.
- 1946—Sister Merle Carter, Awaiting Transport.

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.
- 1918—Sister May Ralph, retired.
- 1920—Sister Mildred West, retired.
- 1923—Sister Lily White, retired.
- 1927—Sister Netta Gittos.
- 1928—Sister Olive Coleman, retired.
- 1935—Sister Vera Cannon, retired.
- 1936—Sister Edna White, retired.

VI.—Students in Training.

- Miss Mavis Dickie, 2nd year.
- Miss Daphne Lye, 2nd year.
- Miss Lucy H. Money, 2nd year.
- Miss Jean Simpkin, 2nd year.
- Miss Margaret Taylor, 2nd year.
- Miss Grace M. Clement, 1st year.
- Miss Rona W. Collins, 1st year.
- Miss Noeline C. Wilson, 1st year.

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

1. CHAIRMEN OF DISTRICTS.

- Auckland—E. Thomas Olds.
- South Auckland—Charles H. Olds
- Taranaki-Wanganui—J. Henry Allen.
- Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Fred Copeland.
- Wellington—William A. Burley
- Nelson—Charles Blair.
- North Canterbury—Alfred M. Costain
- South Canterbury—William T. Blight (President of the Conference).
- Otago-Southland—William G. Slade
- Solomon Islands—John F. Goldie.

2. DISTRICT AND STATISTICAL SECRETARIES.

- General Statistical Secretary—Haddon C. Dixon
- Auckland—Alfred E. Waite.
- South Auckland—J. Stanley Waite.
- Taranaki-Wanganui—L. Gordon Hanna.
- Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Leslie A. G. Brooks.
- Wellington—Archer O. Harris.
- Nelson—Ralph E. Patchett.
- North Canterbury—Cecil R. Taylor.
- South Canterbury—Robert W. Mayson,
- Otago-Southland—William R. Laws

QUESTION XXXI.—Who are Elected as President and Secretary of the Conference for the year 1947?

- President—William G. Slade
- Secretary—Herbert L. Fiebig.

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

GENERAL STATISTICAL SECRETARY'S REPORT, 1945.

General.

The statistics for the year show an upward trend, the Youth Returns being especially buoyant. Adult Membership, Bible Class Membership in both sections, Sunday School scholars all show increases. During the year I have graphed all the major items of statistics and these, showing, as they do, the trend of our statistics over the past 12 or so years, will be available for inspection during Conference. If Conference wills, I intend to keep these graphs, each year adding to them the returns for the year. Statistics vary a considerable amount from year to year, but when the trends are observable over a period, much more information is available.

The New Form.

Acting on the instructions of last Conference, the Committee prepared the new form, which has been modelled upon that used by the British and certain Australian Conferences. This form calls for considerably more detail than the old one and answers a need that has long been felt for more detailed returns. Several past statistical secretaries have drawn attention to the need for these details, and we believe that this form will prove to be a great help in the task of compiling accurate returns of our statistical position.

A certain amount of confusion seems to have arisen, particularly with regard to the returns for adult membership. No fewer than 75 returns from Circuits and Home Mission Stations fail to balance. In 5 districts more than 50 per cent. of the returns are inaccurate. In only one district (South Canterbury) did all the returns balance. It should be pointed out that the number of adult members returned the previous year, plus the number of new members received, plus the members transferred into the Circuit, Minus the members lost by death, by transfer out of the Circuit, and those removed from the roll because for various reasons they have ceased to attend, should in every case give the present number on the roll. The fact that it does not in so many cases, sometimes by as much as 25 members in a circuit, should give us cause for anxious thought. Three illustrations must suffice.

- (i) A city circuit returned last year 454 members. This year they returned 41 new members and 25 received from other circuits. They also showed 10 lost by death, 31 transferred to other circuits, and 1 ceased to attend. This should have given 478 members this year, an increase of 24. Instead the number was given as 453, with a nett decrease of 1. 25 members simply disappeared.
- (ii) Another city circuit gave its membership last year as 173. They showed 24 new members, 2 lost by death and 10 ceased to attend. This year's total should therefore have been 185, a nett increase of 12. But the figure returned was 206, which if correct was an increase of 33. But the nett increase was given as 12. 21 members simply appeared with nothing at all to show where they came from.
- (iii) A country circuit returned last year 130 members. 14 new members were received and 6 on transfer. 2 were lost by death and 2 transferred out. The result should be 146, a nett increase of 16. But the figure was given as 127, and the nett increase was 10. 19 members disappeared.

These are the worst examples, but they are sufficient in themselves to show that this year's statistics can be regarded at best as only approximate.

Another disturbing feature revealed by the new form is the discrepancy between those given as transferred away from circuits and those received on transfer. There is considerable movement among our Circuits, but these two figures should roughly correspond. Instead of that we show 913 transferred out of Circuits, but only 691 received in. In other words, 913 names were removed from rolls, but only 691 were added to the rolls. 222 members were lost in transit. This too is a serious matter.

Churches.

The total 441 is an increase of 4 over last year, but is the same as that returned in 1933. (Graph 1.)

Preaching Places.

There is a decrease of 11 for the year which is disappointing after the increases of the past 2 years. It is 84 less than 1933.

Local Preachers.

There is a further decrease of 12, and in many ways this return is the most disturbing of the report. Graph 1 reveals the loss, in ten years, of 128 local preachers, or 16 per cent. Undoubtedly the war is partly responsible, but the graph will show that the decline had started prior to the war. It will also be noted that the graphs of preaching places and local preachers are almost parallel. The possibility of a causal relationship existing between the two should be considered.

Adult Membership.

The increase of 145 is gratifying, though small. Our adult membership is still to all intents and purposes static, as graph 2 will show. This graph also shows the position in four of the Australian Methodist Conferences, and in the Presbyterian Church in New Zealand. It will be observed that two of the Australian Churches are like us, just maintaining their position, while two of the others and the New Zealand Presbyterian Church are showing consistent increases. The fact that our sister Church in New Zealand has shown an increase of almost 5000 members in the period while we have been barely maintaining our position is, for us, very disturbing.

Details of Membership.

1095 new members have been received during the year, approximately 4 per cent. On the other hand 378 members have died, and 360 have ceased to attend. This leaves an excess of gains over losses of 375, which if the figures are reliable, would indicate that the Church is in a fairly healthy condition.

Junior and Infant Membership.

These statistics are so unreliable (several of our biggest circuits having made no return) that comment is superfluous.

Baptisms and Communicants both show encouraging increases.

Finances.

The credit balances show a slight increase for the year, while the Circuit debit balances show an increase. It should be pointed out that the large excess of Trust Debits over Trust Credits is brought about by the return by one Circuit in the Otago-Southland District of a debit balance of over £9,300. Apart from this return, Trust Credits exceed Trust Debits by over £8,000.

Maori Returns.

There is a rather disturbing decrease of 27 preaching places, 7 local preachers, and 7 class leaders and Sunday School teachers. Against this, however, there is a most gratifying increase of 499 adult members and 1866 Junior and Infant members.

Youth Statistics.

These are most encouraging as the following summary will show. Increases are shown in 27 columns, and decreases in only 4. There are 1187 more young people attached to the various departments of our Church (exclusive of the sections under Church membership) than there were one year ago. The graphs to which reference is made below will show the upward trend of our Youth statistics.

Sunday School.

The total for this year, 19,559 (an increase of 646) is the highest since 1935. (Graph 3.) With the exception of the Intermediate Department of the Sunday School (which shows a small decrease of 18) all sections show large increases. (Graph 4.) Graph 3 also shows the trends in Sunday School statistics in the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand and the four Australian Conferences. As will be seen there is a remarkable degree of correlation, which would indicate some common underlying causes. I believe that the main cause is the fluctuation in the birth rate, and this has been graphed. (Graph 5.) Space will not permit an exhaustive analysis of these statistics, but the composite Graph 6 will give some idea of the relation. It is worth noting that there were approximately 15,000 fewer children in our State Primary Schools in 1942 than there were in 1930.

It should be noted too that our New Zealand Methodist Sunday Schools show a far greater degree of recovery than any of the other schools graphed. It is disappointing, however, to record that there are 6 fewer Sunday Schools than there were last year. 4 of these are in one small District.

Bible Classes.

The general trend is again upward, though the Young Women's section has shown only a small increase. The large increase of 161 in the Junior Y.W. is offset by the decrease of 129 in the Intermediate. The Senior section shows an increase of 21, giving a net increase of 65. It is disappointing that this part of our work has not shown more progress and would indicate the need to concentrate on this side of the work. (Graph 8.)

The Young Men's section shows very good increases in all departments, the total increase being 303. Senior members show an increase of 124. Graph 8 shows, however, that the Bible Classes are far below pre-war strength. There are 27 more Bible Classes than there were last year. (Graph 9.)

Teachers and Leaders.

Increases are shown here too in all sections. Graph 10 will show the extent to which the Young Women of the Church, usually from the Bible Classes, stepped in to fill the gaps in the Sunday School teaching staffs, caused by the war. It should be noted that many of these were the best of the Bible Class folk, and their loss to the Bible Class was often more than their numbers would indicate. To take two of the best young women of a Bible Class to fill an urgent need in a Sunday School often meant the end of that Class.

Similarly with the Young Men during the war years. The loss of those directly affected by war conditions was much more serious than the numbers would indicate. With the cessation of hostilities and the return of our more Senior Young People to the Classes, there should be an increase in both the number and membership of our Bible Classes. It is gratifying to note the extent to which this increase has taken place even this year.

There has also been an increase both in the number of Youth Organisations and in their membership. Many circuits, however, record no Youth Organisations apart from Sunday School and Bible Class.

Church Membership.

It is impossible to form any conclusion with regard to this section as the statistics show too great a degree of unreliability to make it worth while. 403 Senior members were received during the year, an increase of 27. The total senior membership is given as 1760, an increase of 103.

H. C. DIXON,

General Statistical Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Statistical Secretary forward to District Executives and Quarterly Meetings, reports and graphs on the statistics of the Connexion with relevant comments, and that the official courts of our Church be urged to study these with the purpose of discovering the causes of any decline, and formulating constructive measures to meet the situation.

B.—CHURCH STATISTICS.

(See Minutes of Conference, 1945, pp. 53 to 59.)

Introduction.

When the Membership Returns to the 1944 Conference made it clear that our Membership was to all intents and purposes stationary, the Conference set up this Committee and instructed it to examine the causes of this position, and to offer suggestions for remedying it. The Report which resulted was published in the 1945 Minutes as indicated above. It was in two parts: the first surveying conditions, and the second containing a practical proposal. The Report was referred by Conference to May Synods and similar gatherings, and their findings lead to the present Report, which is submitted to the Synods of 1945 and the Conference of 1946.

(1) The various sections of the Report, down to 3 (f) "Our Church Polity," gave rise to much useful discussion; and the whole life of the Church must benefit to a marked degree as a result. Many practical suggestions were also made, and these will be referred to appropriate Committees for action.

(2) The second part of the Report, namely, 3 (f) "Our Church Polity," contained an important and far reaching practical proposal: that Conference should set up a Committee to determine the broad outlines of our policy as a Church, taking the long view, and to allocate to the various Departments of the Church their part in implementing this policy.

This proposal having received some support, and no expressed opposition, this Committee now submits the following proposals to the Synods of 1945 and to the Conference of 1946.

A. That a Church Council be set up, to meet every year that the Conference meets in Wellington or in Christchurch, on the Tuesday morning preceding the opening of Conference.

Note: 1. The reason for meeting only in Wellington and in Christchurch is that ministers can reach these centres on Tuesday without losing all the preceding Sunday in their Circuits.

2. There is no need for an annual meeting of this Council. The above proposal secures two meetings every four years, and this should be sufficient. More meetings could be arranged if the necessity should arise.

B. That the order of reference from the Conference to the Council be as follows:—

1. To recommend to Conference the broad policy of the Methodist Church in New Zealand as it affects every aspect of our Mission; the Conference to allocate the various parts of that policy to the necessary Departments, Boards, or Committees.

2. To survey, periodically, the general trend of Church and Community life, and to take steps to see that our Church moves with the times.

C. That the Council be composed as follows: 18 Ministers—The President, the President-elect, the Secretary of the Conference, the Chairmen of Districts (eight in number, the President being the ninth Chairman), the Connexional Secretary, the General Superintendent of the H.M. Department and the Maori Superintendent, the General Secretary of the F.M. Department, the Principal of the Theological College, the Senior Youth Director, and the Secretary of the Board of Examiners. 18 Laymen—The Vice-President, the Legal Adviser, one lay representative from each of the following: The Youth Department, the Home and Foreign Missions Departments, the Theological College, the Wesley Training College, the Prince Albert College, the Contingent Fund, the Supernumerary Fund, the Children's Fund, the Removal Expenses Fund, the C.B. and Loan Fund, the Fire Insurance Fund, the Connexional Secretaryship Committee, the Deaconess Committee, and two others to be appointed by the President, preferably from the city in which the Council meets.

D. That the Secretary of the Conference convene the Council, and prepare its Agenda.

E. That the first meeting of the Council be held in Wellington, preceding the 1947 Conference, and that its business be, in addition to that set out in B above, the allocation to suitable Committees for action and report to the Conference of 1948 of the issues raised in our 1944 Report, Section 3 (f), 1 to 11; and as well, the allocation to suitable Committees for action and report to Conference of the findings of the recent May Synods, etc., upon our 1944 Report.

F. That upon the appointment of such a Council, this Committee should be discharged.

W. T. BLIGHT, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That a Church Council be set up to survey periodically the general trend of Church and community life.
3. That the Council recommend to Conference the broad policy of the Methodist Church in New Zealand as it affects every aspect of our Mission—the Conference to allocate the various parts of that policy to necessary Departments, Boards, or Committees.
4. That all other matters affecting the Council and its constitution be referred to the Welfare Committee.
5. That the Interim Council be composed as follows:—The President, President-Elect, Secretary of Conference, Chairmen of Districts, Connexional Secretary, General Statistical Secretary, General Superintendent of Home Missions and Senior Maori Superintendent; General Secretary of Foreign Missions, Principal of the Theological College, Senior Youth Director, City Mission Superintendents, Revs. G. H. Goodman, R. Dudley, and R. Thornley. Laymen: The Vice-President, the Legal Adviser, one representative nominated by each Chairman of the District; one layman from the Church Welfare Committee, the Home Mission Department, the Foreign Mission Department, Wesley College, the Theological College, the Youth Department, the Deaconess Committee, Prince Albert College, Church Building and Loan Fund, Public Questions Committee, Church Union Committee, such members to be nominated by Departments and Committees concerned.
6. That the Secretary of Conference convene the Council and the Welfare of the Church Committee prepare its Agenda.
7. That the first meeting of the Council be held in Wellington, preceding the 1947 Conference, and that its business be, in addition to that set out in B above, the allocation to suitable Committees for action and report to the Conference of 1948 of the issues raised in the 1944 Report, Section 3 (f), 1 to 11; and as well, the allocation to suitable Committees for action and report to Conference of the findings of the recent May Synods, etc., upon the 1944 Report.
8. That the Special Committee on Conference consider the desirability of changing the order of Conferences so that Dunedin will follow Wellington, and so meetings of the Council will be held in alternative years.
9. That the Committee be thanked and discharged.

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

A.—WELFARE OF THE CHURCH COMMITTEE.

REPORT FOR 1945.

The Committee has considered four matters during the year: 1 and 2 were remitted to us by Conference for consideration, and 3 and 4 arose during the year.

1. Dates for the Removal of Ministers and the Holding of Conference.

1945 Conf. Min., p. 59. "That with a view to obviating certain hardships and inconveniences, this Conference refers to the Welfare of the Church Committee the question of changing the date of Conference, Synods, and the changing of ministers."

The Committee gave this matter early consideration and prepared a draft report which was sent to all the major Boards and Committees of the Connexion, and this present report and recommendations have been formulated on the basis of the replies received. The Home Mission Board suggested that all ministers and Circuits should be circularised with a view to getting their opinions, but this was impracticable in the time available.

In considering this matter the Committee was aware that there must be very strong reasons for changing the long established usage of the Church. It considered the various "hardships and inconveniences" under the present system and felt that these could be classified conveniently under three main heads.

A.—Church Organisation.

At present ministers changing circuits are permitted to terminate their appointments on the first Sunday in April, and to take up their new appointments on the third Sunday in April. Thus the holiday season is followed closely by Conference and this is followed by the change of ministers, which will sometimes involve 25 per cent. of our circuits. In these circuits, therefore, there is considerable disorganisation during the whole of the first quarter, with a consequent undesirable delay in launching the year's work.

The organisation of Conference is also made difficult, by reason of the fact that business premises close between Synod and Conference for the statutory and compulsory holidays, causing delays in printing, difficulties in arranging Committee meetings, finalising hospitality arrangements, and in holding rehearsals for such functions as the Youth Demonstration.

B.—Ministerial.

Very real hardship is caused to the minister and his family by the present shift in April where there are children of school or University age, as by the middle of April the educational year is well advanced. Difficulties also arise in the case of a minister or probationer attempting to complete a University degree. It is often necessary for him to miss half the first term.

C.—Candidates for the Ministry.

The present system is causing difficulty to the Principal and staff of Trinity College, on Account of the fact that the date for the changing of ministers does not coincide more closely with the date for the opening of College. A candidate accepted for training from the ranks of the Home Missionaries may not be able to arrive in College in time for the opening of the College year, causing inconvenience to the staff and handicapping himself. If he does arrive in College on time, it is often through leaving his station vacant until the arrival of his successor.

Owing to the fact that Conference is held so close to the date for the opening of College, an accepted candidate who has been in secular employment may also find it impossible to arrive in College on time because the present system does not permit him to give fair or adequate notice to his employer, whereas if he gives notice to his employer before Conference, he risks unemployment.

The Committee is of the opinion that the above "hardships and inconveniences" could be removed if ministers were permitted to take up their new appointments on the second Sunday in February. This would entail the altering of the dates for Synods and Conference, and the following have been suggested.

- (i) Conference. The latter half of November.
- (ii) District Synods. Early in September.
- (iii) "May" Synods. The first week in March.
- (iv) End of the financial year. At present throughout the Church there is very wide variety in the ending of the financial year. If the date of Conference is changed there will have to be considerable revision of these dates, and the Committee is of the opinion that the opportunity might well be taken to have more uniformity than at present exists, and suggests that the financial year should end throughout the Church, as far as it is practicable, on the same date, namely June 30th.

2. Dancing. 1945 Conf. Min., p. 59.

"That since certain of our circuits desire as part of their 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."

The Committee debated the matter very fully, and as it was the wish of the minority that their grounds for disagreement with the recommendation should be included, we have stated the various arguments, for and against, as they were expressed in the Committee.

Those voting for the resolution based their case on the following:

- a. It was stated that the majority of our young people do in fact dance to-day, many of them being taught in Secondary School.
- b. Many of our young people are therefore finding a considerable portion of their social life outside the Church.
- c. There is considerable dissatisfaction with the standard of our Bible Class socials and many of our senior young people do not attend.
- d. Many of our young people have danced while on war service.
- e. As there is wide divergence of opinion among ministers and officials, some feeling very keenly that dancing should not be allowed on Church property, but others feeling just as keenly that there is no harm in it, the local Church courts should be permitted to decide in accordance with their own convictions and circumstances.
- f. The British Conference, at least as a war measure, altered its historic attitude and has permitted dancing on Church property, and this fact was given wide publicity through our N.Z. press.

- g. There is also a very wide difference in the class of Church halls that would be used, many being definitely unsuitable, but others being quite up to the standard required.

Those opposed to dancing based their case on the following:—

- a. It was felt by some that ballroom dancing was wrong in itself, quite apart from the associations.
- b. All who opposed the resolution believed that drinking and sexual immorality are so bound up with dancing that many of our young people can only attend dances with the loss of moral and spiritual fervour.
- c. For many the actual act of dancing (ballroom fashion) is an emotional stimulus rather than an outlet, and as we have no way of deciding which it will be for our young people, it would be extremely dangerous for us to encourage it in any way, much less sponsor dances on Church property.
- d. The Church dances would probably attract a large proportion of learners and this would make the dances unattractive to the more proficient. Thus they would in effect act as a training ground, our young people going from them to outside dances.
- e. The difficulties of organisation and control would be such as to make the running of respectable dances almost an impossibility.
- f. The marked difference of opinion among ministers would cause friction and unhappiness in the event of a minister who held strong convictions on the matter being appointed to a circuit where his officials held the opposite viewpoint.

The Committee considered the above points very carefully, and passed the resolution in an amended form by 8 votes to 6, one remaining neutral. The Committee desires to emphasise that the passing of this resolution would not mean unrestricted dancing on Church property. Acts of dancing would only occur when the local Church courts were in agreement and sanctioned it.

3. Master Roll.

The Committee had under consideration during the year the case of Methodist folk who have moved to areas, either rural or suburban, where there is no Methodist Church, and who are often thereby lost to the Methodist Church as a result. We had before us the example of sister Churches who make a point, by means of a special roll, of keeping in touch with all such families. It was felt that we might well emulate this. The scheme would operate in the following way. If a Methodist family moved from a circuit to a district where there was no Methodist Church reasonably close, the Minister would send the removal form to the nearest Methodist minister, but would send also a full notification to the District Home Mission Secretary, who would have a special master roll in which the names of all such people were entered. The Home Mission Committee would then keep in touch with them by correspondence and any other available means, and the nearest Methodist minister would do his utmost to contact them in a pastoral capacity at least once a year. Such a master roll could well become the basis for Church extension and would be important in the event of a mobile unit being placed on the road.

4. Residential Student Hostels.

The Committee has given some preliminary consideration to this matter in view of the urgent situation that exists in University centres, regarding student accommodation. The Committee had intended to furnish a report and recommendations to this Synod and Conference, but time has not permitted. It therefore seeks permission to prepare a report during 1946, for submission to Synods and Conference 1947.

W. G. SLADE, Chairman.

H. C. DIXON, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. Date of Conference.

(1)— A. That the Annual Conference be held in the latter half of November.

- B. That ministers changing Circuits terminate their appointments on the last Sunday in January, and take up their new appointments on the second Sunday in February.
- C. That District Ministerial Synods be held in the first week in March.
- D. That District Synods meet not later than the middle of September.
- E. That all Connexional Trusts, Departments and Funds end their financial year as far as is practicable, on the same date, namely June 30th.
- F. That the statistical year end on June 30th.

(2) That the Special Committee dealing with the matter of the arrangement of Conference business, be the Committee to consider all details relevant to implementing the scheme.

3. Dancing.

That Conference authorise Church Trust Boards to permit dancing being included in the social programmes of Church societies at functions held on Methodist Church property, when the local Leaders' Meeting or Quarterly Meeting approves of the same.

That all functions that provide for dancing shall be regarded as Church functions only and not as being open to the general public.

4. Master Roll.

- A. That in each Synodal District, the Home Mission Committee through its Convener take steps to compile a master roll which shall consist of the names of all Methodists in the District not being served by a Methodist Church.
- B. To this end, letters be sent to all Quarterly Meetings from the District Home Mission Committee asking that steps be taken to discover and notify the committee concerning any Methodist folk who have moved from the Circuit to Districts where they are beyond the active influence of the Methodist Church, and also any other persons with Methodist connections residing in such areas.
- C. That the District Home Mission Committee use all available means to retain contact with such folk.
- D. That the importance of using the Removal Forms be stressed in all cases of transfer and also the proper following up of such transfers.

E. That the Church Welfare Committee consider the question of areas not included within any Circuit boundaries.

5. Residential Student Hostels.

That in view of the urgent situation obtaining in the University centres with regard to Student accommodation and the responsibility of the Church in this matter, the Welfare of the Church Committee prepare a report for submission to Synods and Conference 1947.

6. That Conference authorise the Welfare of the Church Committee to gather during the year information regarding Australian Methodist Schools, and Colleges, Hospitals, City Missions, Broadcasting, Bookrooms, etc., and to report to the Church Council, with a view to progressive action along these lines in N.Z.

7. Christian Doctrine.

(a) That in view of the desirability and toward the encouragement of a better understanding of the tenets of our faith fuller instruction be given in our Churches, Sunday Schools and Bible Classes in Christian doctrine, with special emphasis on the beliefs which have contributed to the genius of Methodism.

(b) That special and careful instruction be given in the history and belief of the reformed Christian Church and on the principles for which Protestantism stands.

That the matter be referred to the Publications Committee.

8. Committee for 1946.

That the following be the Welfare of the Church Committee for 1946:—The personnel of the Otago-Southland District Executive, the Convener to be nominated by the Executive.

B.—LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

Annual Report.

The Dominion Executive extends Christian greetings and good wishes to all, on presenting this report to the Synods.

Meetings.

In addition to the Annual Meeting, seven other meetings of the Executive have been held during the year, so that the affairs of the Association have received much care and attention.

Roll of Local Preachers.

As a result of information supplied by Ministers and Home Missionaries, we have been enabled to compile a new Roll of Local Preachers in New Zealand, showing 609 fully accredited, 91 on trail, and 123 helpers, a total of 823.

In addition, the Executive has devised a plan by means of which, and with the aid of the Branches, the Rolls will be revised from time to time, and kept up-to-date.

Study Classes.

We desire to express appreciation that so many of our Ministers and Home Missionaries have been able to form Study Classes to prepare candidates for the Local Preachers' Examination. In this way the acute shortage of Local Preachers, especially in country districts, may soon be remedied. It is gratifying to note that several young women are also preparing for this examination.

Local Preachers' Examination.

The following candidates passed the written part of their examination in December 1944, the results not being made known until January 1945:—

Mrs. B. T. Askew, Miss M. Taylor, Bros. R. R. Bawden, C. Mayson, H. Wilson, B. Lill, B. Stonehouse, D. Woolf.

The following young men passed their written examination in June 1945:—

Bros. D. H. Burt, I. Clucas, E. W. Fraser, B. Gordon, E. Robinson, L. Schroeder, J. S. Takhar, F. Woodfield, O. Woodfield.

Most of the above have been publicly received into the ranks of the L.P.'s Association at a Reception Service arranged by their Ministers.

The written examination continues to prove its value.

Long Service Diplomas.

The following Brethren received Long Service Diplomas in 1945:

Bro. L. T. Bisson, Napier	....	....	....	....	33 years
Bro. C. H. Bisson, Napier	....	....	....	....	33 years
Bro. G. R. Brown,, Invercargill	....	....	....	....	40 years
Bro. W. A. Clark, Te Aroha	....	....	....	....	29 years
Bro. W. J. Collinson, Central Mission, Auckland	....	....	....	....	35 years
Bro. T. Harkness, Port Chalmers	....	....	....	....	40 years
Bro. C. F. Horn, Te Aroha	....	....	....	....	35 years
Bro. H. Hook, Paparoa	....	....	....	....	50 years
Bro. G. C. Laws, Napier	....	....	....	....	34 years
Bro. J. W. Marshall, Springston	....	....	....	....	27 years
Bro. H. Neal, Port Albert	....	....	....	....	25 years
Bro. J. H. Oldham, Napier	....	....	....	....	37 years
Bro. H. W. Perryman, Springston	....	....	....	....	38 years
Bro. L. Robinson, Napier	....	....	....	....	26 years
Bro. A. Savin, Ellesmere	....	....	....	....	33 years
Bro. M. Souster, Central Mission, Auckland	....	....	....	....	35 years
Bro. P. C. Trebilso, Te Aroha	....	....	....	....	37 years
Bro. J. H. Trounson, Paparoa	....	....	....	....	60 years

Obituary.

It is with deep regret we have to record the death of Bro. W. S. Mackay, a member of the Dominion Executive, and once Vice-President of Conference. We thank God for his long and faithful service to his Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, and to the Methodist Church in New Zealand.

Our Local Preachers continue to render fine service to the Methodist Church. Many of those in town and city circuits are going out into country circuits, travelling long distances, and often preaching three times a Sunday. Owing to the scarcity of Local Preachers and Home Missionaries their help is proving invaluable in these areas.

Yours in Christian fellowship,

R. THOMAS, President.

J. F. ROBERTS, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.
2. That hearty thanks be expressed to the Members of the Association for their loyal services during the year.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

The Association submits to Conference the following motions, together with the amended rules of the Association:—

1. That the Conference approves of the rules of the New Zealand Methodist Local Preachers' Association, as submitted to the Conference, and directs that a copy of such rules be entered in the Minutes of Conference.

2. That the Conference authorises the New Zealand Methodist Local Preachers' Association to be incorporated under the provisions of the Religious, Charitable and Educational Trusts Act, 1908.

J. F. ROBERTS, Hon. Secretary.

THE NEW ZEALAND METHODIST LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

(Incorporated under the Religious, Charitable and Educational Trusts Act, 1908.)

RULES.

Part I.

NAME AND REGISTERED OFFICE.

1. The name of the Association shall be the "NEW ZEALAND METHODIST LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION" (hereinafter referred to as the Association).

The registered office of the Association shall be at the Connexional Office of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, situated in Epworth Chambers, Hereford Street, Christchurch.

Part II.

MEMBERSHIP.

2. The Association shall consist of all fully accredited Methodist Local Preachers in the Dominion of New Zealand.

NOTE: A Local Preacher is a Layman who is an accredited member of the Church, and who, having passed the prescribed tests, is authorised to preach in the Circuit in which he resides, and any other Circuit to which he is invited by the Superintendent thereof. (Methodist Law Book, paragraph 173.)

Part III.

OBJECTS.

3. The objects of the Association are:—
- (a) To advance the Kingdom of God.
 - (b) To render faithful service to the Methodist Church of New Zealand.
 - (c) To promote fellowship and efficiency among Methodist Local Preachers throughout the Dominion.
 - (d) To provide for the representation of Local Preachers in such Church courts and Connexional offices as may be provided by the laws of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.
 - (e) To watch over and foster the general interests of Methodist Local Preachers in any constitutional way that may be found practicable.
 - (f) The Association shall have power to acquire any real or personal property by purchase, lease or otherwise for the purposes of the Association; to sell, lease, mortgage or otherwise deal with or dispose of any of its property; to invest any moneys of the Association in conformity with the requirements of the Trustee Act 1908; to invest or otherwise deal with any funds which may have come into the possession of the Association in accordance with the trusts and conditions governing such funds; and to borrow money on the security of any real or personal property of the Association, or on guarantee or otherwise.

Part IV.

ADMINISTRATION.

4. The affairs of the Association shall be administered by:
 - (a) An Executive.
 - (b) Branches.
5. The Executive shall consist of the President, two Vice-Presidents, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, five other members, and not more than four corresponding members, all of whom shall be elected at each Annual Meeting of the Association.
6. The Executive shall come into office at the conclusion of the meeting at which it is elected, and shall hold office until the conclusion of the meeting at which its successor is elected.
7. The quorum for any meeting of the Executive shall be four.
8. The President shall be chairman of meetings of the Executive; in the absence of the President and Vice-Presidents any member of the Executive may be appointed for that purpose.
9. The Chairman of an Executive meeting shall have a casting vote as well as a deliberative vote.
10. Should a vacancy in the Executive occur during the year, it shall have power to fill the vacancy for the balance of its term.

ANNUAL MEETING.

11. The Annual Meeting shall be held at the location and during the period of the Annual Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand. Notice of the place and time of the holding of such Annual Meeting shall be published in the "New Zealand Methodist Times."

12. The Annual Meeting shall consist of all members who are present thereat.

13. The Annual Meeting shall be presided over by the President; in his absence by a Vice-President. In the event of none of these officials being present the meeting may appoint one of its number to be chairman.

14. The chairman of the Annual Meeting shall have a casting vote as well as a deliberative vote.

15. The quorum for an Annual Meeting shall be fifteen.

16. The business of the Annual Meeting shall include the consideration of the Annual Report, and the Annual Statement of Accounts (which shall have been previously audited), consideration of any remits or general business that may be introduced, the election of the Executive and the Honorary Auditor.

BRANCHES.

17. A District Branch of the Association may be formed in each Synodal District of the Methodist Church in New Zealand.

18. Each District Branch shall, subject to these Rules, draw up rules for the conduct of the business of the Branch, and appoint its own officials and Committee.

19. Each District Branch shall, prior to or during the District Synod, hold an Annual Meeting to which an Annual Report and Statement of Accounts shall be presented, and at which such other business as may be brought forward shall be considered, and at which officials and a Committee shall be elected.

20. Each District Branch shall appoint two representatives and two substitute representatives to the District Synod, as provided by the Laws of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

21. In any Synodal District, Local Branches may be formed, subject to the approval of the District Branch, and all members of such Local Branches shall, ipso facto, be members of the District Branch.

22. Branches shall arrange for periodic meetings of members and undertake to promote as far as possible, the objects of the Association.

23. No Branch, or member of the Association, may take action on any question affecting the policy of the Association, without first having obtained the sanction of the Annual Meeting or the Executive.

24. Each Branch shall make its own arrangements for the provision of working expenses.

25. Each Branch, immediately after its Annual Meeting, shall supply to the Executive copies of its Annual Report and Statement of Accounts.

GENERAL.

26. The Common Seal of the Association shall be in the custody of the Honorary Secretary. It shall be affixed to documents by resolution of the Executive, and be attested by the signatures of any two members of the Executive and the Honorary Secretary, or person acting in the stead of the Honorary Secretary.

27. The Association's banking account or accounts shall be operated upon by the Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, and one other member of the Executive.

28. The President for the time being shall, ex officio, be the Association's representative to the Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand: provided that should he be unable to attend the Conference the Executive shall appoint some other member to act in his stead.

29. The "New Zealand Methodist Times" shall be the official organ of the Association.

30. The financial year of the Association shall conclude on the thirty-first of December.

31. No rule shall be added, amended, or rescinded except by a majority of not less than fifty-five per cent. of members voting at an Annual Meeting of the Association. Notice of any proposed addition, amendment or rescission shall be given to the Executive at least four calendar months before the date of the next Annual Meeting, and by the Executive shall be sent to each Branch within one month of receipt by the Executive. Any recommendations of the Branches shall be sent to the Executive for submission to the Annual Meeting.

32. In the event of the winding-up of the Association its property and funds shall be disposed of as decided upon by the final meeting of the Association, and subject to the approval of the Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report be received and adopted.

C.—METHODIST MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

For another year the Auckland District Committee has acted as the Dominion Executive. Two branches have been added to the Auckland group and since no withdrawals have been reported the number of branches would appear to be 35. However, few branches are reporting activities so that this number cannot be verified, and generally information is far from complete. The Dominion Secretary, who was Vice-President of the Conference during 1945, reports that he has been able to make, during his year of office, some visits as follows:—Groups at St. Albans, Linwood, Lower Hutt, Palmerston North, Hawera, Stratford, Hamilton, Hastings, Napier, Gisborne, and Auckland—numbers varied from 12 at Stratford to 60 at Palmerston North. In many cases a 6 o'clock tea, provided and served by ladies of the respective Churches, marked the gatherings which were attended by many returning servicemen already linking up again with their respective Fellowships. The Auckland District Men's Fellowship conducted a Sunday Afternoon Service at Trinity College in honour of the President and Vice-President, both of whom addressed the Assembly, and in addition, the President conducted a Communion Service.

Evidence is definitely forthcoming of renewed interest throughout the Dominion, but much remains to be done in all Synod Districts before the letters M.M.F. carry a halo similar to that about the letters M.W.M.U.

Twelve months ago it was reported that the Dominion Executive had conferred Life Membership on Mr. W. S. Mackay, the first President. It must now be reported that after serving the Fellowship with a Christian zeal unsurpassed in the life of the movement, he has passed to his reward. The Executive recommends that in memory of so devoted a life it will be fitting to raise the Doctor's Equipment Fund to the original figure, namely £150, proposed by the late W. S. Mackay, and to call it the Mackay Memorial Fund.

Subscriptions, withheld of necessity during the war years, are being forwarded again and a new fund known as the Goldie Book Fund has been instituted, the object being to provide suitable reading matter in replacement of much that was lost as a result of hostilities. Small amounts continue to be contributed to the Doctor's Equipment Fund, but it is hoped this will be much augmented in the immediate future.

At the invitation of the Rev. A. W. E. Silvester, Fellowships are asked to consider making gifts of tools, new and used, not in twos and threes but in quantities of a dozen or more of each, suitable for woodwork, metalwork, agriculture, etc. Already several Fellowships have so contributed and Mr. F. C. Matthews of the Epsom Branch has offered to receive, assemble and despatch to the Islands all such tools forwarded.

The Dominion's Funds now stand as follows:—

Doctor's Equipment Fund	....	....	£88	16	0
Goldie Book Fund	....	....	8	15	0
Dominion Executive Funds	....	....	10	7	9

Again the Ministers promoting the work of the branches have the sincere thanks of the Dominion Executive for continued assistance in such Christian enterprise. The President, Mr. Geo. E. Spooner, was appointed the Representative to Conference.

G. E. SPOONER, President.

W. E. BURLEY, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted, together with the recommendations.
2. That Auckland District continue for 1946 the Dominion Headquarters.
3. That the incoming Vice-President of Conference, when travelling, be invited to make contact with as many Branches as possible.
4. That Conference recommend Ministers to form Branches in all Churches and Synodal District Executives.

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

**YOUTH DEPARTMENT.
ANNUAL REPORT.**

I.—INTRODUCTION TO YOUTH BOARD REPORT.

The Youth Board expresses its profound thankfulness to God for the cessation of hostilities throughout the world and for the safe deliverance of so many millions of people. Through all the difficulties and tragedies of the war years, the Board has experienced a deep sense of the sustaining presence and guidance of God, and has been conscious that only through His mercy and grace has it been possible to maintain the work of the Youth Department with a measure of efficiency and success.

The Youth Board also desires to pay tribute to the heroism and self-sacrifice of the youth of our Church who have served so conspicuously in the Armed Forces, and to express too its deepest sympathy to those who have suffered bereavement through the war. Its earnest prayer is that those who have suffered permanent injury may through the grace of God still enter into a rich fulness of life.

It pays tribute also to those who have endured imprisonment or detention because of convictions sincerely held.

The Board trusts that all those for whom normal Church and Community relationships have been interrupted because of the War, will ultimately find avenues of service in which their energies and ideals may be fully expressed.

The Board places on record its sincere appreciation of the faithful service rendered by Youth Councils, Sunday School teachers, Bible Class leaders, and other Youth Workers throughout the war years, in spite of all the difficulties which they have had to face. It is in large measure due to them that the work has been maintained so well.

YOUTH DEPARTMENT REPORT.

Youth Year.

As insufficient data has been received from local Churches on the activities of Youth Year, it is impossible to present any detailed report on "Youth Year." Such reports as have been received, however, indicate that where the programme suggested by the Youth Department was seriously undertaken, good progress was made. The statistics to the end of September, 1945, also indicate that there is a hopeful vitality in our Youth Work and that steady advances are being registered.

The programme of "Youth Year" involved special activities during each month from March to October, as follows:—

March—Easter Camp.

May—Christian Family Week.

June—C.Y.M.(M.) Week.

July—Youth Missionary Week.

August—Fitness Week.

September—Church Membership Week.

October—Thanksgiving and Dedication.

Throughout June and September special stress was laid also on Recruiting Campaigns for Sunday Schools and Bible Classes.

"Youth Year" activities aimed to call Youth to personal allegiance to Jesus Christ, to foster pledged membership of the C.Y.M.(M.), to present the claims of Church Membership, and to give to all the vision of the missionary task of the Church at home and overseas. Such a programme necessarily not merely involved the activities of a special "Youth Year" but also pointed the way to a permanent pattern for our Youth work every year.

Sunday Schools.

The work in the Sunday School continues to show improvement. Over the past years, Cradle Rolls have increased by 100, and S.S. Rolls by 646, and it is anticipated that the Youth Year membership campaign will have added to the totals.

It is to be noted that increases are most marked in the Cradle Roll and Beginners-Primary Departments, and over the next few years Churches will need to pay special attention to these foundation departments of our youth work.

Sunday School Buildings.

Enquiries in regard to modern designs for Sunday School buildings are being received from time to time. To assist in this regard, the Youth Department has purchased a "Portfolio of Ecclesiastical Designs" from America. This was published in 1944 and gives the latest information and designs for Church Buildings of all kinds. Consideration is being given to the best means of making this available to those who are contemplating the erection of new buildings. Our Church is faced with a great need for new buildings in many areas—especially for Sunday Schools and Bible Classes. It is hoped that these will be worthy of our Church and adequate for the needs of youth work to-day—and to-morrow.

Bible Class.

The Bible Class is still one of the most challenging departments of our work and one that has been most directly affected by the war. Hope is seen in the statistical returns for 1944 which showed an increase of 161 on the previous year, and in the new era that has now opened up with the cessation of hostilities for the building of the Senior Division of the C.Y.M. (M) in both the local Church and the district.

Special consideration is being given to the work of the Department amongst adolescent girls and young women in view of the special difficulties created by the war situation. Recommendations in regard to this matter will be forwarded to the Synods.

Teachers and Leaders.

The Church is indebted to the great company of devoted men and women who give their services in teaching and leading our young people. It is pleasing to see men and women returning from service with the Armed Forces taking up positions of leadership.

Publications.

"Christian Education" has completed its first year of publication. It has won the warm commendation of many people and fulfils a most useful purpose. Subscriptions at September 30th stood at 930. The co-operation of ministers, leaders and teachers in doubling this will be heartily welcomed.

"M.Y. News" has filled a much-felt need amongst our Bible Class youth. Subscriptions were 980 by September 30th. It is hoped that 1,500 will be reached before long. The Editor and his Committee are seeking to make it a worthy paper and look forward to a larger subscription list in order to make it the best possible.

"Graded Lessons." These lessons continue to provide valuable helps for our Sunday School teachers. The General Conference of the Methodist Church of Australia recently agreed to appoint a Director of Religious Publications whose chief task will be Methodist Editor of the Graded Lessons. This should lead to many improvements and to the speeding up of production.

"B.C. Syllabuses." The Syllabus Committee has endeavoured to make improvements in the set-up and material of the B.C. Syllabuses and has planned these as definite series.

"God and the Little Child" was published by the Youth Department through the assistance of the Spiritual Advance Committee. It is hoped that this will be the first of a valuable series. It has met with a good response, but much better use could be made of it. Others in the series are being planned, but cannot be printed until finance is available.

"Vital Evangelism" by the Rev. G. H. Goodman, planned several years ago, should meet a definite need. Through the generosity of a Wairarapa layman it has been distributed free to all ministers and home missionaries. The Department hopes it will be studied by all leaders and teachers and adult members, and its suggestions implemented in more definite evangelistic enterprise.

Films and Projectors.

Through the generosity of an anonymous donor the Youth Department obtained a 16 m.m. silent movie projector for the Central Area and was able to purchase at a reduced rate another movie projector for the South Island. A 16 m.m. movie camera has also been obtained, partly through the generosity of friends. These have proved most valuable and are enabling the Department to make advances in its film work. Easter Camps, Beach Work and Holiday Centres have been filmed; Sunday School work is also being filmed. A film produced by the Youth Department of the Christian Order Conference held in Christchurch is proving of great interest and is furthering the cause of the Ecumenical Movement and Inter-Church friendship and co-operation.

Still films have been produced on Sunday School and Bible Class work and for Parent Education. These have been greatly appreciated. Further missionary and temperance films are in preparation, but lack of first-class materials and finance is making development slow in this regard.

The use of these valuable aids is limited to the finance available.

Increasing interest in film work is being taken by Sunday Schools and Churches. The Youth Department is endeavouring to keep informed as to developments in this matter. Difficulties of supply and questions of agencies are impeding progress at present.

Camps.

With memories of the necessity for re-instituting B.C. Camps at the close of the first World War, it is gratifying to be able to report that there were approximately 974 young women and approximately 1185 young men in Easter Camps this year. These figures represent an increase of 90 and 200 on those of 1944; 805 of these were first time campers, and from reports received, approximately 389 young people recorded their Christian decision in these camps.

Mixed camps have come to stay, 10 being held last Easter. In two instances, Presbyterians and Methodists held combined camps. There were 26 camps altogether.

Leadership Schools.

Six schools were held in the year under review, and scholars were engaged in a special study on "The Church." These figures represent an increase on those of last year. All the Schools were characterised by deep fellowship and the enrichment of spiritual life.

Leader-Teacher Training Course.

A Christchurch committee continues to give splendid service in connection with the Leader-Teacher Training Course.

There were 33 young men and women taking subjects during the year under review, all gaining passes.

These figures are very disappointing, especially when our course has been so favourably commented on by other groups, and we again stress the supreme importance of trained leadership in all phases of the work.

The Church owes its thanks to the Committee Members, the Tutors and Examiners, for their very fine service in this section of the Youth Work.

Y.C.N.C.C.

The Youth Committee of the National Council of Churches continues to foster fellowship and co-operation amongst the Youth Leaders of the various Churches and Christian Youth Organisations. Much attention has been given this year to the question of Leadership Training. A Dominion Leadership Training Course is being planned which incorporates the training schemes of the various Churches and a Thirty-Hour Course on Physical Education and Recreation provided by the Department of Internal Affairs. The course seeks to encourage a good standard for all Christian Youth Leaders.

National Christian Youth Week is proving a great inspiration to Christian Youth in an increasing number of places. Sunday processions of witness, rallies, and week-day study groups and sports, are bringing Christian Youth together in happy fellowship and providing opportunity for Christian witness and service. Such co-operation strengthens every Church.

Recreation and Leisure.

The Committee dealing with Recreation and Leisure activities is still located in Auckland, and has done good work during the year. Requests have been received and dealt with and the Committee has been very busy exploring new fields and in gathering new items for the further use of Youth Workers.

Clubs.

In keeping with the latest developments in youth work, an increasing interest is being evinced in week-night activities for our young people, and it is apparent that our workers will need guidance in the formation of these groups and in the development of a proper programme. Through the counsel of the Youth Directors, articles in "Christian Education," and books on club work that have been purchased for the Youth Office library, some help has been already offered in this direction. In Wellington some leaders have taken the 100 hours' course of training presented by the Physical Welfare Branch of the Internal Affairs Department.

Permanent Camp Sites.

Several districts report progress towards the acquirement of permanent camp sites—though no additional sites were obtained during the year. With the cessation of hostilities and the expected development of the work among the older adolescents, it is anticipated that camping and retreats will play a still greater part in our Senior Youth Work. In view of this, and in view, too, of the increasing difficulty in the securing of suitable sites, it is urged that the Church as a whole in every district give this matter serious consideration.

Correspondence Department.

Religious Instruction for young people in country districts is still being provided for in the Department's Programme.

Lesson material is supplied free of charge, and instruction is given by a team of 55 teachers and eight leaders. There were 120 S.S. scholars and 12 Bible Class members in this section at the end of the Church year. Contact was made also with other youth of Bible Class age.

Mrs. W. A. Smith and Miss M. Waddingham continue to serve the Church by superintending the work in these fields, and to them we tender our grateful appreciation.

Missions.

The Youth Missionary Objective of £2000 has been kept before our young people throughout the year. This involves a penny per week per Bible Class member and a penny per month per Sunday School scholar, though all youth are encouraged to give more if possible. Results are not yet to hand, but should be available for Conference. Two fine posters have been printed and will be forwarded to Sunday Schools and Bible Classes early next year.

Parent Education.

Family Week in the Youth Year programme served to stimulate interest in the subject of the Christian home. Several Churches report successful services and meetings.

The Department is also pleased to report the coming into being of some additional parents' groups.

Two film strips, "The Family Hour" and "Family Devotions," have been produced for use in these groups and in other ways, and where shown during the year, excited considerable interest and appreciation.

Temperance Education.

The Department has continued its scheme of Temperance Education in S.S. and B.C. through the circulation of the film strip "The Stream of Life." Two other strips are in the course of preparation.

The work in the North Canterbury District is worthy of special mention. Here, over the past two years, the majority of the Churches in the district have been visited in turn by Mr. W. F. Stock, who has used both the Department's film strip and projector and his own lantern and slides. Cards of invitation to the meetings have been distributed through the public schools, resulting in an average attendance of 60 at all meetings. Collections taken have covered projector depreciation charges as well as cost of printing and other incidentals. Similar work might well be undertaken in every District.

Rehabilitation.

The Board records with pleasure that a number of men and women who have been demobilised from the Armed Forces are finding their former places in the local Church fellowship and that some are already taking up positions of leadership in Sunday Schools, Bible Classes and other Youth activities. Their experience during the war has matured them beyond membership of youth groups, but makes them more fit for leadership. We trust that they will find spiritual comradeship in the adult Church, Fire-side Clubs, and Men's Fellowships, and out of enriched lives be able to give helpful and effective leadership in various branches of the Church's activities. Many will be setting up new homes and every effort should be made to link the homes of all as closely as possible with the Church.

Newsletter.

Two Newsletters were despatched to the members of the Armed Forces this year. One was the Youth Supplement of the "Methodist Times." Letters of appreciation of these have been received from men overseas.

S.S. Diplomas.

During the year several Diplomas were issued to Sunday School teachers for faithful and fruitful service.

Convention.

The Youth Workers' Convention was held at Woburn, December 30, 1944—January 1, 1945. Though attendance was relatively small, there was evident a keen interest and much promising leadership was discovered. It was decided to designate a President and Vice-President of the 1945 Convention. Mr. E. A. Pryor was elected President and Miss F. Nixon Vice-President.

Office Staff.

Youth Year placed increased burdens upon the Office Staff and our deepest thanks are due to them for their loyalty and devotion.

Hospitality.

The Directors have continued to enjoy gracious hospitality in many homes, and greatly appreciate the many kindnesses experienced. They also are deeply indebted to the ministers for their brotherly co-operation.

W. A. BURLEY, Chairman.

E. G. HEGGIE, Secretary.

C. T. SYMONS, Senior Youth Director.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

I.

The cessation of hostilities throughout the world led the Youth Board to give serious consideration to the needs of Youth Work in the present situation and for the future. From such deliberations it makes the following recommendations:—

1. Leadership Training.

That, as Leadership is a matter of vital and fundamental importance for our Youth Work, every effort should be made to promote the training of Teachers and Leaders through—

(a) The encouragement of individual teachers and leaders to study and, if possible, to take the Dominion Leader and Teacher Training Course, and to subscribe to "Christian Education."

(b) The setting up of Fellowship and Training Classes for Youth workers in every local Church.

(c) The training of Youth workers as evangelists amongst youth. For this "Vital Evangelism" is recommended as a study book.

(d) The creation of a deeper sense of Churchmanship amongst Youth workers.

2. Church's Youth Calendar.

That, in order to integrate our Youth work more definitely within the Church, special emphasis be given to the aims of the Christian Youth Movement—Methodist, throughout the year as follows—

(a) Easter Camps—definite challenge of youth to decision for Christ.

(b) June Youth Sunday—pledged membership of the C.Y.M.M.

(c) Youth Missionary Sunday—co-ordinated with Missionary efforts in local Churches.

(d) September—Church Membership.

3. All-round Programme.

That, as Youth require a programme which caters for body, mind and spirit, and which is centred in the Christian faith, every effort should be made by local Churches to provide mid-week activities linked with Sunday Schools and Bible Classes which will fulfil this need.

In this connection, the Board especially commends the Boys' Brigade and Girls' Life Brigade. Movements as these are definitely linked with the Church. Through these and similar Club activities, local Churches may integrate their Youth work into Christian Youth Centres and counteract many of the secular and pagan influences prevalent amongst Youth to-day.

The Board feels convinced that the Church needs expert guidance for the successful implementation of such work from a Youth Director who could give special attention to it.

4. Sunday Schools.

That all Sunday Schools be urged to make use of the best facilities available and endeavour to provide all teachers with adequate equipment for efficient teaching.

5. C.Y.M.M. Senior Fellowship.

That for the purpose of fostering fellowship and developing a programme providing for evangelistic, cultural, social and service activities in the senior division of the C.Y.M.M., D.Y.C.'s be recommended to set up C.Y.M.M. Senior Fellowships providing for sectional as well as mixed activities.

6. Missionary Education.

That Youth be urged to take an active interest in the Missionary Task of the Church at Home and Overseas as an essential expression of the Christian Faith, and make every endeavour to meet the full C.Y.M.M. Missionary Objective of £2000.

7. Parents.

That in the light of the importance of building Christian family life, Churches be urged to give special attention to the establishment of efficient Home and Cradle Roll Departments, particularly to the possibility of forming Parents' Groups, and instruction on the principles of Christian marriage.

8. That the Christian Home Series include publications on the principles of Christian marriage.

9. Youth Department Allocation.

That in order to meet the increases in the Budget of the Youth Department due to adjustments of Conference minimum stipends, Conference assess the Youth Department allocation at one shilling per Church member in Circuits and sixpence per member in Home Mission Stations.

10. The Youth Board requests Conference to affirm the desirability of appointing a specialist Youth Director to concentrate on the establishment of Christian Youth Centres within our Church, as centres of evangelistic and cultural enterprise.

11. The Youth Board requests Conference to affirm the desirability of appointing a Woman Director to give expert guidance in the shaping of the Youth policy of our Church, in the fostering of adequate leadership, and in the effective conduct of work amongst the young women of our Church.

12. The Board also requests Conference to grant permission to the Youth Board to raise the sum of £5000, which is the estimated cost of the Specialist Director and Woman Director for a period of six years, the Board to submit to Conference nominations for such appointments as soon as three years' finance is in hand, preference to be given to the appointment of the Woman Director.

RESOLUTIONS.

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

2. That the Y.D. allocation be 1/- per Church member in Circuits and 6d. per member in H.M. Stations.

3. That a woman Director be appointed to give expert guidance in the shaping of the Youth Policy of our Church in the fostering of adequate leadership and in the effective conduct of work amongst the young women of our Church.

4. That a Specialist Youth Director be appointed to concentrate on the establishment of Christian Youth Centres within our Church as centres of evangelistic and cultural enterprise.

5. That Conference grant permission to the Youth Board to raise the sum of £5,000 which is the estimated cost of the Specialist Director and Woman Director for a period of six years.

6. That the time of launching the appeal of £5,000 for the appointment of two extra Youth Directors be referred to a Committee which shall recommend a co-ordinated scheme for this and other appeals which may be authorised.

7. That the President of Conference, in consultation with the Youth Board, be authorised to appoint a Woman Youth Director as soon as a suitable nominee is available, the greater part of her time to be given to the South Island during the absence of Rev. J. K. Watson abroad.

8. That the Youth Board submit to Conference or to the President of the Conference a nomination for the appointment of the Specialist Youth Director when £2,500 is in hand.

9. That the Youth Board consider the desirability of amending the constitution of the District Youth Council to permit representatives of local Youth Councils having seats on the District Youth Council.

10. That upon his return to Circuit work, this Conference records its deep gratitude to God and its thanks to Rev. M. A. McDowell for the outstanding contribution which he has made to the Church during the past seven years as Youth Director. His rich spirituality, his deep understanding of youth, his enthusiastic and patient leadership, and his untiring zeal have been of incalculable help in the working out of the new Youth policy, and have profoundly influenced our young people. Conference also records its sincere appreciation of the loyal and self-sacrificing support rendered by Mrs. McDowell.

11. That Conference records appreciation of the devoted and efficient service rendered to the Church through the Youth Department by Miss Anne Firth in her position as Youth Office Secretary during the past seven years.

12. That Local Youth Councils give consideration to the importance of Decision Sunday in Sunday Schools, and take steps to ensure that all Bible Class members are definitely faced with the challenge of Decision for Christ.

13. That when the establishment of community youth centres is being considered, members of our Church in the respective districts be urged to take a practical interest in the centres, with a view to giving to the scheme moral and spiritual support and leadership.

14. That provision be made on the Northland Sub-Council for a representative of the far north Circuits.

15. That the possibility of having a Church Calendar printed (full calendar with special days marked) be referred to the Church Welfare Committee for investigation.

16. That the Youth Board prepare, in consultation with the Board of Publications, Cradle Roll Certificates, Birthday Cards and Rolls to implement the recommendations in regard to Church Membership.

III. Youth Board for 1946.

The Chairman of the District, the Youth Directors and the Office Secretary, Revs. J. D. McArthur, J. L. Mitchell, J. D. Grocott, B.A., and A. K. Petch, B.A.; Mrs. C. P. S. Boyer, Miss A. Firth; Messrs. C. R. Edmond, J. D. Watson. Y.W.B.C. representatives: Mrs. A. G. Worboys, Mrs. G. C. Burton, Mrs. E. Masters, and Miss M. Bucknell. Y.M.B.C. representatives: Rev. W. J. Morrison, Messrs. S. Fellows, N. P. Alcorn, and E. Masters. S.S. representatives: Misses J. Young, J. Morris, I. Ramsden, and Mr. E. G. Heggie.

IV. District Youth Councils.

AUCKLAND.—Ministers: Revs. V. R. Jamieson, J. Wesley Parker, G. V. Thomas. Lay Representatives: Misses N. Hearling and H. Marter, Mr. E. Salmon. S.S. Teachers: Misses K. Smith and E. Burton, Mr. J. Armstrong. Y.W.B.C.: Misses A. Rogers, R. Bennett and E. Rennie. Y.M.B.C.: Messrs. B. Burton, N. Strack, J. Steel. Chairman: Chairman of the District. Secretary: Rev. G. V. Thomas.

Northland Sub-Council.—Ministers of Whangarei, Dargaville and Hikurangi Circuits. Lay Representatives: Messrs. N. W. Bennett, E. J. Clarke, and R. Warth. S.S. Teachers: Miss A. J. Hills, Messrs. M. R. Edgar and R. M. Salmon. Y.W.B.C.: Misses G. Bickers, N. George and M. Slade. Y.M.B.C.: Messrs. M. Cole, G. Crawshaw, J. S. Hills. Chairman: Rev. G. E. Brown, as Deputy for the Chairman of the District. Secretary: Mr. R. M. Salmon.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.—Ministers: Chairman of the District, Revs. W. Gatman, J. S. Waite, and the second Minister of the Hamilton Circuit. Laymen: Mrs. J. Jebson, Miss L. Ewen, Mr. A. R. Waite. Sunday School: Mrs. H. Cook, Messrs. C. Verry and E. Hayward. Y.W.B.C.: Misses Z. Peace, L. Fulton, and W. Blacklock. Y.M.B.C.: Messrs. J. Jebson, A. Clement and H. Wheatley. Mrs. W. A. Smith (ex-officio), Correspondence S.S.

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NELSON.—Revs. C. Blair (Chairman), R. E. Patchett, L. Shapcott, H. Ford; Misses G. Holdaway, E. Bolitho, M. Corby, E. Dickenson, A. Price, B. Hunter, J. Henderson; Messrs. C. Mayson, A. Wratt, I. Holdaway, L. Cowen, H. R. Holdaway. Secretary: Miss M. Corby.

NORTH CANTERBURY.—Revs. H. W. Payne, L. A. Hayman, J. Silvester; Misses M. Robinson, B. Ford, R. Turnpenny; Messrs. A. Dingwall, L. J. Dale, F. Baird, A. E. Lawry, W. J. Burnell, P. T. Battersby, E. H. Smith, J. Travers, and one other who will be District Youth Secretary and Representative to Synod.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.—Ministers: Chairman of the District, Ministers of Banks Street (Timaru), Woodlands Street (Timaru), Timaru South. Lay Representatives: Miss G. Lloyd, Mr. S. Riley, Mr. N. Hawkey. S.S. Representatives: Miss E. Hodson, Mr. T. Wakelin, Mr. W. Hawkey. Y.W.B.C.: Miss V. Gosnell, Miss R. Hodson, Miss E. Duggan. Y.M.B.C.: Mr. K. Fowke, Mr. R. Verity, Mr. A. Bradley. Secretary: Miss E. Duggan.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—Chairman of the District, Revs. Harold W. Burley, A. P. Dorrian, and one to be appointed. Lay Representatives: Messrs. P. Pullen, C. Chirnside, and one to be appointed. S.S. Representatives: Misses M. Catchpole and L. Hetherington. Y.M.B.C.: Messrs. C. Scarf, C. Jackson, A. Patton. Secretary: Mr. C. Chirnside.

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

PUBLIC QUESTIONS COMMITTEE.

ANNUAL REPORT.

Cessation of Hostilities.

The first fact that must be noted in the report of the Public Questions Committee is that for the last five years the committee has been required to give considerable attention to matters arising from the war situation. But now in this report we express our profound sense of gratitude at the victory granted to the United Nations and the subsequent cessation of hostilities. The Committee therefore submits an appropriate resolution.

Atomic Bomb.

With the cessation of hostilities a great deal of consideration has been given by the public to the use of the atomic bomb in the closing stages of the Japanese War. The concern of the committees of the Church was referred to this committee, and a resolution is presented.

Statements.

At the request of the Conference, the committee has prepared statements in place of the proposed standing resolutions (1945 Minutes of Conference, page 84).

(1) **Bible in Schools.** The convictions held by the Conference concerning education recognise the supreme place of the Bible as the principal text-book of Christianity. The fundamental test of a sound education from the Christian viewpoint lies in its ability to provide for the integration of life, centred in God. Such provision will include opportunities for Christian worship and instruction in the precepts and practices of Christianity as essential parts of school life, whether ecclesiastically or nationally controlled. Hence a system which limits instruction to secular subjects or whose basic principle is merely secular, falls short in most essential requirements and is ill-balanced.

While sectarian divisions exist in a community it is considered inadvisable to obtrude them in the school society which aims at ideal conditions in preparing children for life. In national—as distinct from denominational—schools it is preferable to use agreed syllabuses of religious teaching approved by all the Churches concerned and to maintain the grading of classes found in the school rather than to segregate the several denominations in classes combining various grades in order to give distinctively denominational teaching.

In such schools will be found pupils of all denominations and of none. Herein the principle of freedom of conscience and of choice should apply. Coercion of teachers or pupils with compulsory participation in view is disapproved. Equally, however, should the same principle be applied so that all Christian teachers and the children of all parents or guardians who desire them to be trained in Christian ways of life shall be free to participate without let or hindrance.

(2) **Sunday Observance.** The due observance of Sunday is essential to the well-being both of the Christian Church and of society in general. Scripture sets forth the importance of the observance of one day in seven for rest and for worship. By the Christian Church, the first day of the week, in remembrance of the Resurrection, has been so observed since the beginning of the Christian Era. But in the minds of many, changing habits have completely altered the traditional view and its obligations. It is true that the community as a whole now regards Sunday more and more as a holiday. This view is by no means confined to non-Christians, for many in the Church now regard the day more as a day of rest and recreation. It is necessary that we make clear the principle which should guide Christians who desire to follow the Mind of Christ.

Our starting point is the practice and teaching of Jesus. He observed the Jewish Sabbath, the 7th day of the week, making full use of the opportunities afforded for worship and fellowship. At the same time He engaged in works of mercy to such an extent that He was charged with the violation of the sanctity of the day. Those who so charged Him had the support of the Decalogue. But the Commandment regarding the Sabbath had become so encrusted with minute regulations that ritual became more important than righteousness, and sacrifice than mercy.

The Christian Church gradually observed the 1st day of the week and not the 7th. Its festival is not the Jewish Sabbath but the Christian Sunday. The reasons for the change are clear. After Pentecost the Jewish Christians continued to observe the 7th day, but soon the majority of Christians were Gentiles for whom the Jewish Sabbath had no particular sanctity. For them the important element was not the Jewish law, but the worship of Jesus Christ, and the practice grew up among them of meeting on the 1st day of the week. The practice received definite encouragement from Paul. The followers of Christ learned from Paul that all days were to be kept, and that all their actions were to be performed as unto their Lord. No longer were they under Law, but under Grace. This must be the attitude of the Christian to the Lord's Day.

We believe that the Christian appeal for Sunday must be positive and not negative. So we do not ask—"What will violate the Sabbath?"—but rather, "How will we best keep Sunday?" This must be decided by every Christian for himself, guided, of course, by the Church under the influence of the Holy Spirit. Certain elements of fellowship must be recognised, the principal one being Worship. This is vital to the Christian. Man is a social being and fellowship in worship is essential in all forms of religion. The Christian has his Lord's promise that where two or three are gathered together He is in their midst. Nothing can take the place of the meeting together of old and young with the one purpose of praising and magnifying Him from Whom all blessings flow. Corporate Christian worship and the Christian Sunday are inseparably united.

But to-day, many Christians do not regard regular attendance at Worship as obligatory. Even in strict religious circles this attitude obtains. But it cannot be too strongly stressed that with Sunday the question for the individual is not "What would I like to do," but rather "What ought I to do?" This is definitely a personal matter; it cannot be decided by anyone for another. Leaders of Christian communities must discover in what sense—if any—their method of religious worship is lacking, and if found wanting, to remedy it fully. Our aim should not be to provide entertainment but to make the united approach to God of such a character that worshippers will be blessed. In our Methodism the preaching of the Gospel has ever been regarded as central. Preachers should give their utmost attention to this, so that the service may not fail in inspiration. Along with other Churches we find that the service of Holy Communion is making a stronger appeal to a larger constituency, and thus it behoves us to give to this Celebration its due and rightful place in our Public Worship.

The utmost care must be taken by our people regarding unnecessary work in the home; and to keep social calls down to a minimum on the Lord's Day. These so often entail labour in transport and hospitality that they must be avoided wherever possible. Amusements, too, must be considered in the same category. We may ask what effect our particular game or sport has on us and on others. Both outdoor and indoor games may demand so much of our time and thought that worship may be crowded out entirely. Professing Christians must be careful not to give themselves to these things on the Sunday, not because these games are in any sense wrong in themselves, but because they may take the place of the deeper needs of the soul. Always remembering, too, that our example is a matter of the greatest importance, we surely will not engage in any form of Sunday sport that may harm others. Every occupation with which we are connected on the Sunday may justify itself as serving the highest ends of our nature—body, mind and spirit. Cultural interests are to be encouraged, but these can be considered only when they broaden our human sympathies and make us more effective in service for our fellows.

The wise observance of Sunday in the family is necessary. Children cannot see reasons for abstaining from certain games or pursuits, particularly if the adults themselves indulge in them. Children usually adopt, or take for granted, the atmosphere of their surroundings and will be more deeply impressed by example than by prohibitions.

The right way to spend Sunday depends upon the right view of what Sunday is meant to be. For the Christian Church it is the day specially devoted to worship, rest and quiet, with practical service and fellowship. As such we regard it as ordained of God. It is observed on the first day of the week in honour of the Resurrection of Jesus our Lord. We cannot lay down hard and fast rules and say what is right and what is wrong for everyone. The Day must serve the highest interests of the individual and of the community. "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath."

(3) **Temperance. Historic position of the Methodist Church to the Drink Evil.** The historic position of the Conference, as set forth in the resolutions it has from time to time adopted, is strongly opposed to the beverage use of alcohol and, while urging on the Government the formulation of effective measures for the control and restraint of this enemy of the nation, has, as its ultimate aim, the total cessation of the use, manufacture, and sale of intoxicants for beverage purposes.

Such opposition to the traffic is not rooted in prejudice, but is based on reason, upon acquaintance with the damaging effects of drink in this country, upon a knowledge of harmful action of alcohol upon the human body and brain, and upon facts established as a result of sound scientific investigation by world authorities. These investigations prove (see Report—"Alcohol, Its Action on the Human Organism"—prepared by the British Medical Research Council (1938), Chapter 8, "Poison Action of Alcohol," pp. 98-120) that the consumption of alcoholic liquor in any quantity whatever, except where medically necessary for a specific purpose or condition, is positively harmful. It confuses prompt judgment, retards the power to see signals, hastens fatigue, lessens resistance to disease and exposure, increases the shock from wounds, and so affects the brain as to induce the illusion that the drinker is fitter when he is actually less fit.

Further, the harm done is not only physiological, but psychological also, and may lead to moral impairment. It is the moral consequences, to the individual, the family, and society, so frequently disastrous, which are the worst aspects of alcoholic indulgence. The heavy loss inflicted upon the community by such indulgence is manifested in deterioration of character, impairment of health and efficiency, discord in domestic life, public disorder, economic loss, the neglect and suffering of children, and in the undue influence of the liquor trade on public affairs.

These grave considerations constrain the Conference to counsel all Methodist people to estimate afresh their responsibilities in this sphere of Christian obligation and witness. The Conference accordingly commends to all under its pastoral oversight the following three-fold declaration and appeal:—

(a) **The Requirements of Christian Discipleship.**

The discipleship of Christ makes definite claim upon us all as regards both personal habit and public duty. In view of the Church's responsibility for the upbuilding throughout the world of a Christian order of life, the Conference appeals to all Methodists to abstain habitually, for Christ's sake and for the common good, from the use of intoxicating liquors as beverages. The use of intoxicants on any occasion on Methodist Church premises is not permitted.

As Christian discipleship is also concerned with the commerce in drink, the Conference urges Methodist people to keep themselves from complicity with a traffic, the results of which are so injurious to the interests of religion, morality and social life. This should be borne in mind especially in the appointment of office-bearers.

(b) Total Abstinence and Temperance Teaching.

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

The Conference therefore directs that Temperance teaching, which is factual, dispassionate and common-sense, shall be given in all youth organisations associated with the Methodist Church and, to this end, commends the scheme of Temperance Education prepared by the Youth Department.

In view of the responsibility that rests upon the state and all other organisations concerned with the welfare of citizens, the Conference appeals to the Education Department and all Education Boards to see that the Temperance teaching provided for in the curriculum of the primary schools is regularly implemented. The Conference requests the governing bodies of all Methodist schools to make provision for adequate instruction in this subject.

(c) The Responsibilities of Christian Citizenship.

The Conference believes that much good can be achieved by using the legislative powers of Parliament to curb some of the worst evils resulting from the consumption of alcoholic liquor by the enactment of laws for the strict regulation of the liquor trade, particularly with regard to reduction in the hours of sale, of the alcoholic content, the import of liquor, the availability of materials for manufacture, the control of advertising, of the conditions under which liquor is sold, and the control of profits or the elimination of profit. Further, the Conference renews its claim for the re-introduction of the Local Option issue in the Licensing Poll in all electorates and urges the granting of greater powers to Licensing Committees. The Conference calls upon all Methodist people to exercise their responsibilities as Christian citizens by registering their vote for Prohibition at the National Licensing Polls, by exercising their vote in the election of Licensing Committees, and by supporting the New Zealand Alliance in its educational work and in its endeavours to bring about legislative action for the more efficient working of the Licensing Laws and the more rigid control of the use, manufacture, and sale of intoxicating liquor.

It gives its whole-hearted support to the New Zealand Alliance as the co-ordinating body on temperance matters and as the body for securing such legislative action as here envisaged.

Brief Statements.

The Committee considered that brief statements are inadequate and are frequently misinterpreted. Consequently the Committee recommends that the Conference authorise the preparation and publication of more adequate statements which can be examined by members of the Church and used in appropriate meetings.

As an alternative, the Declarations of the British Conference are recommended with additions appropriate to New Zealand. These could be very useful basis for discussion groups and preaching.

The statements on Gambling and Conscientious Objectors are being considered and will be reported to next Synod and the following Conference.

The Committee points out that the Standing Resolutions reported to last Synods and Conference were prepared at the request of Conference of 1943.

Bible in Schools.

Action in line with the resolutions of last Conference has been taken. Co-operation between the National Council of Churches and the Bible in Schools League opened the way for a conference with representatives of the Education Department, the Boards, the School Committees' Associations and the N.Z. Educational Institute (of Teachers). The object was to discuss ways and means whereby the instruction given under the Nelson system could be rendered more efficient. By agreement no resolutions were moved and no press report given. The whole system was discussed in an amicable way, and matters considered at the Methodist Conference of 1945 were under review, including the item of greater elasticity with respect to the half-hour during which instruction was given. Negotiations are proceeding.

The attention of the N.C.C. was drawn by the League to the request of last Conference regarding the teaching of Christian principles on which democracy is based (resolution i, p. 81), and the matter was brought before the N.C.C. Conference in August for consideration.

Resolution e. on page 80 endorses the policy of the Bible in Schools League in the words, "(The Conference) cannot 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." These principles are also approved by the N.C.C., but attention needs to be drawn to official pronouncements of the Executive of the N.Z.E.I. which are in opposition to these principles, except as they find a partial acceptance by means of the Nelson System when carried on by voluntary workers from outside the school staff. Herein lies one of the chief obstacles in the way of a sound system of education in N.Z.

Co-operation between the N.C.C. and the League has continued, a Joint Advisory Committee serving as a liaison between the two organisations. The present arrangement whereby the responsibility of approaching the Government and the N.Z.E.I. was temporarily placed in the hands of the N.C.C. ends on December 31st, 1945. Future policy is being considered in relating these organisations, but considerable difference of opinion is in evidence. The decision prior to the Education Conference of 1944 is outlined in the Minutes of Conference 1945, on page 71, where it was envisaged that if the N.C.C. policy was "implemented in the legislation of the country the League would become in large part the Christian Education Department of the N.C.C. Should this legislative enactment not be secured, however, the present arrangement with full co-operation between the two organisations would be continued." The Education Conference resulted in

no such legislation. Despite this, after two meetings of the League's Dominion Council, at which policy was considered, the formation of a new organisation was approved, to be known as "The Committee of the National Council of Churches for Religious Education in Public Schools (incorporating the Bible in Schools League)." Any change of policy requires the sanction of the governing bodies of the churches in the League, and the forthcoming Conference will be asked to pronounce in approval and endorsement or otherwise.

Rev. E. O. Blamires.

After 18 years as Secretary of the League the Rev. E. O. Blamires is seeking supernumerary rank and is retiring from office.

Temperance.

A special Temperance Committee has been appointed by Conference to appear before the Royal Commission and to report to Conference. Consequently, this committee has no detailed report.

A letter seeking liberal support for the N.Z. Alliance special appeal for £5,000 was sent to Quarterly Meetings.

Adult Education.

At the request of the President, the Committee reported to the Consultative Committee on Adult Education appointed by the Government.

The report forwarded was very brief and the committee regrets that the time available to compile the report was not sufficient to ensure anything like an adequate statement of the Adult Educational activities of the Church.

R.C. Literature.

The Committee reports that the facts are as follows:—It was reported to the Committee that a Methodist person in Feilding had received from an unknown source a copy of a R.C. Catechism. We have no knowledge of another instance nor of this being a general or official practice. We have no recommendation to make.

National Council of Churches.

The National Council of Churches is doing an increasingly useful work and it merits the support of the Connexion. It has established contact with the World Council of Churches and with other Ecumenical bodies overseas. It has been represented on the Council of the Organisations for Relief and Service Overseas (CORSO) and has interested itself in a proposal for raising funds towards the relief and rehabilitation of Churches in Europe. It has kept close touch with the Inter-Church Council on Public Affairs and has negotiated closer ties with the National Missionary Council. Its relationship with the Bible-in-Schools League has functioned through a Joint Committee representative of both bodies. The affiliated Youth Committee has been well established. The N.C.C. has taken over the functions of the New Zealand Council of Religious Education. It has also participated in the Conference on religious education in the State primary schools. It has interested itself in the matter of providing for religious ministrations in the new housing areas and in suggested allocations of church sites therein on an equitable basis. It has also set up a Women's Committee which is functioning with good effect.

Various Commissions have been set up to consider particular spheres of action. Branches of the N.C.C. have been established in fifteen centres and co-operation has been instituted with other inter-Church organisations.

The acceptance by the University Senate of the N.C.C. proposals for a syllabus for a course of studies for Degrees in Divinity has encouraged the Council. It is hoped now to secure statutory authority for the University to grant such degrees.

A Conference on Christian Order was held in Christchurch last September of which full reports have already been published. Plans are being formulated for holding a similar Conference on Faith and Order during August, 1947. A preparatory Commission has been appointed and a Co-ordinating Committee has been set up of which the Rev. W. T. Blight is a member.

The budget of the N.C.C. provides for an estimated annual expenditure of £2000. Each constituent church is asked to contribute its quota from its central funds. The Presbyterian Assembly has appropriated £800 as its share and several Dioceses of the Church of England have accepted the principle. Last year we raised £172/1/10 by retiring collections. Our suggested allocation is £200 and Conference should consider how this should be raised. In addition our levy to the Expenses Fund is £26.

Our representatives on the Council are the Revs. W. A. Burley, M. A. Rugby Pratt, and R. Thornley, with the Rev. R. Dudley as an alternate. The Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt has been re-elected to the Executive and Mr. J. E. Purchase has been co-opted as a member. Under the new constitution we are entitled to elect four members to the Council and an alternate should also be appointed.

Representatives on Committee: Revs. W. A. Burley, M.A., M. A. Rugby Pratt, R. Thornley, M.A., R. Dudley, M.A., and Rev. W. T. Blight as an alternative member.

Inter-Church Council on Public Affairs.

Representatives on Committee: Revs. W. A. Burley, M.A., A. K. Petch, M.A., and Mr. A. C. Barrington. Alternative member, Rev. J. D. Grocott, B.A.

Bible in Schools League.

Representatives on Committee: Revs. W. A. Burley, M.A., A. K. Petch, B.A., and two members to be nominated by North Canterbury Synod.

Conference Resolutions.

The question of the immediate presentation of Conference resolutions to the responsible authorities was considered particularly in relation to governments. Resolutions sometimes lose their significance by being delayed until after Conference and also face a greater risk of being overlooked. The Committee therefore made an appropriate resolution which it believes will give considerable value to Conference findings.

Films.

Various organisations have made surveys of the influence of films on the general public. The question of the censorship of films is under consideration and enquiries are being made concerning the development of special children's programmes. The Inter-church Council and other groups are examining the question. Both people and authorities are concerned and an investigation is being made of the use of documentary films and of some method by which the public will be acquainted with the good films.

The whole question will be kept in view and if the findings of the various groups are made public in time, a report will be made direct to Conference.

Appellate Tribunal.

The Committee reports that while it is appreciative of the establishing of Revisionary Committees by the Government for the re-hearing of appeals for Conscientious Objectors, yet it finds the position still unsatisfactory. The hearing is only a revision of the case with the possible release of men on parole. It seems contradictory that men whose appeals are allowed should be granted only "parole" and that parole is offered on conditions that some men cannot accept. Further, this action still leaves men detained under an "indeterminate sentence" and that is one ground of our early protest.

Immigration.

The position with regard to people of other nationalities who may desire to settle in New Zealand cannot be regarded as satisfactory. Only persons of British birth and parentage and wholly of European race and colour are admitted without special restrictions. All others must have a permit issued by the Customs Department. The Government has no declared policy. Each application is said to be treated on its merits, and such policy as there is must be found in the usual practice of the Minister and the Department. This may be summarised:

(a) United States citizens of wholly European race and colour are in practice allowed entry as freely as similar British citizens.

(b) Other persons of wholly European race and colour are granted permits very sparingly. In the urgent period before the war, when large numbers of Europeans were trying to escape from actual or threatened danger, an insignificant number of refugees was admitted, although there were many applications. Since the war began very few such permits have been granted.

(c) There is, in effect, a complete colour bar against all non-Europeans. No Chinese have been allowed to come permanently to New Zealand since about 1925. Students, visitors, and wives have been granted temporary permits only. Indians, although British subjects, have not been allowed permanent entry either, except for wives and children under 18 of those who were already here.

The fact of a colour bar must be admitted although it is not incorporated in any law. The minister's discretion is absolute and it operates as effectually as if the bar were statutory. Such a colour bar is clearly repugnant to the Christian Gospel, and a niggardly policy regarding admission of refugees is also contrary to the Gospel.

It is also to be gravely deplored that there is some evidence in our country of race-prejudice, anti-semitism, and anti-alien feeling. We hope and believe that these are not wide-spread, and we are glad that the Prime Minister has strongly deprecated expressions of hostility towards alien refugees.

New Zealand has great resources. We need and could easily absorb a very much larger population, which would be to the cultural and economic advantage of the country as a whole. But even if this were not so there is a clear Christian obligation to open our doors to those in need, even should it involve substantial sacrifices.

It is recognised that immigration should be on an orderly and even on a planned basis. But such ordering and planning should be on the most liberal and generous scale and should be the outcome of clearly defined policy from which considerations of race or colour should be resolutely and clearly excluded.

Christchurch 1945.

It is unlikely that the official report of the National Council of Churches Conference in Christchurch from August 28th to September 4th will be available before Synods meet. The space available in a Synod report is far too brief to give any adequate statement of either the experience of Conference or its significance for the Church in New Zealand. It is not too much to say that this is the most important happening in the life of the New Zealand Church in its brief history and, under God, is an indication of what can be recognised as a modern form of "revival."

Further the Conference is unique in world movements for there is no parallel of such an indigenous Conference elsewhere in which the participant churches are members of only one country. The family consciousness created in such a Conference is a promise of great things to come. It is hoped that Church members will secure and study carefully the Report of the Conference when it is available. It could well be the basis for study groups of Men's Fellowships and Women's Guilds, Auxiliaries, etc., in 1946.

INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS.

The Council has met regularly during the year and continues to serve the interest of the Churches with regard to public affairs. The officers of the Council are the Rev. J. Thomson Macky (Chairman), the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Wellington (Vice-Chairman), and the Rev. Ashleigh K. Petch (Secretary-Treasurer). Towards the end of last year the Council sustained a severe loss in the death of the Venerable Archdeacon W. Bullock, who had been a most trusted and esteemed member of the Council from its inception.

It was with real pleasure and satisfaction that the Council learnt of the appointment of the Chairman, the Rev. J. Thomson Macky, as a member of the Royal Commission on the Licensing Laws. The following are some of the matters of national importance which have received the attention of the Council during the year:—

Health Department's Leaflet on Abortion.

The Council has given serious consideration to a leaflet on abortion published by the Department of Health, which contains the statement that "Except on medical grounds, abortion is a crime," which, put positively, means that abortion is lawful if performed on medical grounds, which would permit abortion for any of a multitude of reasons, slight or serious, whereas, in fact, it is lawful only if performed to save the life of the mother. (See Crimes Act, 1908, Section 220, Clause 2.) Because of this sentence in question, the Council asked the Minister of Health either to withdraw the pamphlet from circulation or to state specifically the medical ground which is allowed by the law. At the Minister's request, the Council prepared an amended statement as an alternative to the one under discussion, which reads as follows:—"Abortion is a crime. The Crimes Act, 1908, lays down that, except in those rare cases where a mother's life can be saved only by an operation that may be fatal to the life of her child, inducing an abortion is a crime punishable by imprisonment for life."

Children and the Cinema.

The Council, in consultation with the Motion Pictures' Exhibitors, has approached the Minister of Internal Affairs with a view to securing a new and more accurate classification of films which would make the task of the Censor easier, and which would provide for a grading of certain films as "Suitable for Children." The Council has also taken part in discussions with W.E.A. groups and the New Education Fellowship with a view to the setting up of a committee to advise parents with regard to films considered suitable for children, and to create a public taste for a higher standard in film production.

Rehabilitation Grants for Returned Servicemen entering the Christian Ministry.

The Council has interviewed representatives of the Education Committee of the Rehabilitation Department concerning the granting of bursaries to returned servicemen who are accepted as Candidates for the Ministry. The policy of the Department at present appears to be to consider each case on its merits, as the Department is only concerned to see that a returned man has an economic position similar to that which would have been his if war had not intervened. The amount of a grant is conditioned by such matters as length of service.

Closing of Hotel-Bars on V.E. and V.J. Days.

In spite of many representations by the Council the Government refused to close hotel-bars on V.E. Day, but on V.J. Day ordered hotel-bars to close until 1.30 p.m. The Council was deeply concerned at this refusal to close hotel-bars throughout these special days of celebration for peace.

R.S.A. Attitude to Defaulters.

The Council on one occasion sent a deputation to the Dominion Executive of the Returned Servicemen's Association and on another called a round-table conference of members of the Council and the R.S.A. Dominion Executive on the question of the pronounced policy of the R.S.A. towards defaulters, many of whom were admitted to be sincere conscientious objectors. The R.S.A. representative informed the Council that their Executive was bound by the decisions of their Annual Conference and the Council members made it clear that Churches could not support a policy which they felt to be vindictive.

Revision Authorities to Rehear Appeals of Conscientious Objectors in Detention Camps.

When Revision Authorities were appointed by the Government to rehear the appeals of men in Detention Camps, the Council published in the Press the following statement which was passed unanimously, all constituent churches being represented:—"From the time when the regulations governing military service were first framed, the Inter-Church Council on Public Affairs, representing all the major Church bodies in New Zealand, made representations to the Government urging the setting up of special courts to hear appeals against military service on the ground of conscientious objection, as in Great Britain, also an Appellate Tribunal. The Churches' representations were not accepted and all types of appeals have been heard by the Armed Forces Appeal Boards.

The Churches recognise that our forces have served in the cause of freedom—and freedom of conscience is one of the essential principles of true democracy. We welcome the action of the Government in setting up Revision Authorities which afford the well recognised British right of appeal to any person who may have grounds for considering that his case has been wrongly determined. The Council is confident that such an attitude commends itself to the judgment of all right thinking citizens."

Aliens in New Zealand.

At the time when a vindictive attitude towards Aliens in New Zealand was being encouraged by resolutions of the Annual Conference of the R.S.A., the Council published the following statement in the Press:—

"The Inter-Church Council on Public Affairs welcomes the Prime Minister's recent statement in connection with the tolerant treatment of minorities and takes this opportunity of appealing to the people of New Zealand to exercise towards all men, including those who have sought refuge in our Dominion from persecution and political tyranny that spirit of tolerance and charity which is vital to the Christian faith on which our democracy is based."

Other Matters.

Solitary Confinement in Detention Camps and Prisons, with special reference to the case mentioned by Mr. Justice Fair in Auckland on March 2nd and to the alleged inhumanity towards a prisoner by name of McAuley in Mt. Eden Prison; Theological Students and National Service; Borstal Institutions; Rating of Church Schools, Colleges and Social Service Associations; Child Labour at Shannon on Sundays; A.T.C. week-end Camps and Sunday Parades; the need for the removal of the ban on the Jehovah's Witnesses Organisation; Treatment of War Neuroses; Responsibility of Ministers at Burials and the need for Funeral Directors to be licensed; National Film Lending Library; Consultative Committee on Adult Education; the attitude of the Churches to Community Centres; Sale of Art Union tickets by school children; Manpowering of key Church Workers; Materials for Vicarages, Parsonages, etc.; materials for Church buildings in new housing areas; Works' Councils in Industry; the Atomic Bomb.

W. A. BURLEY, Chairman.

JOHN D. GROCOTT, Acting-Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

I. Peace.

This Conference records its profound thanks to God for the victory granted to the United Nations and the great deliverance to civilization that has marked the overthrow of the forces of aggression. It acknowledges with deep gratitude the supreme courage and deathless devotion of the men and women of the services and the steadfast adherence to duty on the part of the civilian population. It remembers with gratitude the indomitable spirit and fortitude of the people of the Empire and especially those in Britain who were required to endure such fiery trials, and places on record its appreciation of the inspired leadership of their Majesties, the King and Queen, and their counsellors, and the marked ability of the leaders of the armed forces.

The Church welcomes all the men and women of the forces into her congregations and activities, and assures them of her joy at their return. The Church offers her fellowship in a deeper sense to all who are not able to return to normal life with full possession of former abilities, and to all homes where there is the sad loss of bereavement. The Church offers her fellowship also to those who spent the war years in detention, and to the families to whom the war years meant an unhappy disruption of family fellowship. We earnestly pray that a new and better order, broad-based on justice and righteousness, may speedily banish suspicion and distrust; and that a growing international understanding and goodwill may bring to mankind the unspeakable blessing of enduring peace.

II. Conference Resolutions.

That Conference resolutions be forwarded by a Conference letter-writer to the responsible authorities while Conference is sitting. In particular, resolutions requiring the consideration of Government, or Government Departments, should be so dealt with.

III. Atomic Bomb.

That Conference expresses its intense interest in the remarkable progress which has been made in recent years in the investigation of the subject of atomic energy. It deeply regrets, however, that the invention and use of the atomic bomb has resulted in such vast destruction of material property and the loss of so many human lives, and it appreciates the intense feeling which the use of this terrible weapon has aroused. It urges that measures be taken, through the world security organisation and in other ways to ensure that the tremendous potentialities of atomic energy shall be used only for constructive purposes which are beneficial to mankind, and recommends the New Zealand Government to forward this end in every possible way.

IV. Statements.

- (1) That we give general approval to the statement on Bible-in-Schools, Sunday Observance and Temperance.
- (2) That these statements, together with the declaration of the British Conference with additions appropriate to New Zealand, and the recommendations by various Synods, be referred to the Publications Committee and be the basis for the preparation of suitable pamphlets on these relative questions for the guidance of Church members.

V. Immigration.

That Conference urges—

(a) That our people everywhere should endeavour constantly to remember that discrimination against others on the ground of race or colour is contrary to the spirit and teaching of our Lord, and that it is a Christian duty and privilege to give hospitality, courtesy and friendship to all, without regard to such distinctions. Wherever there is prejudice or animosity arising from these distinctions, everything possible should be done to remove or counteract them.

(b) That the Government should make it clear, preferably by Statute, that no colour bar or racial discrimination shall be allowed to operate in the immigration policy of New Zealand, and that nationality, race or colour shall not be factors in deciding whether a person is to be allowed to settle in New Zealand. It is not anticipated that large numbers of non-European people will want to come to New Zealand, but the absolute barrier existing at present is an undoubted affront and a hindrance to the best relationships, understanding and friendships between peoples, especially in the vast Pacific area which is our most vital concern. As the National Missionary Council of Australia put it in a pamphlet issued a year ago: "... the Asiatic races are awakening, and they resent the discrimination against them. If this resentment grows it could store up trouble for future generations. For the sake of national security alone, something must be done to break down the complete exclusion of coloured peoples."

(c) That the Government should formulate a liberal and generous policy of planned and orderly immigration up to the limit of the country's capacity for absorption; that it should begin to carry out such a policy in the most practical and rapid fashion, and by publicity and open discussion, should encourage the understanding and co-operation of all citizens.

VI. Bible-in-Schools.

a. That appreciation be expressed of the response of Quarterly Meetings to the financial appeal by retiring collections toward the funds of the Bible-in-Schools League, and that a similar appeal to that of past years be commended for 1946.

b. That while appreciating the progress already made in religious instruction through the Nelson System, and commending the efforts being made to secure its extension, Conference reaffirms its belief in the necessity of securing a rightful place for the teaching of religion in the curriculum of our schools in place of the present secular system.

c. That the representatives on the Committee of the Bible-in-Schools League be Revs. W. A. Burley, A. K. Petch, E. O. Blamires, and A. M. Costain.

d. That in view of the retirement of the Rev. E. O. Blamires from the position as Secretary of the Bible-in-Schools League, after a period of eighteen years, Conference places on record its appreciation of the long and faithful service rendered by him in the cause and work of the League. The present very satisfactory position is in large measure due to his wise guidance and untiring efforts in the cause. We pray that, in his retirement, he may be conscious of the grateful appreciation of all who have been associated with him in his work.

e. That in view of the necessity of Ministers visiting many Schools for Bible instruction we request the Bible-in-Schools League to discuss with Education Boards the alteration of their Regulations requiring that all instruction take place within certain restricted hours. (In amplification it is pointed out that at present Bible-in-Schools instruction can take place only between 9 and 9.30 a.m. or 11.30 and 12 a.m., and that afternoon instruction requires the attendance of children outside the ordinary school hours.)

VII.

Conference places on record its appreciation of the work of the Country Library Service in its efforts to place good literature in the hands of the young people of the Dominion. Conference commends the Youth Department on its publications for our Methodist Young People and notes with pleasure the very excellent publications for Youth of other N.Z. publishers.

IX.

That the Synod and Conference Agenda be so arranged as to provide for all resolutions on Public Questions to follow immediately the question to which they relate. That this matter be referred to the Law Book Revision Committee.

X. Committee for 1946.

That the Committee of the Public Questions Committee for 1946 be—Revs. W. A. Burley, M.A., E. O. Blamires, J. D. McArthur, A. O. Harris, A. K. Petch, B.A., Campbell Lucas, W. J. Morrison and J. D. Grocott, B.A. (Convener), Mrs. O. Chapman, Miss B. Zurcher, Messrs. A. B. Cochran, M.A., C. H. Hain, LL.B., A. C. Barrington, J. V. Burton, M.A., G. C. Burton, and G. E. Rushworth.

XI. National Council of Churches in N.Z.

- (a) Conference commends the report of the N.C.C. Conference held in Christchurch from August 28th to September 4th, and urges the use of such as a basis for study circles, men's fellowships, women's groups, etc.
- (b) That the representatives of the Methodist Church of N.Z. on the Women's Committee of the National Council of Churches of N.Z. be Mesdames M. Megson, R. Dudley and Miss E. Collins, with alternate member to be appointed by the North Canterbury District Executive.
- (c) That the representatives on the N.C.C. Council be Revs. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D., W. A. Burley, M.A., H. L. Fiebig, B.A., R. Dudley, M.A., with Rev. R. Thornley, M.A., as alternate member.
- (d) That the amount be raised by special or retiring collections in Churches, and that it be a direction to our Circuits that this be done.

XII. Two Resolutions that were passed by last Conference and inadvertently omitted from the Minutes, now included for record purposes.

1. Appellate Tribunal.

That Conference, realising that many sincere conscientious objectors have been in Detention Camps for nearly three years and in some cases longer, again urges the Government to set up an Appellate Tribunal similar to that in Great Britain, to grant the right of a rehearing to all persons whose appeals on the ground of conscientious objection, against service in the Armed Forces, have been dismissed.

2. Indeterminate Sentence.

That Conference declare that it is inconsistent with British conceptions of justice to commit men to prison or detention for an indefinite period, such as the duration of the war, because of their refusal to render military or alternate service, and urge the Government to release any man so imprisoned or detained at the end of two years who is willing upon release to undertake some alternative service.

REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE CHRISTCHURCH.

Several meetings were held to discuss the content and the case for our Church and its presentation before the Royal Commission on Licensing.

At one of its meetings, the Committee was favoured by the help and guidance of Mr. R. Hardie Boys, one of Counsel for the New Zealand Alliance.

After careful consideration it was decided, in accord with the mind of the last Conference, to maintain the Prohibition position in conformity with the historic attitude of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, and secondarily, to give support to the Wallis House Inter-Church proposals.

The Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt was requested to present the case for our Church, and this was done with characteristic ability at one of the sittings of the Royal Commission in Christchurch.

Limitation of space will not permit the reproduction of the case as submitted, but the text was published in the Methodist Times.

A. M. COSTAIN, Chairman.

RAYMOND DUDLEY, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report of the Temperance Committee, Christchurch, be received and adopted.

2. That we place in record our appreciation of the work of the Rev. A. J. Seamer and his staff in the work done in collecting and presenting evidence before the Licensing Commission.

3. That hearty thanks of Conference be tendered to Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt for his able presentation of facts to the Royal Commission.

4. That a standing committee on Temperance be appointed, and that the question of Temperance be removed from the order of reference of the Public Questions Committee, and that such Committee be located in Dunedin, and its personnel be determined by the District Executive of the Otago-Southland District.

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.

Campbell's Bay: 5½ acres—£460.

Scholefield Street, Auckland: ¼ acre—£1350.

Whangaripo: 2 acres—£89.

Waimamaku: 24 perches—£25 (gift).

Russell: 8.08 perches—£320.

Kohukohu: 5 acres—£600.

Castlecliff: 30.9 perches and building—£290.

Inglewood: Parsonage dwelling—£950.

Oakura: ¼ acre, church site. Value £30.

Richmond (Nelson): Parsonage dwelling. £1300.

Cashmere: Parsonage dwelling—£1500.
 Dunedin Mission: Second parsonage dwelling—£1400.

2.—Erections and Additions.

Campbell's Bay: Home additions. £300. No debt.
 Remuera: B.C. Rooms. £323. No debt.
 Whangarei: Parsonage. £2375/16/4.
 Kaeo: S.S. building.
 Waihi: Motor garage. Cost £36/13/11. No debt.
 Waitara: Building extensions. Cost £209. No debt.
 Nae Nae: Sunday school room. Mainly a gift.

3.—Sales and Extended Leases.

Waikiekie: £125.
 Kaitia: 1 room 16 perches. £60.
 Rangaroa (Taumarunui): Site. £82/12/4. Proceeds for debt reduction.
 Thames: Parsonage, Queen Street. £650. Proceeds for debt reduction.
 Normanby: 32 perches. £92. Proceeds to Normanby and Hawera Trusts.
 Inglewood: 3 acres and dwelling. £600. Proceeds for new parsonage.
 Stratford: Lease of shops, 3 years. £2 per week.
 Hawarden: Parsonage and Section. £465. Proceeds in trust to G.P.T. Board.
 Leeston: 3 sections. £195. Proceeds for debt reduction.
 Doyleston: Section and Hall. £163. Proceeds for new Sunday School at Leeston.
 Heidelberg: Section. £100. Proceeds for St. Peter's Church building fund.

4.—Circuit Accounts.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Credit Balance from last year—General Account	14,217	19	3½
Balance from last year held for Special Purposes	85,445	14	2½
Loans from Church Building and Loan Fund	5,701	6	10
Loans from other sources	6,386	1	4
All other Receipts	115,307	16	6½
Total Receipts	226,458	15	2½
Debit Balances	8,466	2	0
TOTAL	£234,924	17	2½

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Debit Balance from last year	6,183	10	11
Loan Fund Instalments	5,275	1	8
Other Loans repaid	17,174	5	4
Interest on Loans and on Bank Overdraft	3,520	15	6
Purchase of Land, Erection or Additions to Buildings	19,885	6	0
Rents, Rates, Cleaning, Lighting, Repairs, etc.	46,697	15	2
Total Expenditure	98,736	14	7
Credit Balances	21,318	8	2
Balances held for Special Purposes	114,869	14	5½
TOTAL	£234,924	17	2½

5.—Statement of Debt.

			£	s.	d.
Mortgage Debt at end of previous year	105,261	14	10
Add New Loans received during year	10,550	8	10
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TOTAL	115,812	3	8
Deduct Loans repaid during year	24,453	0	5
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Amount of Mortgage Debt at end of year	£91,359	3	3
Unpaid General Accounts	£2,380	0	2
Unpaid Interest	£6	0	0
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6.—Fire Insurance.

Total of Fire Insurances Reported	£864,825	15	10
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7.—District Secretaries for Church Property.

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

South Auckland.—Mr. W. B. L. Williams, 60 River Road, Hamilton.

Taranaki-Wanganui.—Mr. G. H. White, 329 Devon Street W., New Plymouth.

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

Wellington.—Mr. T. M. Pacey, Katherine Ave., Wellington, N.1.

Nelson.—Mr. H. Oldham, 24 Leitrim Street, Blenheim.

North Canterbury.—Mr. J. W. Hillary, P.O. Box 552, Christchurch, C.1

South Canterbury.—Mr. Peter Woodnorth, Public Trust Office, Timaru.

Otago-Southland.—Mr. J. McIndoe, 17 James Street, Dunedin, N.E.1.

By devoted and capable service all the District Secretaries have placed the Connexion in their debt. After many years of service, Messrs: W. D. Pike (Nelson), S. T. S. Martin (Wellington), and A. Langdon Hudson (South Canterbury) retire from office. All of them merit the hearty thanks of the Conference. Their successors are welcomed to office.

8.—General.

The various district reports show a very gratifying position in regard to Church property. Large sums are held in trust for new erections when present restrictions on building enterprises are lifted. In a number of cases replacement of outworn buildings is being provided for.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT,

General Secretary of Church Property.

Christchurch,

18th December, 1945.

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 1945.

The financial position of the Fund as at 30th September is shown in the financial statements duly audited for presentation to Conference. The amount received in repayment of loans has been £5429/18/7. New loans have been advanced totalling £4002/10/-. Loans now current amount to £18,430/5/5. Many projects for new buildings are held up by the building restrictions. Loans have been advanced to assist trustees to free themselves from interest-bearing debt. Several trusts have repaid loans well within the prescribed time thus making possible earlier assistance to other needy trusts. Altogether fifteen loans have been fully repaid.

Church Sites Fund.

From the Sites Fund four grants have been advanced totalling £95. Several amounts promised towards the acquirement of sites in new housing areas have not yet been claimed. An appeal has been made to the Connexion for generous support for this Fund. Increased assistance is being given by the Home Mission Department. The Fire Insurance Board will consider this matter at the close of its financial year. If the Connexion is to meet the spiritual needs of the new housing areas it must be prepared to give generous support to local efforts for church extension. Our people are urged to make liberal donations and also, when making their wills, to include this fund in their scheme of beneficence.

Building Permits.

Consideration has been given to the resolution of last Conference regarding the proposed priority for building permits for Churches. The matter has also been under consideration by the National Council of Churches and by the Inter-Church Committee on Public Affairs. In the judgment of our Committee the most effective way to handle this matter is by adhering to our present practice of backing up specific appeals for priority as they arise.

Replacement of Buildings.

The Committee has for several years been devoting attention to the necessity that will inevitably arise within measureable distance for the replacement of many of our existing churches, schools and parsonages with more worthy buildings. The cessation of hostilities might very fittingly be celebrated by liberal and sacrificial gifts for securing the erection of more suitable Church buildings as worthy memorials of that event.

In many of our circuits the churches, schools and parsonage dwellings were erected sixty, seventy and eighty years ago. They were a tribute to the faith and zeal of our fathers in the earlier days of settlement. Many of the structures have already outlived their usefulness and will soon need replacement. Our people generally are prosperous and plans might now be formulated and funds gathered for these enterprises. To a large extent the present generation is enjoying the fruit of the toils and the sacrifices of earlier years. That position cannot continue indefinitely. If our Church is not to suffer eclipse in certain localities it must have worthier visibility in the community than it at present has in many of its buildings.

Every trustee meeting has been circularised on this matter and District Chairmen and District Executives have given encouraging support. Our people should now formulate local plans for gathering funds for replacing old buildings with modern structures so as worthily to meet the needs of the coming years.

Gifts and Transfers.

It has been reported that during the year the Eden Terrace parsonage has been transferred to the Dominion Road trustees. The Auckland Central Mission has handed over to Takapuna circuit a site at Campbell's Bay and a sum of £74. The Hamilton trust has transferred the Firth Street parsonage to the Hamilton East trustees. A gift of land at Te Uku with a sum of over £1000 has been presented by Mr. and Mrs. Moon for a proposed memorial church. The gift of a section at Oakura has also been reported. The Aratapu Church has been removed to Te Kopuru, the Kaihu Church to Tomorata, and the Oruaiti Church to Whangarei.

Leases.

Consent has been given to the Mission Property Trustees to grant a Glasgow renewable lease of the Newark property for 21 years from 1st June, 1943. Consent has also been granted for the renewal of eight leases by the Powderham Street trust, New Plymouth, for 21 years from 1st December, 1944.

District Committees.

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.

Central 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, and Papanui circuits, and the Rev. E. Drake, Messrs. H. de R. Flesher (lay treasurer), R. W. Brighting, H. J. S. Harrington, S. Sayers, W. Melville Lawry, S. H. Madren, R. E. Bidby, R. A. Marsh and W. F. Stock.

SALES.

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, 1947.

Wesley College Trust Board: (a) Paerata: Two areas of farm lands. (b) Mt. Wellington: 15½ acres and a further small area. Proceeds to be held in trust for approved additions to buildings.

Eden Terrace Parsonage: £1400. Proceeds to pay off mortgage £445, and transfer to Eden Terrace Trust £400. Balance for new parsonage fund.

Epsom Home: Lots 31 and 32 at £300 each. Proceeds for new Orphanage Building Fund.

Bayfield: Part of section for not less than £300, from which a sum of at least £100 shall be lodged with the G.P.T. Board for capital expenditure at Bayfield or towards acquiring an approved section for developmental work.

Waikiekie: Sale of building £170 for removal to Rehia. Proceeds to G.P.T. Board for approved capital expenditure in Paparoa circuit.

Kaitaia: Puckley Avenue section for price fixed by Land Sales Court. Proceeds for parsonage.

Okaiawa: Home Mission Investment Board property on agreed terms. Proceeds to reimburse Board. Any surplus to be held in trust for a Native Minister's house at Hawera and a Deaconess Cottage in Opunake.

Taihape: Parsonage £620. Proceeds to G.P.T. Board to be held in trust for new parsonage.

Gladstone: Section £10. Proceeds for capital expenditure at Carterton.

Nelson South: Two sections in Kawai Street at £250 each. Proceeds to acquire better sites.

Richmond-Shirley: Averill Street section £280. Proceeds for new parsonage fund.

Hawarden: Section £65. Proceeds to G.P.T. Board for future parsonage.

Leeston: Sections 9 and 10 for £60 each. Proceeds for reduction of parsonage debt.

Doyleston: Section and building £145. Proceeds to G.P.T. Board to be held in trust for new Sunday School at Leeston.

Palmerston (Otago): Section £85 plus cost of fencing. Proceeds for church reconstruction.

Purakanui: Cottage and land for best price obtainable. Proceeds to be held in trust by G.P.T. Board on the terms governing the original trust.

Heidelberg: Section £100. Proceeds for St. Peter's new church building fund.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

R. DUDLEY, Chairman.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Secretary.

Christchurch,

19th October, 1945.

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, 1947.

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, E. B. Chambers, Messrs. J. Tyler and J. W. Shackelford.

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

Taranaki-Wanganui.—Rev. I. M. Raynor and Mr. M. Barnitt.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu.—Rev. J. F. Jack and Mr. C. V. Woodfield.

Wellington.—Revs. A. O. Harris, J. D. McArthur, and Mr. C. H. Hain.

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

South Canterbury.—Rev. W. W. Avery and Mr. H. C. B. Withell.

Otago-Southland.—Revs. L. B. Neale, A. E. Jefferson, and Messrs. G. S. Gapper, R. T. Sando and A. S. Froggatt.

4. That the form of Trust Schedules be considered by the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee.

5. That the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee consider the following:—That where in the opinion of the Quarterly Meeting the appointment of additional Trustees would be beneficial, the Quarterly Meeting make such appointments.

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

During the year 17 new deeds have been lodged for safe custody. Ninety-six trusts have revised their registrations involving the removal of 168 trustees from and the entry of 205 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, 19th October, 1945.

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. Herbert Leslie Fiebig be appointed Authorised Representative for the year 1946-47.
3. That the Rev. Herbert L. Fiebig be appointed Custodian of Deeds for the ensuing year.
4. That it be a direction to all trusts and circuits to deposit their records wherever possible with the Custodian of Deeds.

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

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

The Board has pleasure in reporting upon a satisfactory year.

Income from rents has been maintained, and repairs and renovations carried out to keep the properties up to a reasonable standard.

The sum of £100 was contributed to the Trinity College and an additional £400 has been added to the Mortgage Reduction Fund, which now stands at £1,200.

The Board would point out that it has resolved that the heavy mortgage upon its properties should be substantially reduced and until this is accomplished only limited amounts can be given to College Funds.

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

JAS. TYLER, Chairman.

7th December, 1945.

2.—PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE. RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Balance Sheet be received and adopted.
2. That the Trustees, in consultation with the Auckland Advisory Committee, be authorised to negotiate for the acquisition of the head lease of this property.
3. That the matter of the sale of that portion of the land at present leased to the Salvation Army be deferred until next Conference, and that it be referred to the Education Committee for investigation and report to next Conference.

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

Report for 1945.

The statement of Income and Expenditure shows that £244 11s. 8d. have been distributed during the year ending 31st October, 1945. Our income has been £418 1s. 5d. and our expenditure £279 13s. 8d. Each year we are setting aside a substantial portion of the balance for future needs. 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. Laurenson, Messrs. J. E. Astley, C. K. Wigglesworth, L. Peak, and F. Penn.

H. RANSTON, Chairman.

A. E. ROGERS, Secretary.

That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

4.—THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS.
ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1945.

We have pleasure in presenting to the Conference the Report and Balance Sheet of the Board for the year ended 31st December, 1945.

Masterton Children's Home.

The Management Committee of the Masterton Children's Home has reported separately to the Conference, and the recommendations contained in that report are endorsed by the Board.

Excellent work has been done by the Staff of the Home during the year, and it is very gratifying to notice the absence of any atmosphere of institutionalism. Thanks are extended to the Management Committee, for its efficient oversight of the Home; to Mr. and Mrs. Bateup and their two assistants* for their untiring efforts to ensure the health and happiness of the little ones under their care; and to Dr. Prior for his services as Honorary Physician.

The willing co-operation of the members of the Management Committee has been greatly appreciated.

Requests totalling £1377/4/6 received during the year have been added to the Capital Account of the Home, bringing the balance to £9,818/14/6.

Rangiatea Maori College.

The Board has maintained its interest in the establishment of the College. The usual grant of £400 has been paid to the interim School, and in addition £250 has been paid out of accumulated revenue towards the establishment expenses of the College. An account of £60 owing by the College Trustees for interest has been remitted.

The following members are nominated to represent the Board on the College Board of Governors for the coming year:—Messrs. A. E. Hurley, T. M. Pacey, and N. R. Seddon. The Board is gratified to learn that the College Board has recognised Mr. Hurley's services in appointing him its Chairman.

Financial.

Net revenue for the year amounted to £1,283/6/5, and after providing for grants to Rangiatea Maori College and the Masterton Home Committee, there was left an excess of revenue of £62/7/6, which has been transferred to Capital Account, bringing the balance to £43,188/15/9.

General.

The Board regrets to record the resignation of Mr. Bertram O. Stokes, who has been transferred to Auckland.

Extended leave of absence has been granted to Mr. G. C. Burton, who is absent from New Zealand on duty with UNRRA.

It is unanimously recommended that the Rev. W. A. Burley be re-appointed as Chairman of the Board for the ensuing year.

On behalf of the Board,

W. A. BURLEY, Chairman.

J. A. KELLOW, Secretary.

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.

7.—NORTH ISLAND REST HOUSE.

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

2. That Secretary of Auckland Synod be instructed to present a report each year.

8.—THOMAS EVE TRUST (ASHBURTON).

That the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee investigate the matter of the Thomas Eve Trust.

9.—GIBSON TRUST.

No written report to hand.

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

REPORT OF THE BOARD, 1945.

The audited financial statements for the year ended 31st October fully disclose the position of the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund. The income from all sources was £3,686 2s. 5d. The Accumulated Fund still stands at £32,500. The Fire Loss Reserve Account amounts to £5,565. The Investment Contingency Reserve Fund shows a balance of £856 2s. 10d., and a sum of £100 is held as a Natural Calamities Reserve Appropriation to be drawn upon and administered by the Board when conditions are approved by Conference regarding contributions from other sources.

Claims on the Fund.

Claims on the Fund during the year amounted to £2,655 13s. 7d. This sum included £1,882 12s. 7d. for damage to Durham Street Church and £500 for the loss of Nightcaps parsonage. There were also a burglary claim for £17 17s. and five claims for fire damage in amounts varying from 3s. 6d. to £15. A claim still in suspense is the substantial one for damage to the Durham Street organ, but this is covered by re-insurance, as were all other claims excepting for a loss to the Fund of £250 in respect of the Nightcaps fire.

Appropriations.

The appropriations voted by last Conference for various Connexional purposes aggregated £902. This year there is a divisible surplus of £1,012 8s. 2d., from which the Board recommends the following appropriations:—

Home Acquirement Fund	....	....	£350
Foreign Mission Fund	....	....	£100
Home Mission Fund	....	....	£100
Deaconess House	....	....	£ 30
Super. Benevolent Fund	....	....	£ 30
Church Sites Fund	....	....	£125
Youth Department	....	....	£ 50
"Methodist Times"	....	....	£150
H.M. Removal Expenses Fund	....	....	£ 25
Natural Calamities Fund	....	....	£ 50
Total	....	....	£1,010

Board for 1946.

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, A. A. Dingwall and W. H. Price; Col. G. J. Smith, C.B.E.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

EDWARD DRAKE, Chairman.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Secretary.

Christchurch, December, 1945.

Resolutions.

1. That the report, revenue account, and balance sheet be received, adopted and printed in the Minutes.

2. That in all cases, excepting where mortgage obligations make it impracticable, trustees and Board and Committees in charge of Connexional properties and Institutions be requested to effect all their insurances with the Connexional Fire Insurance Department.

NATURAL CALAMITIES FUND.

SPECIAL REPORT.

The last Conference directed the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund Board once again to pursue inquiries and negotiations relative to the establishment of a Natural Calamities Fund with a view to implementing the earlier resolutions passed by Conference, on its recommendation, or else suggesting alternative methods of constituting such a fund. Further, the Home Mission Board at its meeting on 31st July expressed its conviction that compulsory contributions to build up such a Fund should be required from all Church trusts. It suggested also that the basis of contribution be the continuation of what it described as "the small charge previously collected as War Risk premium."

The Board renewed its previous investigations both within the Dominion and beyond its borders. These investigations confirmed the facts already ascertained. As a result the following should be carefully noted.

(1) The Government, after full enquiry, found it impracticable to include within the scope of the State scheme of insurance against damage by war or earthquake any protection against the hazards of hurricane, flood or similar calamities.

(2) The public insurance companies doing business in New Zealand are not permitted to grant cover against such natural happenings as a hurricane in respect of loss or damage done to churches, schools or other public buildings.

(3) The Board is advised by a great insurance organisation with headquarters in London that it would not be worth while approaching British Underwriters for a quotation for this type of calamity insurance in view of the general lack of desire for such protection.

(4) The Conference of the Methodist Church of South Africa expressly prohibits any Connexional Fund or Department from undertaking insurance against storm damage.

This widespread unwillingness of great corporations to give protection again natural calamities leads to two diverse conclusions. They may be interpreted as

- (a) A warning to the Church against embarking on an unknown hazard, or
- (b) An indication that, if protection is needed against natural calamity, provision for it must be made by the Church itself on a basis which it must determine.

A precedent for such protection has been created by the Methodist Conference in Queensland, a State peculiarly exposed to storms. It has established a "Cyclone, Storm and Flood Relief Fund" for which it aims at building up a capital of £3000 to be raised by a levy in respect of each Church building, such levy ranging from 5/- on small country properties to £2 on the larger churches and institutions. Only contributing trusts may share in the benefits. The Board may make such grants towards restoration as the needs demand or as the funds permit. Even in Queensland claims on the Fund are small and not all trusts are willing to pay the levy.

The Connexional Fire Insurance Fund Board has abundant evidence that, amongst trustees, there is no general desire to secure protection against possible natural calamity. Trustee meetings have often stated that it would be ridiculous to take cover on buildings that have stood for up to eighty years and more, without ever having been touched by calamity. The Board asks that the following impressive facts be carefully studied:

(1) Prior to the introduction of the State scheme for insurance against earthquake the Board repeatedly approached Trustees in relation to such cover with the result that protection was arranged by them for only eight out of 971 properties.

(2) While no church, school or other public building may be insured against calamity the Board has, on a number of occasions, approached the trustees and the occupants of parsonages advising them that provision is available to cover private dwellings and residential flats, together with their contents, against storm, tempest, flood and similar risks. Not one single body of trustees has thought it worth while to protect its parsonage against the contingencies of natural calamity and only one minister has arranged for this available protection for his personal property.

The Fire Insurance Board views with the utmost alarm the suggestion of the Home Mission Executive that the basis of contribution to a Natural Calamities Fund be the continuation of "the small charge previously collected as War Risk premium." The levy for the War Damage and Earthquake Fund was 5/- for each £100 of fire insurance cover. The levy has now been reduced to 1/- per £100. The Board is satisfied that Church trustees would not accept the restoration of the 4/- burden, but its alarm is occasioned and justified by the fact that during the period when the flat 5/- State levy operated, no matter if the fire insurance premium was as low as 1s. 4d. per £100, the position of many trusts was exceedingly difficult because their insurance costs became three and four times as heavy as in pre-war years. Because of this intolerable burden trustees all over the Dominion reduced their fire insurance cover to perilously low levels despite the ever-present risk of fire. The Church simply dare not entertain a proposal so full of hazard at a period when replacement costs are at their present abnormally high levels.

In this connection it should also be remembered that whereas the State can exercise compulsory powers the Conference cannot compel trustees to place their risks with the Connexional Office. The Board is certain that any attempt to impose upon trustees the heavy additional burden of a Calamities Levy based on the amount of fire cover, when only an infinitesimal number of trusts could ever hope to benefit therefrom would inevitably result in a transfer to outside Companies of business that has been secured because of the Connexional confidence inspired and developed throughout almost half a century. Such inevitable loss of business would severely restrict the ability of the Insurance Board to continue its beneficent support of Connexional enterprises.

One fact that is persistently overlooked is that, on the recommendation of the Fire Insurance Board, the Conference of 1936 established a Natural Calamities Fund to which the Board contributed £525. Further, the Conference of 1938 adopted the Board's proposal that this Fund be built up each year so that relief resources might be available if and when emergencies arose. Out of the Board's accrued profits £50 was allocated by Conference conditionally upon a similar sum being contributed from other sources. It was suggested that the condition be fulfilled by grants from the Home Mission Fund and the Contingent Fund. No such grants were made and the amount allocated was diverted to supplement the grants for ordinary Connexional Funds.

At the request of the Home Mission Board in 1939 consideration of the basis of the Natural Calamities Fund was deferred. The Conference of 1940 considered placing the Calamities Fund on a basis of small contributory levies upon the annual revenue of such trusts as might desire to share in possible benefits, such levy to be subsidised from various Connexional Funds. This scheme was not favoured because the trusts best able to contribute would be the least likely to need assistance in meeting purely problematical calamitous contingencies.

In 1943 the Fire Insurance Board expressed its desire to prepare a scheme, either on a voluntary or a compulsory basis, for submission to the Conference of 1944. In view of possible Government action, which, however, did not eventuate, Conference simply asked that the position be watched.

The Natural Calamities Fund established in 1936 is still in existence but it is not at present functioning solely because no definite levy was made on the Contingent Fund and no support has been forthcoming from the Home Mission Fund. To these two Funds every circuit in the Dominion contributes and both have been drawn upon to assist where calamity has befallen. The Fire Insurance Fund Board cannot make grants to individual trusts hence its long-sustained advocacy for support for a Connexional Natural Calamities Fund on a jointly contributory basis so that relief may be available on the rare occasions when a calamity occurs.

In conclusion it should be pointed out that, in spite of discouragement and disappointment through the years, the Board induced the Conference of 1944 to approve of its setting aside a Contingent Reserve of £100 conditional upon the adoption by Conference of an approved scheme to be administered by the Board.

The Board commends the foregoing facts to the careful consideration of the Synods, of the Conference and of all bodies of trustees. It also makes the recommendations appended at foot hereof.

EDWARD DRAKE, Chairman.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Secretary.

Christchurch,

27th September, 1945.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That no voluntary scheme of insurance against the risks of natural calamity be adopted because such scheme could neither give to non-contributing trusts any positive assurance of protection for any particular property that might become involved in damage or destruction, nor guarantee assistance in such cases where the need may, however, be greatest.

2. That the imposition of a compulsory charge on the basis of the War Risk premium be not approved, experience having proved that such a heavy charge inevitably results in unwise reduction of cover against fire damage of which the risk is always greater.

3. That in view of the rarity of natural calamity no approval be given to any proposal for any compulsory Connexional levy for this purpose to be imposed upon trustees in respect of every building held by the various circuits, Boards and Institutions of the Church.

4. That the Natural Calamities Fund instituted in 1936 be supported by annual grants from the following Funds which all derive their revenues from the whole Connexion:—

Fire Insurance Fund	....	....	....	....	£50
Home Mission Fund	....	....	....	....	£25.
Contingent Fund	....	....	....	....	£25

5. That provided the foregoing grants are approved by the Conference of 1946 the sum of £100 now held by the Board as a Contingent Reserve be also paid into the Fund.

6. That the Fund be administered by the Connexional Fire Insurance Board and that such Board aim at building up a Capital Fund of £3000.

7. That the purpose of the Fund shall be to assist in the restoration of Church property damaged by natural calamity other than earthquake.

8. The Board shall in each case of claim determine whether the damage in respect of which such claim is made was caused by what may rightly come within the classification of natural calamities.

9. That no claim in respect of dwellings damaged or destroyed by natural calamity be allowed because protection against such risks is otherwise obtainable.

10. That appeals for assistance in the case of damage proved to have been caused directly by natural calamity shall be forwarded to the Board as soon as possible together with all relevant information and a statement showing the cost of restoration.

11. That the Board may, at its own discretion, make such grant in aid as the needs demand or as available moneys permit and that there be no appeal from the decision of the Board.

RESOLUTION.

1. That the Report and Recommendations of the Board be received and adopted.

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

REPORT OF CONNEXIONAL SECRETARY'S COMMITTEE, 1945.

The routine work of the Connexional Secretary's Department has been carried on with its customary thoroughness during the year, and the many problems that are submitted for solution every year have received due consideration. The varied activities of the office will be better appreciated by consideration of the reports of the committees that come under the care of the Connexional Secretary. Each one shows ample evidence of his continued attention to detail.

We regret to report, officially, that owing to a somewhat severe illness, Mr. Pratt has been absent from duty, and at the time of writing is still in hospital. We are hoping that he will be sufficiently recovered to be present at Conference, and in the meantime trust he will make a speedy and complete recovery.

In his absence, the Accountant, Miss E. R. Thomas, has willingly undertaken the extra responsibilities which, owing to the work involved in preparing for Conference, have been very heavy. The Committee desires to record its appreciation of her action, demanding as it has done very many hours of extra work.

The financial year ended with a deficit of £19/7/9, the effect of the operation of legislation increasing salaries as from April 1st last. This is offset by an outstanding grant of £20 from the South Island Methodist Orphanage and Children's Home for work undertaken for them. In consequence, the appropriations required from the contributing committees for 1946 has been slightly increased. The Committee asks for the following:—Church Building and Loan Fund £235, Connexional Fire Insurance Fund £410, Supernumerary and Allied Funds £540, "Methodist Times" £175, and Contingent Fund £195.

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, 20th December, 1945.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

Owing to the emergency caused by the severe illness and consequent retirement of the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt, it has become necessary to present a supplementary report.

Because of their intimate association with him, the members of the Committee are able to appreciate very fully the splendid service Mr. Pratt has rendered to the whole Connexion, and to recognise that the whole period has been characterised by a sincere and complete devotion of all his talents to the successful fulfilment of his duties and the well-being of his Church. They very sincerely regret that his retirement has become necessary.

In view of the emergency created by the retirement of the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt, F.R.Hist.S., the Committee nominates the Rev. Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A., as Connexional Secretary as from 1st April, 1946.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

J. E. PURCHASE, Lay Treasurer.

Christchurch, 24th January, 1946.

RESOLUTION.

1. That the reports be received and adopted.
2. That the Rev. Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A., be appointed Connexional Secretary for a term of six years from 1st April, 1946.
3. That the Connexional Secretary's Committee give consideration to the matter of making provision for a change in the law covering the Connexional Secretaryship in order to make it possible for a layman to be appointed.
4. Members of Conference count it a privilege to express their sincere appreciation of the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt and the many services rendered to the Church during nineteen years as Connexional Secretary and Authorised Representative. To this important office, Mr. Pratt brought conspicuous ability, energy, and genius, and every task was performed with large judgment and a clear sense of the issues involved. His correct knowledge of Connexional Law and procedure was of inestimable value and assistance to the Church in connection with many difficulties.

Mr. Pratt has always performed the work of his office as a true Christian gentleman and all the work of the office has been done in the spirit of our common Christianity. Mr. Pratt has been a great gift of God to New Zealand Methodism and we thank God for him, praying that he may be long spared to render service to the Church and the Kingdom of God.

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

TRINITY THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

A.—PRINCIPAL'S REPORT.

There have been only eight men in residence during the 1945 session of the College, with three non-resident students attending certain lectures. There are no Congregationalist students with us at present, but two are expected in 1946. The men display the usual variety of temperament and background, learning from each other as well as from the Tutors and absorbing much that is salutary from the inevitable give and take of Hostel life. Under the vigorous and competent lead of Mr. Norman Olds the students have given themselves whole-heartedly to the life and training of the Institution, proving that in motive and in temper they are ready to work in a connexional Church. The demand for student supplies during vacation and for Sunday supplies during term continues to be very heavy, and the College has done all it could to assist the Church in this respect. With one exception the men have enjoyed good health. In the opinion of the Board of Studies and of the Principal our three non-resident students have fully justified their selection.

The Principal has taken classes in Systematic Theology (Doctrine of the Holy Spirit, Church Ministry and Sacraments and the Last Things), Homiletics and Sermon Criticism and Junior N.T. Greek, also N.T. Introduction and Psychology of Religion. At the beginning of the second term he was relieved of the Religious Education classes by the Rev. H. L. Fiebig, B.A., who took over this subject at the request of the Council. Dr. Ranston has taught O.T. Introduction and Exegesis, O.T. Theology (Wisdom Literature), N.T. Exegesis and Theology (Paul) and Senior Greek. Without the assistance of the ex-Principal the College could hardly have maintained its standard of tuition during this difficult period. Mr. W. E. Burley, B.A. (Vice-President of Conference) has taught English Language and Literature patiently and thoroughly to a small group of men who have not yet reached University standard. Mr. J. William Bailey conducts weekly classes in Elocution and Voice Production. Mention should be made also of occasional lecturers such as Mr. A. E. Bate and the Revs. G. I. Laurenson and H. J. Odell, who helped the men to bridge the gap between the academic and the practical. Four men have attended lectures at the Auckland University College.

Although the number in residence this year is so small, the College is looking forward with hope and with confidence. There is much to give encouragement. Young men of a good type are coming forward freely as Candidates, and as soon as accommodation is available for him a new Tutor will come into residence. We expect shortly to have the stimulus of a N.Z. University course in Divinity, which will tend to lift academic standards in the main branches of theological study. There is evidence of a growing interest in our College throughout the Circuits, and a will to provide those resources without which we cannot do justice to the work. We look forward to a period of widely extended usefulness, as the College makes its indispensable contribution through the Methodist Church to the post-war world.

E. W. HAMES, Principal.

TRINITY COLLEGE COUNCIL

Report for 1945.

Several special meetings as well as the regular Quarterly Meetings of the Council have been held during the year. All the meetings were well attended.

The various Committees set up by the Council have given careful attention to the control of the property and the welfare of the Staff and Students.

Property.

The Auckland Hospital Board continues to occupy the College Building, and there seems to be no likelihood of its return to the Council till the end of 1946. Very strong pressure is being applied by the Council to have the buildings returned to us by the end of 1946 at the latest. No finality can be reported at this stage and negotiations are proceeding.

The buildings are in good condition at present and regular inspections are carried out by the Committee. Attention has been given to re-surfacing the tennis courts for the current season.

Training of Students.

The Council is very pleased with the continuing fine general tone prevailing in the College. The Students are applying themselves seriously and diligently to their studies and co-operate willingly with the Principal and Staff to obtain the best results possible under the restricted conditions.

Staff.

At the last Conference the Acting-Principal was appointed to the Principalship. We heartily congratulate Mr. Hames on the promotion and feel it is an honour he has well merited, and thus honouring Mr. Hames, the Church has honoured itself.

The only other change on the Staff to be noted is that Rev. H. L. Fiebig, B.A., has been appointed visiting Tutor to conduct the classes in Religious Education, since the second term of this year, thus relieving the Principal to that extent.

Obituary.

During the year Mr. H. Radcliffe was called to higher service. Mr. Radcliffe was a foundation member of the Council and served the Church well in this capacity until ill-health compelled his retirement in 1944. Suitable appreciation has been recorded in the Minute Book.

Thanks.

The College has been well served during the year, and our best thanks are due to the Principal for his devotion to the College and its many interests, and also to Mrs. Hames for her valuable contribution to the life and well-being of the College. We also express our best thanks to Rev. Dr. H. Ranston, M.A., Rev. H. L. Fiebig, B.A., and Messrs. W. E. Burley, B.A., and J. W. Bailey, for valuable assistance rendered in training our future Ministry.

Future Staffing.

The most important question engaging the attention of the Council this year was the appointment of a Resident Tutor. In view of the nature of the duties attached to the position and the qualities required, academic and administrative, it was not considered wise to seek a man from outside New Zealand, nor was this necessary. A strong committee was appointed to review the qualifications of men within our New Zealand ministry, and opportunity was afforded to individuals who felt that their names should be considered to place them confidentially before the committee. After due consideration both by the committee and by the Council, it was unanimously decided to send forward one name only, that of the Rev. D. O. Williams, M.A., Litt.D.

Dr. Williams is 37 years of age, and in the 15th year of a successful ministry. He possesses the degree of M.A. (2nd class Honours in Philosophy) and was granted his Doctorate of Literature in 1944 on the basis of a thesis in the subject of Psychology which earned him high commendation from his examiners. His special interest throughout his ministry has been in that field of psychology which throws light upon the practical work of the minister, as preacher, teacher and pastor. His competence as a teacher is shown by his employment as a Lecturer in Psychology by the Board of the Canterbury University College. The Council is also confident that both Dr. and Mrs. Williams possess the qualifications necessary for the smooth and efficient running of the domestic side of College life.

The Council is therefore recommending to Conference that Dr. Williams be designated as Resident Tutor of Trinity College, the appointment to be for the term of six years, and to take effect in 1947.

Associated with this question was the further possible development of the Staff to include three full-time teachers. We feel, that if the future Ministry is to be fully trained for its work in the post-war world, this is the logical step to be taken at the first opportunity. While the Council is fully alive to this needed extension, it has no definite recommendation to make at this stage and requests that the Conference recommend the Council to give further consideration to the matter during 1946 and report to the next Conference.

Gifts to Trinity College.

Our best thanks are due to the following for gifts to Trinity College Library and Museum:—Mesdames E. M. Turner, Vanes, A. Ashcroft, Miss Waterson, Messrs. Hargraves, Fenwick, J. Belton, J. W. Shackelford, Revs. C. T. J. Luxton, J. H. Bailey, A. Blakemore, W. Walker, A. E. Waite, H. E. Bellhouse, B. Riseley, and to Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt for a further consignment of books from the Fairclough Library. Also to the Officials and Congregation of Wesley Church, Taranaki St., Wellington, for their generous action in making available to the College the Library of the late Rev. P. R. Paris, and in providing the necessary funds for suitable accommodation of the volumes.

Brakenrig Memorial Lecture.

The Council has agreed to the establishment of a Lectureship in "The Principles of Worship, Church Music and Hymnology" to be designated "The Brakenrig Memorial Lecture" in commemoration of the late Leslie R. Brakenrig who, before his death was Honorary Organist and occasional lecturer at the College. Suitable conditions governing the Lecture are being formulated and the Auckland United Methodist Choir has consented to co-operate.

Supplementary Report.

Nomination of Council for 1946 and several matters still under consideration will be reported direct to the Conference.

C. K. WIGGLESWORTH, Chairman.

H. RANSTON, M.A., Litt.D., Vice-Chairman.

J. H. BAILEY, Secretary.

Supplementary Report.

Divinity Degrees.

Parliament has now passed legislation granting to the University of New Zealand a Charter to confer Degrees in Divinity. The Council is requesting the Conference to authorise the Council to act for the Conference in any negotiations that have in view the establishment of a Faculty of Divinity in connection with the Auckland University College.

Hospital Board and College Buildings.

For some months past the Council has been in touch with the Hospital Board seeking to obtain the return of the College Buildings for the use of the Church. The matter is proving very difficult. The Board wishes to retain possession until December 31st, 1947, but the Council is most unwilling to accede to this. In view of the problem for nurses' accommodation with which the Hospital Board is faced we have granted an extension to December 31st, 1946, providing the Board is willing to vacate the premises at that date. Unfortunately that assurance has not been given and it seems that the Council will have to seek the assistance of the Conference in presenting the urgency of the Church's need to have the full use of the College Buildings for training our Ministers.

Council Personnel, 1946.

The following are recommended to Conference as Council for 1946:—Revs. E. W. Hames, M.A. (Principal), 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, G. R. H. Peterson, W. Parker, H. C. Matthews, B.A., and Wesley Parker, M.A.; Messrs. J. W. Shackelford, F. M. Winstone, J. 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, B.A., and W. Robson.

Officers.

Chairman: Rev. Dr. H. Ranston, M.A.

Vice-Chairman: Mr. W. E. Burley, B.A.

Secretary: Rev. J. H. Bailey.

Treasurer: Mr. F. M. Winstone.

C. K. WIGGLESWORTH, Chairman.

H. RANSTON, Vice-Chairman.

J. H. BAILEY, Secretary.

C.—TREASURER'S REPORT

for the Year ended 31st October, 1945.

(1) In the presentation of the financial statements of the Trinity Methodist Theological College, this year there is included a Balance Sheet in accordance with the resolution passed at the last Conference. A special valuation committee was set up and the College, Land, Buildings and other fixed assets valued at £56,700.

(2) During the year the insurances were revised and a full cover has been placed with the Connexional Fire Insurance Office.

(3) **Rehabilitation Fund:** By the transfer of a further £1,750 from the General Account and the addition of £57 13s. 9d. Bank Interest, this Fund has increased to £3,899 18s. 9d. It is not anticipated that any substantial amount is likely to be transferred this year from the General Account.

(4) Two matters remitted by Conference have been under consideration during the year:—

(a) Sliding Scale for Connexional Subsidies.

The Council is interested in this proposal, but is unable to reach a definite decision at present partly because it is not yet possible to make an exact estimate of post war costs; also the new method of assessing the Contingent Fund Levy for a five year period complicates the issue. It is proposed to give further consideration to the matter during the year in consultation with the Contingent Fund treasurers.

(b) Suggested payment of hostel fees to circuits employing married non-resident students.

The council is strongly opposed to this suggestion. The mention of a hostel fee in this connection might lead to the supposition that the College is saving the cost of board and lodging at the expense of certain circuits. This is not so. Under no circumstances would these married men have come into residence or their maintenance become a charge on the College. Moreover, the Council respectfully submits that it is no part of the functions of the College to disburse money to assist circuits. If this is necessary, it should be done through some other channel. The special needs of married returned soldiers will be met by the Rehabilitation Department.

(5) I wish to place on record my appreciation of the help I have received from the Principal, the Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A., by his careful oversight of house expenditure and for his unstinted assistance and co-operation throughout the year.

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

FRANK M. WINSTONE,

Hon. Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report of the Principal be received and adopted.
2. That the Report of the College Council and the Treasurer be received and adopted.
3. That the Rev. D. O. Williams, M.A., Litt.D., be appointed Resident Tutor of Trinity College, the appointment to be for a term of six years, and to take effect in 1947.
4. (a) That the Conference express its gratification that the University of New Zealand has agreed to the conferring of Degrees in Divinity. Conference authorises the College Council to act on behalf of the Conference in any negotiations that have in view the establishment of a Faculty of Divinity in Auckland.

(b) That Conference places on record its high appreciation of the untiring work of the Rev. Dr. C. H. Laws and Rev. Dr. H. Ranston in initiating and in helping to bring to fruition the long negotiations with respect to the granting of Degrees in Divinity by the University of N.Z.
5. That the College Council be asked to consider favourably an increase in the bursaries to the students.
6. That thanks and appreciation be expressed to Mr. F. M. Winstone for his work as Hon. Treasurer of the Council.
7. That thanks be tendered to the Principal and visiting Tutors and also to Mrs. Hames, and that appreciation be expressed of the devoted work of the officers and members of the Council, and that the Treasurers of the Library, Prize and associated funds be thanked and recommended for re-appointment.
8. That Conference re-affirm resolutions 4 and 5, Mins. of Conference, 1944, p. 105, concerning the observance of College Sunday, and the encouragement of likely candidates for the Ministry.
9. Conference learns with interest that the Council is giving some attention to the possibility of the appointment of a third member to the full time staff of the College at a future date, and refers the matter to the further consideration of the Council.
10. (a) That Conference expresses its gratification at the prospect of the College buildings being returned to the Church by the end of 1946.

(b) That Conference grants the College Council full power to take whatever action be necessary for the rehabilitation of the College buildings as soon as they become available.

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

A.—THE BOARD'S REPORT.

In respect of the Year Ended 31st December, 1945.

The year just closed has been little if any less difficult than the preceding one, and the financial results much worse. The returns from the College still showed the effects of the disorganisation caused by the closing of the College and the loss, though less than the previous year's, was still substantial at £2,129. Of this sum £1,450 represented reductions in fees allowed to pupils, and in the circumstances the result achieved reflects great credit on the Principal and his staff. On the farm two major factors combined to produce an unfavourable result, the first was the fact that it was necessary to sell a large number of sheep and cattle at prices considerably below those at which they stood in the Board's books, and consequent thereon it was decided to write down the book values of the remaining stock to safe and conservative figures, the two operations together resulting in a book loss of £1,669. The second factor was an exceptionally bad season resulting in a working loss of £350, a total loss on the farm for the year of £2,019. In consequence of these two losses the accounts show a deficiency of £2,401 for the year. On the farm the new year has opened badly with a severe drought, and it is unlikely that the coming year will bring any considerable amount of recovery. However, the loss on stock should be non-recurring, and the Board feels confident that its Farm Manager can be relied on to do the best that is possible.

At the College and the Preparatory School the year's prospects are decidedly encouraging, with full rolls, and a better proportion of full-fee pupils at the College. The Price Tribunal has approved an increase in fees to £75 per annum, and it is expected that the Government will pay reasonable fees for Maori Scholarship boys.

The Board was successful through an appeal to the Land Sales Court in completing the sale of two portions of the College Farm, at the prices originally agreed on, notwithstanding a previous adverse decision of the Land Sales Committee, and improved results should follow from farming operations on this account.

During the coming year it is hoped that the proposed additional classrooms and a new house will be completed at Paerata, and that a commencement will be made with additional buildings at Mount Wellington.

The question of the ordination of the Principal of the College has been raised, and the Conference will be asked to consider whether any action should be taken for this purpose.

The report of the Principal of the College is attached, and Mr. Clark's report on the Preparatory School is as presented to the Synods.

J. STANTON, Chairman.

L. KNIGHT, Secretary.

1st February, 1946.

B.—PRINCIPAL'S REPORT.

The roll has increased from 53 in 1944 to 92. Enrolments for 1946 indicate a full School of 105.

The year's work has been carried on under more normal conditions, with satisfactory staffs in all department. It is hoped that at an early date there will be new class-rooms, laboratory, and manual room; with reading room, library, and improved recreational facilities. The swimming baths, with dressing-sheds, have been completed. The boys' health through the winter has been exceptionally good.

Following a policy of giving an all-round education, the College is offering—

- (a) In the class-room, a solid groundwork in general subjects, with specialisation in Senior Forms;
- (b) A full curriculum that stresses the importance of Crafts, Music, Physical Education, and love of the soil;
- (c) In sports, ample competition for the 1st XI and 1st XV; and scope for all in Swimming, Tennis, Softball, Dramatics, Hobbies, and Clubs;
- (d) In religious life—corporate worship, Bible Class activity, with the opportunity for all who so desire actively to assist in services;
- (e) Socially, for all on the estate-staffs, households, and students—to feel a sense of community.

On the Farm there have been changes. The whole Ryeland flock has been sold, and the Southdowns have been reduced to 60 breeding ewes. A ram from one of the best studs in the country, and 500 Romney ewes for fat lamb breeding, were bought. The decision to sell Blocks D and E led to the closing down of No. 2 Dairy in February, in spite of which we have, on one dairy, kept close to last year's production of milk. A new herd sire (Friesian) was bought.

The policy of eliminating low producing cows has meant that the average age of the cows is lower, the production higher, and our young stock are more than adequate for replacement needs. The stock has come through the winter in excellent condition. Repair and maintenance work has been carried out to the full. Two-thirds of the fences on Blocks A, B and C, have been completely renewed; a barn to hold 2,500 bales of hay has been made from materials on the place, the yards of No. 1 Dairy have been extended, military huts have been procured for stores.

The general feature of the year's work at Paerata has been consolidation and preparation for expansion. With the coming of peace, it is possible to implement some of our plans more rapidly than we had thought. Inquiries for enrolments are coming from far afield, and there seems to be an awakening interest in the College. There is surely no reason why it should not hold a distinguished place among the Church Schools of New Zealand.

E. M. MARSHALL, Principal.

September, 1945.

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

Again the school has met a real need and it has been necessary to refuse several applications for entrance. At present as a result of certain special adjustments 27 scholars are in residence, but this number taxes our accommodation to the limit, and it is to be hoped that in the near future it will be possible to erect another hostel and class-room to increase the school roll to at least 60 pupils, which would make a more economic and educationally a better unit. This might well be regarded as an integral part of a plan to develop Methodist educational activities on broad lines in light of opportunities now presenting themselves.

We have previously stressed the importance of this avenue of our Church's service. Not only has it obvious value as a feeder to our work in secondary education but no less important, indeed the more so, is the fact that it meets a very real need of many parents. A need, moreover, already met by every other church which has undertaken educational work. It is an essential phase of such work and one which warrants our warmest interest. The very dependence of the young child is a demand on us to meet its needs and to provide a suitable environment and adequate facilities.

It has not been possible to carry on any extensive farming operations on the property. A large portion of the most suitable land is still under military occupation, and during the year arrangements have been made to sell a further 15 acres of land previously used for dairying. There is still a large area of rough and stony land and this has been leased for grazing and while this land is of definite value, abutting as it does on the proposed site for the new Auckland University College, its value is not agricultural.

R. C. CLARK, Principal.

September, 1945.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Reports of the Board, the Principal, and the Principal of the Preparatory School be received and adopted.
2. That the Financial Statements be received and adopted.
3. That appreciation be expressed of the work of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Marshall at Wesley College, and Mr. and Mrs. Clark at Wesley Preparatory School.
4. That Conference expresses its thanks to Mr. J. Stanton, LL.B., for his work over the years as Chairman of the Board.

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

1.—SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

REPORT OF THE BOARD, 1945.

As required by the regulations the Supernumerary Fund Board presents its report for the year ended 30th November, 1945, together with all relevant financial statements duly audited.

Annuityants and Membership.

The last Conference added seven supernumeraries to the list of permanent beneficiaries. One supernumerary has died during the year. The present annuityants comprise 45 supernumeraries and 40 widows.

Finance.

The Accumulated Fund now stands at £154,749/8/1. The increase during the year is £1360/7/9. This is the added provision to meet the accruing demands of future claimants. Mortgage investments now amount to £79,416/2/6. Investments in Government Stock and local body debentures total £53,804/14/9. The Board's freehold property investment in Epworth Chambers is £48,602/5/11, but a reserve of £6000 is held for depreciation. The Worcester Street property has been sold to the Government for £5500. This was £1375/2/11 above the value shown on our books, and this sum has been added to the Investment Fluctuation and Doubtful Debts Reserve Fund.

Earnings.

The continued downward trend in interest earning rates affects all funds such as our own. The net earnings of the Fund have been £6381/11/3, 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 £4/4/7 per cent. By adopting the accountancy method the net earnings would show at £3/18/1 per cent. Omitting office expenses as is often done with similar funds the calculation would show a return of £4/3/5 per cent. Despite adverse economic factors the earnings are slightly in advance of last year.

Subscriptions in Arrear.

The personal subscriptions of ministers in arrear amount to £486/3/9, and £85/15/6 is owing for interest. A considerable portion of the arrears is in respect of the current year. Of the arrears a sum of £120 plus £46/2/7 is due by one minister. Attention is called to Regulation 38 on page 170 of the Minutes of Conference for 1945. The following table shows the district distribution of arrears:—

District.	Subscriptions.	Interest.	Total.
Auckland	100 8 10	5 8 1	105 16 11
South Auckland	145 0 0	46 12 7	191 12 7
Taranaki-Wanganui	15 5 5	0 9 6	15 14 11
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	154 10 3	25 9 7	179 19 10
Wellington	7 10 0	—	7 10 0
Nelson	38 0 0	4 5 1	42 5 1
North Canterbury	14 1 3	0 2 0	14 3 3
South Canterbury	—	—	—
Otago-Southland	11 8 0	3 8 8	14 16 8
TOTALS	£486 3 9	£85 15 6	£571 19 3

Allied Funds.

The personal accounts of contributors to the Home Acquirement Fund now aggregate £16,794/1/10. During the year payments were made amounting to £1563/1/10. The Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund shows a sum of £6383/0/11 in the personal accounts of contributors. Retiring allowances to the amount of £1118/11/10 were paid out, and £64/10/-, representing forfeited subsidies, has been refunded to the Home Mission Board. The personal accounts of contributors to the Deaconess Retiring Fund amount to £8166/15/6. The Benevolent Branch of the Supernumerary Fund has been drawn upon to the extent of £56/1/7. The General Purposes Trust Board, with assets of £28,113/18/2, is dealt with in a separate report.

Annuities and Social Security.

The Board has continued to press for a larger measure of justice and for the removal of unfair anomalies suffered by our annuitants in relation both to taxation and to Social Security benefits. Recent increases of Social Security payments and a prospective small reduction of taxes do not adequately relieve the economic strain. The Board is in touch with the Actuary and will seek a full report on all possible alternatives to the existing superannuation scheme.

Personnel of the Board.

The following are nominated as the Board for next Connexional year: The Connexional Secretary, Revs. E. Drake, W. Grigg, R. Dudley, W. H. Greenslade, 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.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

L. G. K. STEVEN, Chairman.

G. S. SALTER, Lay Treasurer.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Managing Treasurer.

Christchurch,

18th December, 1945.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
 2. That the Financial Statements be received and adopted.
 3. That the Supernumerary Fund Board consider the question of a Minister being allowed to retire at the age of 65 or after 40 years' service, and report to next Synods and Conference.
 4. That a special committee be set up to consider, during the year, the whole question of the Supernumerary Fund, with particular reference to the benefits available through the Social Security legislation. Also the question of life insurance policies for the younger ministers, and any other matters that may be considered advantageous to present and future members of the Fund. The Supernumerary Fund Board to report to next Synods and Conference.
- The Committee to consist of the members of the Board, together with Messrs. H. P. Mourant, P. E. Patrick, F. E. Sutherland, E. R. Caygill, G. S. Gapper, and Revs. M. A. Rugby Pratt, H. L. Richards, and W. Grigg.
5. That the Financial Statements of the Home Acquirement Fund be received and adopted.
 6. That the Financial Statements of the Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund and the Deaconess' Retiring Fund be received and adopted.

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

During the year the Board has undertaken to administer several new trusts. These include a trust created by Mr. A. W. Chapman for the benefit of the Sunday Schools at Tauranga, Hamilton East and Johnsonville, and a bequest by Mr. J. R. Thompson to provide prizes for the Temuka Sunday School. The Board now administers 60 trusts of various sorts. Debenture and other assets aggregate £28,113/18/2. The capital value of properties administered represents an additional £25,000.

The Winstone Memorial Trust Fund brought relief to 40 ministers, probationers and home missionaries whose stipends fell below the Conference standard minimum, and who came within the scope of the provisions of the Deed of Settlement. It should be pointed out that this fund may not be drawn upon to extinguish deficiencies in circuit funds, nor can resort be had to it unless other sources of revenue are fully exploited. The financial statement of this fund 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,

18th December, 1945.

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 that appreciation be expressed of the great benefits it confers.

3. METHODIST CHILDREN'S FUND.

We have pleasure in presenting our Annual Report and Statement of Accounts to Conference for the year ending 31st December, 1945.

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

Auckland	....	....	....	....	....	55½
South Auckland	....	....	....	....	....	16½
Taranaki-Wanganui	....	....	....	....	....	25
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	....	....	....	....	....	8
Wellington	30½
Nelson	11
Canterbury	26½
South Canterbury	5½
Otago-Southland	20½
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being 12½ payments in excess of last year.

We would again draw attention to the insufficiency of the Circuit Levies to meet payment, the five year plan for budgeting of £1750 was based on a grant of £9 per child, but as Conference has now sanctioned a payment of £10, the Fund cannot carry on successfully unless the Circuit Levies are at least raised to £2000 per annum or a grant made from the Contingent Fund of £250 to enable us to meet our obligations for 1946.

The Credit of Fund at 31st December, 1945, was £28/13/5 at Current Account at Bank of New South Wales, Wellington.

E. W. A. KELLOW,

W. A. BURLEY, Treasurers.

28th January, 1946.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the allowance for this year be £8 per child.

4. CONTINGENT FUND.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Financial Statement be received and adopted.
2. That the following grants be authorised:—

Theological College	....	....	....	....	£740
Connexional Secretary's Department	....			....	195
Deaconess Committee	....	....		....	125
N.Z. Council of Churches	....	....	....	....	26
University Fees	....	....	....	....	50
Faith and Order Movement	....	....		....	10
"The Methodist Times"	....	....		....	75
"The Methodist Times," Editorial, etc.	....			....	50
Spiritual Advance Committee	....			....	25
					£1296

3. That the Estimates be received and adopted.
4. That the Consultative Committee be: Rev. E. T. Olds, Messrs. J. Tyler and F. E. Sutherland.
5. That the Auditor, Mr. I. J. Wilson, B.Com., be thanked and re-appointed.
6. That the Treasurers, Rev. W. Walker and Mr. J. B. Blackwell, be thanked and re-appointed.
7. That the Connexional Secretary and Mr. H. de R. Flesher be appointed a Consultative Committee to assist the Secretary of Conference in effecting all possible printing economies.

5.—REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND.

ANNUAL REPORT, 1945.

As the transactions of the Fund have not all been completed at the time of the compilation of this Report, the figures shown herein will differ slightly from the final figures at the end of the year.

During the year the Fund was called upon to meet the costs of 59 removals at a total outlay of £1768/14/11, of which £58/7/10 has been refunded, leaving a nett cost of £1710/7/1. Levies produced £1099, being £611/7/1 less than the costs. This reduces the Accumulated Fund to about £870—insufficient for a normal year's expenses.

The average cost per removal amounts to £30, against an average of £21/12/- over the previous five years; a clear indication of the heavy increase in the cost of such services, due, we are told, to the increase in wages and the cost of materials.

Of the 59 removals, 16 were inter-island, costing £888 (an average of £55/10/- per removal), including two Ordinands costing £82/17/- and £33/4/4 respectively—the outcome of being permitted to marry while Probationers. The normal removal expenses of an Ordinand rarely exceed £10. This is an undue strain on the Fund, the levies for which were based on normal expenses for Probationers and Ordinands. A recommendation to clarify the position is submitted. While 16 inter-island removals cost £888, the 43 other removals were carried out for £880—an average of £20/9/-.

A considerable portion of the expense of removals is the cost of packing, and the Committee is considering the question of reverting to the system previously obtaining whereby Ministers did their own packing, up to £2 being allowed for material and labour, but before reaching a decision the Committee would like to have the views of Synods, i.e., whether the convenience to Ministers and their wives warrants the extra expense. It is evident that if the present system is to continue either inter-island removals must be kept down or the levy must be increased.

The Committee finds that the method of estimating costs for five year periods is not workable so far as this Fund is concerned. It is impossible to estimate what will be the expenses in any year until it is known what removals are contemplated—clearly demonstrated by the deficit of over £600 this year. We therefore recommend that this Fund be excluded from the jurisdiction of the Finance Committee and that the previous method of fixing the levy each year by a percentage basis on stipends be again adopted.

Seven Circuits were called upon to pay the difference between the cost of removal of the Minister invited and the limit fixed by Conference resolution, viz.—Auckland East £17/9/11, Morrinsville £19/10/-, New Plymouth £4/15/3, Palmerston North £1/14/7, Wellington West £15/2/-, Wellington East £37/17/-, and Willowby £8/1/2. All these Circuits have loyally met the charges except Wellington East, which admits liability but questions the charge, and Willowby, which has declined to pay.

Circuit levies have been fully paid except in the case of Invercargill (St. Peter's) Circuit which still refuses to accept any liability for the amount of arrears (£4/0/5).

These cases should be dealt with by the Synods concerned.

R. DUDLEY, Chairman.

J. DENNIS,

H. CHAPMAN, Treasurers.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

2. That Chairmen of Districts each year, immediately after September Quarterly Meetings, advise the Treasurers of all probable removals in their Districts.

3. That when a married man is appointed a Probationer or a Probationer is granted permission to marry, it be a condition that he bear all costs of removals above the average removal expenses of an unmarried Probationer, and when ordained, of a newly married Ordinand. The Treasurers of the Fund to decide the amount payable in each case.

4. That the relationship of Probationers and married Probationers to the Removal Expenses Fund, together with an investigation of the regulations governing the Fund, be referred to the Removal Expenses Fund Committee for report to Synods of 1946 and Conference of 1947.

5. That the Committee for 1946 be:—The Chairman of the District, the Connexional Secretary, Revs. E. E. Sage, R. Dudley and C. R. Taylor; Messrs. H. Chapman, J. E. Purchase, M. Hosking, W. G. Wright, and S. H. Maddren. Treasurers: Rev. C. R. Taylor and Mr. H. Chapman. Convener: Rev. C. R. Taylor.

6. That the Treasurer be thanked for his services.

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

A.—FOREIGN MISSION DEPARTMENT.

ANNUAL REPORT, 1945.

Our first word is of thanksgiving to Almighty God for the continued Christian witness of the Native Church that has demonstrated beyond doubt the reality of her faith. Striking testimony has continued to reach us of members of the Allied Forces who have been brought to Christ by this witness. We thank God also for the victory which has brought liberty to those parts of the Solomons which were still under domination of the Japanese invader.

Rev. D. C. Alley.

After our hopes had been raised to the point of confidence by two official messages that the Rev. D. C. Alley was alive and well, we were shocked to learn that he, with thirteen of our New Britain missionaries, was aboard the ill-fated "Montevideo Maru" that was lost in June, 1942, with all personnel. Thus passes from our earthly ranks a very gallant and successful missionary. With full hearts, we thank God for his rich, though brief, ministry and his utter devotion to his people. The whole Church will join the Board in affectionate sympathy to Mrs. Alley and her two young sons and will be glad to know that steps are being taken to establish a suitable memorial.

Return of Missionaries.

Our last annual report was written just as the Rev. J. F. Goldie returned to the Solomons. His welcome more than fulfilled our anticipations. So deeply moved were the people that they broke down and wept as they sought to express their joy and gratitude for the return of the father in God who carried the Gospel to them forty-three years ago.

After viewing the desolation of Kokengolo (Munda) and Bilua (Vella Lavella), the Chairman took up his temporary residence at Patutiva in the Marovo Lagoon. The Patutiva natives, who had been widely scattered during the war years, flocked back and eagerly threw themselves into the task of restoring the Mission Station to its former beauty and utility, and rebuilding their village. Considerable progress has been made, the latest reconstruction reported being a fine native hospital in which one of our native medical assistants is doing excellent work with medicines, drugs, etc., supplied by the Government through Dr. Rutter in his capacity as Acting Chief Medical Officer.

Lack of adequate transport has been a great hindrance, but Mr. Goldie has been able to visit numerous teachers' stations in the Roviana and Vella Lavella circuits. Such visits have been the occasion of opening new churches, solemnising marriages and baptisms, and taking counsel with teachers and chiefs, and have been red letter days for the people. At the opening of a new church in the Roviana Lagoon the paramount chief stated that his desire was that God's House should be the finest building in the District, as a tribute of their love and gratitude. During a visit to Guadacanal in November, Mr. Goldie baptised 56 people at one service at Aola upon confession of their faith.

In April a permit was granted for the return of the Rev. C. T. J. Luxton. His medical qualifications and early training as a builder, in addition to his spiritual leadership, made Mr. Luxton's return at this juncture of special value. After supervising the erection of the hospital at Patutiva he moved to Bilua. What had been the head station of our Vella Lavella Circuit and site of the Helena Goldie Hospital presented a scene of utter desolation, but with stout hearts and strong arms, Mr. Luxton and his native helpers began to bring order out of chaos. To such effect did they work with the slender resources at their disposal that when, in November, Mrs. Luxton and family, Rev. J. R. and Mrs. Metcalfe, Rev. A. W. and Mrs. Silvester, and Sisters Lina Jones, Grace McDonald, Effie Harkness and Joy Whitehouse arrived at Bilua with nearly 250 tons of stores and equipment, temporary accommodation was ready for them all and the goods.

This happy return to the Field of a large number of our Staff in the British Solomons was followed in December by a permit for the Rev. A. H. Voyce to visit Bougainville, where, amid touching scenes, he was able to renew contacts with teachers and people who have been separated from their missionaries for four tragic years. In January permission was granted for the permanent return to Bougainville of the Revs. A. H. Voyce and C. T. J. Luxton and their wives and families, and it is hoped that, ere long, the Sisters, the Rev. Usaia Sotutu and his wife and new workers will be able to follow. Permits are no longer necessary for entry to the British Solomons and the only restrictions now to the appointment of a full staff are transport and supplies.

In addition to new workers awaiting appointment several highly qualified builders have volunteered to help in the huge task of reconstruction and are ready to sail as building materials and transport are available.

A considerable quantity of surplus stores and equipment has been acquired by purchase and gift from various branches of the Forces and the Y.M.C.A., for which we are very grateful.

*We accord special thanks also to the Prime Minister's Department, the Navy and Air Force, for generous and courteous consideration in the transport of passengers and goods. Without their aid none of our workers could have returned.

New Workers.

A number of new and well qualified volunteers are available for appointment but we need more trained school teachers, and will be glad to hear from any to whom God's call has come for this great task.

Volunteers in Tonga also await the opportunity to engage in this high service. The Rev. Paul Havea, who has carried on with such devotion and ability right through the war years, and has been separated from his wife and family for nearly ten years, will need furlough, and it is good to know others are waiting to take his place.

Policy.

It has been suggested in certain quarters that the Mission Board lacks a definite policy. Such suggestion is totally untrue, and hard to understand in the light of the remarkable success that has attended the combined effort of the Board and Mission Staff during the past. A policy may be fairly judged by the results that attend it. To preach the Gospel to every creature was the fundamental of missionary policy laid down by our Lord. To obey that command has been central in the Board's policy and to that end we have trained a native ministry, local preachers, and class leaders. It was early recognised that to achieve this end a definite educational programme was essential, and a scheme was initiated and expanded by which trained educationists were added to the staff. Adequate education is impossible without literature, therefore the missionaries set themselves to language study, reducing the dialects of the unlettered natives to writing, and to translation work. The Mission Staff and Board also realised that to implement fully the policy of the Great Head of the Church, a Ministry of Healing was essential, coupled with practical care of the motherless children. It has been clearly recognised that an essential to the well-being of the native is the care and development of his land, and skill in handicrafts. To this end agricultural training, plantation work, introduction of new plants and seeds, and technical training, hold an important place in the programme at mission centres.

There has been a gentlemen's agreement with other Protestant Missionary Societies, with the exception of Seventh Day Adventists, by which there has been no overlapping, thus avoiding wastage of manpower and confusion in the minds of the natives.

There has been frequent collaboration with the Government, and for a number of years the Rev. J. F. Goldie was a member of the Resident Commissioner's Advisory Council. To avoid the necessity of two Teacher Training Institutions in the District special consent was obtained from the Administrator of the Territory of New Guinea for our Bougainville and Buka students to enter the British Solomons for college training. By arrangement with the Government a number of our students have proceeded to Fiji for medical and technical training, and others to Rabaul for a course in Tropical Agriculture.

Both in the British Solomons and New Guinea there has been for a considerable time collaboration with the Government regarding medical service for the native people, and approaches have been made regarding further development of native education. The Board has been in constant touch with the Australian Board and there has been a free flow of volunteers for the Solomons from other mission districts, with frequent communication between the chairmen.

Has this policy so steadfastly pursued through the years been justified by the results? The native church in the Solomons to-day is the answer—a church that, suddenly bereft of the spiritual counsel and guidance of its white leaders, has maintained a magnificent Christian witness in the very vortex of war; that has produced and largely maintained a ministry of three hundred pastor-teachers and medical assistants, and a literate fellowship of many thousands; that has furnished to the Government almost 100% of the personnel of its native service and, above all, has so influenced the native community that to it God and His purpose for men are of paramount importance.

It is the definite purpose of the Mission Board to continue and expand the policy that has proved so eminently successful and which carries to such a marked degree the imprimatur of God. The Board is fully alive to the changes that may eventuate in the post-war adjustments in the Pacific and for years has collaborated closely with the National Missionary Council which represents almost every non-Roman missionary interest in the Pacific. It was with this Council that the idea of the South Pacific Conference originated. The Board has unanimously approved the findings of the recent important Missionary Conference, convened in Sydney by the National Councils of Australia and New Zealand, covering every phase of Mission work in the Pacific, and is represented on the Special Committee set up to prepare for the South Pacific Conference.

After the Solomons had been over-run by the Japanese our missionaries were invited by the Board to submit their ideas regarding then existing conditions, sites, etc., and any changes that might make the work more effective. The recommendations then received and subsequent ones, including a fine medical survey written by Dr. A. G. Rutter covering collaboration between Missions and Government, are at the disposal of the Board. The Board desires the mind not only of the Mission staff on this important matter, but also of the Native Church, and to this end the Chairman of the Mission District has been collaborating with the Chiefs and Teachers.

The Board has resolved that as soon as possible after missionaries have completed a survey of their circuits, a special Synod shall be held, attended by the General Secretary, from which recommendations regarding all aspects of the work on the field can be forwarded to the Board.

Rehabilitation.

Reference is made above to reconstruction at Patutiva and Bilua. At the latter place most of the work so far is of a temporary nature to provide immediate facilities for the return of missionaries and the resumption of their work. Major reconstruction problems can only be solved after a thorough survey of the whole situation on the Field, which will be undertaken at the earliest possible moment.

The total received to date for Rehabilitation (including transfer of unexpended balance in the General Fund) is £ a goodly sum that calls for gratitude, but less than half the sum needed, and we continue to keep before the Governments concerned our claims for war-damage compensation. The N.Z. Cabinet generously remitted £12,450 Succession Duty in the Samuel Gorman Estate to help rebuild in the Solomons. In this connection the Board is under a debt of gratitude to Mr. C. E. Taylor, of Feilding, who organised the appeal and ably led the deputation that waited upon the Honourable the Minister of Finance.

The sinking of our District vessel "Fauro Chief," just as she was to be handed back by the Australian Navy Department, marked the loss of our entire Mission Fleet, and we are now faced with the tremendous task of replacing every boat as well as every building we possessed prior to the War, in addition to all stores and equipment.

Medical.

During the past year Dr. Rutter has continued his valuable service as Acting Chief Medical Officer to the Government, and now has the assistance of Mrs. Rutter, who returned to the Solomons in July. He anticipates retiring from the Field after completing ten years of service, and the Board is seeking a successor who may collaborate closely with him during the next two years. We are fortunate in having a strong team of Nurses ready and eager for service.

The Medical Fund has been augmented during the year, and a further generous contribution for leper work has been received from the Lepers' Trust Board. These funds will greatly facilitate our Medical work both during and after the rehabilitation period, and will enable the medical superintendent to formulate a long term policy.

Included in the surplus war stores acquired were valuable medical equipment and supplies. Dr. Rutter, who acted on our behalf in this matter, reports that the purchases will mean that our new hospital, when built, will be very well equipped.

Missionary Conference.

Of far-reaching importance was the Missionary Conference organised by the National Missionary Councils of Australia and New Zealand, which took place in Sydney in June. The Board was represented by the General Secretary. The findings of the Conference have been reported in the "Open Door," and the Board will do its utmost to facilitate the proposed South Pacific Conference and the preparatory work of the various commissions.

Pacific Affairs also received careful consideration at the recent Conference on Christian Order in Christchurch, which marked an epoch in New Zealand Church history and a very high level of ecumenical achievement.

M.W.M.U.

The Board records its high appreciation of loyal and generous co-operation on the part of the Women's Missionary Union. The early return of Sisters to the Solomons will call for close collaboration between the Board and the Union Executive regarding expenditure of Rehabilitation Funds and maintenance of old and new workers. None rejoices more than the missionary women in the steadfast faith of the Native Church during the war years, and the Board would gratefully remind them that in such faith and courage they see the fruit of their labour and love of past years.

We thank God for deepened Missionary interest among many of our Youth. At this time, we especially commend them for the maintenance of their missionary objective during the war, in spite of the withdrawal of many wage-earners on war service, and for their increasing endeavours to meet the full objectives of the C.Y.M.M. We rejoice of the clearer vision of the Missionary enterprise, its achievements and its opportunities, that has come to men of the forces who have been privileged to contact the native Church in the Solomons and other groups. It is to Youth that the Board looks for volunteers. We urgently need more qualified teachers and there will be wreat scope for young ministers within the next few years.

Finance.

The Board extends to all district and circuit missionary secretaries and collectors its sincere thanks and appreciation, also to all "Open Door" and "Lotu" agents, for their devoted and valuable service.

As in evangelisation, education, medical service, etc., the Board has followed a very definite financial policy. The considerable debt that menaced the work twelve years ago has been steadily reduced and finally liquidated. Strong Working Capital, Medical, and Boat Insurance Funds have been built up, and also, during war years, the Rehabilitation Fund already mentioned.

The main financial strength of the Missionary Society, however, does not lie in special funds, but in the regular annual income from the circuits. The price of stores, tools, equipment, etc., purchased recently is a startling revelation of increased costs—amounting in some cases to several hundred per cent. Our native teachers are faced with the same problem in purchasing their necessities, and their stipends and salaries will have to be adjusted accordingly. These facts stress clearly the need for a considerably increased annual income, and we are confident the Home Church will adjust its missionary giving to meet the need. As far as material resources are concerned New Zealand has gained rather than lost as a result of the war. Let us, then, remember with generous thanksgiving the Solomons that have been devastated for our sake.

Conclusion.

Letters to hand since the return of Mr. Goldie and his colleagues make it abundantly clear that they are faced with a herculean task. It is impossible for us to fully understand the emotions of these men and women as they have surveyed the utter ruin and desolation of mission stations that took so many and arduous years to establish, and the heavy losses sustained by the native people. We can, however, appreciate the wonderful spirit with which they are facing the task of building again the waste places. After completing a journey of some hundreds of miles in a native canoe during which he visited many villages and renewed contact with hundreds of his people, Mr. Goldie, instead of complaining that a man well past the three score years and ten should have to endure such exposure and difficulty, thanked God that those very hardships had drawn him still closer to his people. The Native Church is exhibiting also a wonderful spirit. How shall we express our appreciation of these valiant souls and of the God who has so abundantly blessed us in this favoured land? They call us to share with them the great task. We dare not fail them.

E. T. OLDS, Chairman.

A. H. SCRIVIN, General Secretary.

TREASURERS' REPORT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1945.

The Treasurers have much pleasure in presenting the Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure for the year ended December 31st, 1945.

The income from the Home Church for the General Fund amounted to £16,024/13/5, an increase of £710/4/2 for the year. The income includes £911/11/6 late money from 1944. Against this must be placed the sum of £553/13/5 late money for 1945 which is not included in the income for that year.

The Medical Fund income, including interest on the Capital of that Fund, and £600 from the Gorman Estate, was £1656/13/3. In addition to this £2262/17/5 has been received for the Leper Fund. This includes the receipt of £2000 from the Leper Trust for work among the lepers in the Solomon Islands.

The income from the Mission Field amounted to £100 only. The expenditure in the Mission District amounted to £6112/8/9, and again it has been necessary to estimate the item "Native Agents."

The expenditure at the Home Base amounted to £1624/0/11. In addition to this, various other payments have been made totalling £391/11/5, including £165 for the training of new workers and £25 for the Deaconess Institution.

The Income for the Rehabilitation Fund amounted to £18,896/8/7. The total for this Fund now stands at £58,464/4/4. Considerable amounts in promises have yet to be paid. Included in the Rehabilitation Fund is £2953/0/1 received from legacies. As the result of a deputation which waited on the Government, an amount of £12,450 has been kindly remitted in taxation on the legacy of the late Mr. Gorman.

The Samuel and Clare Matilda Bequest now amounts to £30,181. This year the sum of £530/9/8 was received from 8th Brigade N.Z. and U.S. Forces, Treasury Island (Mono), to be used for the support of Native Medical Orderly, and was accepted by the Board.

The Working Capital has been augmented by a legacy of £600 from the Gorman Estate, and the Fund now stands at £23,763/14/10.

The Boat Insurance Fund has been augmented by £241/17/6 by transfers and interest, and now stands at £3236/14/4.

W. A. SINCLAIR,

T. L. HAMES, General Treasurers.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

2. Rev. D. C. Alley. With a profound sense of sorrow the Conference records the death of the Rev. D. C. Alley, who has been officially presumed lost when the Japanese ship "Montevideo Maru" was sunk with all personnel off Luzon in June, 1942. With many other prisoners and internees he was being taken from Rabaul to Japan.

Mr. Alley was appointed a missionary to Teop, North Bougainville, in 1936. During the ensuing five years he rendered splendid service to the Kingdom of God. On the head station he developed the training of students and, with Mrs. Alley, extended the medical work. Probably his best work was the pioneering of a number of new stations in the mountains of North Bougainville and linking up our stations on the two coasts of that rugged land. Having acquired a good working knowledge of the Teop dialect, he was able to collaborate with the Native Ministers in valuable translation work. He was loved and trusted by the native people and held a high place in the esteem of his European brethren who will pay their tribute in the Minutes of the Islands Synods.

When the Japanese invasion of Bougainville took place early in 1942, Mr. Alley gallantly remained with his people and was interned on 31st March. His memory and his work will abide in the minds and hearts of the people for whom he gave his life and here in New Zealand where he was greatly loved.

The Conference extends to Mrs. D. C. Alley and her sons Donald and David, and to Mrs. Alley senior, and other members of the family, its deep and profound sympathy, and prays that they may be sustained by Him in Whose high service their loved one died.

Rev. Don Alley Memorial.

That a Rev. Don Alley Memorial be established as follows:

1. A Fund of £1,000 to assist in the educating of the two fatherless boys, Donald and David.
2. A hospital at Teop to be known as the Rev. Don Alley Memorial Hospital.

That to this end the Foreign Mission Department be authorised to make an immediate special appeal to the Connexion for not less than £5,000.

The Conference warmly commends the appeal to our people.

3. **Greetings to the Native Church.** That Conference convey affectionate greetings and encouragement to the Native Church.

4. **Greetings to Missionaries.** That Conference sends cordial greetings to the Missionaries who have recently returned to the Field.

5. **Retirement of Rev. W. A. Sinclair.** The Conference places on record its high appreciation of the splendid service rendered to the Foreign Mission Department and the whole Church during the past 26 years—three years as Organising Secretary for New Zealand, eleven years as General Secretary, and twelve years as clerical Treasurer, when he also acted as business manager of the "Open Door" and "Lotu" and had the satisfaction of seeing considerable increases in the circulation of both magazines.

Mr. Sinclair carries with him the gratitude and goodwill of the whole Church both in New Zealand and in the Solomons.

6. **Separated Chairman.** That in view of the limited staff and sphere of activity at present in the Solomons, Conference considers the time inopportune for action in the matter of separated Chairman.

7. **Medical Superintendent—Stipend.** That the stipend of the Medical Superintendent in future be £450 per annum with the usual allowances rising by triennial increments of £50 to a maximum of £600.

11. Board.

The President of the Conference (Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D.), the Chairman of the Auckland District (Rev. E. T. Olds), the Chairman of the Solomon Islands District (Rev. J. F. Goldie), the General Secretary (Rev. A. H. Scrivin), the General Treasurers (Rev. W. A. Sinclair and Mr. T. L. Hames); the Revs. Dr. C. H. Laws, Dr. H. Ranston, H. E. Bellhouse, W. Walker, E. W. Hames, G. I. Laurenson, A. E. Waite, A. E. Orr, H. C. Matthews, E. C. Leadley, W. W. Avery, F. Copeland, A. A. Bensley, R. Dudley; Messrs. J. W. Shackelford, J. Tyler, H. E. Rhodes, R. Thomas, L. Peak, J. H. Blackwell, W. E. Burley, Miss E. M. Rishworth, C. K. Wigglesworth, Miss E. Day, A. E. Bate, C. E. Taylor, D. C. Cameron, W. C. Francis, P. E. Patrick; President M.W.M.U. (Mrs. H. Nicolson), President Auckland W.M. Auxiliary (Mrs. E. M. Lewis), Miss E. J. Mather, Sister Edna White, Mrs. B. O. Stokes, Mrs. C. E. Taylor, Mrs. J. E. Purchase.

District Foreign Mission Committees for 1946.

AUCKLAND—

Superintendent Ministers City and Suburban Circuits; President Auckland District M.W.M.U.; Miss Rishworth, Messrs. A. D. Whitehead, W. E. Burley (convener), R. G. Laking and R. Thomas.

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 New Plymouth and Waitara Circuits. Convener: Rev. I. M. Rayner.

HAWKE'S 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—

None nominated. District F.M. Secretary: Rev. H. G. Brown.

NORTH CANTERBURY—

SOUTH CANTERBURY—

Appointed by the District Executive. Convener: Rev. H. W. Payne.

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.

Southland Sub-Committee—Convener: Rev. A. E. Jefferson.

13. National Missionary Council Representatives.

Revs. A. H. Scrivin, W. A. Burley, M.A., A. O. Harris, and Mrs. H. Nicolson.

B.—M.W.M.U.

ABRIDGED 31st ANNUAL REPORT M.W.M.U., 1945.

In presenting the 31st Annual Report of the Methodist Women's Missionary Union, we give thanks to God for the cessation of hostilities and ask help to solve the problems of the uncertain future.

We look forward to the return of our Sisters, which will soon be an accomplished fact. We would ask the prayers of all on their behalf, that they may be upheld and guided in their difficult task of rehabilitation.

Membership. Our membership this year is 4,372; there are now 186 Auxiliaries of which nine are newly formed, these being in the Northland, Auckland, Thames Valley and North Canterbury Districts.

Finance. Our total income from all sources is £6,964/19/-. This includes a record amount from the sale of used stamps, £502/17/-, £804 from our special objective (Maori Extension Work), Overseas Gift Box Money £340/13/8, and Gleanings £200.

We have received bequests from Mrs. H. Patchett, Pahiatua (£150), and from the estate of the Misses Palmer, Christchurch, we have received £410 of a legacy of approximately £1000.

Our Box Organiser, Mrs. Smethurst, recently died, and bequeathed her home at Kohimarama with its furniture to the Union, expressing the wish that it be used as a Rest Home for Sisters working under the auspices of the Union in the Solomon Islands and among the Maoris in New Zealand. Further provision is made towards the purchase of a section in Auckland for the building of a Church for Maori worship and towards the salary of a Maori minister.

Sisters. We have contributed £1339 to the Home Mission Board towards the support of eight Sisters working among the Maori people. Our payments to the Foreign Mission Board have continued, the amount contributed being £1345. Auxiliaries have supplied 211 sacks of goods to our Home Sisters.

Kurahuna. In its fifteenth year of working, Kurahuna has adopted a new policy. It was decided to take girls of school age, who could attend primary and intermediate schools in Onehunga, instead of receiving their training at Kurahuna. Following this decision, there are now 13 girls in residence, and applications are coming forward for admission in excess of the number able to be accommodated. The ages of the girls range from 9 to 14 years. One of the former girls assists in the general work of the school, and is studying with a view to entering the Deaconess Order. The revenue for the year amounted to £1,075/0/11, and the expenditure £753/4/11, which includes £125 paid into the Emergency Fund. Donations received have been allotted to specific purposes.

District Councils and Conventions. District Councils have been established in all sixteen Districts, and Conventions have been held by these during the year. From reports received, the Conventions have proved a source of inspiration, and Auxiliaries are benefiting from District Council supervision.

As our Executive enters its last year of office, we look back and give thanks; we look forward and take courage.

M. R. NICOLSON, President.

E. M. RIDDELL, Hon. Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

2. That high appreciation be expressed of the loyal and generous help of the M.W.M.U.

3. That thanks be expressed for the special gift of £1300 for the special centre in North Auckland.

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 1945.

In presenting this Annual Report we share with the whole community our Thanksgiving to Almighty God that hostilities have now ceased. The opportunity to commence rebuilding a more normal community life will call for great devotion and zeal on the part of the whole Church, and we are convinced that our Department has a most significant part to play in such rebuilding.

This has naturally been another difficult year. We are still gravely short of sufficient suitable agents, and a great load is falling upon our depleted staff. Finances are still quite inadequate for normal requirements, and we shall need much greater regular income if we are to launch out on our proposed campaign of advance. We pay our tribute again to the faithful service being rendered by all our staff.

Obituary: Rev. J. H. Edmondson.

During this year one of our veteran Retired Home Missionaries, Rev. J. H. Edmondson, has been called to Higher Service. Mr. Edmondson made a great contribution to the pioneering work of the Church in many districts during his long ministry, and also did very useful work during the early development of the Literature Van activities. He will be greatly missed, and we pay our tribute to a faithful servant of the Department.

Spiritual Advance Committee.

During this year of momentous happenings, the whole-hearted support of the Spiritual Advance Committee has been given to the Youth Board in the implementing of the Youth Year programme as the major avenue of spiritual advance for 1945. To this end a substantial subsidy towards the cost of their publications, has been forwarded to the Youth Board.

Letters to Quarterly Meetings. For the March Quarterly Meeting the Convener wrote to all Ministers and Home Missionaries, urging them to place before their officials, and to stress the need enthusiastically to support, the Youth Year programme. It was pointed out that this was the Spiritual Advance programme for the Church for the year, and carried the endorsement and support of every section of our Church.

Presidential Letter. The President wrote for the June Quarterly Meeting. This letter was printed and sufficient copies for the entire senior membership of every Circuit and Home Mission Station were forwarded to the Circuit Superintendents. A similar letter in Maori was sent to all the Maori Senior Members.

Future Letters. The policy of forwarding letters to the Quarterly Meetings is to be continued.

Manual of Membership . . . "Our Fathers' Faith and Ours." This has met a definite need and is selling well.

Bible Reading Cards. Between nine and ten thousand of these were sold this year. Again it was a joint Presbyterian-Methodist publication. Notes on the readings continue to be supplied to the "Methodist Times."

Thanksgiving Services. The Special Order of Service for the Victory Thanksgiving Services, and also a reprinting, were completely sold out.

The Coming Year. We urge that 1946 be a year in which we stress the need for Home Devotions, and offer suggestions as to the cultivation of the Spiritual life. Only when personal experience is glowing can we look for spiritual advance—and this is surely a necessity before there can be a lasting social redemption. Self-preparation is the best way to prepare for the task of rehabilitating the returned servicemen and women to our Church life and work. We must show that there is something really worthwhile to which they will desire to return. A live spiritually-minded congregation is still a deciding factor in effective evangelism.

Literature and Colporteur Committee.

We report a busy year, culminating in a definite extension of both our business and our policy. The Society, formed purely as a Literature Society, has now "grown up." Under the trading name of "Epworth Bookroom, N.Z.," we have now an established trading connection. In order to cope fully with both the orders from our people and the necessity for more active propaganda work, arrangements are now in hand for the opening of a shop in Queen Street early in the New Year.

After long and sacrificial service rendered to the Society since its inception, the Manager, Mr. Hemer, will this year relinquish some of his duties. The Committee have therefore appointed Mr. Beavis, a man well experienced in this line of business, to the position of Assistant-Manager. On Mr. Hemer vacating the Managership, Mr. Beavis will assume that responsibility. Fitting tributes will later be paid to the sterling service rendered by Mr. Hemer. But for his help, following the splendid beginning made by Miss Rogers in the initial stages of our work, it is doubtful if the Society would have survived those first few years.

Our Picture Department has been much in evidence both in hiring and loaning to interested bodies for the showing of religious films, and for the use of the General Superintendent for Departmental purposes. This branch of our work, linked officially with the Religious Film Society, N.Z., will, in the near future, assume much larger proportions. For the coming of this method of evangelisation we must be ready. To that end another projector and accessories have been ordered.

The Committee is watching closely the working-out of the Church's policy in regard to Christian propaganda and publications generally. It is to be hoped that soon more definitely defined policy will emerge, with specific responsibility given to some department for this much needed witness.

Maori Mission Work.

A separate report on the Maori Work is submitted.

Assistant Superintendent.

After a most effective and distinguished period of seven years of service as Assistant-Superintendent of Home and Maori Missions, Rev. H. J. Odell will return to Circuit work at the end of this connexional year. We desire to record our high appreciation of the outstanding service rendered to the whole Church by Mr. Odell in this capacity. His visits have meant great encouragement to the members of the staff, and his manly and forthright presentation of the claims of the Department has been a considerable factor in the greatly increased regular support of our Funds.

We welcome the designation by last Conference of Chaplain B. M. Chrystall for appointment as successor to Mr. Odell at the forthcoming Conference.

Vice-President of Conference.

During the year Mr. W. E. Burley, B.A., has given much valued assistance in the deputation programme of our Department, and his presentation of the claims of our work from the viewpoint of a layman has been especially appreciated by the lay members of the Church.

Special Loans Fund.

In fulfilment of our new policy reported to, and adopted by last Conference, we have advanced several special loans this year. The North Waitemata Transport loan has been completely repaid. Other loans now current are Castlecliff Church Hall Wanganui, Russell Sunday School, Hamilton Maori Centre and Hostel, Kohukohu Parsonage, Auckland District Youth Council Permanent Camp Sites, and Roskill Church; while other applications are pending. We append hereto the schedule of Rules and Regulations of the Fund for adoption by Conference.

Conclusion.

We face the new period of peace aware of many acute problems that will tax our resources of staff and finance to the uttermost, but we believe the Church will not fail us. We proceed confidently with our great Faith mission—with steadfast Faith in our Heavenly Father, in our Church people, and in the cause we represent.

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 as under:—
 - (a) The Home Mission General Fund.
 - (b) The statement of receipts and payments and the statement of capital of the Investment Funds Board.
 - (c) Statement of the Gorman Bequest.
 - (d) Rev. and Mrs. Thos. Buddle Centennial Gift.
 - (e) Rev. and Mrs. Geo. Buttler Centennial Gift.
 - (f) Miss K. Trounson Centennial Gift.

- (g) Home Mission Removal Expenses Fund.
- (h) Statement of Receipts and Payments and the Statement of Capital of the Mission Property Trustees.
- (i) Statement of Special Loans Account.
- (j) The Statements of the Literature and Colporteur Society.

3. That the estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1946 be received and adopted.

4. That Conference place on record its high appreciation of the distinguished service rendered to the Home and Maori Mission Department by the retiring Assistant Superintendent, Rev. H. J. Odell, whose term of office has given to the Church outstanding guidance and encouragement throughout the whole Dominion. We wish for him God's richest blessing as he continues his ministry in other spheres of our Church life.

5. Amendment to Constitution of Home Mission Board: That the Constitution of the Board (Minutes of Conference, 1940, page 184 (c)), be amended to read—after "the Assistant Superintendent" insert:—

"The European missionary in the Maori work." Also alter to read "Three representatives nominated by the M.W.M.U. . . . and . . . the personnel of the Board shall be not more than forty-four members."

6. Conference Home Mission Committee: That the Constitution of the Committee (Law Book, page 96, para. k.) be amended to include, "The Assistant Superintendent of Home Missions, the European Missionary in the Maori Work, and the Senior Maori Superintendent."

7. Treasurers for 1946: That the Treasurers be Rev. B. M. Chrystall and Mr. Frank Penn.

8. Conference records its appreciation of the sacrifices made by Mr. T. W. Hemer, Manager of Epworth Bookroom (N.Z.) for his Church, as well as the excellent nature of his work, and assures him of its best wishes for happy days when retirement comes.

9. Thanks. That Conference records its thanks to all who have assisted the work of the Department during the year.

10. That Conference urges that wherever new housing settlements are being established, District Executives take all possible steps to acquire property and erect Church buildings, seeking the assistance of the special Loans Fund in all such matters, endeavouring at all times to keep pace with the growth of all new districts.

11. (A) That May Synods discuss how best Ministers and Home Missionaries can encourage the improvement of the devotional life of our members. This to be related to the three following. (a) Home devotions and their method; (b) the place and purpose of evangelism in the Sunday services; (c) the resuscitation of the week-night meeting—the two ends for which this is held, namely prayer, and instruction and discussion, being kept separate. (B) That the findings of the May Synods be immediately notified to the Convener of the Spiritual Advance Committee, and that from these findings, suggestions be sent forward to the June Quarterly Meetings.

12. That all our people who do not already do so, be urged to institute family devotions.

13. That all our people be urged to support the meetings arranged for prayer, and for fellowship.

14. That the attention of all our people be drawn to suitable books of prayers, aids to devotion, etc., and that wherever possible these be displayed for sale or free distribution on the literature tables at our Churches.

15. That wherever they do not exist, literature tables be established, and that all Churches be urged to appoint a Literature Secretary to encourage the sale of suitable literature.

16. That Churches be encouraged to hold united gatherings occasionally in neutral buildings and to investigate the possibilities of the Commando campaigns as inaugurated in British Methodism in order to interest the non-Church-goer.

17. That wherever possible, a pulpit exchange Sunday be arranged with Sister Churches, this matter to be referred to District Executives.

18. That the Bible Reading Card be commended to all our people, and that Quarterly Meetings be encouraged to purchase sufficient copies for all Senior Members and Bible Class Members. Also that the attention of our people be drawn to the value of the Bible Reading Fellowship notes.

19. Home Mission Board, 1946:—General Superintendent (Rev. G. I. Laurenson), Assistant Superintendent (Rev. B. M. Chrystall), European Missionary in the Maori Work (Rev. H. A. Darvill), Senior Maori Superintendent (Rev. E. Te Tuhi), Chairman of the District (Rev. E. T. Olds), General Secretary for Foreign Missions (Rev. A. H. Scrivin), Principal of Trinity College (Rev. E. W. Hames), Revs. A. E. Waite, J. H. Bailey, W. Parker, A. H. Cochrane, A. E. Orr, H. C. Matthews, E. B. Chambers, J. C. Draper, V. R. Jamieson, J. Olphert, W. Walker, A. Blakemore, and C. W. Brown; the Lay Treasurer (Mr. F. Penn), President M.W.M.U. (Mrs. W. R. Nicolson), Mrs. Lewis, Misses E. M. Rishworth and E. M. Pearce, Sister Ivy Jones, Messrs. L. T. Hayman, J. H. Blackwell, L. E. Rhodes, H. S. Crowe, C. K. Wigglesworth, S. E. Chappell, D. E. Parton, J. C. Tietjens, C. A. French, B. O. Stokes, and E. P. Salmon. Corresponding Member: Rev. H. L. Fiebig. Life Members: Revs. Dr. Ranston and A. J. Seamer. Secretary: Rev. A. E. Waite.

20. (a).—District Home Mission Secretaries.

AUCKLAND.—Rev. H. A. Cochrane.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.—Rev. Ivan S. Williamson.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.—Rev. S. J. Werren.

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU.—Rev. F. B. Lawrence.

WELLINGTON.—Rev. J. D. Grocott.

NELSON.—Rev. Wm. C. Jenkin.

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, Avondale, Onehunga, Birkenhead, Otahuhu, Takapuna and Devonport Circuits; Messrs. F. Penn, A. Williams, L. Crawford, F. E. Blakey, S. E. Chappell, R. Hames and A. Turner. 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. I. S. Williamson.
- 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.**—The Ministers of the Wanganui Circuits; Messrs. F. Whitlock, S. Newsome, and E. L. F. Buxton. Convener: Rev. A. O. Jones.
- HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU.**—The Superintendent Ministers of the St. Paul's and Cuba Street Circuits; and Messrs. L. Gwynn, L. Bycroft, and C. V. Woodfield. 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, the Ministers of Blenheim Circuit; Mesdames H. J. Harris, E. Burroughs. Miss Blick; Messrs. F. Southgate and H. Oldham. Convener: Rev. Wm. C. Jenkin.
- NORTH CANTERBURY.**—Revs. E. Drake, F. O. Prosser, N. P. Larsen, and J. M. Blight; Messrs. J. Holland, C. R. M. Manhire, and F. J. Vinnicombe. Convener: Rev. E. E. Sage.
- SOUTH CANTERBURY.**—The Chairman of the District, the Ministers of Timaru and Temuka Circuits, with Messrs. W. Fitzsimmons, 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.

HOME MISSION SPECIAL LOAN FUND.

RESOLUTIONS.

(1) That the following be adopted as the Rules and Regulations of the Methodist Home Mission and Church Extension Investment Funds Board Special Loan Fund.

1. **Name of Fund.** The Methodist Home Mission Special Loan Fund.
2. **Objects of the Fund.** To facilitate to the fullest possible extent—
 - (a) The purchase of freehold properties for all the purposes of the Church and its various activities.
 - (b) The erection, alteration and repair of buildings of every kind on Church property.
 - (c) The purchase of every kind of chattel that may be required for the efficient carrying on of the work of the Church.
 - (d) The removal or reduction of debts on Church property.

3. Management.

- (1) The Fund shall be managed by The Methodist Home Mission and Church Extension Investment Funds Board.
- (2) All applications for Special Loans shall be made to the Board in duplicate, and on receipt of an application the General Superintendent or the Secretary of the Board shall call as soon as possible thereafter a meeting of the Board for the purpose of considering and determining upon the suitability of the object of the application, the amount of any Special Loan, the terms of repayment thereof, and any other relevant matter.
- (3) Upon the Board approving of a Special Loan the General Superintendent or the Secretary of the Board shall forward the terms and conditions of its approval, together with one copy of the application, to the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee, and at the same time make application to such Committee for its consent to the transaction and the special loan, and also for special consideration by way of loan from the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee, and by way of grant from its Church Sites Fund.
- (4) Proper records shall be made in the books of account of the Board of all Special Loans, the terms and conditions thereof, and also particulars of all payments on account thereof. Similar records shall also be kept of all loans from the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee, these loans being collected by the Board with the instalments of the Special Loans, and remitted to the Committee promptly.
- (5) Annual reports of all Special Loans granted during the year, and the position of the repayments thereof, shall be made to the Home Mission Department for inclusion in its report to Conference.

4. Conditions of Special Loans.

- (1) Application forms must be completed in duplicate and all questions thereon fully answered.
- (2) The Trustees of the property or chattels shall give as security a first charge by way of agreement to repay the Special Loan on the agreed terms. If required the Superintendent Minister and the two Circuit Stewards will also certify on behalf of the Quarterly Meeting such agreement to repay.
- (3) Satisfactory evidence shall be given that the title to the land or chattels is in the name of the applicant under the trusts of the Model Deed.
- (4) The Board, upon its approval of a Special Loan, shall forthwith seek the consent of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee thereto. For the purpose of such consent the Board will forward to that Committee a copy of each application, but the applicant will upon request supply any further information or complete any other matter that the Committee may require.
- (5) Trustees must always carry out the provisions of the Model Deed regarding the keeping of cash and minute books, and hold meetings for audits of the same.

- (6) Special loans will be on a twenty years table basis or such lesser period as shall be mutually agreed upon, with interest at the rate of 3½% per annum calculated by half-yearly rests, so that at the end of the period the Special Loan will be fully repaid. Instalments of principal and interest at the rate of £3/9/11 per £100 of Special Loan on a twenty year table will be payable by two equal quarterly payments during each half-yearly period from the commencement of the loan. There will be a right to reduce the term of the loan by paying on any half-yearly day any number of future instalments of principal and so accelerate the repayment of the Special Loan. A Table showing the principal and interest of each half-yearly instalment per £100 of the loan shall be supplied to each applicant when the Special Loan is made.
- (7) In special cases and in the case of Chattels the Board will consider applications for Special Loans on other than a table basis, but where the amount of such a loan exceeds 70% of the Board's valuation of the property then at least 5% of the loan moneys shall be paid off each year until the loan is reduced to not more than 70% of such valuation.
- (8) All applications shall be accompanied with a report and valuation of the property or chattels by some independent person (preferably a valuer) approved by the Board, and all costs thereof paid by the applicant.
- (9) When Special Loans are granted title deeds of the property shall be lodged with the Board.
- (10) Wherever possible buildings on which Special Loans are advanced shall be insured in the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund.
- (11) The costs of the Board's Solicitors for examination of title and other legal work done by them shall be paid by the applicant.

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

I.—REPORT FOR 1945.

MAORI MISSION REPORT FOR 1945.

In presenting this report on the Maori Mission work we are deeply aware of the sustaining grace of our Heavenly Father throughout another year. It has been a busy year, with many problems to meet, but we are sure that much good work has been done.

Staff.

We have welcomed on to the staff of Honorary Home Missionaries Messrs. Rangi Katipa of Ngutunui, Paki Manga of Otorohanga, and Waka Rewa of Auckland. Mr. Huru Wiperi is being transferred to the south of the King Country Circuit.

Deaconess Work.

After seventeen years as Deaconess in the Auckland City and District, Sister Ivy Jones applied during the year for appointment as Secretary of the Auckland Orphanage Board. She will be greatly missed from our Staff, and we record our thanks for her splendid services. We have welcomed Sister Jean Miller back on to the field to serve in the Bay of Islands area, and we are preparing to welcome Miss Joyce Webber back from Deaconess House to the Auckland City appointment.

Sister Madeline Holland has applied to return to the Maori Field work and has taken up her duties at Ratana Pa. Sister Hobbs is now attached as supply to Hamilton area.

Rev. H. A. Darvill.

The appointment of Rev. H. A. Darvill by last Conference as full-time Missionary in the Maori work has received general approval. The spirit of his approach to the work has caused great pleasure. An inspiring and well attended Induction Service in Hamilton gave a good start to his work. This is to be his centre from which he will travel to the many districts of the Maori Mission.

"Christchurch 1945."

Our mission workers played a big part in the work of "the Commission on Christian Order and the Maori People" in preparation for the National Council of Churches Conference in Christchurch. Several workers managed to attend the Conference and to share in the wonderful fellowship of the gatherings. We feel that the findings on Maori work will prove to be most interesting guiding posts for future planning of the relationships of Maori and Pakeha in New Zealand. It is encouraging to notice how largely our Maori Mission policy is in harmony with the carefully thought out statements adopted by the Conference.

New Edition of the Maori Bible.

The British and Foreign Bible Society are preparing a new printing of the Maori Bible as stocks are now sold out. A committee of qualified ministers and laymen have been working on the matter, and we have been very capably represented by Revs. Te Tuhi and Tauroa. They will be co-operating in the final checking up of the material before the reprinting is carried out.

The Licensing Commission.

The implications of the work of the Liquor Licensing Commission have been seen to be specially significant for the Maori people. Many voices have been heard calling in different directions, but it has been encouraging to note the growing strength of the plea of Maori leaders for the preservation of the King Country Pact, and the continuance of protective legislation for the Maori Race. When these provisions are asked for by strong groups of Maori leaders as being in the best interests of the Maori people, it removes any question of racial discrimination. We were glad to find our Maori Mission workers taking their full share in the effort to present this strong Maori plea.

Auckland Maori Centre.

This centre continues its good work, and it is most encouraging to notice the large number of young folk especially, who are benefitting from the social and religious activities being maintained there. We specially thank the many voluntary helpers who give hours of service to the centre.

"Te Rahui," Hamilton.

Our Maori Workers' Centre and Girls' Hostel for Maoris is now well established in Hamilton. While maintaining her district Deaconess activities, Sister Heeni Wharemaru acts as Principal of the centre and a great work is being done. During the year a five-roomed annexe was erected alongside the larger building for staff quarters, meeting room, etc., and this is filling a great need. We now have a property valued at £5,000 at least, and we have a loan of £2,000 now standing as the debt on the whole scheme. We thank all contributors for their valued assistance and trust for steadily maintained support for the maintenance of the Hostel and the reduction of the debt.

"Turangawaewae," Ngaruawahia.

This splendid Maori property has been placed under the oversight of our Mission for Maori welfare purposes. The Health Clinic established during the year is proving very popular with the Maori people. No fewer than 140 patients visit the Clinic every week for advice or treatment.

Rev. A. J. Seamer.

As a Supernumerary supply Mr. Seamer is continuing his voluntary services at Hamilton in giving oversight and guidance to the Mission work in the Waikato and King Country Circuits, and at Ratana Pa. This great service is of immense value to all members of the staff.

South Island Maoris.

We would draw the attention of South Island Circuits to the fact that the religious background of many South Island Maori settlements and people is associated with our Church. In several places, notably Blenheim circuit, very helpful service is being rendered by the European ministers and circuits. There are many young people awaiting a good Christian lead from sympathetic European Christians, and we would urge upon all European circuits the necessity of watching for every opportunity of developing contacts with the Maori folk.

Conclusion.

We again commend this work to the prayerful support of the whole Church.

E. TE TUHI, Senior Maori Superintendent.

E. T. OLDS, Chairman of the Board.

GEO. I. LAURENSEN, General Superintendent.

"RANGIATEA" MAORI GIRLS' SCHOOL.

II.—PRINCIPAL'S REPORT FOR 1945.

The year that is closing has been a momentous one in many respects. Historically it has been important and in the life of the Church it has been most challenging. This, the sixth year of the life of the school, has been an outstanding one in that we know the Spirit of God has been working mightily among the pupils.

There has been an average of eleven pupils in residence throughout the year. The ages ranging from twelve to sixteen years and the classes covered from Std. IV. to Form IV. Two pupils in 1944 gained their Primary School Leaving Certificates.

The Committee has already placed on record the fine service that Sister Ada Lee has contributed to the life of the school. A successor for her position is being sought immediately.

We are grateful to the following who have given much time to the school:—Rev. C. Roberts who has acted as Chaplain to the school, Miss N. Stewart who has given a course of Plunket lectures, Miss Riordan who has conducted weekly nursing classes, Mr. Jenkins who continues to teach the Maori class, and to Miss D. Bennett who assists in the Junior Church.

During the year, the Committee has lost through death, two of its most able members, Messrs. C. E. Bellringer and C. Carter. Also it lost its foundation Chairman, Rev. E. D. Patchett through retirement and removal to another circuit. The work of these three men will long be remembered in the establishment of our school.

Three pupils gained a pass in the Sunday School Union Scripture Examinations, and two passed in Red Cross for First Aid and Home Nursing.

The Junior Church has been filling a real need during the last year. Pupils received great inspiration from the mission of the Rev. L. Fletcher. A Church Membership class was conducted by Rev. J. H. Allen and a Reception Service was held in the Rangiatea Chapel, where nine of them were received into membership.

By special efforts throughout the year the girls have raised the sum of six pounds eight shillings for our Mission funds.

A Junior Red Cross Branch has been formed and many useful activities have engaged the interest of the group.

The peace that has come to the world has brought with it a new sense of security—a security revealing itself in the young people. They are facing up to the challenge of their share in the keeping of peace. The Celebrations brought to them a deeper meaning of their responsibilities. So we look to the future, confident that our girls have consecrated their lives to the task of helping to build peace in the hearts of their people.

EVELYN B. MARRIOTT, Principal.

4th October, 1945.

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

During the year the Board and Property Committee have given necessary oversight and further attention to preliminary plans as directed by last Conference.

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors was held in New Plymouth on 13th October, 1945, when Mr. A. Eaton Hurley was appointed Chairman of the Board.

It was resolved that Mr. H. Graham B. Harvey be appointed Architect to the College Board, and that the Taranaki Education Board be requested to permit him to undertake the work involved. After a full consultation with the Board as to the possible ultimate design, the intermediate stage of development, and the immediate objective of providing for thirty girls, Mr. Harvey was requested to prepare sketch plans for the first units of the scheme.

In view of the condition of the present residence on the property it was resolved that a farm cottage be built before next winter, if possible. The present tenant was given assurance of tenure until June 30th, 1947.

Name of the College.

Gratification at the action of the New Plymouth Hospital Board in changing the name of the New Plymouth Old Peoples' Home, thus making it possible for us to retain the original name, was expressed, and it was decided that the name of the new college be "The Rangiatea Maori College."

It was resolved to have the Board constitute a Trust under the Religious Charitable and Educational Trust Act; an appropriate seal to be obtained.

An executive Committee consisting of all members resident in New Plymouth, together with Mr. A. E. Hurley (Chairman of the Board) and the Revs. G. I. Laurenson and R. P. Rakena, was set up; Rev. J. H. Allen to be convenor and deputy-chairman.

Mr. L. M. Moss, B.A., LL.M., was appointed solicitor to the Board.

A sub-committee was also deputed to investigate and solicit advice from competent authorities upon curriculum and staffing, Wellington members being asked to interview the Director of Education and to place the plans of the Board before him.

Miss Lorna Hodder was nominated by the Board for re-appointment by Conference.

The transference of the control and administration of the present interim school and its assets is to be sought from the Home Mission Board. In the event of this being granted it is to become immediately operative and the personnel of the present committee enlarged.

It was reported that the trees planted last year were growing well and further planting was deferred until next season.

Loss by Death.

The Board regrets to report that during the year one of its most competent and devoted members has passed away in the person of the late Mr. Christopher Carter. As a pioneer member Mr. Carter has consecrated his outstanding gifts to the establishment of the College. His knowledge of the district, understanding of human nature and business sagacity fitted him to make a unique contribution to the whole project, especially in the matter of selecting and securing the excellent site recently acquired. The Board desires to express its lasting indebtedness to his influence and work, and to record its deep sense of loss at his passing.

Financial.

The resources of the Board, we regret to inform the whole Church, will be smaller than previously estimated. Latest advice reveals that for various reasons the amount forthcoming from the Centennial Fund will approximate to £15,000; not £20,000.

This, augmented by the £3,000 from the original fund for the purpose, will constitute the entire capital available, and hence we desire to point out that in view of the present high cost of building materials a measure of modification may be necessary in even the more immediate proposals.

A. EATON HURLEY, Chairman.

W. P. OKEY, Secretary.

5 November, 1945.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report on the Maori Mission work be received and adopted.

2. That the Report of the Principal of the Rangiatea Maori Girls' Interim School be received and adopted.

3. Board of Governors for 1946: Revs. J. H. Allen, G. I. Laurenson, F. J. Parker, E. Te Tuhi, and R. P. Rakena, Mrs. W. H. Aburn, Misses Lilian Burton and Lorna Hodder, Messrs. A. E. Hurley, T. M. Pacey, N. R. Seddon, F. Penn, W. P. Griffith, and H. T. Awarua.

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

A.—AUCKLAND CENTRAL MISSION.

ANNUAL REPORT, YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1945.

Opposite the main entrance of the Town Hall, in the centre of the largest city in the Dominion, the Mission continues to represent you in a varied programme of spiritual and social enterprise. The housing situation, the gas shortage, the needs of elderly people, the guidance of youth, and the general work of the Mission, have made severe demands upon our time.

New Building Scheme.

Modern city Mission work requires not only consecrated leadership and trained personnel, but premises of a type that could be used for emergencies should they arise. The Mission has steadily built up the New Building Fund, and in promises and donations it now stands at £38,500. It is hoped that other folk of goodwill may be inspired to assist in augmenting the Fund, enabling us to reach our objective of £50,000 and thereby provide a worthy Mission centre free of debt. All expenses of the Fund are being met by the Mission members, and the expenses incurred to date total £275.

Health Camp and Rest Home.

Over 250 children have received treatment during the year, and a considerable number of elderly ladies and tired mothers, as well as Youth groups, have benefited. We place on record our sincere appreciation of the late Miss Margaret Cowley, who as Matron, assisted us for four years in this branch of our work. We have been fortunate in securing the services of Sister Dorothy White as Matron.

A laundry and vegetable store have been completed, and a concrete drive has been constructed. We desire to say "thank you" to the Ladies' Committee, to the Central Council of Health Camps, and to the Health Department, for their co-operation and assistance. The Rev. A. W. E. and Mrs. Silvester have also made a distinct contribution.

Evacuee Children. At the request of the Child Welfare Department our Health Camp was made available to a party of British children awaiting transport for the Homeland. Sir Patrick and Lady Duff paid an official visit to the camp and expressed their appreciation.

Youth Work.

Although the work among children of Sunday School age has not increased, there is a well balanced programme calculated to meet the needs of adolescent youth who have no Church connection. This helps to bring sympathy and guidance to many young people. Scouts, Guides, Brownies, Cubs, clubs and other activities such as retreats at the Health Camp, help to build the youth in Christian citizenship.

Legacies.

The amount of £150 from the estate of the late Miss M. Peake, and £94/19/1 from the estate of the late Miss Ethel C. Seaman, have been received.

Astley House.

The house, which provides a permanent home for thirteen elderly ladies, and three members of a staff, continues its gracious ministry, but there are never-ceasing requests for admission. The Trustees are anxious to provide further accommodation, and sketch plans have been prepared for extensions as soon as finances are forthcoming, but we can do only what people of goodwill enable us to do. We are grateful to the staff for their continued consecrated service.

Need for Youth Hostels.

The present housing situation has revealed the need for accommodation for all classes of the community. Even in normal times there has always existed the need for accommodation for young men and young women, many of whom are away from home for the first time. It is desirable that they should be housed in an atmosphere conducive to producing worthy citizens. Daily we are receiving requests for suitable housing for these adolescents. It is hoped that in the near future some provision can be made in this direction.

Goodwill Industries and Social Services.

The Goodwill Centre continues to meet the needs of a proportion of folk who do not desire charity, but a chance to help themselves. Hours have been spent in interviews helping and straightening out personal and domestic problems.

The gas shortage, affecting so many people, especially elderly folk living in rooms, created an urgent need. The Mission Hall was turned into a restaurant for some weeks, and a hot dinner was served daily by a large band of voluntary workers. Over 6,000 meals were provided free of charge, and this was made possible by generous public gifts unsolicited. From this work there has grown a demand for an Old Folks' Association, which has now been established, with His Worship the Mayor as Patron.

The Missioner also continues to represent you on many Committees for the welfare of the community. The total amount spent in the Social Service Department during the year was £5,322/4/4.

Franklin Road Branch.

The Sunday services are now held at the Parsonage, which has become available. The Ladies' Guild is well attended and maintains an effective witness. Two disbursements from the sale of the Church property have been made.

Ministerial Supply.

Rev. Arthur Mitchell provided a very acceptable ministry until ill-health necessitated his relinquishing preaching appointments. However, the presence of both Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell from time to time, provide added inspiration to our gatherings.

Deaconess Work.

We have been fortunate in securing the consecrated service of one of our best young laywomen in the person of Miss Ruth Bennett, who is acting as a Sister to the people. Her tact and ability have commended her to all branches of our work.

General.

The Mt. Eden prison is regularly visited and worship conducted. (In the past year by Rev. E. B. Chambers.) The "Down and Out" meetings minister to a section of men. The Ladies' Guild and the 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, and the Ladies' Committee.

We register our thanks to Mrs. N. Gallavin for faithful service in the Goodwill Store, to Miss E. Holst for effective service in the office, to the office-bearers, Youth workers, Choir, Choirmaster, Organist, Chairman of the District, Ministers and laymen. We are inspired by the prayers and consecrated service of a large band of voluntary workers.

The present policy of building up all branches of the work is meeting with public commendation, and we trust, will inspire further gifts and legacies which will enable us to sustain and extend our work.

A. EVERIL ORR, Superintendent.

JAMES TYLER,

Secretary and Treasurer of Board of Trustees.

WALTER, WOOD,

F. M. SOUSTER, Circuit Stewards.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That appreciation be expressed of the work of Rev. A. E. Orr, Mr. J. Tyler, officers and members of the Central Mission.
3. Board of Management for 1946: Supt. (Chairman) Supt. H.M. Dept., Chairman of District, Revs. Dr. H. Ranston, M.A., E. W. Hames, M.A., A. J. Seamer, A. Mitchell, H. J. Odell, V. R. Jamieson, M.B.E., and J. H. Bailey; Mesdames T. Clark and L. Verry, Miss E. Booth; Messrs. J. Tyler, R. Garlick, A. Williams, J. Trenwith, T. Moor, L. Joll, E. J. Hutson, F. Penn, C. K. Wigglesworth, D. Astley, L. Simpson, B.A., LL.M., together with Circuit officials and representatives and trustees of the Mission property.

B.—DUNEDIN METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION.

55th ANNUAL REPORT.

A city Mission is essentially a community church. Its task and privilege is to render service in direction and extent beyond the scope of the average church. To do this effectively is always difficult. It demands faith, patience, time, generous judgement and all the virtues of the spirit. It also requires departmental specialists unembarrassed by limited finance.

On many occasions worthy tributes have been paid to the inaugural days of the Mission, and rightly so, but succeeding years have exacted the penalty of its historic beginning. Its beginning centred in a unique personality guided by the Divine Spirit, but lack of accommodation and finance retarded its growth. It is apparent that at last the Mission is emerging from its period of retardation and approaching an era of new growth.

For years the Mission enjoyed the support of leadership of many people influenced by the founder, but successive years have witnessed a thinning of the ranks. To-day the old school almost ceases to exist. In recent years the problem has been to train a new generation of leaders and enthusiastic supporters. Just now the Mission is passing through this particular period.

The fact that the Mission has nothing but outdated buildings in which to organise its several ministries and for fifty-five years has had to struggle against terrific financial difficulties should cause the Conference thought. The status and influence enjoyed by Missions like Poplar, Manchester, Clydebank, Melbourne and Sydney have a Connexional basis.

The English and Australian Conferences regarded City Missions in the primal stages of their existence as priority ventures and exploited every method of ensuring success. The Conferences concerned publicised and financially assisted the work. Has not New Zealand Methodism thrown the responsibility of City Mission work upon a few enthusiasts? Is our New Zealand Church Mission-minded?

Staff Appointments.

The appointment of the Rev. Harris Whitfield as assistant Superintendent has enabled increased efficient departmental control and pastoral oversight. Mr. Whitfield has brought to the work a hopefulness and a willingness to serve. He is an able pastor and a loyal colleague. Pending the appointment of a probationer, the Mission has engaged the services of a young qualified chemist—a prospective candidate for the ministry. No deaconess is yet available.

Spiritual Work.

Commencing with the radio broadcast at 9.30 a.m. there is a continuous Sunday programme until 9.30 p.m., including worship, Bible Class activities, Sunday School, Young Worshipers' League, Gospel Sing and after-Church rally. Week-day activities include Club life, Guilds, Drama, Gymnastics, Guides and Brownies, and home socials in an endeavour to win young life for God. Unfortunately, our young people's work is confined to a building absolutely unsuitable and unattractive, lacking elemental facilities for the type of work attempted. The Board of Trustees have in mind the erection of a Social Service and Youth Centre when finances permit. During recent months several young people have joined up in active membership. Communion services are encouragingly attended and lives are being transformed and redeemed.

The Mission Homes.

The Board of Management came to the conclusion that it was undesirable for women frail in body but able to walk about, constantly to be viewing bedridden patients. Accordingly, the children's work has been abandoned—at least temporarily—and the Children's Block turned into hospital wards. This arrangement will make for greater harmony and service and be psychologically beneficial to all concerned. The position now is that we have a Home for aged couples, a Rest Home for aged women, and a Women's Private Hospital. The grounds are looking more beautiful every year as the trees and shrubs increase in size. We have just planted another thousand pine trees. At present we are building staff quarters and a caretaker's cottage. The number of patients and residents varies, but the average number in residence is 110—excluding the staff of 30.

Finance.

It is a propitious time to review the financial position. At the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees the Superintendent handed to the Treasurer a cheque for £10,000 which liquidated all mortgages on the town properties. The parsonage in Royal Terrace, the shops and offices in the Octagon, the theatre building and land are now free of all debt. It is only twelve years ago since £40,000 was spent in the purchase and reconstruction of the Octagon buildings. Liabilities have become assets. Few have realised that for thirty-three years the Mission has been paying huge sums in interest. Over £21,000 has been paid on borrowed capital. Since 1921 the annual interest payment has been:—

	£			£	
1921	....	385	1934	....	945
1922	....	660	1935	....	848
1923	....	660	1936	....	780
1924	....	660	1937	....	739
1925	....	612	1938	....	815
1926	....	552	1939	....	788
1927	....	480	1940	....	946
1928	....	420	1941	....	819
1929	....	360	1942	....	781
1930	....	315	1943	....	736
1931	....	276	1944	....	678
1932	....	1,029	1945	....	404
1933	....	1,103	TOTAL	....	£16,791

By making a grant of £10,000 to the Board of Trustees the Social Service Department has cleared the way for a new era of Christian enterprise. In addition to this grant to the Board the Social Service Department has extinguished all debts on the M.C.M. Homes and financed the general social work.

The Trustees will no longer need to find £1,000 yearly for the Dunedin Savings Bank in reduction of mortgage, they will save £800 annually in interest and also £950 paid annually to the former tenant for the purchase of the theatre lease. The period for such annual payment expired last April. The Trustees will now have an income of nearly £3,000 per year, and instead of having to divert this sum to repayment of mortgages, interest on loan and purchase of the lease, the money will be diverted to institutional work and the proposed Youth and Social Service Centre.

General.

The Conference will have some idea of the extent of the work by taking into consideration the following facts and figures—the Mission employs forty agents, including ministers, qualified nursing sisters, hospital aids, cooks, domestics, laundresses, gardeners, a carpenter and office staff. The weekly wages bill amounts to £175. The income from all sources for the year ended 30th September amounted to £44,198/5/6, and the expenditure for the same period to £45,433/14/3.

Assets are estimated as follows:—

	£	
Two parsonages	....	5,000
Octagon Theatre and land	....	30,000
Octagon shop and offices	....	20,000
Central Mission Homes	....	100,000
TOTAL	....	£155,000

Christian Institutionalism.

The Mission is finding it increasing difficult to continue its institutional and departmental work owing to a shortage of staff. Our Church throughout the Dominion seems to be peculiar in this respect as enquiries from other denominational leaders do not indicate the same acute position existing in their communions. The young women of our Church anxious to do spiritual and institutional work may find positions immediately in the Mission. We need nurses and domestics and need them urgently.

Bequests.

During the year the Mission has received seven bequests approximating £1,385—half of which has been paid. It is apparent that the work of the Mission is quietly winning confidence and recognition.

Appreciation.

To the many firms, individuals, to every member of the staff, to the many honorary workers, to the officials and members of the various executive boards, appreciation is expressed. We give thanks to God for all His blessing and pray for vision and faith for the coming days.

LESLIE B. NEALE, Superintendent.

HARRIS WHITFIELD, Assistant Superintendent.

A. V. DAWSON, }

D. MELVILLE, } Circuit Stewards.

H. H. JOHNSON, Secretary and Treasurer Board of Trustees.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report of the Dunedin Central Mission be received and adopted.

2. That Conference expresses its appreciation of the work of the Revs. L. B. Neale, H. Whitfield, the staff, and the ex-Circuit Stewards, Messrs. Aitken and Johnson.

QUESTION XLVII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference with regard to the training of Deaconesses?

I.—ANNUAL REPORT, 1945.

With six young women in training, the year has been an encouraging one. We depend on circuit ministers for information regarding suitable workers and we are thankful for the help given. The studies this year have been directed by the following lecturers:—Rev. E. Drake in English, Rev. C. O. Hailwood in Theology and New Testament, Rev. J. Silvester in Psychology, Rev. A. H. Fowles in Homiletics, Church History, Old Testament and Elocution, Mr. N. M. Bell in Maori. The results of the term examinations have been highly satisfactory. The trainees have also gained experience in District Nursing, Kindergarten, Bible in Schools, Sunday School work, Visitation of homes, conduct of Services in Churches, and at the Sanatorium. Miss Webber will leave this year for an appointment under the Home and Maori Mission Board, while Miss Money will begin her Hospital training in preparation for work under the Foreign Mission Board. Three candidates are taking the Entrance Examination this year.

The proposal for the opening of a School for Christian Workers has been discussed by the Committee and it was resolved to investigate the matter more fully at a later date.

Miss Purdie as Superintendent has had many difficulties in arranging for domestic help and in meeting the mounting cost of supplies. We are grateful for her devoted and successful work. Sister Madeline Holland, after helping us so well during these war years, has now taken up work at Ratana Pah.

The regular meetings of the Committee have been well attended. We regret that we have suffered a sad loss in the passing of Mrs. S. Orchard. We assure her loved ones of our very sincere sympathy in their sorrow.

During the year, Rev. D. O. Williams has resigned his position as Treasurer and we are grateful for his efficient help. Mr. H. W. Armitage has kindly consented to take up the position.

We are very grateful for the splendid financial help given to the Institution and to the trainees by the M.W.M.U. and by the Ladies' Guilds in many circuits.

The Laws and Regulations governing our Institution have been brought up to date and will be presented to Conference.

The Committee recommends that all applications for training should be sent through the Quarterly Meeting of the circuit in which the applicant resides.

We thank God for the measure of success that has been achieved and we hope for increased activities in the future.

The nominations for the Committee for 1946 will be presented at Conference.

A. M. COSTAIN, Chairman.

A. N. SCOTTER, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

2. That the Deaconess Committee be requested to prepare and publish a suitable brochure for distribution to likely candidates for Deaconess service, setting out the need of the Church for trained women in many spheres of service that are open for suitable women, and setting out the qualifications required, the procedure of entry, and the course of training.

3. That Circuits be urged to employ Deaconesses wherever possible.

4. That the thanks of Conference be extended to Miss Purdie, Sister Madeline Holland, and tutors.

5. 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 each year.

6. That Conference expresses its appreciation of the financial assistance given to the Institution and the Trainees by the Women's Missionary Union and the Ladies' Guilds.

7. That grants from Home Mission Department, Foreign Mission Department, Fire Insurance Board, and Contingent Fund, be the same as for last year.

8. That Deaconess Committee be: Revs. A. M. Costain, Connexional Secretary, E. Drake, M. A. Rugby Pratt, R. Dudley, W. W. H. Greenslade, Dr. D. O. Williams, N. P. Larsen, F. O. Prosser, J. M. Blight, A. N. Scotter, Sister Mabel Morley, Mesdames R. Dudley, A. Sandford, S. H. Provost, A. Allen, F. Crespin, W. R. Featherston, Messrs. J. E. Purchase, E. H. Andrews, W. C. Francis, A. A. Harrow, W. H. Armitage, with Mrs. H. E. Lamb and Mr. C. A. Newman, Honorary Members.

II.—THE TRAINING INSTITUTION FOR DEACONESSES.

That the Rules and Regulations set forth in paragraph 284 of the Law Book, pages 131 to 136, and all amendments of same and additions thereto, be repealed, and the rules and regulations set out hereunder be substituted therefor.

THE TRAINING INSTITUTION FOR DEACONESSES. RULES AND REGULATIONS.

1. Deaconess House is a Connexional Institution under the control of a Committee appointed by the Conference.

2. The Committee shall appoint a Lady Superintendent who shall be responsible for the general discipline of the students and for the management of the House. Should the Lady Superintendent not be a member of the Order of Deaconesses she shall be regarded as an honorary Deaconess, and, if otherwise qualified, shall be entitled to a seat in the Durham Street Quarterly Meeting and in the North-Canterbury District Synod.

3. The domestic arrangements of Deaconess House shall be under the direction of a House Committee of eight ladies who shall be appointed annually by the Committee.

4. All applicants for Deaconess work shall undergo a period of training in Deaconess Institution unless especially exempted by conference. In the case of women workers designated for the Foreign Mission field they shall receive a specialised course in the Institution save in cases expressly exempted by the Foreign Mission Board after consultation with the Executive Committee of the Methodist Women's Missionary Union. The granting of any such exemption shall be reported by the said Mission Board to the Committee of the Institution.

5. Candidates for admission shall be members of a Christian Church, of proved ability, devoted to Christian work and with a strong sense of Christian vocation. They should hold a trained teacher's or a trained nurse's certificate or possess such other educational or technical qualifications, or have such experience and special suitability as may be regarded by the Committee as satisfactory.

6. A Candidate must be nominated by the Superintendent minister of the circuit or Home Mission Station in which she is a member. Such nomination must be endorsed by the June Quarterly Meeting and reported to the Deaconess Committee, which shall arrange, through the Chairman of the District, for a Committee of Ministers and laymen and women to report upon such candidate. Candidates must pass a medical examination and an entrance examination in Scripture and general knowledge. This examination, except in special cases, shall take place in September, and all applications will be considered at the October meeting of the Committee.

7. Each student admitted to the Institution shall be deemed to be on trial for three months in order to ascertain her general fitness for the work.

8. The year, which shall be divided into three terms, shall begin in the first week in February and end in the third week in December. There shall be two weeks holiday in May and two weeks in August.

9. The period of training shall be two years in Deaconess Institution and thereafter at least one year of probation on active service:

10. The curriculum for students shall include Bible Study, Systematic Theology, Methodist History and Polity, Practical Aspects of Deaconess Work, Elementary Medicine (Physiology, Hygiene and Nursing), English Language and Literature, Psychology, Voice Production and such other subjects as may be approved by the Committee. Lecturers in these subjects shall be appointed by the Committee. The cost of study books shall be borne by the Committee.

11. The Committee shall arrange for examinations at the end of each term. Examiners shall furnish to the Committee written reports of examinations and of the progress made by the Students.

12. Students will be provided by the Committee with grey uniforms and navy blue hat, but, when coming into residence, they shall provide themselves with a plain navy blue coat. Students shall always wear the uniform when on duty.

13. Students are required to hold their membership at Durham Street Church.

14. Each student received for training in the Institution shall sign an agreement to give to the Methodist Church four years of service as a Deaconess, such period including the year of probation, or, in the alternative, to refund to the Committee a sum of money based upon a percentage reduction for each year of service rendered.

15. It is expected that the cost of training—£50 per annum—will be contributed by students. The Committee may, however, remit the whole or any part of the cost.

16. The Committee may arrange for students to be attached to any Christchurch circuit on condition that such circuit shall

(a) Pay to the Committee, prior to the commencement of service each year a sum of £5. Such sum shall be paid by the treasurer of the Committee to the student concerned in three equal amounts at the beginning of each term.

(b) Each circuit receiving a student shall contribute to the funds of the Institution such sum as may be arranged by the Committee.

Students shall give two afternoons a week to the work of the circuit to which they are attached and shall also attend its Sunday School and one of its public services each Sunday. They shall, under the direction of the Lady Superintendent, be free to attend any other service they choose.

17. Persons other than those who have passed through Deaconess Institution may be recognised by the Conference as accredited Deaconesses of the Church. They shall—

(a) Be approved by the Deaconess Committee.

(b) Spend three years on probation in Church work.

(c) Pass during each year of probation an examination in Scripture Knowledge, Elementary Theology and English. The Deaconess Committee shall prepare the curriculum and make the arrangements for these examinations. It shall have power, in special cases, to grant exemption from the whole or any part of the examinations.

18. The Conference may, on the nomination of the Committee, receive into the Order of Deaconesses suitable persons who have not passed the usual years on probation, provided that the nomination be by a two-thirds vote of the Committee and be endorsed by a two-thirds vote of the Conference.

19. During the interval between Conferences no person shall be engaged as a paid Deaconess worker except after approval by a two-thirds vote of the Deaconess Committee. Any such engagement shall have effect only until the next ensuing Conference and it shall be governed by the rules and regulations relating to the Order of Deaconesses. The person so engaged may become a candidate for admission on the conditions set forth in the said rules and regulations.

20. The choice of a distinctive name by any Deaconess shall be made only with the consent of the Deaconess Committee.

21. Superintendents shall report annually to the Committee regarding the efficiency of a probationer in the practical aspects of her work.

22. On completion of probation and with the approval of the Committee, probationers shall be admitted as fully accredited Deaconesses at a special service of Dedication to be arranged by the President of the Conference or his deputy. This service shall be held on the evening of Conference Sunday unless otherwise arranged by the Deaconess Committee and the Secretary of the Conference.

23. Deaconesses who have been dedicated shall be members of the District Synod within whose bounds they are employed.

24. Each Deaconess in active work is required to send to the Secretary of the Committee during the month of August an annual report of her work.

25. Each circuit, Committee, or Board employing one or more Deaconesses or probationers, shall, during the month of August, furnish to the Secretary of the Committee an annual report of the work of such, together with a statement of the requirements for the next Connexional year.

26. The fields for trained Deaconess service within the Church include—

- (a) Circuits and Home Mission Stations.
- (b) The Foreign Mission Field.
- (c) Maori Mission work.
- (d) City Mission work.
- (e) Orphanages, Institutions and other Social Services.

27. Application for the appointment of a new Deaconess shall be made to the Committee in time for consideration at its October meeting.

28. The appointment of a Deaconess shall be an annual one and the invitation to remain in the appointment shall be given by the September Quarterly Meeting and notice thereof shall be given to the October meeting of the Committee.

29. No circuit, Board or Committee shall dispense with the services of a Deaconess except on the recommendation of the District Synod and with the consent of the Conference after consideration by the Conference Committee on Circuits.

30. The appointment of a Deaconess shall be made by the Committee after consultation with the circuit, Board or Committee concerned. These appointments shall be reported to Conference through the Home Mission Committee and shall be entered on the Conference List of Stations. The Committee may make necessary adjustments during the year with the consent of the circuit, Board or Committee affected.

31. All cases of withdrawal from the work or of prolonged absence shall be reported to the Committee.

32. The Deaconess year shall begin at the same time as the Connexional year.

33. The removal expenses of a Deaconess shall be paid by the Circuit, Board or Committee receiving her.

34. The standard minimum stipend for a Deaconess shall be £185 per annum for the first three years of service, with an increment of £5 for each further term of three years until the maximum stipend of £200 is reached.

35. Deaconesses shall be granted four weeks holiday in each year.

36. The distinctive uniform of the Order of Deaconesses shall be a navy blue dress, white collar and tailored navy blue hat. Deaconesses shall always wear the uniform when on duty.

37. Every Deaconess and probationer shall become a contributor to the Deaconess Retiring Fund and shall accept the conditions under which that Fund is administered.

38. Should a Deaconess or former Deaconess who has been trained in the Institution desire to become a local preacher she shall be exempted from taking a written examination, but shall otherwise comply with the requirements of Regulation 176, Law Book, page 46.

39. Should a Deaconess or probationer desire to marry she shall give as early notice as possible of her intention to the Deaconess Committee and also to the circuit, Board or Committee by which she is employed. Upon her marriage her membership in the Order of Deaconesses shall cease save in exceptional cases declared to be such by a two-thirds vote of the Deaconess Committee. In such exceptional cases the Committee shall determine the conditions that shall govern continued membership of the Order. A Deaconess or probationer retiring under this regulation shall receive from the Retiring Fund the amount to which she may be entitled under the rules of such Fund. A Deaconess who has served for ten years, may, on the recommendation of the Deaconess Committee, have her name placed on the Retired List as published in the Minutes of Conference.

40. An annual Deaconess Convention may be held in the June quarter. Each Deaconess unable to attend shall send greetings and shall be entitled to receive a report of the proceedings.

41. A roll shall be compiled by the Ladies' House Committee of "Friends of Deaconess House." It shall comprise individuals and organisations contributing not less than a guinea a year to the funds of the Institution. All such contributors shall receive a copy of the annual report presented to the Synod.

42. The following regulations shall apply to Deaconesses engaged in the Maori Work:—

(a) The Superintendent of the Maori Mission in the district where any Deaconess resides shall exercise general superintendence over her work.

(b) The work of such Deaconesses shall include the visitation of women in the Maori Settlements, the holding of classes for the study of hygiene and, where possible, the conducting of Bible and Society Classes.

(c) With the exception of Sunday School work and of special cases arising from sickness, the work of Deaconesses in the Maori field shall be restricted to members of their own sex.

(d) General religious services among the Maoris and services in adjacent English circuits shall not be taken by a Deaconess excepting by arrangement with the Superintendent of the Maori work in the District in which the Deaconess is located.

(e) No Deaconess shall accept responsibilities such as the adoption or maintenance of Maori children without the consent of the Home Mission Board.

(f) The General Superintendent of the Home Mission Department may grant permission to a Deaconess engaged in Maori work to administer the Sacrament of Baptism where a minister is not available.

(g) Senior Deaconesses engaged in Maori work (and Deaconesses holding the status of acting home missionaries) may be gazetted as officiating ministers under the Marriage Act if nominated by the General Superintendent of the Home Mission Department.

(h) The Deaconess Committee may allow any trained Deaconess of the Maori race to retain official status after marriage provided that she is fully employed in Deaconess work under the Home Mission Department and provided further that satisfactory arrangements are made with respect to her connection with the Retiring Fund.

RESOLUTION.

That the Rules and Regulations of the Training Institution for Deaconesses be referred back to the Deaconess Committee to consider amendments suggested by the Deaconess Association, and report to Synods of 1946 and Conference of 1947.

QUESTION XLVIII.—What are the Resolutions of Conference respecting Connexional Orphanages?

A.—THE AUCKLAND METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE, MT. ALBERT AND EPSOM.

Thirty-second Annual Report, 1945.

In presenting this Report of the year's work we thank our Heavenly Father for the privilege of Service among His children. The cloud of war which has overshadowed our lives during the last six years, has now passed. Surely we in New Zealand have much for which to thank God. May our gratitude be expressed in Service for others that His Kingdom may come on this earth. Surely we are especially favoured in our opportunities.

“For he who gives a child a home
Builds palaces in Kingdom Come.”

Resignations.

Owing to the sudden illness of Rev. F. E. Leadley, the Secretary-Treasurer, his resignation had to be accepted with regret. He had served the Board, firstly as Treasurer, then in the dual capacity over a number of years. Efficient and diligent in all his duties, untiring in his service for the children, he will always be remembered for his unflinching Christian courtesy and understanding.

In January the resignation of Mrs. R. M. Buttterworth was accepted with very real regret. She had rendered excellent service as Matron of “Epsom” for over seven years. The Board placed on record its grateful appreciation of the splendid service rendered. It was largely owing to her initiative and enthusiasm that the Girls' Hostel was established.

New Appointments.

Matron, Epsom: Miss G. Benton, L.R.S.M., who was Sub-Matron at Epsom, was appointed to succeed Mrs. Butterworth.

Secretary-Treasurer: Sister Ivy Jones, J.P., was appointed to this position. She took up her duties on the 1st August.

Girls' Hostel.

Eight girls are in residence. They greatly appreciate their comfortable quarters and we are grateful for a longer period of contact with these young lives.

Admissions and Withdrawals.

During the year 26 children were admitted and 18 withdrawn. Our numbers have been in the vicinity of 70 most of the year, but on September 30th we had 39 boys at Wesley and 30 girls and 7 small boys at Epsom, a total of 76, with a staff of 11.

Building Projects.

Permission is still awaited to erect the Boys' Home at Mt. Roskill. The need for an Infants' Home has not been lost to our view, but the building situation makes it impossible to supply this accommodation at present. The Epsom Hostel is fulfilling a great need in the girls' lives. What of the boys? Many go to farms, but some of the most promising look to the professions and trades. Just at the age when they need a guiding hand and the protection and help of home life, we have to turn them out into the world to fend for themselves.

During the year extensive repairs and alterations have been carried out at "Wesley" at the cost of £1,200. Painting inside and out, papering and the construction of a large dormitory in the place of several small cubicles—improvements to the H.W. service have made working conditions much easier for the staff.

£175 has been spent on repairs on the Epsom Home.

Street Day Appeal.

This was again a great success. Our share at £12 per head was £792. We are not unmindful of the splendid work accomplished by the Auckland Orphanages United Council.

Finances.

The Treasurers report a total income from Churches and Y.P. Organisations of £974 19s. 9d., which is about £31 less than last year.

The Bequests received during the year total £570 18s.

Mr. J. H. Whitburn, our City Collector, has again given splendid service. Through his services the donations in cash have totalled £79 3s. and goods valued at £67 6s.

Thanks.

We are grateful and very much appreciate the services of Miss Rogers and the Minute Secretary who attended to the essential business of the Board during the four months period without a Secretary-Treasurer.

Appreciation and Thanks.

The thanks of the Board are offered in appreciation of their services to:

The Hon. Medical Officers—Drs. J. Rule and J. Kirkwood.

Messrs. C. Martyn and Sons, Opticians.

Mr. K. W. White, Chemist.

Auckland Brush Co.—for brooms.

Mr. L. S. Dearing, Butcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Faulkner—bread cutter.

President Mrs. A. L. Caughey and the Ladies' Committee for their devotion to the needs of the children.

Childswear Ltd., Mt. Eden Happiness Club, Miss Brookes and Mr. A. L. Caughey, for clothing.

The Ladies' Guilds and Churches—Harvest Festival gifts.

Mr. Faulkner and Mr. Turley—work on grounds, both Homes.

Govt. Research Farm—gifts of vegetables.

Henderson friends (2), Mrs. Freeman, Messrs. Platt & Wright, large gifts of fruit.

Rev. A. E. Orr, Central Mission—Holiday accommodation, Health Camp.

Ladies who regularly assist—mending and darning.

All business houses who have contributed so generously to the appeal of our collector.

Friendly Road, Travel Club, Rotary, for treats and parties.

Sympathy.

The sincere sympathy of the Board is tendered to the family of Miss E. Waddingham, who was a member of the Board for many years.

To Miss Wagstaff, who has suffered the loss of her mother.

Board of Management.

Life Members—Mrs. W. R. Emerson and Mr. W. Astley.

Chairman—Rev. E. T. Olds.

Secretary-Treasurer—Sister Ivy Jones, J.P.

Revs. E. W. Hames, M.A., W. Walker, V. R. Jameson, Ministers of Epsom 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, K. J. Rosser, Misses E. Mason, A. E. Rogers, C. E. Wagstaff, B. M. Brooke, Messrs. J. E. Astley, T. Clark, F. Penn, A. Williams (on leave), F. L. Rudd (on leave), A. L. Caughey, J. H. Whitburn, J. Hargreaves, J. Tyler, R. T. Garlick, 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.

Signed on behalf of the Board,

E. T. OLDS, Chairman.

I. H. JONES, Secretary-Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Financial Statements be adopted.
3. Resolution by the Annual Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand relating to the Trust Fund in the Estate of John Currie, of Auckland, Settler, Deceased, to be divided between the said Church and the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand in accordance with the order of the Supreme Court.

It is resolved this 22nd day of February, 1946, that the Annual Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand authorises The Methodist Orphanage Trust Board of Auckland, on behalf of such Church:—

- (a) To deal with the claim of the Trustees of the Estate for commission or remuneration in respect of the services of the Trustee and of his late co-trustee to the estate, and to agree upon the amount thereof, or take such other steps as the Board may think advisable to settle such claim.
 - (b) To deal with any other claim that may be made in respect of the said Trust Fund and settle same as it thinks proper or reasonable.
 - (c) To agree if thought fit to the allocation or appropriation in specie of any asset comprised in the Trust Fund to the Methodist Church or to the Presbyterian Church as part of its half share in such fund, and to agree upon the value to be placed upon each asset comprised in the fund for the purpose of division of such fund, to authorise the sale or disposition of any asset by the Trustee at such price or on such terms as the Board thinks fit, and generally to agree upon any matters arising in connection with the realisation of any asset comprised in the fund or the division of the fund between the two Churches.
 - (d) To accept a transfer of any asset comprised in the fund allocated or appropriated to the Church as part of its share therein, and to receive or give directions for the disposal of any moneys or other property forming part of such share and to give full discharges to the Trustee for any asset or moneys transferable or payable to the Methodist Church of New Zealand.
 - (e) To deal with and settle any other matter that may arise in connection with division of the said Trust Fund.
4. That the Board of Management for 1946 be as named in the Report.

B.—MASTERTON METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME.

**Report of the Management Committee for the Year Ended
30th September, 1945.**

Children.

At the beginning of the year there were 37 children in residence—admission numbered 8 and removals 5—leaving 40 children in the Home on 30/9/1945.

With one exception the health of the children has been good and school reports disclose excellent progress.

Staff.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Bateup as Master and Matron, with Miss M. Potter and Miss C. Fell as Assistants, have continued to give outstanding service in the interests of the children and the committee is most appreciative of their excellent contributions to the well-being of the Home. Of particular interest to the Committee has been the evidence of co-operation between children and staff, manifesting itself in the excellent appearance of the Home grounds and gardens and the smooth performance of all duties within the Home.

All members of the staff have co-operated in every way with the Committee and the children to provide the ideal setting for our large family.

Buildings.

During the war years it has not been possible to do more than the most urgent maintenance work. The Committee is now making a complete review of the buildings and furnishings with a view to giving early attention to major maintenance repairs and renewals.

Committee.

The committee has functioned without change of personnel during the year. Considerable attention has been given to the careful selection of suitable occupations for our senior children. In each case educational courses most suited to the individual need are pursued.

A pleasing innovation this year has been the quarterly tea in which children, staff, and committee join in pleasant fellowship round the festive board.

Thanks.

The committee is ever mindful of the widespread help received from many kind friends and supporters of the Home in the Circuits and the Sunday Schools of the Home district.

To all who have helped the children with donations of both cash and kind we extend our thanks.

Of special merit was the action of the young people of Ngaio Church in raising the sum of £18 8s. 6d. to be used in providing holidays for the children. £15 6s. 2d. has been expended in this connection during the year.

The Committee also expresses its thanks to all those who opened their homes to the children during the holiday periods.

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.

The Capital Funds of the Home have been further added to during the year by three bequests which have been reported to the Wellington Board.

Nominations.

The following nominations for 1946 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), Rev. G. H. Goodman, Mesdames J. Elliott, F. C. Daniell, G. H. Goodman, Misses M. Burton, R. Elliott and L. Cocker, Messrs D. A. Barns, A. H. Daniell, E. E. Wells.

For the Committee,

G. F. WHITLOCK, Chairman,

W. R. NICOL, Secretary-Manager.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Financial Statement be received and adopted.
3. That the Management Committee for 1946 be as named in the Report.

C.—SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME.

31st ANNUAL REPORT, 1945.

As we present our 31st Annual Report, we are deeply grateful to God that our work has been safely guided through the past year.

Our Board meetings have had fine average attendances and the work in all its branches has received the keen attention of those who have set their hands to the care and upbringing of our large family.

All the work in connection with the children is based upon the principle that the needs of the individual transcend all other claims.

Our Family. During the year 92 children have been under our care, and to-day our numbers stand at 74. Of this number, 10 are senior boys boarding out. Every effort is made to maintain contact with these lads and regular visits are made to their homes.

Education for Life. Physical Health. Quite a large number of the little ones committed to the Home come to us in a state of neglect and the advice and help that we have received from both our Honorary Physician and Honorary Optician has been of inestimable value. We take this opportunity of paying a tribute to the help we have had from Dr. A. J. Orchard, who for the past 31 years has cared for the physical health of the young people.

School. Not only physically, but educationally, many of the children have suffered from lack of security and from frequent changes of domicile during their formative years. We are grateful for the help that has been so cheerfully given by the staffs in the three schools attended by our pupils—Waimairi Primary, Normal, and Papanui Technical College.

A generous grant under the Arthur Hall Fletcher Trust helps us to further the education of orphan girls, and by this means one girl is taking her second year in Home Science at Otago University.

The Great Future. One of the most important duties that lies to our hand is that of helping our boys and girls to choose their life work. The Vocational Committee, dealing with each individual, and studying the aptitudes and wishes of the child, seeks always to direct and guide along the most constructive lines. During the year one girl commenced Nursing Training at Timaru Hospital, and boys were placed as follows: Electrical Wireman 1, Engineering 3, Fruit Farming 1, Sheep Farming 2, General Farming 1, Sheet Metal Working 1, and Wood Turning 1.

Religious Education. Through Church, Sunday School, Bible Classes and Easter Camps our aim is always to direct the thoughts of our children to the things that are highest, and to present the claims of Jesus Christ as a personal Saviour. Our most sincere thanks are due to the Rev. C. R. Taylor and those teachers and leaders of the Papanui Church who give so freely of their time to the work of God in our Home. Whenever free from preaching appointments, the Superintendent conducts a Sunday afternoon Sing-Song Service for children and staff.

Spare Time Activities. Every encouragement is given to the boys and girls to associate themselves in some way with character-building movements in their leisure hours. Girls' Life Brigade, Clubs, Scouts, Cubs, and Toc H all have their devotees, and Church social activities play their part. The Canterbury District Youth Council is doing a fine job in the entertainment of the boys on Saturday evenings. During the winter school holidays, visits to industrial concerns and places of interest have been organised.

Holiday Homes. Most welcome hospitality was offered to the children during the summer holidays, and we are deeply grateful for this most valuable form of help offered by the people of our country circuits. Our young folk returned to school refreshed in body and spirit and thrilled by the many kindnesses shown.

Ladies' House Committee. No report would be complete without making mention of the service rendered by the ladies under the chairmanship of Mrs. Pratt. In their devotion to the work and in their care for those things that help to make a mere building into a Home, their work has been an inspiration. A special tribute should be paid to their efforts in connection with the most successful Garden Party in which they had the cordial co-operation and assistance of the Ladies' Guild. We include too, in our measure of appreciation, the help so willingly given in our sewing room week by week by the ladies of our city churches.

Our Subscribers. Friends of our Home have again subscribed generously to the work, and special thanks are due for the many gifts of jam, fruit, produce and clothing that help so splendidly to solve the problem of feeding and clothing our large family. The welcome and hospitality extended to the Superintendent on his visits to country circuits have been much appreciated.

Combined Orphanages' Appeal. Thanks to the sustained effort of the combined Orphanages' Appeal Committee under the chairmanship of Mr. J. L. Hay, and the splendid response of the Christchurch people, this year's appeal again met with great success. Our share in the proceeds amounts to £736.

Finance. The increased cost of living and of all the other services is having its effect on the finances of the Board. The financial statement shows a deficit of £616/7/9 for the year, throwing upon all the churches a greater responsibility in connection with this most important work.

Staff. The backbone of this most important form of Christian service is, and always has been, the devoted service rendered by our Matron and staff. These are they who literally bear "the heat and burden of the day," and we offer our most sincere thanks for all that they have done, praying God's blessing on their work. The critical shortage of help that had to be faced at the beginning of the year was largely relieved by the addition to the staff of three members of the Ashburton Church.

We rejoice that Miss Barclay, after a period of convalescence following a serious operation, has been restored to health and is with us once again.

Conclusion. The year just concluded has been one of inspiration to all associated with the work of our Home. With the coming of peace and the vision of a better day drawing nearer, we turn afresh to the work to which we have been called, believing that we can "do all things through Him Who strengtheneth us."

J. E. PURCHASE, Chairman.

G. H. COLEY, Superintendent.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Financial Statement be received and adopted.
3. That the Board of Management be:—

Revs. A. M. Costain, E. Drake, A. N. Scotter, C. R. Taylor, R. Dudley, D. O. Williams, W. H. Greenslade, N. P. Larsen, F. O. Prosser; Messrs. F. A. Sheat, W. S. Worner, H. de R. Flesher, J. E. Purchase, H. S. Harrington, W. G. Wright, C. Palmer, L. J. Dale, A. A. Harrow; Mesdames M. A. R. Pratt, F. C. Thornton, W. Cock, M. Opie, R. A. Marsh, H. Queree; Miss Horrell. Superintendent: G. H. Coley.

Accommodation of Young Children:

Resolved—That Conference draws the attention of our Children's Homes Committees to the urgent need for accommodation for children under 3 years of age, and asks them to give earnest consideration to the matter.

QUESTION XLIX.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Connexional Literature?

A.—REPORT OF AUCKLAND COMMITTEE.

(Mins. Conf., 1945, pages 144-145.)

The Committee has met on eight occasions and has given careful consideration to the matters remitted to it. It co-opted the Revs. H. E. Bellhouse and H. C. Matthews, and received correspondence from all parts of the Dominion. It set itself to examine the ways and means of improving our connexional paper, giving its main attention to positive suggestions rather than negative criticisms. It kept in touch with the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt, business manager, and corresponded with the associate editor, the Rev. G. R. Harris, both of whom it thanks for their courteous helpfulness.

A. "Methodist Times."

1. The following general recommendations were made:—

The pages should be 10½ x 8¼ inches, and have two columns; the cover page to be of coloured imitation art, or a similar gloss, paper that would lend itself to a better reproduction of blocks and quality printing. Blocks should be used more extensively and effectively and be in keeping with a religious paper. The type, for most articles, should be 10 pt., using 8 pt. for matters of less general interest; the layout of headings and captions should be made more attractive by the use of appropriate sizes and styles of type.

Contributors should be requested to write in a style of sufficient clarity and simplicity as to make a better appeal to modern readers, and as a general rule, no article should exceed one page in length.

Advertisements should not be assembled on the pages given to reading matter, but on the opposite pages; each Synodal District should be urged to provide one page of advertisements, at least.

2. The Committee analysed the contents of the paper in detail and recommend the following improvements—always keeping in mind that the "Methodist Times" is a "Family Paper":—

The central left side page to be used for leading articles, usually by the Editor, but also by others selected by him. Primary importance should be attached to these and their aim should be informative and the propagation of the progressive policy of our Church. The Leader page should be regarded as the most important in the paper, and therefore sermons and addresses, unless specially complying with the above-mentioned conditions, should have no place in it.

The heading Block of the Home Mission section be deleted and suitable titles given to each article; the formal information about the Department to be moved from the head to the foot of the section.

The Block "Question and Answer" be deleted and the title "Questioner's Column" substituted; the Rev. C. B. Jordan's name be appended at the end of the column in the form of a facsimile signature Block.

The Block "Home Circle" be deleted and replaced by titles suitable to each article, and Sister Rifa's name be appended at the end of the column in the form of a facsimile signature Block.

It is held that, owing to the passage of time and new conditions, the L.Y.M. Page is not now fulfilling its original purpose. Therefore consideration should be given to the advisability of changing the style and to the appointment of a sub-editor, man or woman, who has special gifts for this purpose. The name should be changed to "Children's Page" and incorporate items of interest to associated Youth Societies, and a "Knots and Puzzles" section.

The heading Block of the Foreign Mission section be deleted and articles with suitable titles and bolder display headings, concerning Missionary motives and the wider fields of Missionary enterprise, be included.

The Youth Columns are regarded as being too narrow in their appeal and should have interest for all or most readers of the paper. The Book Reviews should not be confined to those books sent for review but should deal, in narrative style, with the most important books published, and be the responsibility of a suitable reviewer.

It was considered that the publishing of full reports of Quarterly Meetings, Induction and Valedictory Services should cease, and references from such Reports be included under "Circuit News." Circuit News should be confined to the equivalent of one full page, present size, and set out in paragraph form and published under the headings of Synodal Districts. Except in very special cases all Obituaries should be limited to 200 words. The "Methodist Times" Committee is asked to consider the advisability of refraining from publishing Subscription Lists or alternately of charging for the space used.

B. Church Publications.

1. That in view of the vital importance of the printed word as a medium for the dissemination of Christian truth, and believing that the time has come for progressive policy, the Committee urges the "Methodist Times" Committee and the Conference to consider the appointment of a full-time Editor-Manager for the "Methodist Times," either minister or layman. An attempt should be made to give the paper a wider family appeal, and it should be the responsibility of the Editor-Manager to introduce features which would have a more general appeal.

2. The duties of the Editor-Manager should also include the compiling and publishing of leaflets of an approved type for regular distribution throughout the Dominion.

3. That the proposed new or improved Church paper when under the control of a full-time Editor-Manager conform to the following suggestions as to:—

(a) **Details:** The paper published fortnightly and to comprise 32 pages and cover, i.e., 36 pages; size of paper to be 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches; cover to be in two colours and of better quality than the remainder; 10 pt. type to be used; this would give 50% more space than the present "Methodist Times" and allowing 30% space for advertising would give 33 1-3% more reader space than at present.

N.B.—It is only reasonable to expect that a full-time Editor-Manager would, at least, double the circulation of the paper, and be responsible for securing the requisite advertising revenue. The Committee is of the opinion that the successful use of this means of Christian witness and evangelism is of more importance than that the paper should be self-supporting.

(b) Method of Finance: Present Subscription 7/6 (circulation 3600). New Subscription 8/- (paper 50% larger).

Estimated Income and Expenditure for 4000 copies, E. & O.E.

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Printing (Quote)	1,885	0	0
Blocks	50	0	0
Distribution, Postage	208	0	0
Office Expenses (estimated)	250	0	0
Salary	600	0	0
Contingencies	100	0	0
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	£3,093	0	0

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
4000 Subscriptions at 8/-	1,600	0	0			
Less Commission	80	0	0			
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Advertising: 11 pages per issue at £5 a page	1,430	0	0			
Less 20% Commission	286	0	0			
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Grants: Connexional, at at present				250	0	0
Debit Balance				179	0	0
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				£3,093	0	0

Estimated Income and Expenditure for 7000 copies, E. & O.E.

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Printing	2,600	0	0
Blocks	50	0	0
Distribution, Postage	360	0	0
Office Expenses	300	0	0
Salary	600	0	0
Contingencies	100	0	0
Credit Balance	44	0	0
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	£4,054	0	0

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
7000 Subscriptions at 8/-	2,800	0	0			
Less Commission	140	0	0			
	<hr/>			2,660	0	0
Advertising				1,144	0	0
Grants (Connexional as at present)				250	0	0
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				£4,054	0	0

V. R. JAMIESON, Convener.

B.—“METHODIST TIMES” COMMITTEE.

REPORT, 1945.

The Committee established contact with various authorities including the Editorial Council of the Religious Press organised under the auspices of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. This body reported the results of a Conference of a group of religious journalists whose problems were strikingly like our own. They spoke of the value of denominational journalism as a necessary accompaniment and organ of Christian witness. All agreed that the Church dare not leave the field of religious journalism to the secular press at a time when discriminating judgement was more than ever needed in the discussion of religious affairs. These editors agreed that “It is not the worst but the best of religious newspapers that are in danger from the spirit of apathy and iconoclasm. Men who have themselves attained to liberty of thought and life are apt to judge a religious newspaper by its necessity or value for themselves. Its weekly visits are apt to find them indifferent or frankly bored. They fail to realize how necessary is a paper of home-appealing type which interprets, as far as may be possible, the movements of thought and life in popular language and in popular ways.”

That our Church paper meets the need of the average reader is proved by the fact that its circulation has increased issue by issue throughout the long period that the Rev. H. E. Bellhouse has occupied the Editorial chair. Not only have all the normal cancellations by death and other causes been made good but the circulation has now attained the highest level reached in the entire history of our Church paper in this country over the last seventy-five years. The only period comparable with the present was during the Editorship of the Rev. J. Napier Milne in 1923. For many subsequent years there was a continuous stream of cancellations which more than neutralized all the results of successive campaigns for new subscribers. It is gratifying to report that to-day the circulation is 1150 more than it was when Mr. Bellhouse took office.

The Committee has further considered the whole matter of the conditions covering Editorial appointments, including the suggested departure from the custom of an annual appointment. It recommends that the Rev. H. E. Bellhouse be cordially thanked for his services and that he be re-appointed for another year.

The Committee also recommends that future appointments of Connexional Editor be for terms of three years and that in making an appointment the following standards for our Church paper should be kept in view. The Committee hold that the paper must be one that our people will read with profit. It must be an ambassador of the Kingdom of God. It must propagate the Christian faith. It must encourage the spirit of Connexionalism and it must always be receptive to new impulses of truth and to new movements of thought.

To satisfy these standards it is essential that the Editor shall possess certain definite qualifications. He must, for example, be a man of conviction, a man of keen Christian conscience and of profound moral courage. He must be a man of wide reading, a sound theologian and well-versed in our history, our traditions, and our polity. He must also be a man of well-balanced judgement, who eschews fads and is not addicted to the habit of riding hobby-horses.

Having the foregoing considerations in view the Committee nominates for designation as Connexional Editor for three years from 1st May, 1947, the Rev. G. Raymond Harris who, since 1941, has, as Associate Editor, gained a first-hand knowledge of both the literary and the mechanical aspects of the production of the Connexional journal and who is generally well endowed with the needed gifts for the office.

On behalf of the Committee,

E. H. ANDREWS, Chairman.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Secretary.

Christchurch,

18th October, 1945.

C.—SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT. COMMITTEE.

The financial position is shown in the printed statement. Increased production costs make it necessary, in spite of additional subscribers, to ask for the usual subsidy of £150 from the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund and £50 from the Contingent Fund, plus one-half of the honoraria for the Editors and their contingent expenses in accordance with the standing regulations.

To enable the publishers to make suitable arrangements for the supply of paper, the present contract has been renewed for a further term of three years.

The following are nominated as the Committee for next Connexional year:—Revs. M. A. Rugby Pratt (ex-officio), E. Drake, R. Dudley, N. P. Larsen, H. W. Payne, and Messrs. E. H. Andrews (lay treasurer), W. G. Wright, H. de R. Flesher, D. McHarg, and one to be appointed at Conference.

On behalf of the Committee,

E. H. ANDREWS, Chairman.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Secretary.

Christchurch,

18th December, 1945.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report, Revenue Account and Balance-sheet be received, adopted and printed in the Minutes.
2. That the Report of the Auckland Committee be received and adopted.
3. That Conference records its appreciation of the valuable editorial service rendered by the Rev. H. E. Bellhouse and that he be re-appointed for a further year.
4. That the Rev. G. R. Harris be heartily thanked for his services as Associate Editor.
5. That the Rev. H. S. Kings be appointed Associate Editor for 1946.
6. 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.

7. That the "Methodist Times" be reorganised on the basis of the Editor-Manager proposal submitted to Synods by the Special Committee.

8. That a "Board of Publications" be set up to take over the duties of the Publications Committee, and further, to initiate and carry through a vigorous policy of publications.

9. Constitution of Board for 1946, as follows:—The President of Conference, Chairman of Auckland District, General Secretary of Foreign Missions, General Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent of Home Missions, the Conveners of the L. & C. and Spiritual Advance Committees, Principal of Trinity Theological College, the Northern Youth Director, Revs. Dr. H. Ranston, J. Wesley Parker, V. R. Jamieson, the Manager of Epworth Book Room (N.Z.), Sister Rita Snowden, Messrs. J. H. Blackwell, T. L. Hames, F. Penn, E. P. Salmon, L. T. Hayman, D. E. Parton, A. D. Whitehead, E. H. Andrews, with the Senior Youth Director, the Editor of "Methodist Times," the Connexional Secretary, and the Conveners of Church Welfare and Public Questions Committees. Convener: Rev. H. C. Matthews.

10. That the "Board of Publications" for 1946, after consultation with the "Methodist Times" Committee, bring down recommendations to Synods 1946 and Conference 1947 concerning matters relating to constitution, aims and finance.

11. That the following matters be referred to the Board of Publications:—a. Discontinuing of advertising fee for inserting obituary tributes. b. More careful editing of Circuit News. c. Literary competitions for original contribution. d. Size of paper.

12. **Interim-Editorship of "Times."** That this matter be referred to the "Methodist Times" Committee for report to Synods and Conference of 1947.

13. That thanks be accorded the special Auckland Committee and its Convener (Rev. V. H. Jamieson), and that the Committee be discharged.

D.—THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE.

The Publications Committee reports on its activities as follows:—

(1) It has approved the publication of—

"Our Fathers' Faith and Ours," by Rev. C. T. Symons, M.A., B.D., and published by the Spiritual Advance and Literature and Colporteur Committees of the Home Mission Board.

"God and the Little Child," published by the Spiritual Advance Committee of the H.M. Board and the Youth Board.

"Vital Evangelism," by Rev. George H. Goodman, and published by the Youth Board.

"Concerning the Ministry," by Rev. H. L. Fiebig, B.A., and published by the Examination Committee.

(2) It has given considerable thought to the whole question of future publications, and draws the attention of Synods and Conference to the following:—

(a) A great need exists for an active and intensive Christian propaganda policy by medium of the printed word. Our Methodist Church sadly lags behind in this matter of publications. Pamphlets on important themes are urgently needed for the guidance and instruction of our people. A much fuller use of this weapon of spiritual warfare must be made by our Methodist Church if we are to seize the opportunities confronting us.

(b) Several Conference Committees have publishing activities, and consequently there is a possibility of over-lapping, and also necessary publications are not produced because they can be the responsibility of any one of these several Boards and Committees. No one Board is solely responsible for the publications policy of the Conference. Such Boards and Committees include:—The Spiritual Advance Committee of the Home Mission Board; The L. & C. Committee of the Home Mission Board; The Methodist Times and Literature Committee; The Youth Board.

(c) In the opinion of the Publications Committee—which it must be remembered is merely a “censoring and co-ordinating” Committee, and because of its Constitution (Minutes 1944) is not permitted to do any publishing—it is highly desirable that all publications (other than such periodicals as “Methodist Times” and “Open Door,” etc.) be controlled by a Publications Board, to be appointed by Conference, and to be directly responsible to Conference; such Board to be representative of all Boards interested in publications, and the Conference, and to be Dominion wide.

(d) A Publications Board could, and should, initiate and carry through a vigorous policy in connection with publications, and to this end should be given wide powers.

(e) The Publications Committee should investigate ways and means of financing such a proposed Board.

E. T. OLDS, Chairman.

H. C. MATTHEWS, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report of the Publications Committee be received and adopted.

QUESTION L.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference concerning Military and Naval Affairs?

REPORT OF SENIOR CHAPLAIN.

With deep thankfulness in our hearts we record the end of the war which called for such sacrificial giving of our Ministers as Chaplains to His Majesty's Services. We rejoice that no major calamity befell any of our Chaplains, and though there were wounds and injuries inseparable from such tremendous movements and hazards, all our Chaplains have been spared to us, and we give thanks to God.

As a Church, we desire to express our thanks to all our men who have served as Chaplains, both Overseas and in the Dominion. A fine piece of work has been done and our Church can feel proud of the contribution made to the Kingdom of God by our Padres in their outstanding service. To read the reports coming through from Commanding Officers and Higher Ranks concerning the work and witness of our men, is to make one feel grateful for the generally high standard and efficiency of our Chaplains.

The readiness of our Ministry to offer for the exacting and difficult work of the Chaplain has been outstanding. We have always had far more men offering than we could possibly use, so that it became a difficult task at times for our Advisory Boards to make a choice. It is interesting to recall that in all 26 of our Ministers have served as Chaplains for various periods during the war, both overseas and in the Dominion.

All our Chaplains from Overseas will be returning within the next few months, though some will be later than others because of special courses taken in England. It is impossible to give any detail as to their time of arrival. The Chaplain's Dominion Advisory Council has decided that in general Chaplains will return to their Church on the expiry of their leave following arrival in the Dominion and that Chaplains serving in the Dominion will return to Church work as their respective stations close down. I anticipate that all our Padres will be released in time for Stationing at the ensuing Conference.

Rehabilitation.

The great task now confronting the Church is the rehabilitation of our men and I trust that every Synod will seize the opportunity of discussing this most important matter.

The Chaplain's Dominion Advisory Council has requested Army Headquarters to provide a complete list from every transport arriving in the Dominion, giving the names of the men and their denominational status. This is now being done, and a Chaplain on board each troopship is responsible for handing in a complete list on arrival. From this list denominational lists are compiled and the first of these has reached me here.

It is going to be a big task to get this important information over to every Circuit, but we must make the attempt as there is perhaps an unparalleled opportunity presented here of contacting our Methodist young men and helping to rehabilitate them into the Church. Remember that they have put themselves down as Methodists and it is surely our job to see them personally and to welcome them and to try and keep in contact with them.

Various ways and means may be suggested toward this end but advice will go from me to the nearest Methodist Minister at the address shown on the list from the transport, and the responsibility must rest on the Minister and the Circuit to see that we grip this opportunity.

Will all Synods please discuss this matter and impress on all representatives the importance of this work of contacting our returning men.

So far as the future is concerned, all military matters are in a state of flux and until definite plans are evolved we cannot say what is ahead regarding military training or any other development.

Will Auckland, Wellington, North Canterbury, and Otago-Southland Synods please nominate their District Chaplain's Advisory Boards to Conference.

FREDERICK J. PARKER, C.F.,

Senior Chaplain.

WAR SERVICES AND CHAPLAINCY FUND.

During the year income amounting to £330 14s. 3d. has been received. The fund is at present in credit to the amount of £139 15s. 4d. Liabilities to the Supernumerary Fund are still accruing. It is to be noted that no claim has yet been made on behalf of the Removal Expenses Fund. When the fund is finally closed any balance in hand will go to the Contingent Fund, which will meet any deficiency should such unfortunately exist.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT,

H. de R. FLESHER,

Trustees.

Christchurch, 13th December, 1945.

1. That the Reports and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

2. That Conference place on record its highest appreciation of the splendid work done during the war years by our Chaplains to the Forces. The following is the list of Chaplains who have served during the war period:—

V. R. Jamieson, M.B.E. (Mentioned in Dispatches), F. G. Brown, H. H. Jeffries, H. T. Peat, R. Day, T. Skuse, W. Rowe, J. Churchill, J. Wesley Parker, J. C. Draper, W. A. Mills, T. Carr, W. R. Francis, J. K. Watson, M.C., J. B. Dawson, B. M. Chrystall, A. R. Witheford, J. S. Willoughby, and G. R. Thompson.

Home Service: J. H. Bailey, J. A. Dagleish, W. H. Greenslade, H. Sharp, H. S. Kings, R. F. Clement, H. Whitfield, H. C. Matthews, A. E. Orr, L. Greenslade.

3. That the name of G. R. Thompson be added to the list of Chaplains and that H. W. Burley be nominated as a Chaplain.

4. That the Rev. F. J. Parker be thanked for his services as Senior Chaplain and that he be re-nominated. That the Rev. J. L. Mitchell be appointed Deputy.

5. **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. Jamieson, M.B.E. Devonport: Rev. H. A. Cockrane. Onehunga: Rev. E. C. Leadley. New Plymouth: Rev. J. H. Allen. Napier: Rev. F. Copeland. Wellington: Rev. R. F. Clement. Nelson: Rev. C. Blair. Lyttelton: Rev. R. G. Bell. Dunedin: Rev. H. Whitfield. Bluff: Rev. R. Thornley.

6. District Chaplains' Advisory Boards:

Auckland District Advisory Committee: Chaplains of Auckland City and Suburban Circuits; Messrs. G. C. Riddell, L. F. Rudd, L. T. Hayman, A. L. Caughey. Rev. V. R. Jamieson, convener.

The Central District (Wellington) Board: Rev. W. A. Burley, the Senior Chaplain, Revs. J. D. McArthur and H. S. Kings, Messrs. T. M. Pacey, R. Hardie Boys, A. J. Johnston, E. W. A. Kellow, P. E. Patrick, S. Roberts, and H. J. Steptoe.

North Canterbury: Revs. W. Grigg, H. L. Blamires, M. A. R. Pratt, E. Drake and R. Dudley, Messrs. W. G. Wright, E. R. Caygill, and C. H. Perkins. Convener: The Chairman of the District.

Otago-Southland District Executive to set up a Board in Dunedin.

7. That in consideration of commitments for Chaplaincy work in Japan and elsewhere, the Conference authorise the continuance of the Chaplaincy Fund, and that retiring offertories be authorised for this year.

8. That the Chaplains' Central Advisory Board consider the future of the Fund and report to Synods and Conference.

9. That the administration of the Fund be taken over by the Central Advisory Board, and that the Treasurers be Messrs. P. E. Patrick and A. J. Johnston, and the balance of the fund be transferred from Christchurch to Wellington.

10. That Conference expresses appreciation of the exacting work of Rev. M. A. R. Pratt and Mr. H. de R. Flesher as co-trustees of the War Services and Chaplaincy Fund.

QUESTION LI.—What is the Report of the Custodian on Early Records, Libraries, and Museums?

A.—THE CONNEXIONAL OFFICE.

During the year the Misses Cocker have sent to the office eight volumes of the "Primitive Methodist" for 1889-1912. Circuit Ministers have sent in Minute Books and Records relating to Sydenham, Temuka, Otautau, Riverton and Aparima. Mr. F. J. Denton has sent photographs of the early Wanganui Churches and Mr. W. W. Ashby a photograph of the Christchurch Conference of 1890. Mr. J. H. Blackwell has sent a collection of Conference Minutes. Mr. C. C. Sandford has sent some old Durham Street and Papanui class books and the Register of the East Belt Y.M. Fellowship Class for 1902-1907. Miss C. Sandford has sent "The Story of Kurahuna" and the M.W.M.U. Semi-Jubilee Souvenir. The Rev. A. J. Johnston has sent the Northcote Jubilee Souvenir Record. Mrs. T. R. Hodder has sent a Nelson bazaar record for 1869 and other papers. Mrs. W. H. Duke has sent the trowel used by Dr. Morley at the Woolston stonelaying in 1896 and Mrs. E. H. Carpenter has sent a small statuette of John Wesley.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Custodian.

Christchurch, 12th December, 1945.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Reports be received and adopted.
2. That the Rev. H. L. Fiebig 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.

B. TRINITY COLLEGE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM.

During the past twelve months gifts have been made to the College Library and Museum on over thirty occasions. They are always appreciated; and over the years the College has built up a reference library and a body of historical material which is of considerable interest and value. The Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt has presented the current issues of the Proceedings of the R.H.S., of which he is a member, and through his kindness we have also received a further instalment of the Fairclough library. Mrs. Vanes of Dunedin has presented a History of Kingswood School. From the Revs. W. Walker and C. Luxton have come certain volumes relating to the early history of New Zealand. Miss Kent has presented six large pictures for the adornment of the Students' Common Room. Mr. G. Allan White has given us a number of books in Maori, including a copy of the first edition of the Maori Hymn and Service Book issued at Mangungu in 1845. (This includes more material than the copy presented three years ago by Mrs. A. B. Chappell.) From Mrs. O. S. West we have received a most interesting collection of matter inherited from her ancestor, the Rev. John Waterhouse, Superintendent of Wesleyan Missions in the South Seas. The collection includes a Wesley letter, a large number of letters from Methodist celebrities of the period, and several from New Zealand missionaries, some printed matter relating to contemporary Methodism, a bust of Robert Newton, and the desk of John Waterhouse himself. To these and all donors we express our sincere gratitude.

E. W. HAMES, Custodian.

C.—WESLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY (N.Z. BRANCH).

Annual Report.

Under difficult circumstances the work of the Society has been continued. A further section of authentic history of our early Maori Mission days has been completed by the Rev. Dr. Laws, dealing with the beginnings in Hokianga district, and a further brochure bearing upon southward developments is in hand for later issue. We deeply appreciate the financial assistance rendered by the Contingent Fund in these publications.

Steps are being taken to have worthier observance of the Annual Meeting of the Society at Conference time each year, and with the cordial co-operation of the Conference Arrangements Committee, we are planning an interesting and fruitful celebration at the forthcoming Conference. The membership of the Society is quietly growing and we anticipate an increasing usefulness to the Church in the work of the Society.

C. H. LAWS, Chairman of the Standing Committee.

G. I. LAURENSEN, Secretary.

QUESTION LII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on matters previously reported to Synods for Committees to report?

I.—CHURCH UNION.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT FOR 1945.

The sub-committee appointed by last Conference for the purpose prepared a statement for the Synods setting out the changes that were made in the original Basis presented to the Synods of 1942. These are reproduced below for the information of members of the Conference.

The results of the consideration by Synods were varied. Auckland did not vote on the Basis but recommended the continuation of the Committee to investigate and promote measures designed to increase the spirit of understanding and co-operation between the Churches concerned. The committee endorses this and has already taken steps to carry this out.

South Auckland asks that the regulation requiring candidates for the ministry to take a three years' course at a University College be relaxed to provide for men of exceptional ability who may be unable to pursue such a course. This the Committee is unable to recommend for two reasons. (1) That we must do all possible to raise the educational standard of the future Ministry; and (2) the resources of the United Church will be such as to provide for such exceptional cases. South Auckland also recommends that the statement in the section on Session (1) (second sentence) read "Ordination of elders is for life, but election to any session may be for a stated period or for life" (thus reversing the order of the phrases in the latter part of the sentence). The Committee and the Joint Committee both agree to this.

Taranaki-Wanganui had a very divided vote on this matter. Hawkes Bay-Manawatu voted against the Basis but affirmed its desire for union and recommended that further consideration of the Basis be deferred. The Committee cannot agree to this course but believes with them that every effort should be made to foster the ecumenical spirit within the Church. Wellington and Nelson voted unanimously

for the Basis. North Canterbury referred it back for further consideration on three grounds: (1) The Basis does not adequately define the respective powers of the Synod and the General Assembly. The Committee considers that for an outline Basis the present statement is sufficient. (2) The undesirable distinction between Aided and Unaided Parishes. The Committee has gone as far as possible in this matter. It would point out to the Conference that in practice in the Present Presbyterian Church this distinction provides an incentive to an aided Parish to become a self-supporting one. (3) Provisions are not adequate for a change of Ministry when desired by the members. The Committee and the Joint Committee agree, for the sake of clarity, to add the following sentence to Section IV, 12 (b): "If the Synod finds that the ends of the Gospel Ministry are not being served, it may take steps to sever the pastoral tie." Neither South Canterbury nor Otago-Southland had any amendments to propose, but voted for the Basis as submitted.

The meeting of the Joint Committee consisting of representatives of the three negotiating Churches was a memorable one. A spirit of optimism prevailed and a desire was expressed to take practical steps which might result in co-operative action. Sub-Committees were appointed to explore the possibilities of united action along the following lines: Union Churches, the alignment of the curricula of the three Theological Colleges, and the interchange of Church membership where a member of one of the Churches resides in a District where his particular denomination is not represented. It is proposed that similar provision be made for this as has been made for the Maori members of the Presbyterian Church and our own. Committees were set up also to explore the possibilities of co-operation in Women's work, in Literature and publicity, and the interchange of Ministers. It was reported that the Youth Departments were already co-operating in combined camps, and a common B.C. syllabus, also that recently the Presbyterian Youth Department had expressed a desire to join our Youth Department in publishing "Christian Education." (This has now been arranged.)

The Committee believes we are now in a position to take practical measures of co-operation and asks that Conference reaffirm the resolutions of last Conference on this matter. We urge also that facilities be given in the "Methodist Times" for a column to be used for disseminating information and receiving and answering enquiries on Church Union. We urge that every opportunity be seized for fellowship not only among the ministers of the three Churches but also among the rank and file of the members.

A. H. SCRIVIN (President of the Conference), Chairman.
W. A. BURLEY, Convener.

CHANGES IN THE BASIS OF UNION SUBMITTED TO THE ANNUAL SYNODS OF 1942.

(For Amended Basis see Minutes of Conference 1945, pp. 149-154.)

The following changes have been made by the Joint Committee representing the Church Union Committees of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational Churches.

After the title: The sentence draws attention to the fact that this is merely an outline Basis; much detailed work must be done after the outline Basis is approved.

Part I.—Brief Statement of Faith.

In par. 3 the second sentence makes clearer what is meant by "Subordinate Standards" and the words "Reformed Catholic Faith" are replaced by "the Catholic Faith as expressed in the opening paragraph."

Part II.—Polity.

Par. 2. Membership: In clause (a) the addition of the words "by the Session" indicates which body admits new members.

In clause (c) the added words "a consistent Christian life" states clearly what was assumed before.

ORDER.

Par. 3. The Parish has been defined more fully as including all Churches in a defined area. It is to be understood, however, that members resident in that area may choose to be members of a Church outside such area.

Par. 5. THE PARISH COUNCIL. The Constitution remains the same as in the original Basis but its functions are set out more in detail. In Section II, clause (b), it should be noted that this body has to appoint a Local Youth Council on which the Session and all sections of youth work will be represented. This Youth Council is to be responsible to the Parish Council.

Clause (e) provides that the Parish Council shall elect representative Elders to the Synod, from the Session.

In Section (iii) provision is made for "The Church Meeting" (a recognised body in the Congregational Churches) to do the work of the Parish Council where this is desired.

Par. 6. THE SESSION. An addition in Section (I) provides that the number of elders is to be limited only by (a) the requirements of the local cause, and (b) the number of suitable persons available for election.

In Section (ii) clauses (c) and (d) have been added. (c) provides that members of the Supreme Courts of the Churches who hold membership ex-officio, and who may not be willing to accept the office of elder, shall continue as members of the Higher Courts of the United Church for five years after Union is consummated.

Clause (d) is a new provision whereby certain officials of the Church, whose presence may be deemed necessary, may be appointed as associate members of the General Assembly, provided that they are in full membership with the Church.

In par. 7 the designation "Synod" replaces "Presbytery."

In Par. 8 the designation "Assembly" replaces "Conference." Clause (c) is an addition which is self-explanatory.

Part III.—The Ministry.

Par. 9. TRAINING. No change occurs here excepting the substitution of "Synod" for "Presbytery" and of "Assembly" for "Conference." (So also in other succeeding paragraphs.)

Part IV.—The Settlement of Parishes.

A better grouping of clauses has been adopted here. Par. 12, clause (d) is an addition designed to prevent a parish being without a minister for an unduly lengthy period.

Par. 13, clause (a). The second sentence, which gives the parish a voice in the selection of its minister, is stated more explicitly.

Clause (e) provides that ordinands shall, unless otherwise determined by the General Assembly, be appointed to Aided Parishes by the Settlement Committee at the commencement of their ministry.

Part V.—General.

Par. 16. THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE. This paragraph now provides for one Theological Faculty, and for the present, for one Theological College. It is intended that the other existing College shall be a residential College for students of other faculties, and that it may also become an institution for the training of laymen and women as Christian workers in various spheres of service.

Par. 18. This is an extremely important paragraph, providing as it does for the continuance of the organisation and practices of individual parishes, until they desired to implement the new polity of the United Church. This provision makes possible gradual change and ultimate uniformity of organisation without unnecessary tension.

NAME. At this stage the Joint Committee makes no recommendation as to the name of the new Church.

W. A. BURLEY (Convener).

RESOLUTION.

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That the Conference generally approve of the Statement as a basis for further negotiations with a view to the ultimate Union of the three negotiating Churches.
3. That the Conference direct the "Methodist Times" Committee and the Editor to make provision for a Church Union forum in each issue during the next year.
4. That the Conference approve of the steps being taken for closer co-operation between the three Churches and reappoints the Committee for 1946 as follows: The President, ex-President, Vice-President and Secretary of Conference, Revs. M. A. R. Pratt, C. H. Olds, H. L. Fiebig, E. W. Hames, G. I. Laurenson, E. Te Tuhi, J. C. Draper, R. Dudley, J. D. Grocott, W. R. Laws, and W. A. Burley (Convener), Mrs. Nicolson, Messrs. H. de R. Flesher, T. M. Pacey, J. E. Purchase, N. R. Seddon, C. E. Taylor, W. J. Court, C. R. Edmond, and P. Rushton.
5. That the Methodist representatives on the Joint Committee be the Wellington members of the Committee, together with Revs. M. A. R. Pratt, W. G. Slade, H. L. Fiebig, G. I. Laurenson, and Mr. H. de R. Flesher, with power to appoint substitutes.
6. That the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee be requested to consult with the official Representatives of the Presbyterian and Congregational Churches, with a view to formulating a suitable constitution for Federal or Union Churches in new housing areas, and to defining the relation of such Churches to the Connexional Departments and Funds.

II.—NEW ZEALAND CENTENNIAL THANKSGIVING FUND.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Centennial Fund Committee disburse the following moneys before March 31st:—
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| Deaconess Retiring Fund | | | | £1,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Deaconess Institute | | | | 158 | 11 | 8 |
| The Sites Fund (for sites in New Housing areas) | | | | 478 | 17 | 0 |

Embarrassed Trusts:—

Vauxhall	....	....	....	....	50	0	0
Patea	....	....	....	....	25	0	0
Reefton	....	....	....	....	25	0	0
Nightcaps	....	....	....	....	21	18	8
T.M.G.S. Trustees	....	....	....	....	12,134	17	1

plus interest accrued.

2. That the Home Mission Office be empowered to receive and disburse any further donations or promises that may mature.

3. That Conference records its deep thanksgiving to Almighty God for the splendid response to the Centennial Thanksgiving Fund represented in gifts amounting to £92,904/11/-. Conference records its warm appreciation of the work of the Committee, the Organisers, and especially that of the Secretary, the Rev. A. J. Johnston.

III.—REPORT OF CENTRAL FINANCE COMMITTEE.

As no appeals have been lodged, it has not been necessary to call the Committee together during the year.

H. de R. FLESHER, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That on account of the inadequacy of the present connexional levies the total levy be increased to £6,660, i.e., an increase of £750.

2. That such increase be allocated for 1946 as follows:—

£250 for the Contingent Fund.

£500 for the Removal Expenses Fund.

3. That such increase be allocated amongst the districts by the Central Finance Committee, and that in making such allocation the Committee have power to make adjustments in district totals.

4. That the name of Rev. H. L. Fiebig replace that of Rev. M. A. R. Pratt on the Committee.

5. That a special committee to include members of the Central Finance Committee be set up to consider the whole question of the basis of connexional charges, the relation to the existing funds, and any suggested modification after the present period of five years has elapsed. Personnel of the Committee to be: Members of the Central Finance Committee, Revs. R. Dudley, C. R. Taylor, L. C. Horwood, Messrs. E. R. Caygill, R. A. Marsh, with Treasurers of Connexional Funds outside Christchurch as corresponding members. Convener: The Connexional Secretary.

IV.—CENTRAL STIPEND FUND.

Resolution:—That the matter be referred back to the Committee for report to next Synods and Conference.

VI.—REPORT OF CONNEXIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The task which confronts us may be considered from two angles.

- (a) What may be done to extend the scope of our present activities.
- (b) What new projects may be undertaken, either in the near future or at some more distant date.

A. EXTENSION OF PRESENT ACTIVITIES.

At present we have the following under our care:—

- (1) A College for European boys at Paerata, with a bias toward agriculture.

(2) Provision at the same institution for Maori and Island boys.

(3) Schools for Maori girls at Kurahuna and Rangiatea.

It is to be noted that the Auckland and Taranaki Provinces are represented in these activities, with a consequent degree of interest and responsibility in those districts.

(1) **Paerata.** Certain limitations are placed upon our work at Paerata by the original deed of trust. Provision must be made for Maori and Island pupils, and Manual and Agricultural training must be included in the curriculum. These facts, however, while defining to some extent the nature of our work there, do not prevent considerable extension of that work. Wesley College is situated near enough to Auckland to give it the advantages of a large city. It is far enough away to make it possible to expand and to develop multi-lateral courses with a development up to an enrolment of 250 (which we deem possible) four courses of 60 boys to a course could be provided for. Specialists would be required, together with the correlative plant and equipment. Related to such work would be the expansion of the Preparatory School at Mt. Wellington, which to some extent may be regarded as a feeder for the College. These things we consider to be within our reach.

2. **Kurahuna and Rangiatea.** Plans for the extension of our work among Maori girls have been taken in hand by the recently constituted Board of Governors of Rangiatea College. Provision is being made for the erection by 1943 of a central administrative block and two cottages. This is the commencement of a work which we may visualise as growing to more considerable proportions in the not distant future.

Under the guidance of the two Boards concerned, and with the full co-operation of our people, in these two fields of endeavour we may fulfil our mission in a manner and to a degree worthy of our Church.

3. **Hostels.** For the purpose of this report we include the work that has been done at Trinity College in connection with the Hostel for University students, where provision was being made (until the outbreak of war) for 30 men. Later in this report reference will be made to the possibility of extending this form of service for our young people.

B. NEW PROJECTS.

1. **Maori Boys Rural Farm School.** The Conference of 1945 empowered a Committee to investigate the possibility of establishing in North Auckland a Maori Boys' Farm School. A report was submitted to the Auckland Synod which referred it to the present Educational Committee. That report is now embodied for information in this statement to Conference.

General Scheme.

The establishment of a Farm School for boys of the Maori Race to enable them to make use of the land to the best advantage and to give a moral and religious training under the auspices of the Church.

Pupils.

Pupils shall be Maori boys from the age of 15 upwards. Under normal circumstances boys shall remain at least two years; but provision to be made for longer terms of training. Preference shall be given to boys who are likely to become landholders. Where

deemed advisable, a pupil may remain for a period which will enable him to obtain entrance either to Wesley College, Massey College, or to obtain a Maori Scholarship. Steps will be taken to follow up the work of those who have passed through the school.

Pupils shall be selected by a Selection Committee after survey of references from Ministers, Native School Teachers, Native Council or from a responsible local European resident.

Curriculum.

(a) **Cultural:** English, Maori, Geography, History, Arithmetic, Book-keeping, Music—subjects taken to a standard to enable the boys to understand current events, transact farm business and keep farm accounts.

(b) **Agricultural:** Training in all forms of farm work, including care of poultry, orchard work, forestry, farm drainage, and general agricultural science, farm carpentry and engineering.

(c) **Handicraft:** Where possible boys should be encouraged to develop their native gifts of craftsmanship in Maori carving, etc.

(d) **Domestic:** Boys to be accommodated in cottages, each group being responsible, under the guidance of a Matron, for the domestic arrangements.

(e) **Religious:** Boys to be trained in the doctrines and principles of the Christian religion as taught and expounded by the Methodist Church.

Staff.

To begin with the staff should consist of

1. A farm manager.
2. A school teacher.
3. Matron.

Note: It is expected that the school would become a recognised Private School. It is suggested that such a school should ultimately have a roll of 50 boys.

Constitution.

(a) The School shall be under the authority and control of the Methodist Church of New Zealand; its intention being the training of Maori Youth in Agricultural pursuits together with moral and religious instruction.

(b) The School shall be a Memorial to the men of the Maori Race who have given their lives in the World Wars.

(c) The Government of the School shall be vested in a Board appointed by Conference and consisting of representatives nominated by:—

1. Wesley College Trust Board.
2. Prince Albert College Trust Board.
3. The Home Mission Board.
4. The Northland Sub-District Executive.
5. The Maori Church.

and such other members as from time to time may be appointed by the Conference.

(d) The immediate control of the School shall be exercised by a local committee from both races appointed by the Conference on the nomination of the Board to which the Committee will be responsible.

Finance.

The following methods might be investigated.

1. A Loan from the H.M. Board under their new lending policy.

2. The loan of money from some responsible party, such to be underwritten by the Church.

3. Interest bearing debentures, the interest of which might for a period of years be made a gift to the School to allow its establishment.

4. Support from the Native people through the Maori Councils.

5. Donations—through a Dominion wide appeal for, say, £25,000.

6. Bequests.

2. HOSTELS.

There is great demand in the four centres for suitable accommodation for the following groups of young people:—

(a) Both girls and boys attending Secondary Schools.

(b) Young men and young women attending the University or occupying business positions.

What is herein visualised is not merely a boarding establishment; but a Hostel approximating in environment, social and cultural life and moral guidance to that afforded by the best boarding schools. The capital cost of such a Hostel to house say 100 residents might be in the vicinity of £30,000; for 30 residents, say £8,000.

If the capital cost and administrative charges were regarded as the Church's contribution to this work, the fees could be estimated to cover the ordinary running costs. Experience has proved that hostel fees will not provide rent.

The general success attending our work in this field at Trinity College Hostel is an indication as to what can be accomplished in this direction.

It might be possible to combine the office of Warden or Rector of the Hostel with the pastorate of a local Church, or alternatively, to secure the services of a layman holding a responsible teaching position. Similarly, suitable provision would have to be made for such Hostels for women. It might be that the finding of such suitable persons would be one of the greatest difficulties encountered in the working out of such a scheme.

3. BOARDING SCHOOLS FOR GIRLS AND FOR BOYS.

The most important phase of the matter in hand is the question as to whether or not the Church in the future should extend its influence through the establishment of say two more Colleges, one for girls and one for boys.

The possibility that in the near future the resources of Prince Albert College Trust Board will be available for educational purposes has naturally led to speculation as to what may be the best channels into which to divert such resources. At present there is no indication as to what may be the amount available for our general educational enterprises.

A Boarding School for Girls say in the vicinity of such a place as Feilding and a similar institution for Boys say near Ashburton should not be considered beyond the realm of possibility in the long-term policy herein envisaged for our Church.

A Boarding School to provide reasonable facilities for 100 Boarders and 100 Day Pupils would cost anything between £75,000 and £100,000. It is obvious that heavy endowments would be necessary to inaugurate and carry through such a project.

It must be remembered, however, that we are planning for the future in a country which must have a developing life and an expanding population, and that what may seem beyond our resources

at present may not always be beyond the realm of possibility for a Church whose life is truly dynamic.

4. SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN WORKERS.

For some time past consideration has been given to the advisability of relating a School for Christian Workers to either Deaconess House in Christchurch or Trinity College in Auckland. The need for such facilities is obvious. Space and time do not permit any elaboration in this report; but it is herein referred to in order to indicate that it is an aspect of the whole question under review that has not been and should not be lost sight of.

Conclusion.

What then is envisaged as being under the care of the Church may be summarised as follows:—

- (a) A Boarding School for boys, with both Primary and Secondary Departments, and, if convenient, provision for Day Pupils.
- (b) A similar institution for Girls.
- (c) Provision for the education of both Maoris and Islanders.
- (d) Hostels, for University students and those in business; also for pupils attending Secondary Schools.
- (e) A Maori Boys' Farm School.

Local and District interest and initiative can be and should be mobilised in such a policy. The life and resources of practically every District would be related to this aspect of our work, as outlined above.

The subject matter of portions of this report might be referred to appropriate Boards to consider in detail and to report to the present Education Committee as the co-ordinating body.

W. E. BURLEY (Vice-President), Chairman.

H. L. FIEBIG (Convener).

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received.

2. That the under-mentioned Boards and Committees be asked to consider the report in all its implications and that sections thereof in particular be referred to them in detail, to report to the Education Committee—

A. (1) Paerata, Wesley College Training Board.

A. (2) Kurahuna and Rangiatea. Board of Governors (Rangiatea), and Women's Missionary Union.

B. (1) Rural Farm. North Auckland Sub-Committee.

B. (2) Hostels. Welfare of Church Committee.

(3) Boarding Schools. Education Committee.

(4) School of Christian Workers. Deaconess Committee and Youth Board.

3. That the Education Committee be re-appointed and that it appoint its own Convener.

VII.—COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE MINISTRY.

The Committee was directed by the 1945 Conference to "define the principles governing the suspension of a Minister for a breach of discipline arising out of obedience to the sacred call to preach." (Mins., p. 185.) We accordingly submit the following:

A. The Sacred Call to Preach.

1. The Church recognises that the vocation of the Ministry involves a Call of God. This is a personal experience, a conviction that the impulse which urges the possessor of it into the Ministry of the Church is of Divine origin.

This is acknowledged in various ways. (a) On at least six occasions one who feels thus called, is required to publicly testify to that fact. When he presents himself as a Local Preacher; when the questionnaire concerning his Candidature for the Ministry is submitted to the Circuit Quarterly Meeting; when he appears before the District Ministerial Committee; when he comes before the Examination Committee of Conference both as a Candidate and subsequently as a Candidate for Ordination; in his testimony to the Conference itself on the occasion of his Ordination.

(b) In the Ordination Service the first question asked is, "Do you trust that you are inwardly moved by the Holy Spirit to take upon you this office and ministration, to serve God for the promoting of His glory and the edifying of His people?"

Thus the Church not only recognises and acknowledges the reality of this sacred Call, but requires it as the first qualification in its ministers.

2. On the other hand, the Church recognises that there is laid upon it the duty, equally sacred, of testing out that Call. Not every man who comes before the various Courts of the Church and so testifies is accepted into its Ministry.

That is to say, the final decision is not with the individual but with the Church whose judgment must be accepted. Neither in our Law Book nor in our practice is the idea accepted that the sacred Call to preach is independent of the judgment and discipline of the Church.

When the validity of that Call has been acknowledged by the Church, it does not confer upon the individual rights that have no relationship to the Church in which he exercises his ministry. That is clearly set forth again in the Service for Ordination (Q. 3 and 10). Q. 3 reads, "As you are to exercise your ministry under the direction of the Methodist Church" Q. 10 asks, "Will you reverently obey the ministers unto whom may be committed the charge and government over you, following with a glad mind and will their godly admonitions and submitting yourself to their godly judgments?"

This is emphasized again in the annual inquiry through the Ministerial Committee of Synod respecting ministerial character and practice, where the question is asked, "Is there any objection to any Minister, Probationer or Home Missionary in the district?"

Thus the individual's Call is subject to the constant endorsement of the Church.

B. Discipline.

1. The word "Discipline" in the Law Book is used in its strictly correct etymological sense, and not merely with the meaning applied to it in the popular sense of punishment, nor is it limited to the matter of misconduct. It is a word descriptive of the ordered life of an organized Church with the power of regulation and control on the part of the Conference as its supreme Court with respect to every aspect of its life and work, and in regard to the relationship to the Church of both the Ministry and the laity.

It is in this sense that the Conference of 1797 issued a careful revision of the "rules drawn up and left by Mr. Wesley which were published by him in the large Minutes, with a collection of those Rules which we believe to be essential to the existence of Methodism." That revision was called "A Form of Discipline."

In this sense also our Church in the United States of America calls its Law Book the "Book of Discipline."

2. It will make for clarity if the law dealing with this matter is summarised.

Par. 14 states that every Church member shall conform to the discipline of the Church.

Pars. 17/32 set forth the rules governing the trial and discipline of members, No. 32 stating that the decision of the Conference shall be final.

Par. 52 states that a Candidate must approve of the Discipline of the Church.

Par. 75 sets forth the fact that at Conference a Probationer is examined as to his knowledge of our Discipline, and pledges himself to observe and enforce it, and if his views of discipline change he will quietly retire from the ministry.

Par. 133 declares that the Conference or a Special District Ministerial Committee may institute any enquiry or investigation deemed expedient into the conduct of the Ministers or Probationers under its jurisdiction.

Par. 134 states that all Ministers and Probationers retain their ministerial office on the distinct condition that they hold themselves individually pledged to submit in a peaceable and Christian spirit to the usual disciplinary investigation of the Conference and all other duly constituted disciplinary courts.

Par. 149 gives the power of Conference in that it may expel any Minister for any cause (it may deem necessary).

Par. 246, dealing with the powers of Conference in Sec. 8 includes, among those powers, the receiving and finally deciding upon appeals from the lower Courts.

C. Historic Rights of the Ministry.

From the foregoing analysis of the main tenets of our Law concerning these facts, it is clear that any "rights" a minister may have are those conferred upon him by the Church within whose polity he desires to exercise his ministry.

A man may feel that in the exercise of a ministry to which he is divinely called, he must have entire, unfettered freedom. Our polity precludes him from finding it within our Church, for that polity declares that in the final analysis where any matter is in dispute the judgment and decision of the Conference as its supreme court of authority is final, and is binding upon every minister and member.

In the exercise of its powers Conference should recognise that the Church's greatest asset is the ability of its ministers to preach with power and freedom from the strength of personal conviction. It should therefore permit the maximum of personal freedom consistent with the maintenance of essential standards. But in the last resort it is for Conference in its wisdom to determine what those standards are to be, and whether in any particular case an individual minister has failed to conform to them.

E. T. OLDS, Chairman.

H. L. FIEBIG, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
 2. (a) That in order to clarify the position in regard to the power of Conference to suspend any Minister or Probationer, par. 137 of the Law Book be amended to read:—'The Conference may suspend any of its Ministers or Probationers for any cause which to it may seem fit or necessary. Such suspended persons shall not exercise any ministerial functions nor take part in the business of any Church court without the permission thereof.'
 - (b) That there be added to par. 149 of the Law Book the following:—N.B. 'The Conference shall exercise these powers in the light of par. 137.'
- That the Law Book Revision Committee be asked for its decision as to the necessity for this *Nota Bene*.
3. That a statement of the Doctrine of the Church and the Ministry be prepared and that this matter be referred to the Board of Studies.

VIII.—BAPTISM AND MEMBERSHIP.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

The proposals outlined in last year's Interim Report were received by the Conference and referred to the May Synods. From replies to hand, it is evident that they were given careful consideration in each District. Seven Districts gave general approval to the new proposals, but North and South Canterbury were almost unanimous in rejecting them. This sharp cleavage of opinion on geographical lines would seem to indicate that the proposals were approached and interpreted from a different standpoint in different areas.

The Committee states emphatically that its proposals do not attack the status of the child within the Church. "From infancy all children belong to Christ, and it is their right and privilege to be received into and nurtured within His visible Church, that in due course they may accept Christian discipleship and profess the same" (Statement of Faith). But we are suggesting what we believe will prove a more comprehensive and efficient method of exercising that nurture.

The Wellington brethren recommended as follows:—

"Accepting baptism as the normal rate 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.

E. T. OLDS, Chairman.

E. W. HAMES, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

2. 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 baptised 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 baptised 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) Cradle Roll to 4 years of age. Annual Greeting signed by Minister and Primary Superintendent.

(3) Junior Roll 8 to 12 years. Annual Greeting signed by Minister and Sunday School Superintendent.

(c) Youth Roll. Young people 12 to 20 years. Annual Greeting designed to indicate to Young People the significance and call of Christian Discipleship and Church Membership, signed by Minister and Leader.

N.B. 1. A Standard Master Roll shall be kept by the Local Youth Secretary containing the names and addresses of young people under (a) and (b) above, and taking the place of the Junior and Infant Rolls, and the Minister shall hold a copy of the Roll.

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 full membership in the Methodist Church. Those who respond shall be gathered into classes and after due instruction and with the approval of the Leaders' Meeting shall be publicly recognised 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.

- (5) That Annual Returns 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 sub-divisions).

Nos. 1 to 5 will form part of the Youth Department Statistical Return, and 6 only will be presented by the District Statistical Secretary.

3. 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.

IX.—SEPARATED CHAIRMEN. REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

(Min. Conf. 1945, p. 34.)

(1) The Committee is of the opinion that in view of the present shortage of Ministers, the time is not opportune for the appointment of separated chairmen.

(2) We recommend that in areas where the District Chairman is overburdened, a Deputy Chairman be appointed by Conference to act under the direction of the Chairman. Such Deputy to have the powers of the Chairman, and carry out the duties of the office.

(3) Limitation of Districts. In view of 1. the Committee has no recommendation to make.

(4) **Duties of Chairmen:** We recommend that the duties of Chairmen as set out in the Law Book be amended to incorporate the following:—

DUTIES: i. The Chairman of District shall exercise the powers and discharge the duties of administration and discipline accorded to him in existing legislation.

ii. He shall endeavour in every way to promote the spiritual prosperity of the Circuits of the District, to foster the spirit of evangelism, and to strengthen the Connexional sentiment of the Churches. In particular it shall be his duty:

(a) By arrangement with the Superintendent to visit each Circuit in the District at least once a year: inquiring into the state of the work of God, advising on questions of policy or other matters affecting the well-being of the Circuit, and if it should be deemed advisable, attending the Quarterly Meeting, preaching in the Churches on the Lord's Day and on other suitable occasions as opportunity may serve, meeting the Ministers, holding conferences for Local Preachers and Church workers, attending meetings for the reception of new members, and the like.

(b) To give special attention to those parts of the District in which Methodism is weak or declining, or in which the increase of

population calls for the establishment of new causes or the employment of additional agents, suggesting and helping to promote schemes for the better working of the Circuit or the alteration of Circuit boundaries.

(c) To have special oversight of the Probationers in his District, ensuring that the Conference Regulations on their behalf are observed, helping them in their special difficulties in pastoral duty.

(d) To foster the work of God among the young, particularly those on trial or in Junior Society Classes.

(e) To see that the instructions and recommendations of Conference affecting administration or the life of the Churches are duly communicated and as far as possible carried into effect.

(f) To make the utmost use of the regular District Committees.

(5) **The President of Conference** being freed from the Chairmanship of his District.

In view of his important position as Chief Pastor of the Church, and the many duties devolving upon his office, we recommend that the President be freed from the Chairmanship of his District.

A. M. COSTAIN.

C. R. TAYLOR.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received.

2. That the report and Synod Recommendations be referred to the Church Council to consider and report.

X.—METHODIST PEACE THANKSGIVING FUND.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That a fund be established to be known as "The Methodist Peace Thanksgiving Fund," in order to commemorate the coming of peace.

2. That the aims be:—

To raise a fund of £50,000 for the following purposes:—

A. To purchase sites and erect Church buildings in rapidly developing areas.

B. To assist where possible any schemes which have been or may be inaugurated by Circuits or Home Mission Stations for Church extension purposes.

3. **Organisation:** That the Committee to organise the appeal be located in Christchurch.

Committee: Connexional Secretary, Revs. R. Dudley, A. J. Johnston, W. H. Greenslade, N. P. Larsen, Messrs. E. D. Sincock, L. J. Dale, J. D. Gray, A. A. Dingwall, S. H. Maddren, F. Allott, D. McHarg, F. Turnpenny, B. Caygill, R. Leathwick, H. de R. Flesher, W. C. Francis, L. G. Stevens, with power to add. Chairman to convene first meeting.

4. **Organisation:** That the Committee be empowered to appoint two organisers, lay or ministerial, and launch the appeal as soon as practicable.

5. **Allocation of Fund:** That the allocation of proceeds from the fund be made from time to time by the Conference on the recommendation of the Thanksgiving Fund Appeal Committee after consultation with the Home Mission Board and the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee.

XI.—WOMEN AND THE MINISTRY.

The Conference of 1942 appointed a Commission to consider the question of Women and the Ordained Ministry. Not very much progress was made, owing chiefly to difficulties created by the war, and later to the removal of the Convener from Auckland. The present Convener was appointed twelve months ago, but found it impossible to touch the work during the earlier part of the connexional year, and almost impossible to secure for the Commission the time and attention it deserved before and after the holiday period. Moreover, the membership of the Commission needs considerable revision after four years.

This delay is perhaps a good thing because a Committee of the British Methodist Conference which has been at work in the subject has produced a valuable report and a series of recommendations which were accepted by the Conference and sent to the Synods as Provisional Legislation. This should assist our local Commission to make rapid progress when it meets.

E. W. HAMES, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the interim report be received and adopted, and that the Commission be instructed to meet not later than May, 1946.

2. That the Commission be re-constituted as follows:—Revs. Dr. Ranston, E. T. Olds, A. H. Scrivin, G. I. Laurenson, J. C. Draper, H. C. Matthews, and Wesley Parker; Mrs. E. M. Lewis, Mrs. W. Walker, Miss Hendra, Sister Ivy Jones and Sister Rita Snowden, Mr. W. E. Burley. Corresponding Members: The President, Vice-President and Secretary of Conference, the Connexional Secretary, and the Secretary of the Deaconess Committee, Revs. M. A. Rugby Pratt, W. A. Burley, Mrs. R. Dudley, Mrs. C. E. Taylor, Miss Hodder, Miss Anne Firth, Miss Dora Sheat, Miss Ruth Thomas, Sister Annie Tocker, Messrs. N. R. Seddon, H. de R. Flesher, J. H. Oldham, C. E. Purchase. The Commission to have power to add to its numbers. Convener: Rev. J. Wesley Parker.

QUESTION LIH.—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 J. L. Mitchell, Messrs. J. Stanton, E. W. A. Kellow, N. R. Seddon, S. T. S. Martin, T. M. Pacey, P. E. Patrick, 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, Walter Parker, J. Wesley Parker, and the Minister of Onehunga Circuit, Messrs. S. E. Chappell, J. Tyler, T. L. Hames, C. K. Wigglesworth, J. H. Blackwell, L. E. Rhodes, W. E. Burley, B.A., A. E. Freeman, L. T. Hayman, and the Secretary of the District Youth Council. Convener: Rev. V. R. Jamieson.

North Auckland Sub-District Executive for 1946.—Revs. G. E. Brown (Acting-Chairman), P. I. Cooke, W. G. Peate, D. I. Robertson, J. H. Thompson, L. R. M. Gilmore (Sec.), and the Ministers of Hokianga, Hikurangi, Whangaroa, and Port Albert Circuits, and Messrs. E. A. Fenwick, H. Neal, N. Simpkin, Slade, W. J. Court (Assistant-Secretary), G. R. Rotherham, A. Cameron, T. G. M. Spooner, and R. C. Williams.

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, E. D. Patchett, J. L. Mitchell, C. T. Symons, H. White, C. E. Dickens, C. P. Lucas, A. K. Petch, J. D. Grocott, Messrs. T. M. Pacey, F. Olds, N. R. Seddon, P. Clark, T. W. Treen, D. Payne, Dr. I. V. Newman, Mrs. Bramwell Scott, Mrs. H. W. Smith, and Miss M. Canning. Convener—Rev. C. E. Dickens.

NORTH CANTERBURY.—Chairman of District and Superintendents of City 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 the D.Y.C. Secretary.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—Chairman of District, Revs. T. A. Pybus, L. B. Neale, D. J. D. Hickman, C. L. Duder, H. E. Harkness, W. R. Laws, H. Whitfield, L. Greenslade, H. W. Burley, H. M. Brasell, Mrs. W. G. Cole, Messrs. A. T. McIndoe, J. McIndoe, E. G. Iles, H. Wilkinson, Sr., R. Andrews, F. G. Marshall, A. L. Stanton, G. S. Gapper, and A. W. Barnes.

Resolution: That urgent consideration be given to the formation of District Executives in Districts where they are not already in operation.

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 1945.

Very good progress has been made in the Revision of the Book. The Committee has almost completed the final draft of part Is. to IV. inclusive, and there is not much more to do in parts VII. and VIII. It is intended to make an early start on the parts relating to Synods and Conference. Once this is done it will not take long to complete the final draft.

The Committee has considered the Presidential Rulings Minutes 1945 p. 178 and is of the opinion that no changes are necessary in the existing laws.

It is recommended that the Committee for 1946 be Revs. M. A. Rugby Pratt and E. Drake and Mr. H. de R. Flesher (convener), with Revs. C. H. Laws and W. A. Burley and Mr. J. Stanton as corresponding members.

H. de R. FLESHER, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the question of giving Ordained status to Mr. E. M. Marshall be referred to the Law Book Revision Committee for investigation.

II.—PRESIDENTIAL RULINGS.

1. Relation of Expelled Minister to Par. 152, Law Book.

Question: (a) Does Paragraph 152 of the Law Book mean that a minister who has been expelled may not take any service, fellowship or Bible Class meeting or other meeting of a religious nature without the previous consent of Conference, even though he may have entered the membership or ministry of some other Church? Does the paragraph apply to all or only some meetings?

(b) If there are some meetings which are not covered by the paragraph, for example, a tutorial at a Summer School, would it be necessary for such expelled minister, although a member of another Church, to conform to the Manifesto on Peace and War?

Answer: (a) Paragraph 152 of the Law Book does not mean that such expelled minister may not take any service, fellowship or other meeting of a religious nature without the previous consent of Conference. His entry into the membership or Ministry of some other Church would not affect the situation.

The second part of paragraph 152 has no bearing on the case. The first part means that such expelled minister cannot act as a Local Preacher without the authority of Conference. It does not mean that he may not take such services as mentioned in the question, should he be invited by the responsible authorities.

(b) As such minister would not be a member of the Methodist Church he would not be bound in any way by its laws and usages, including the Manifesto on Peace and War.

And I do so rule.

2. The Retirement by Rotation of Society Stewards and Congregational Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting.

Question: Is an Annual Meeting of Church Members entitled to resolve "that two Society Stewards and two Congregational Representatives to the Quarterly Meeting shall retire each year in rotation," and is a subsequent Leaders' Meeting entitled to resolve "that the order of retirement should be according to length of consecutive years of service in the respective offices"?

Answer: The above-mentioned resolution of an Annual Church Meeting was one of supererogation as such appointments are for one year only, and the resolution of the subsequent Leaders' Meeting is also without force as all Society Stewards and Congregational Representatives retire together at the end of the year. If it be the wish of an Annual Church Meeting that certain persons should not continue in office that purpose is achieved by not re-electing them.

And I do so rule.

3. The Right of a Trustee to Peruse Correspondence.

Question: Has a Trustee a fair right to the personal perusal of special correspondence as written by the Board's Secretary or another Trustee on behalf of the Board, especially when the contents of the said letter may have far-reaching effects?

Answer: (1) Every Trustee is entitled to free access to the minutes, records, and correspondence of the Trustees, and the Trustees have no right to exclude one of their number from access thereto. (2) An individual Trustee has not the right to require that copies of correspondence shall be sent to him; all that he is entitled to is the right to inspect the document, and, if he wishes, to take copies thereof, or extracts therefrom. (3) It is the duty of the Secretary to carry out the instructions of the Trustees and the responsibility rests upon them. (4) The proceedings of Trustees are intended in the main to be regulated by the decisions of the majority, but such majority must, of course, act on the principles above set out, and, so long as they do so, the decision of the majority prevails.

And I do so rule.

4. The Powers of a Lay Representative at Conference.

Question: Is a person elected to represent his Circuit at Conference morally or legally obliged to represent the opinions or decisions of the Circuit Quarterly Meeting; or, when such have not been ascertained, to represent what he believes to be the majority opinion of such Quarterly Meeting; or is such lay representative in all respects free to express himself according to his own beliefs and opinions and likewise to vote on any issue in accordance with his own convictions?

Answer: Conference members are representatives entitled to exercise their own judgment, and not delegates instructed how to vote. It might well be that additional information on the matter under discussion at a Quarterly Meeting would be forthcoming during the Conference discussion and the representative should be free to take all factors into consideration. On the other hand the matter under discussion might be so clearly defined as to enable the Quarterly Meeting to arrive at a definite conclusion, in which case the meeting should appoint a representative in whom it has full confidence. It is thus clear that a representative is under a moral obligation to present the mind of the Quarterly Meeting appointing him, unless fresh information constrains him otherwise, but he is not bound legally to support the same.

And I do so rule.

5. Conference "Incidental Expenditure."

The Ruling on this matter is incorporated in the Conference Journal.

Resolved—That the above Rulings be sustained.

QUESTION LVI.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on other Questions?

I.—WORLD CONFERENCE ON FAITH AND ORDER.

Annual Report.

News from the Secretary, Dr. Hodgson, indicates that the end of the war is opening doors to the revival of Faith and Order work in Europe.

The Secretariat, amongst other pressing duties, is busily engaged in finding out who among the Faith and Order correspondents and collaborators are still alive and where they are. There is to be a meeting of the World Council Provisional Committee at Geneva in February, and the Faith and Order Executive Committee was planning to meet at the same time.

It is hoped by then to have ready proposals for getting the three Commissions on "The Church," "Ways of Worship," and "Intercommunion," to work on a fully international basis.

FRED. GREENWOOD, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Methodist Ministers Fraternalists give studious consideration to the three subjects named in the report at their meetings during the coming year.
3. That a grant of £5 to this Committee for the purchase of literature bearing on these subjects, be referred to the Contingent Fund Committee for favourable consideration.
4. That the Home Mission Department give greater prominence to Ecumenical literature in ordering material for the Epworth Book-room.
5. That the name of the Committee be changed to "The Ecumenical Committee," and that its order of reference include "Life and Work" and "Faith and Order."
6. That the usual grant to the Faith and Order Movement be referred to the Contingent Fund Committee for favourable consideration.
7. That our Ministers and Church leaders be urged to form groups to study the matter of Faith and Order, especially in relation to Methodist doctrine and history, in preparation for the Faith and Order Conference to be held by the National Council of Churches in N.Z. in 1948.
8. That the Committee be:—Revs. W. A. Burley, F. Greenwood, E. D. Patchett, J. D. McArthur, A. O. Harris, J. D. Grocott, C. E. Dickens, C. T. Symons, J. L. Mitchell, A. K. Petch, C. P. Lucas. Convener: Rev. F. Greenwood.

II.—PRESIDENT'S OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF AUSTRALASIA.

The proposal of the Conference for Presidential exchanges in the interests of closer fraternal relations was warmly approved by the President-General of Australasia, who immediately extended to me a generous invitation to attend the General Conference at Melbourne in May.

At the opening session of the General Conference the President-General's action was unanimously and heartily endorsed and I was accorded a hearty and gracious welcome and a seat on the platform. At a later session our proposal that the New Zealand President attend officially each General Conference, and the President-General of Australasia pay an official visit to New Zealand during his triennium was unanimously accepted, and the hope expressed that such action would draw still closer the ties that already bind us.

When conveying the greetings of the New Zealand Church and our appreciation of Australia's large contribution to Methodism in this country in personnel, counsel, and friendship, I drew attention to the common problems that confront us in the Pacific, and urged closer collaboration. To still further widen the understanding, and to make more intimate the fellowship that will be fostered by the Presidential visits now decided, I suggested the desirability of ministerial exchanges which could be arranged between men and circuits concerned.

At the generous invitation of the Presidents and officials of the State Conferences I visited New South Wales, Queensland and South Australia, in addition to Victoria where the General Conference was held. The President of the Western Australia Conference also extended a warm invitation but lack of time prevented my undertaking that long journey. In each State visited I received a very gracious and cordial welcome. It was a source of inspiration to see again something of the outstanding work and witness of Australian Methodism. Her dynamic city missions with their widespread activities, her colleges, schools, hospitals, broadcasting activities, book rooms, and her devoted and well organised laymen's movements, are among the activities that distinctly challenge New Zealand to emulation, and I seriously suggest the appointment of a small representative delegation to visit Australia to survey and report on such Church activities which may be undertaken with profit in New Zealand.

The President-General (Rev. J. W. Burton, M.A.) hopes to pay an official visit to New Zealand during 1946. It is a happy coincidence that the first President-General to visit us under the new scheme is a New Zealander. There is no doubt regarding the abundant welcome he will receive and the value and inspiration of his visit.

I record herewith my thanks to the Conference for sending me on this Goodwill Mission, and to the President-General, State Presidents, Ministers and people of Australia for their abundant welcome and gracious courtesies. I extend also my humble thanks to Almighty God who will undoubtedly use these visits to His Glory.

A. H. SCRIVIN, President of the Conference.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the coming visit of the President-General (Dr. J. W. Burton) be given careful planning.
3. That in order to facilitate short Ministerial exchanges between the Brethren in Britain, Australia, and New Zealand, where such are deemed desirable, ministers who desire to negotiate possible exchanges be urged to submit their names to the Secretary of Conference, who shall report them to the Secretary of the British Conference and the Secretary-General of the Australasian General Conference.
4. That Conference authorise the Welfare of the Church Committee to gather information during the year regarding Australian Methodist Schools and Colleges, Hospitals, City Missions, Broadcasting, Book-rooms, etc., and to report to the Church Council, with a view to progressive action in New Zealand along these lines.

III.—RADIO COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Convener has supplied "The Methodist Times" with lists of those appointed to broadcast both Sunday and week-day devotional services. This has been attended by difficulties owing to the fact that local secretaries have been, in some cases, tardy in supplying information. It would be a convenience if local District Committees with Conveners were set up in the four main centres (the North Canterbury Committee has functioned during the year, and has forwarded some valuable recommendations). These Committees could undertake many duties, such as deciding who is to broadcast, giving constructive criticism of services, and discussing the general principles of Religious Broadcasting.

The Central Religious Advisory Committee on Broadcasting (C.R.A.C) has published a list of such principles, a copy of which should be in the hands of every Minister who Broadcasts. These may be obtained from Station Managers. The Committee would draw attention particularly to the following:—

- (1) The air belongs to all; therefore there can never be absolute freedom in speaking. As there is no right of reply, attacks on Churches, Political Parties, or Individuals constitute a grave abuse of privilege.
- (2) Good taste will forbid any use of religious Broadcasting for self-advertisement of your own Church, or of organisations or people connected with your Church.
- (3) Broadcasters of Religious services are the only speakers who are not required to submit scripts. In the light of this privilege you will realise the necessity of weighing your words most carefully before Broadcasting.
If you are Broadcasting a Church service, remember:—
 - (a) That it is desirable that the Broadcast portion of the service should not exceed one hour in length. Beyond that, your broadcast loses its effectiveness.
 - (b) That "Notices" should never be broadcast. You are given the privilege of broadcasting a religious service, not of advertising meetings or appeals for money.

The air is a great Mission field. You have good news to tell, make the most of your opportunity.

Microphone tests have been carried out by a Committee composed of three Ministers of different denominations, a layman, and a woman, together with an official of the National Broadcasting Corporation. It is clearly understood that the matter of the service is not under consideration; but the manner, the voice, the personal approach, and the broadcasting technique in general, are taken into account. All that such a Committee does is to advise the broadcaster. The latter Committee must have the final word as to whether one of its Ministers is to broadcast. It is hoped that the day will come when every Minister who broadcasts will voluntarily avail himself of this opportunity for better work at the microphone.

The question has been raised as to whether a Religious Director of Broadcasting should be appointed. This is at present under consideration by the C.R.A.C. and needs very careful weighing of the pros and cons before any decision is reached. The C.R.A.C. has no power to make any appointment, but can only recommend to the Minister in charge of Broadcasting.

Without any question, great improvements can still be made in Religious Broadcasting. All Ministers are not equally gifted, or qualified for this specialised work. The practice of giving every Minister a turn at the microphone is not to be commended. In some centres this would mean that each man would broadcast in Devotional services twice a year. This would rob his work of the continuity which is regarded as essential to effective broadcasting.

The Dominion Committee strongly urges that in the four main centres, District Committees be set up; that the Committees meet during the year and discuss the real problems of the effective use of this unique opportunity of propagating the Gospel over the air.

J. D. McARTHUR, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

- (1) That the report be received and adopted.
- (2) That Conference urges that at least in the four main centres all Religious Broadcasters should submit to a test by a specially chosen Committee.
- (3) That the Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A., be the Methodist representative on the C.R.A.C.
- (4) That the Dominion Committee be the Wellington District Committee which is the Wellington District Executive. Convener: Rev. J. D. McArthur.

IV.—A. PRESIDENT'S LEGAL ADVISER.

That Mr. J. Stanton be thanked for his services and be re-appointed.

B. PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE OF ADVICE.

The ex-President, the President-Elect, the Secretary of the Conference, and the Connexional Secretary, Revs. A. M. Costain, A. N. Scotter, and E. Drake, Messrs. J. E. Purchase, W. C. Francis, H. de R. Flesher, J. H. Blackwell, J. W. Hillary, and the President's Legal Adviser.

SUNDRY MATTERS.

(1) **Business of Conference:** Resolution—That a committee be set up to consider during the year, how better to arrange and conduct the business of Conference, and report to an early session of 1947 Conference. The Committee to be:—President, Secretary, Connexional Secretary, Revs. M. A. R. Pratt, R. Dudley, and W. A. Burley, Messrs. H. de R. Flesher, J. E. Purchase, and N. R. Seddon. Convener: The Secretary of the Conference

(2) **Amendment to Standing Orders:** That the amendment to Standing Orders printed in the 1939 Minutes of Conference, page 161, be rescinded on the following be substituted:—

Unless the Conference shall otherwise determine, a member proposing a motion shall be allowed to address the Conference not more than 10 minutes, and, when replying, not more than 5 minutes. Any member seconding a motion or proposing an amendment shall be allowed not more than 5 minutes, and any member speaking to a motion or amendment thereto shall be allowed not more than 3 minutes.

(3) **Business of Synods and Conference:** That the Law Book Revision Committee be requested to revise and harmonise the questions detailing the business for Synods and Conference.

(4) **British Methodist Church Reconstruction.**

REPORT OF CONNEXIONAL SECRETARY.

During the year the President of the Conference made an appeal for contributions to a fund to assist in the reconstruction of bombed Churches in British Methodism. A sum of £426 0s. 11d. has been received by the Connexional Office up till 10th December. Of this amount New Plymouth contributed £25 8s. 5d., which it desired to be earmarked for the Plymouth Circuit in England. All other amounts have been contributed unconditionally.

The Conference should give instructions as to whether the Fund should remain open or be closed and also give directions as to forwarding the money to Britain.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT.

Christchurch, 11th December, 1945.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

2. a. That the attention of the Connexion be drawn to the unworthy response so far made to the appeal for the Reconstruction of British Churches, and that this appeal be commended to the further generous consideration of our people.

Conference requests all Circuits and Home Mission Stations at a suitable time this year to devote one Sunday's collections and make an appeal for special donations, such collections and donations to be forwarded to the British Conference for the re-building of devastated Churches in the Homeland.

b. That this matter be remitted to the Welfare of the Church Committee for urgent attention and action.

(3) **Presidential Rulings on Peace and War Manifesto.**

That a Committee be set up to investigate during the year the Presidential Rulings on the Manifesto on Peace and War:—President, Vice-President, Connexional Secretary, Rev. W. A. Burley, Messrs. C. R. Edmond, J. E. Purchase, H. de R. Flesher, and the President's legal adviser (Mr. J. Stanton).

QUESTION LVII.—When and Where shall the next Conference be held?

In Wesley Church, Taranaki Street, Wellington, on Thursday, 20th February, 1947, 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.
Auckland	1946	William T. Blight, B.A., B.D.	James Tyler	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

MINISTERS and PROBATIONERS

IN CONNECTION WITH THE

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

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| <p>1875—Nixon, John (Sup.)</p> <p>1887—Clement, George (Sup.)</p> <p> " Laws, Charles H., B.A., D.D.,
 (Sup.) Foundation Fellow of
 Trinity College.</p> <p>1888—Grigg, William (Sup.)</p> <p> " Olphert, John (Sup.)</p> <p>1890—Mitchell, Arthur (Sup.)</p> <p>1891—Sinclair, William A. (Sup.)</p> <p>1892—Smith, G. Knowles (Sup.)</p> <p>1893—Drake, Edward (Sup.)</p> <p> " Elliott, William J. (Sup.)</p> <p>1894—Bellhouse, Harold E. (Sup.)</p> <p> " Vealie, Thomas W. (Sup.)</p> <p>1896—Blamires, Henry L. (Sup.)</p> <p>1897—Goldie, John Francis</p> <p> " Greenwood, Fred. (Sup.)</p> <p> " Pybus, T. Arthur (Sup.)</p> <p>1898—Dudley, Ben., F.R.A.S. (Sup.)</p> <p>1899—Keall, Robert P. (Sup.)</p> <p> " Wills, William (Sup.)</p> <p>1900—Blamires, E. Percy (Sup.)</p> <p> " Haslam, Jonathan H. (Sup.)</p> <p> " Hunt, George P. (Sup.)</p> <p> " Leadley, Frank E. (Sup.)</p> <p>1900—Liversedge, Arthur (Sup.)</p> <p> " Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A.,
 (Sup.)</p> | <p>1901—Bailey, Samuel (Sup.)</p> <p> " Eaton, Clarence (Sup.)</p> <p> " Featherston, Jacob (Sup.)</p> <p> " Ranston, Harry, M.A., Litt.D.
 (Sup.)</p> <p>1902—Coatsworth, Thomas (Svp.)</p> <p> " Oxbrow, Walter J. (Sup.)</p> <p> " Patchett, Ernest D. (Sup.)</p> <p>1903—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>1905—Copeland, Fred.</p> <p> " Metson, Basil (Sup.)</p> <p> " Richards, Raymond (Sup.)</p> <p>1906—Avery, William W. (Sup.)</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.,
 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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| <p>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</p> <p>1912—Hinton, George B.
 „ Lawrence, Frederick B.
 „ Scrivin, Arthur H.
 „ Walker, William (Sup.)</p> <p>1913—Bensley, Arthur A.
 „ Peat, Harold T.</p> <p>1914—Burnet, Oswald
 „ Werren, Samuel J.</p> <p>1915—Cooke, Percy I.
 „ Olds, E. Thomas
 „ Odell, Henry J.
 „ Slade, William G., M.A.</p> <p>1916—Brown, George E.
 „ Fordyce, Robert E.
 „ Harkness, Edwin S.
 „ Kendon, Charles H.
 „ Metcalfe, John R.
 „ Sage, Ernest E.</p> <p>1917—Blight, William T., B.A., B.D.
 „ Chambers, Ernest B.
 „ Dennis, John
 „ Nelson, John R. (Sup.)
 „ Parker, Fredk. J.</p> <p>1918—Costain, Alfred M., Dip.Soc.Sc.
 „ Neal, Wallace S.
 „ Parker, James W.
 „ Skuse, Thomas</p> <p>1919—Ford, Herbert
 „ Gatman, William
 „ Jefferson, Alfred E.</p> <p>1920—Orchard, Hector C.
 „ Pickering, William B.</p> <p>1921—Benny, Henry</p> <p>1922—Allen, J. Henry
 „ Brooks, Leslie A. G.
 „ Jack, J. Francis</p> <p>1923—Blakemore, Albert
 „ Hames, Eric W., M.A.
 „ Spencer, Herbert</p> | <p>1924—Ayrton, Moses (Sup.)
 „ Bailey, John H.
 „ Bateup, Frank
 „ Brown, Hubert G.
 „ Fiebig, Herbert L., B.A.
 „ Kings, Harry S.
 „ McGregor, Robert
 „ Taylor, Cecil R.</p> <p>1925—Brown, F. Gardner
 „ Peterson, Gordon R. H.</p> <p>1926—Hall, James H.
 „ Harris, G. Raymond
 „ Voyce, Arthur H.</p> <p>1927—Larsen, Norman P.
 „ Laurensen, George I.
 „ Penn, Athol R.
 „ Raynor, Ivo M.
 „ Silvester, A. Wharton E.
 „ Utting, Harry V.</p> <p>1928—Grocott, John D., B.A.
 „ Hailwood, Charlie O.
 „ Handy, Francis J.</p> <p>1929—Dickens, Charles E.
 „ Horwood, Leonard C.
 „ Kent, Arthur T.
 „ Parker, Walter</p> <p>1930—Blight, J. Montgomery
 „ Draper, Joseph C.
 „ Leadley, E. Clarence
 „ McDowell, Matthew A.
 „ Parker, Wesley, M.A.
 „ Symons, Clifford T., M.A., B.D.</p> <p>1931—Carr, Thomas H.
 „ Carr, W. E. Allon
 „ Dudley, Raymond, M.A.
 <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 20px;">F.R.E.S.</div> „ Greenslade, William W. H.
 „ Moore, William E.
 „ Parker, Gordon, M.A.
 „ Payne, Herbert W.
 „ Williams, David O., M.A., LittD</p> <p>1932—Day, Reginald
 „ Hickman, D. J. Donald
 „ Jamieson, V. Roy
 „ Jenkin, William C.
 „ Williamson, Ivan S.</p> |
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AN ALPHABETICAL LIST

of the

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in connection with the

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

1. The figures in the first column mark the year in which each Minister entered on his work; those in the second column the year of Annual 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. F.M.—Foreign Missions.
 M.M.—Maori Missions. C.S.—Connexional Secretary.
 Y.P.—Young People's Dept. Th.C.—Theological College.

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit.
1922	.... 2	Allen, J. Henry, 92 Liardet St., New Plymouth	.... 45
1944	.... 1	Allen, Robert H., 42 Ngatoto St., Ngaio, Wellington	.... 73
1906	.... S	Avery, William W., 58 Elizabeth St., Timaru, South Canterbury (1946)	.... 110
1924	.... S	Ayrton, Moses, Karori, Wellington, W.3 (1945)	.... 69
1924	.... 4	Bailey, John H., 1 Tennyson Avenue, Takapuna, Auckland	.... 7
1901	.... S	Bailey, Samuel, c/o. Mrs. Stanley Service, Otara, West Plains Road, Invercargill R.D.	.... 130
1924	.... 2	Bateup, Frank, Willowby R.M.D., Ashburton	.... 114
1941	.... 2	Bell, Charles H., 39 Strathaven St., Miramar, Wellington, E.4	.... 71
1944	.... 1	Bell, R. Graham, B.A., 19 Exeter St., Lyttelton	.... 99
1894	.... S	Bellhouse, Harold E., 12 Ranui Road, Remuera, Auckland, S.E.2 (1934)	.... 4
1921	.... 1	Benny, Henry, Manaia, Taranaki	.... 50
1913	.... 5	Bensley, Arthur A., Devonport Street, Tauranga	.... 38
1907	.... 5	Blair, Charles, 320 Hardy Street, Nelson	.... 82
1923	.... S	Blakemore, Albert, Birkdale, Birkenhead, Auckland, N.5 (1946)	.... 8
1900	.... S	Blamires, E. Percy, c/o. Mr. W. R. Tuck, Grey Buildings, Court House Lane, Auckland, C.1 (1944)	.... 6
1904	.... S	Blamires, Ernest O., Beerehaven Road, Seatoun, Wellington, E.5 (1946)	.... 68
1896	.... S	Blamires, Henry L., 23 Aikman's Rd., St. Albans, Christchurch, N.W.1 (1930)	.... 89
1930	.... 2	Blight, J. Montgomery, 15 Nelson St., Riccarton, Christchurch, W.1	.... 96
1917	.... 2	Blight, William T., B.A., B.D., 75 Havelock Street, Ashburton	.... 114
1922	.... 2	Brooks, Leslie A. G., 111 Wood Street, Palmerston North	.... 64

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit.
1926	.... 2	Brown, F. Gardner, 70 Salonika St., Whakatane	39
1943	.... 2	Brown, Clifford G., 19 Ensors Rd., Opawa, Christchurch, S.E.1	92
1916	.... 7	Brown, George E., 149 Kamo Road, Whangarei	18
1941	.... 1	Brown, Harold K., Kaeo, Auckland	20
1924	.... 5	Brown, Hubert G., 112 Derby Street, Westport	87
1941	.... 2	Burley, Harold W., 80 Wesley St., Dunedin, S.1	121
1910	.... 5	Burley, William A., M.A., 18 Matai Rd., Wellington, E.2	71
1914	.... 1	Burnet, Oswald, Coronation Street, Waimate	111
1944	.... 1	Bycroft, Leslie F., Mission Bay, Auckland, E.1	4
1931	.... 3	Carr, Thomas H., 45 Haupapa Street, Rotorua	37
1931	.... 2	Carr, W. E. Allon, Thames St., Morrinsville	45
1917	.... 2	Chambers, Ernest B., 12 Poronui Street, Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.1	4
1944	.... 1	Chambers, Wesley A., c/o. 75 Havelock Street, Ashburton	114
1933	.... 1	Chrystall, Bernard M., B.A., 28 Mt. Albert Road, Auckland, S.W.2	H.M.
1887	.... S	Clement, George, Sandringham Street, St. Clair, Dunedin, S.1 (1923)	118
1942	.... 1	Clement, Robert F., 80 Knight's Road, Lt. Hutt	73
1902	.... S	Coatsworth, Thomas, Foxton	84
1939	.... 4	Cochrane, Herbert A., 17 Church St., Devonport, Auckland, N.1	6
1942	.... 1	Collins, Alan F., Taitua St., Taumarunui	44
1915	.... 2	Cooke, Percy I., Normanby St., Dargaville	16
1905	.... 4	Copeland, Fred, 8 Madeira Steps, Napier	56
1918	.... 6	Costain, Alfred M., 162 King Street, Rangiora	104
1909	.... 9	Cotton, Harry, Springston R.D., Canterbury	100
1943	.... 4	Cramond, George W., Methodist Church, Hauraki Plains, Waikato	26
1933	.... 3	Daglish, J. Ainsley, Wesley Street, Pukekohe	12
1941	.... 2	Darvill, Harold A., Box 400, Hamilton	H.M.
1940	.... 1	Dawson, John B., Shirley, Christchurch	91
1943	.... 4	Dawson, W. Selwyn, B.A., 37 Koromiko Road, Gonville, Wanganui	54
1932	.... 2	Day, Reginald, 5 William Street, Gore	131
1917	.... 1	Dennis, John, 179 Regan St., Stratford	17
1929	.... 4	Dickens, Charles E., 3 Rossmoor Crescent, Wellington, N.1	69
1940	.... 1	Dixon, Haddon C., M.A., Glen Eden, Auckland	5
1944	.... 2	Dorrian, A. Peter, 63 Playfair St., Caversham, Dunedin	121
1893	.... S	Drake, Edward, 100 Chapter Street, St. Albans, Christchurch (1936)	97
1930	.... 1	Draper, Joseph C., 17 Pukehana Ave., Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3	4
1935	.... 3	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	.... 8	Dudley, Raymond, M.A., F.R.E.S., 54 Chester St., W., Christchurch, C.1	90
1901	.... S	Eaton, Clarence, Geraldine	113
1893	.... S	Elliott, William J., Koromiki St, Te Aroha	28

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit.
1911	.... 2	Enticott, Walter J., Pleasant Point, Timaru	.... 108
1943	.... 3	Falkingham, Wilfred E., 24 Passmore Crescent, Maori Hill, Dunedin, N.W.1	.... 120
1901	.... S	Featherston, Jacob, 442 Cashel St., Christchurch, E.1 (1931)	.... 90
1924	.... 1	Fiebig, Herbert L., B.A., P.O. Box 931, Ch'ch	.... C.S.
1919	.... 2	Ford, Herbert, Pah Road, Motueka	.... 84
1916	.... 4	Fordyce, Robert E., 12 Domett Street, Ounake	.... 51
1911	.... S	Fowles, Albert H., 18 Lionel St., Avonside, Christ- church, N.E.1 (1941)	.... 91
1937	.... 1	Francis, William R., B.A., c/o. N.Z. House, 45 Strand, London	.... 4
1919	.... 7	Gatman, William, 68 Firth St., Hamilton East	.... 33
1940	.... 5	Gilmore, Leslie R. M., Lake Road, Kaitaia, North Auckland	.... 23
1897	.... 45	Goldie, John F., Solomon Islands	.... [5]
1934	.... 4	Goodman, George H., 48 Lincoln Road, Masterton	.... 78
1945	.... 2	Green, Warren, Post Office, Taupiri	.... 34
1940	.... 1	Greenslade, Lawrence, Dunedin, N.1	.... 118
1941	.... 2	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	.... 2	Gregory, William H., 50 Freyberg St., Kilbirnie, Wellington, E.2	.... 71
1939	.... 4	Grice, Reginald, 304 High Street, Carterton	.... 77
1888	.... S	Grigg, William, 88 Cranford Street, St. Albans, Christchurch, N.1 (1932)	.... 90
1928	.... 2	Grocott, John D., 235 Karori Rd., Wellington, W.3	.... 69
1943	.... 1	Grounds, Edmund D., Trinity College, Grafton Rd., Auckland, C.3	.... Th.C.
1928	.... 1	Hailwood, Charlie O., 75 West Street, Feilding	.... 66
1926	.... 8	Hall, James H., Woodend, North Canterbury	.... 105
1923	.... 8	Hames, Eric W., M.A., "Leigh House," Trinity College, Grafton, Auckland, C.3	.... Th.C.
1928	.... 7	Handy, Francis J., 38 Sealey Street, Thames	.... 25
1935	.... 4	Hanna, L. Gordon, 8 King Edward St., Eltham	.... 48
1938	.... 5	Harkness, Howard E., M.A., 60 Lawrence Street, Morningson, Dunedin, W.1	.... 124
1910	.... 5	Harris, Archer O., 37 Nelson Street, Petone	.... 75
1926	.... 1	Harris, G. Raymond, 801E Queen St., Hastings	.... 57
1900	.... S	Haslam, Jonathan H., "Flaxmere," Studholme Jen., South Canterbury	.... 111
1946	.... 1	Haylock, Donald, 35 Robertson Rd., Auckland, S.W.3	.... 5
1939	.... 2	Hayman, Leslie A. D., B.Sc. (Agr.), Waimate	.... 111
1932	.... 1	Hickman, D. J. Donald, 52 Queen's Drive, Mussel- burgh, Dunedin, S.2	.... 122
1912	.... 2	Hinton, George B., 53 Fuller St., Kaiapoi	.... 102
1938	.... 1	Hoddinott, Ernest S., 38 Cranford St., St. Albans, Christchurch, N.1	.... 97
1911	.... S	Hopper, Arthur, 416 Massey Rd., Hastings (1935)	.... 58
1936	.... 4	Hopper, H. Ian K., B.A., Ohoka, Canterbury	.... 103
1929	.... 1	Horwood, Leonard C., 336 Selwyn St., Addington, Christchurch, S.W.1	.... 95
1900	.... S	Hunt, George P., 116 Peary Rd., Mt. Eden, Auck- land (1940)	.... 1

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit.
1942	.... 3	Ivory, Arthur H., LL.B., B.Com., Regent Street, Waihi	28
1922	.... 2	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	.... 3	Jamieson, V. Roy, M.B.E., 11 Horopito St., Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.1	1
1919	.... 5	Jefferson, Alfred E., 216 Earn St., Invercargill	130
1932	.... 1	Jenkin, William C., Picton	85
1934	.... 1	Johnston, Andrew J., 67 Brougham St., Sydenham, Christchurch, S.1	94
1943	.... 2	Jolly, Albert, Bell Street, Featherston	76
1940	.... 3	Jones, Alan O., 138 Somme Parade, Aramoho, Wanganui	53
1908	.... 4	Jordon, 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)	73
1916	.... 2	Kendon, Charles H., Tancred Street, Hokitika	89
1929	.... 3	Kent, Arthur T., Box 40, Raglan	32
1924	.... 1	Kings, Harry S., Cambridge St., Levin	80
1927	.... 5	Larsen, Norman P., 237 Salisbury Street, Christ- church, C.1	92
1927	.... 8	Laurenson, Geo. I., 11 Karariki Ave., Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.1	H.M.
1912	.... 5	Lawrence, Frederick B., Ashhurst, Manawatu	65
1887	.... S	Laws, Charles H., B.A., D.D., Foundation Fellow of Trinity College, 4 Tahuri Road, Epsom, Auck- land, S.E.3 (1931)	4
1938	.... 5	Laws, William R., M.A., 95 Fitzroy Street, Kew, Dunedin, S.W.1	123
1930	.... 1	Leadley, E. Clarence, 77 Grey St. East, Onehunga, Auckland, S.E.5	9
1900	.... S	Leadley, Frank E., 26 Arthur Street, Onehunga, Auckland, S.E.5 (1940)	9
1942	.... 1	Lewis, John J., M.A., B.D., 127 Johnson St., Milton	127
1903	.... S	Liddell, Ralph J., 108 Peary Rd., Mt. Eden, Auck- land, S.2 (1942)	1
1900	.... S	Liversedge, Arthur, 76 Halton Street, Papanui, Christchurch, N.W.2 (1940)	97
1938	.... 1	Long, Wesley L., Arney Street, Paeroa	27
1939	.... 4	Lucas, Campbell P., 39 Washington Ave., Brooklyn, Wellington, S.W.1	68
1935	.... 8	Luxton, Clarence T. J., Solomon Islands	[8]
1908	.... S	Martin, J. Frederick, 32 Karaka Street, Castlecliff, Wanganui (1944)	54
1934	.... 2	Matthews, Howard C., B.A., 32 Arthur Street, Ponsonby, Auckland, W.1	3
1937	.... 4	Mayson, Robert W., B.A., Eden Street, Oamaru	116
1909	.... 5	McArthur, John D., 24 Colombo St., Wellington, S.1	70
1904	.... S	McBean, Angus, 222 Talbot St., Geraldine (1942)	114
1946	.... 1	McDonald, D. I. Allister, Putaruru	36
1930	.... 1	McDowell, Matthew A., 142 North St., Timaru	109
1924	.... 11	McGregor, Robert, Greendale, Canterbury	106
1916	.... 27	Metcalfe, John R., Solomon Islands	[7]
1905	.... S	Metson, Basil, Rangiora	104

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit.
1935	.... 1	Mills, William A., Matai St., Maeroa, Hamilton	.... 32
1890	.... S	Mitchell, Arthur, 40 Mt. Albert Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2 (1930)	.... 5
1933	.... 2	Mitchell, John L., 1 Knights Road, Lower Hutt	.... 73
1946	.... 1	Moore, Harry, Ruawai, North Auckland	.... 17
1931	.... 4	Moore, William E., Otorohanga, King Country	.... 42
1942	.... 3	Morrison, William J., Porirua, Wellington	.... 72
1918	.... 1	Neal, Wallace S., Warkworth	.... 14
1911	.... 16	Neale, Leslie B., B.A., F.R.G.S., 56 Royal Terrace, Dunedin, C.2	.... 119
1917	.... S	Nelson, John R., Putiki Bay, Waiheke Island, Auckland (1946)	.... 4
1875	.... S	Nixon, John, Eliot St., New Plymouth (1907)	.... 46
1937	.... 1	Norwell, Leslie T., Oxford	.... 107
1915	.... 1	Odell, Henry J., 16 Killarney Ave., Tor Bay, Auck- land, S.W.2	.... 7
1939	.... 1	Oldfield, Charles B., 77 Grey St., Woodville	.... 61
1910	.... 5	Olds, Charles H., B.A., 18 London St., Hamilton	.... 32
1914	.... 12	Olds, E. Thomas, 10 Hopetoun St., Auckland, C.2	.... 1
1946	.... 1	Olds, Norman W., 68 Station St., Papatoetoe	.... 10
1888	.... S	Olphert, J., 39 View Road, Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.1 (1932)	.... 1
1920	.... 4	Orchard, Hector C., Banks St., Te Awamutu	.... 41
1933	.... 14	Orr, A. Everil, 10 Eden View Road, Sandringham, Auckland, S.W.1	.... 2
1902	.... S	Oxbrow, Walter J., Ngongotaha, Rotorua (1938)	.... 37
1917	.... 2	Parker, Frederick J., 33 Wicksteed St., Wanganui	.... 52
1931	.... 2	Parker, Gordon, M.A., Kaiapoi	.... 102
1918	.... 1	Parker, James W., Long Bay, Takapuna, Auck- land	.... 7
1929	.... 5	Parker, Walter, 994 New North Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2	.... 5
1930	.... 2	Parker, Wesley, M.A., 14 St. Vincent Avenue, Remuera, Auckland, S.E.2	.... 4
1902	.... S	Patchett, Ernest D., 22 Mersey St., Island Bay, Wellington, S.2 (1945)	.... 71
1933	.... 2	Patchett, Ralph E., Queen St., Richmond	.... 83
1931	.... 4	Payne, Herbert W., 88 Linwood Avenue, Christ- church, E.1	.... 91
1913	.... 2	Peat, Harold T., 7 Banff Avenue, Epsom, Auck- land, S.E.3	.... 4
1927	.... 1	Penn, Athol R., Church St., Te Aroha	.... 29
1938	.... 5	Petch, Ashleigh K., 38 McFarlane St., Wellington, E.1	.... 68
1925	.... 1	Peterson, Gordon R. H., 107 Glenfield Road, Birkenhead	.... 7
1920	.... 4	Pickering, William B., Kirk Street, Otaki	.... 81
1943	.... 2	Prosser, Frederick O., 46 Radley St., Woolston, Christchurch	.... 93
1897	.... S	Pybus, T. Arthur, De Lacy Street, Ravensbourne, Dunedin (1939)	.... 121
1901	.... S	Ranston, Harry, M.A., Litt.D., Fellow Trinity Col- lege, 34 Alexis Avenue, Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2 (1941)	.... 5
1927	.... 2	Raynor, Ivo M., 9 Paynter's Ave., Fitzroy, New Plymouth	.... 45
1911	.... 4	Richards, H. Leslie, Selwyn Street, Leeston	.... 101

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit.
1910	.... 4	Richards, James, 98 North Street, Timaru	.... 108
1905	.... S	Richards, Raymond, 317 Park St., New Brighton, Christchurch (1942)	.... 91
1906	.... S	Roberts, Charles M., 286 South Rd., New Plymouth (1944)	.... 45
1911	.... 4	Rowe, William (C.F. Overseas)	.... 7
1906	.... S	Ryan, Henry, 8 Burns Road, Napier ( )	.... 56
1916	.... 2	Sage, Ernest E., 22 Union Street, New Brighton, Christchurch	.... 91
1939	.... 1	Sanft, Alfred, Napier	.... 57
1900	.... S	Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A., 9 Elmwood Road, Fen- dalton, Christchurch, N.W.1 (1940)	.... 90
1912	.... 14	Scriven, 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	.... 2	Shapcott, Len, "Noeklene," Stoke, Nelson	.... 82
1910	.... 5	Sharp, Harold A., 71 High Street, Blenheim	.... 85
1946	.... 1	Shepherd, Trevor, Taihape	.... 55
1944	.... 2	Sherson, Donald G., B.A., P.O. Box 21, Rawene, North Auckland	.... 24
1927	.... 12	Silvester, A. Wharton E., Vonunu, Vella Lavella, British Solomon Islands	.... [6]
1938	.... 1	Silvester, John, M.A., Franklin St., Greymouth	.... 88
1891	.... S	Sinclair, William A., 16 Empire Road, Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3 (1933)	.... 4
1918	.... 3	Skuse, Thomas, 230 High Street, Dannevirke	.... 60
1915	.... 4	Slade, William G., M.A., 149 Tennyson Street, Dunedin, C.2	.... 118
1892	.... S	Smith, G. Knowles, Main Street, Greytown, Wai- rarapa (1940)	.... 76
1908	.... S	Speer, William H., Whakaue St., Rotorua (1937)	.... 37
1923	.... 2	Spencer, Herbert, Sanson, Manawatu	.... 67
1930	.... 8	Symons, Clifford T., M.A., B.D., 22 Webb Street, Wellington, C.2	.... Y.P.
1936	.... 2	Tasker, Bert M., 351 Palmerston St., Gisborne	.... 58
1924	.... 4	Taylor, Cecil R., 156 Matson's Road, Papanui, Christchurch, N.W.2	.... 98
1941	.... 2	Thomas, Gordon V., 27 Cambrai Ave., Mt. Roskill, Auckland, S.2	.... 1
1946	.... 1	Thompson, George R., Porth Albert, Wellsford R.D., North Auckland	.... 21
1935	.... 2	Thornley, Robert, M.A., "Homewood," Chapman Street, Invercargill	.... 129
1908	.... 1	Tinsley, Robert B., 35 Wood St., Papakura, Auck- land	.... 11
1927	.... 1	Utting, Harry V., Mowatt St., Waitara	.... 46
1894	.... S	Vealie, Thomas W., 35 Cudby St., Lower Hutt (1934)	.... 73
1926	.... 21	Voyce, Arthur H., Solomon Islands	.... [8]
1933	.... 2	Waite, Alfred E., Station Street, Otahuhu, Auck- land, S.E.7	.... 10
1939	.... 4	Waite, J. Stanley, 43 Queen Street, Cambridge, Waikato	.... 31
1912	.... S	Walker, William, 54 St. John's Road, Meadow- bank, Auckland (1945)	.... 4

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit.
1914	4	Werren, Samuel J., Wesley House, 19 Regent St., Hawera	49
1906	2	White, Hedley, Porirua Road, Johnsonville	72
1938	2	Whitfield, Harris, 3 Delta Street, Roslyn, Dunedin	119
1931	5	Williams, David O., M.A., Litt.D., 3 Repton Street, Merivale, Christchurch, N.W.1	97
1943	2	Williams, J. C. Aldwyn, Roxburgh	128
1932	2	Williamson, Ivan S., Matamata	35
1942	1	Willing, Leonard V., Stanley Street, Eketahuna	79
1936	3	Willoughby, James S. (C.F. Overseas)	64
1899	S	Wills, William, 2 Seacliffe Ave., Takapuna, Auck- land, N.2 (1939)	7
1940	5	Winiata, Maharaia, M.A., Dip.Ed., Wesley College, Paerata	1
1935	1	Witheyford, Arthur A., 107 Dyers Pass Road, Cash- mere Hills, Christchurch	90
1941	2	Woolford, J. Henry, Birkett Street, Temuka	112

NATIVE MINISTERS.

1914	3	Rakena, Rakena P., Waihi Road, Hawera	[4]
1920	4	Tauroa, Mataarae, Tuakau	[1]
1911	10	Te Tuhi, Eruera, 519 Mt. Albert Rd., Auckland, S.1	[1]
1942	3	Rogers, Ranginohora, Waima, Hokianga	[1]
1937	9	Afu, John, Roviana, Solomon Islands	[5]
1930	16	Gina, Belshazzar, Roviana, Solomon Islands	[5]
1931	15	Havea, Paul, Marovo, Solomon Islands	[5]
1933	13	Kera, Nathan, Roviana, Solomon Islands	[5]
1932	14	Kotosuma, Aaron, Teop, Bougainville, Mandated Territory of New Guinea	[8]
1933	13	Sotutu, Uzziyah, Buka, Bougainville, Mandated Ter- ritory of New Guinea	[8]
1941	6	Kukutai, Ngatete Kerei, Te Kuiti	[3]

YOUTH DIRECTOR.

1939—Bate, Arthur E., 24 Linwood Ave., Mt. Albert, S.W.2 Y.P.

HOME MISSIONARIES.

	Years
1904—C. Aker (Retired), c/o. P.O. Box 23W, Auckland	1
1907—S. Keen (Retired), Kirk Street, Otaki	8
1909—C. W. Brown (Retired), 33 Sainsbury Rd., Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2	8
1909—T. W. Featherstone (Retired), 2 Roy Terrace, N. Plymouth	9
1910—C. Duncan (Retired), 24 Marunui Rd., Pt. Chevalier, Auckland	7
1911—C. Strand (Retired), Warden Street, Shirley, Ch'ch, N.1	16
1913—J. Common (Retired), Bristol Street, Levin	11
1917—A. L. Witheyford (Retired), Claudelands, Hamilton	12
1919—J. W. Bayliss (Retired), 16 Richmond Ave., Northcote, Auckland, N.4	8
1919—J. Belshaw (Retired), 161 Blockhouse Bay Rd., Avondale, Auckland	15
1922—H. Ashworth (Retired), South Road, New Plymouth	10
1922—C. Robinson, Marton	2
1924—R. T. Alexander, Paparoa	1
1924—W. H. Wilson (Retired), 19 Rangitoto Tce., Takapuna, Auckland, N.2	8
1925—W. J. Henderson, Waipawa, Hawkes Bay	4
1925—H. J. Malcolm (Retired), 31 St. John St., Ch'ch, N.W.2	6

	Years
1926—W. Sussex (Retired), Bayswater, Auckland	8
1928—R. Coombridge (Leave of Absence), Box 23W, Auckland	1
1930—J. C. R. Ashworth, Inglewood	2
1934—R. C. Patchett, P.O., Bombay, Auckland	4
1937—N. R. Hooper, Edendale, Southland	2
1938—H. M. Brasell, Scotia Street, Port Chalmers	2
1939—K. A. Robinson, Otautau, Southland	2
1939—H. R. Wright, Paraparaumu, Wellington	4
1940—W. J. Bryant, Te Kuiti	2
1940—D. I. Robertson, Kaikohe, North Auckland	3
1944—W. Maitland Jones, Wesley Home, Mt. Albert, Auckland	3
1944—A. F. Attwood, Whakatane	3
1941—L. E. G. Sharp, Kaukapakapa, North Auckland	3
1941—T. Steele, Balclutha	4
1941—J. H. Thompson, Kohukohu, Hokianga	3

HOME MISSIONARY PROBATIONERS.

1943—J. F. Amos, Ngaruawahia, Waikato	1
1943—E. J. Carter, Mosgiel	1
1946—L. C. Clements, Opotiki	1
1943—A. Currie, Okato, Taranaki	2
1944—C. E. Roke (Leave of Absence), Matakana, Nth. Auckland	1
1945—J. M. Daley, B.A., Cromwell	2
1945—O. T. Woodfield, New Plymouth	1
1945—L. P. Schroeder, Central Mission, Dunedin	2
1946—O. L. Christian, Coromandel	1
1946—C. D. Clark, Upper Hutt	1
1946—G. O. Dixon, Pt. Chevalier, Auckland	1
1946—G. T. Gilbert, Kawhia, King Country	1
1946—R. C. Groves, Hikurangi, North Auckland	1
1946—A. W. Mackay, Halcombe	1
1946—H. W. Toothill, Waikouaiti, Otago	1

HOME MISSIONARY "SUPPLIES."

Francis H. Parker, non-resident Student of Trinity College, 10 New Bond Street, Kingsland, Auckland.

Ben H. Riseley, non-resident Student of Trinity College, 19 Schofield Street, Grey Lynn, Auckland.

H. Thornley, Methodist Parsonage, Silverdale, Auckland.

G. R. Rotherham, Russell, Bay of Islands.

F. E. Trim, Shiel Street, Reefton.

E. Nicholls, Bluff.

L. D. Woolf, Tai Tapu.

MAORI HOME MISSIONARIES.

	Years.
1920—Te Aho-o-te-Rangi Pihama, P.O. Box 400, Hamilton	17
1922—Te Hira Ratete, Punakitere, Hokianga, Nth. Auckland	19
1930—Wetini Hotu, Hangatiki, King Country	17
1930—Paahi Moke, 37 Breakwater Road, New Plymouth	3
1930—Rangira Tumahuki, Whenuakura Pa, Taranaki	17
1932—Hoani Hakaraia Te Uawiri, Kai Iwi, Wanganui	16
1932—Rameka Eru, Te Karae, Hokianga	14
1932—Tuteao Manihera, Ngaruawahia Pa	6
1932—Paikea H. Toka, Hakanoa Street, Grey Lynn, Auckland	3
1934—Huru Wiperi, c/o. P.O. Box 400, Hamilton	1
1934—Wiremu Wi Hongi, Kaikohe, North Auckland	11
1934—John Nicholls, Te Kuiti	13

	Years.
1934—Poo Kingi, Whatawhata, Waikato	13
1934—Heemi Rihimona, P.O. Box 400, Hamilton	6
1935—Honehone Kereopa, Raglan	12
1935—Hoani Tonga, Otewa, Otorohanga	12
1935—Hori Te Awa, Rakaumanga, Huntly	12
1936—Paoa Rakena, Mangamuka, Hokianga	11
1936—Ngaweke Tuhimata, Tuakau	1
1937—Te Paki Kinita, Marakopa, King Country	7
1937—Roi Moke, P.O. Box 400, Hamilton	5
1938—Paraire Paraone Kena, Pouto, Kaipara Heads	9
1938—Piripi Livingstone, Pokere, Bay of Islands	9
1938—Wiremu Paki Ihaka, Dargaville	9
1939—John Harris, Matakana, North Auckland	8
1939—Nehana Pu, Whananaki, North Auckland	8
1940—Wiremu Tonga, Aramiro P.O., Waitetuna, Waikato	7
1941—Wiremu Kamana, Marokopa R.M.D., King Country	6
1941—Wene Herangi, Te Manaia, King Country	6
1942—Raniera Poihipi Tokoroa, Mercer	3
1942—Tawai Te Riri Kawiti, Waiomio, Bay of Islands	5
1943—Ngakao Rapana, Owairaka, via Te Awamutu	4
1943—Heemi Winiata, Whirinaki, Hokianga	4
1944—Te Urunga Pura Wetere, Kawhia, King Country	3
1944—Paki Manga, c/o. Dairy Factory, Otorohanga	3
1944—Rangi, Katipa, Hiona Pa, Ngutunui P.O., King Country	3
1945—Tame Ponui, c/o. Box 400, Hamilton	2
1946—Waaka Simon Rewa, 128 Dominion Road, Auckland	1
1946—Waiwera Rangawhenua, Maketu Pa, Kawhia, King Country	1
1946—Tumu Te Huia, Makomako, via Kawhia	1

MISSIONARY SISTERS.

- Sister Eleanor Dobby, Main North Rd., Styx, Christchurch.
 Sister Nicholls, Matai Street, Te Kuiti.
 Sister Rita Snowdon, 24 Empire Road, Auckland, S.E.3.
 Sister Hobbs, P.O. Box 400, Hamilton.
 Sister Ivy Jones, P.O. Box 23W, Auckland.
 Sister Netta Gittos, c/o. 8 Airedale Street, Auckland.
 Sister Olive Bott, Taheke, Hokianga.
 Sister Madeline Holland, Ratana Pa, Wanganui.
 Sister Heeni Wharemaru, Box 400, Hamilton.
 Sister Evelyn Marriott, Rangiataea Maori Girls' School, New Plymouth.
 Sister Dorothy Pointon, Taheke, Hokianga.
 Sister Violet Kruse, Nurses' Home, Public Hospital, Hamilton.
 Sister Joyce Webber, 8 Airedale Street, Auckland.
 Sister Lina Jones, Methodist Mission, c/o. Resident Commissioner, British Solomon Islands.
 Sister Nance Davidson, 8 Airedale Street, Auckland, C.1.
 Sister Anne Wilson, c/o. 57 Victoria Street, Hawera.
 Sister Ruth Hilder, c/o. Post Office, Kawakawa.
 Sister Jean Miller, 8 Airedale Street, Auckland, C.1.
 Sister May Viney, c/o. Post Office, Dargaville.
 Sister Grace McDonald, Methodist Mission, c/o. Resident Commissioner, British Solomon Islands.

Sister Ada Lee, Foreign Mission Office, Box 23W, Auckland.
Sister Effie Harkness, Methodist Mission, c/o. Resident Commissioner, British Solomon Islands.
Sister Merle Farland.
Sister Joyce Whitehouse, Methodist Mission, c/o. Resident Commissioner, British Solomon Islands.
Sister Winifred Poole, Foreign Mission Office, Box 23W, Auckland.
Sister Merle Carter, Foreign Mission Office, Box 23W, Auckland.

APPENDIX

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND—YOUTH DEPARTMENT.
Statement of Income and Expenditure for Year Ending 30th September, 1945.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
To Directors' Salaries	865	0	6				By Circuit Contributions
House Allowances	350	0	0				.. ..
Connexional Charges	126	9	2				.. ..
Travelling Expenses	281	19	2				.. ..
			1623	8	10		1945
District Youth Council Expenses			68	0	0		5
Grant to Property Trustees ..			53	0	0		0
Supplies, etc. Correspondence S.S.							47
<i>Less</i> Contributions Received			12	7	0		7
Youth Workers Convention Equalisation Grant			25	0	0		9
Dominion Leadership and Teachers Training Committee Grant			15	0	0		50
General Expenses, including expenses of Youth Year ..			77	10	11		0
Depreciation, Projectors and Films			105	0	11		1
Excess Income over Expenditure Transferred to Accumulated Funds			238	1	5		11
			£2,217	9	1		
							£2,217
							9
							1

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND—YOUTH DEPARTMENT.
Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1945.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS					
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
	Sundry Creditors			16	13	3			
	Booklets Fund			38	15	1			
	Projector and Film Reserve			284	7	1			
	Sunday School Reserve Fund			93	5	9			
	Depreciation Res., Office Equipment			115	19	0			
	Youth Workers' Travelling Expenses						1505	6	10
	Equalisation Fund			9	17	9			
	National Leadership Schools Com- mittee Reserve Fund			110	6	4			
	Housing Fund			103	0	0			
	Capital Account:								
	Budget Fund	1650	0	0					
	Accumulated Fund £26 2 10								
	Plus Surplus Income for								
	Year	238	1	5					
				264	4	3			
				1914	4	3			
	Less Publications Account			10	13	1			
				1903	11	2			
				£2,675	15	5			
				£2,675	15	5			

Audited and found correct.
H. W. HEYHOE, Hon. Auditor,
14th February, 1946.

JOAN H. YOUNG, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z.
S. FELLOWS
Co-Treasurers,

THE PROBERT TRUST BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.
Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year Ending 31st October, 1945.

RECEIPTS			EXPENDITURE					
	£	s. d.			£	s. d.	£	s. d.
1944, Oct. 31st—			1945, Oct. 31st—					
To Balance at Credit Bank of New Zealand ..	1167	13 5	By General Expenses :					
1945, Oct. 31st—			Repairs, Maintenance and					
To Rent and Interest Collected	4246	9 6	Renovations		741	17 1		
Emsly Trust—Receipts	85	10 0	Rates		652	15 7		
			Insurance Premiums		148	8 0		
			Interest		1615	10 0		
			Land Tax.. .. .		70	17 0		
			Audit Fee		8	8 0		
			Secretary's Salary		50	0 0		
			Commission on Rents, Interest, etc., Collected		107	2 11		
			Sundries		18	9 10		
					3413	8 5		
							85	10 0
							100	0 0
							804	12 6
							1096	2 0
			<u>£5,499 12 11</u>				<u>£5,499 12 11</u>	

Examined and found correct.

J. A. GENTLES, F.P.A.N.Z. }
 LEONARD KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

Auckland, 21st November, 1945.

JAS. TYLER, Chairman.
 F. A. CLAYTON, Secretary.

**THE PROBERT TRUST BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH
OF NEW ZEALAND.**

Expenditure for the Year Ending 31st October, 1945.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Repairs, Maintenance and Renovations :						
No. 1 Block	262	9	7			
No. 2 Block	81	18	6			
No. 3 Block	79	3	2			
Cottages	31	16	5			
				455	7	8
Probert Chambers :						
Caretaker	171	9	0			
Electric Power Board	16	10	5			
Lift Maintenance	34	18	6			
Repairs and Maintenance	63	11	6			
				286	9	5
					741	17 1
Insurance Premiums :					148	8 0
Rates					652	15 7
Interest :						
Auckland Sinking Fund Commsrs.			1530	0	0	
Emsly Trust			85	10	0	
						1615 10 0
Sundries :						
Audit Fee			8	8	0	
Land Tax			70	17	0	
Bank Charge			0	10	0	
Sundries			17	19	10	
Secretary's Salary			50	0	0	
Commission on Rents and Interest Collected			107	2	11	
						254 17 9
						£3,413 8 5

Revenue Account for the Year Ending 31st October, 1945.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1944, Oct. 31st—						
To Balance	276	13	6			
1945, Oct. 31st—						
To Rents Accrued	4236	4	6			
Interest Accrued			9	10	0	
By Rents Received				4232	7	0
Interest Received					9	10 0
Rents Written off					77	8 6
Balance					203	2 6
				£4,522	8	0 0
				£4,522	8	0 0

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, 21st November, 1945.

PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUST.

Balance Sheet for Year Ending 30th September, 1945.

Treasurers : Messrs. A. G. WHITE and J. STANTON.

INCOME			EXPENDITURE		
1944, Oct 1st—	£	s. d.	1944, Oct. 1st—	£	s. d.
Balance Auckland Savings Bank ..	244	19 6	Land Tax	46	4 8
Bank Interest	2	17 10	Loan Pitt Street	250	0 0
Rent from Newcombe	696	0 0	Loan Pitt Street	350	0 0
Interest Pitt St., 12 Months on £3150 ..	126	0 0	Commission	17	0 0
From Nov. 13th on £250	8	16 4	Sundries	0	8 0
From April 26th on £350	6	1 6	Bank Balance 30/9/45	421	2 8
	<u>£1,094</u>	<u>15 4</u>		<u>£1,084</u>	<u>15 4</u>

Capital Account.

Loan to Pitt Street Trustees	£3750	0 0
Balance Auckland Savings Bank	421	8
	<u>£4,171</u>	<u>2 8</u>

Property Valuation.

Government Land Value	£18,280	0 0
Trustees Value in Buildings	5900	0 0
	<u>£23,280</u>	<u>0 0</u>

E. T. OLDS, Chairman.

J. W. SHACKLEFORD, Secretary.

Audited and found Correct.

1st November, 1945

P. DELLOW }
L. E. RHODES } Auditors.

JAMES AND MARTHA TROUNSON BENEVOLENT FUND TRUST BOARD.

Income and Expenditure Account for Year Ending 31st October, 1945.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME					
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.		
To Stamps and Stationery	4	2	0		By Interest Inscribed Stock	413	19	11	
Bank Charges	0	10	0		Interest Auckland Savings Bank	4	1	6	
Secretary's Salary	25	0	0						
Office Rent	5	0	0						
				34	12	0			
Grants				244	11	8			
Balance—Excess Income over Ex- penditure				138	17	9			
				<u>£418</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>			
							<u>£418</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1944.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS					
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.		
Trust Fund Account	11,400	0	0		N.Z. Govt. Ins. Stock 3½% 1960 Maturity	5755	0	0	
Income Account	468	9	6		N.Z. Govt. Ins. Stock 2½% 1951 Maturity	5645	0	0	
					Cash Balances at Bankers:				
					Auckland Savings Bank	167	1	10	
					Bank of New Zealand	301	7	8	
						<u>468</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>	
				<u>£11,868</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>			
							<u>£11,868</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>

W. A. SINCLAIR }
J. S. CAUGHEY } Treasurers.

30th November, 1945.

Audited and found correct.

JOHN E. ASTLEY.

THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS.
Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1945.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS				
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Capital Account 31st Dec., 1944	43,376	8 3			Bank of Australasia, Current A/c	1731	3 3	
Add Excess of Income over Expd.	62	7 6			Fixed Deposit	1000	0 0	
	43,438	15 9						2731 3 3
Less Rangiatea Establishment Exps.	250	0 0			Post Office Savings Bank	..	..	1586 10 8
			43,188	15 9	N.Z. Govt. Stock and Liberty Loan	..	..	17,798 18 2
Masterton Home Capital Account, 31st December, 1944	..	8441 10 0			Masterton Home Property	..	9800 0 0	
Add Bequests	..	1377 4 6			Less Depreciation	..	150 0 0	9650 0 0
			9818	14 6	Wellington Property	..	..	16,113 6 9
Newcombe Trust Prize Fund	..	51 5 0			Foxton Property	..	..	842 0 0
Plus Interest	..	2 0 0			Newcombe Trust Investment	..	..	51 5 0
			53	5 0	Loans on Mortgage	..	..	3373 15 0
Rent Paid in Advance	..		10	2 6	Purchase Monies on Table Repayments	..	..	808 19 1
					Rent and Interest Accrued	..	..	114 19 10
			£53,070	17 9				£53,070 17 9

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, 1945, and have received all the information and explanations I have required. I certify 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 Board's affairs, according to the best of my information and the explanations given to me and as shown by the said Books at date, 31st December, 1945.

Wellington, 23rd January, 1946.

G. T. WITHERS, A.R.A.N.Z., Auditor.

EMSLY TRUST BOARD.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year Ending 31st October, 1945.

RECEIPTS				EXPENDITURE			
1944, Oct. 31st—			£ s. d.	1945, Oct. 31st—			£ s. d.
To Balance .. .. .	..	..	32 15 5	By Theological College .. .. .	..	..	85 10 0
1945, 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.

			£ s. d.	1945, Oct. 31st—			£ s. d.
1945, Oct. 31st—			£ s. d.	By Deposit at call with Probert Trust Board			1900 0 0
To Capital .. .. .	..	..	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, 1945.

JAS. TYLER, Treasurer.

GREY INSTITUTE TRUST.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 30th September, 1945.

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance 1st Oct., 1944	..	..	120 10 4	By Land Tax	47	14	7
Rents	625	2	0	Borough Rates	6	6	10
Noting Fees	9	9	0	Remittances to H.M. Board	225	0	0
			<u>634 11 0</u>	Executing New Leases	105	3	0
				Legal Expenses	4	4	0
				Audit Fees	2	2	0
				Repairs and Renewals at Mission House	103	16	0
				Insurances	4	15	3
				Secretary	50	0	0
				Sundries	1	0	0
				Repayment of Advance from Rangiatea	100	0	0
				Printing and Stationery	2	9	10
				Postages and Petties	3	10	0
				Bank Charges	0	10	0
					656	11	6
				Balance at Bank of N.S.W.	98	9	10
			<u>£775 1 4</u>				<u>£755 1 4</u>

WILLIAM P. OKEY, Secretary.

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.

New Plymouth, 17th January, 1946.

VAL DUFF, Public Accountant,

KAI IWI MISSION FARM ACCOUNT.
Statement for Year Ended 30th September, 1945.

INCOME					EXPENDITURE										
					£	s.	d.								
Balance	30	11	5	Land Tax	..	..	..	..	7	14	7
Rent, Jan.	155	10	3	Remit Treasurer (Jan.)	..	..	..	..	130	0	0
July	155	10	3	Disbursements	..	..	..	..	3	3	0
								Remit Treasurer (July)	..	..	..	..	100	0	0
								National Savings Account	..	..	..	..	50	0	0
								Bank Charges	..	..	..	..	0	10	0
								Balance	..	..	..	..	50	4	4
					<u>£341</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>						<u>£341</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>

Audited and found correct.

20th November, 1945

W. J. ROBINSON,

STATEMENT.

THE MARTIN BROTHERS MEMORIAL TRUST HOME

Year Ending 31st October 1945,

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Rent to 22/9/45 at £2/5/-		117 0 0
Bank Interest No. 1 Account		5 0 0
Bank Interest No. 2 Account		4 19 0
Post Office Savings Bank Interest		0 12 0
Debenture Interest		4 5 0
Government Stock Interest		3 5 3
		135 1 3
Agents Collecting Fee	5 17 0	
Repairs	3 8 6	
Insurance	2 17 0	
Land Tax	2 5 10	
Rates to 31/3/46	26 17 4	
List of Trustees	0 10 6	
		41 16 2
		93 5 1
Bank Account No. 1 31/10/44	258 0 8	
Bank Account No. 2 31/10/44	198 5 8	
Post Office Savings Bank Account	72 7 5	
War Loan	150 0 0	
Debenture Nominal Value	100 0 0	
		778 13 9
		871 18 10
Bank Account No. 1 31/10/45	263 0 8	
Bank Account No. 2 31/10/45	203 4 8	
Post Office Savings Bank Account	145 19 6	
Debenture	100 0 0	
War Loan	150 0 0	
Cash in Hand	9 14 0	
		£871 18 10

Mountain Road Property at Carr's valuation £2,591.

Audited and found correct.

24th October, 1945.

T. L. HAMES.

We certify that rates £26/17/4, Insurance premium £2/17/- and Land Tax £2/5/10 were paid by us and we hold the receipts thereof.

p.p. THORNE, THORNE, WHITE & CLARK-WALKER
FRED. W. THORNE.

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.

C. K. WIGGLESWORTH,

6th November, 1945.

Chairman.

METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE—STUDENTS' LIBRARY FUND.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 30th September, 1945.

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Balance	84 17 9	By Books and Periodicals	31 15 6
Deb. Interest—Auckland Transport Board ..	1 10 6	Transfer to new Account in the name of Gorman Book Fund	3 5 0
Interest—W. Gorman Investment	2 5 0	Balance	78 15 2
National Savings Investment Interest	23 1 8		
Auckland Savings Bank Interest	2 0 9		
	<u>£113 15 8</u>		<u>£113 15 8</u>

Capital Account

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Capital	800 0 0	National Savings Investment Account ..	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, 1945.

RECEIPTS					PAYMENTS										
					£	s.	d.								
To Balance	45	18	8	By Prizes	..	..	..	..	4	10	0
Debenture Interest	3	10	0	Balance	46	1	8
Auckland Savings Bank Interest	1	3	0								
					<u>£50 11 8</u>								<u>£50 11 8</u>		

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Capital Account.

					£	s.	d.								
Capital	100	0	0	Mt. Eden Borough Council 3½% Debenture					100	0	0
					<u>£100 0 0</u>								<u>£100 0 0</u>		

Audited and found correct.

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METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE—KENT MEMORIAL FUND.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 30th September, 1945.

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Balance	.. .. .	24	19 6	By Prizes	.. .. .	4	10 0
National Savings Investment Interest	.. .. .	3	0 0	Balance	.. .. .	24	1 4
Auckland Savings Bank Interest	.. .. .	0	11 10				
		<u>£28 11 4</u>				<u>£28 11 4</u>	

Capital Account.

	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Capital	100	0 0	National Savings Investment Account	100	0 0
	<u>£100 0 0</u>			<u>£100 0 0</u>	

Audited and found correct.

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 F. E. SUTHERLAND } Joint Treasurers,

METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE—GARLAND PRIZE FUND.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 30th September, 1945.

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS										
				£	s.	d.								
To Balance	12	12	10	By Prizes	..	..	..	..	3	10	0
Debenture Interest	4	5	0	Balance	..	..	..	..	13	13	10
Auckland Savings Bank Account Interest				0	6	0								
				<u>£17 3 10</u>								<u>£17 3 10</u>		

Capital Account.

				£	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.

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METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE—WAGSTAFF MEMORIAL FUND.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 30th September, 1945.

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS										
				£	s.	d.								
To Balance	13	19	2	By Prizes	..	..	..	..	3	10	0
National Savings Investment A/c. Int.	3	0	0	Balance	..	..	..	..	13	15	6
Auckland Savings Bank Interest	0	6	4								
				<u>£17 5 6</u>								<u>£17 5 6</u>		

Capital Account.

				£	s.	d.					£	s.	d.
Capital	100	0	0	National Savings Investment Account	100	0	0
				<u>£100 0 0</u>							<u>£100 0 0</u>		

Audited and found correct.

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E. W. HAMES }
E. F. SUTHERLAND } Joint Treasurers.

METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE—GORMAN BOOK FUND.
Statement of Receipts for Year Ended 30th September, 1945.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Transfer from Students' Library Fund A/c.	3	5	0	Balance	5	10	0
Government Stock Interest	2	5	0				
	<u>£5</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>£5</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>

Capital Account.

Capital	£180	0	0	Government Inscribed Stock	£180	0	0
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Paris Memorial Fund as at 30th September, 1945.

To Wesley Church, Taranaki St., Congregation	£40	0	0	Auckland Savings Bank	£40	0	0
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Audited and found correct.

P. DELLOW
J. R. BLAYNEY } Joint Auditors

F. E. SUTHERLAND }
E. W. HAMES } Joint Treasurers.

REHABILITATION FUND.

	£	s.	d.
Fund as at 1st November, 1944 ..	2092	5	0
Amounts Transferred from General Account ..	1750	0	0
Interest on Bank Accounts ..	57	13	9
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Fund as at 31st October, 1945 ..	£3,899	18	9

FRANK M. WINSTONE }
 F. E. SUTHERLAND } Hon. Treasurers

NEW ORGAN FUND.

	£	s.	d.
Fund as at 1st November, 1944 ..	476	13	1
Add Dividends	31	10	0
Add Interest	4	5	3
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Fund as at 31st October, 1945 ..	£512	8	4

FRANK M. WINSTONE, Hon. Treasurer.

PROPOSED BUDGET

For the Year Ended 31st March, 1947.

INCOME

	£	s.	d.
Probert Trust Board	100	0	0
Emsly Trust	96	0	0
Contingent Fund	740	0	0
Students' Contributions	100	0	0
Collegiate Church	60	0	0
College Sunday	50	0	0
Rents—Auckland Hospital Board to 31st December, 1946	1732	0	0
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	£2,878	0	0

EXPENDITURE

	£	s.	d.
House and Service	950	0	0
Stipends	500	0	0
Tutors' Fees	250	0	0
Connexional Charges	90	0	0
Bursaries	112	0	0
Rates	180	0	0
Insurance	70	0	0
Telephones	24	0	0
University Fees	60	0	0
Furnishings	50	0	0
Repairs	450	0	0
Printing, Stationery and Postages ..	50	0	0
Advertising Church Services ..	8	0	0
Rent Board Room	14	0	0
Chaplaincy Fund	5	0	0
Travelling and Sundries	65	0	0
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	£2,878	0	0

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.
Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1945.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS									
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.				
Sundry Creditors				1056	18	2	Paerata Land at Cost	15,442	2	0			
War Memorial Fund (Maori) ..	312	16	0				College Buildings at Cost ..	43,694	3	0			
<i>Plus</i> Accrued Interest ..	18	17	2				Improvements to—						
				331	13	2	Paerata Property ..	13,660	0	1			
Scholarship Funds :							<i>Less</i> Depreciation ..	148	10	3			
Marianne Caughey Smith-Preston	2220	0	0					13,511	9	10			
George Winstone	1145	0	0							72,647	14	10	
Stephen Jas. Ambury	845	17	0				Mt. Wellington Land ..	3456	15	0			
<i>Plus</i> Accrued Interest ..	38	1	3				<i>Less</i> Half Value of						
				883	18	3	Scoria Sold	405	15	0			
										3051	0	0	
Capital Account :				4248	18	3	Preparatory School Buildings ..	4819	5	5			
Balance at 1st Jan., 1945	129,489	6	8				Improvements to Mt. Wgtn. Propty.	369	12	4			
<i>Plus</i> Profit on Sale of Land ..	1565	8	7							8239	17	9	
							Properties at Govt. Valuations :						
				131,054	15	3	Grafton	20,667	19	6			
<i>Less</i> Excess of Expenditure							Three Kings (Landscape Rd.) ..	1000	0	0			
over Income	2401	3	2				Waikowhai	4255	0	0			
				128,653	12	1	Waikowhai Improve-						
							ments	169	1	1			
								4424	1	1			
							Otamatea County	115	0	0			
							Hobson County	10	0	0			
										26,217	0	7	
							Plant and Machinery :						
							Paerata	1263	4	1			
							Wellington Park	314	16	10			
										1578	0	11	
							<i>Less</i> Depreciation	197	5	11			
										1380	15	0	
							Motor Vehicles :						
							Paerata	585	0	0			
							Wellington Park	330	10	0			
										915	10	0	

Balance Sheet—continued.

Less Depreciation	214 5 0	
		701 5 0
Furniture and Equipment:		
College	1805 4 5	
Preparatory School	647 18 10	
	2453 3 3	
Less Depreciation	195 11 9	
		2257 11 6
Stock on Hand at Valuation:		
Live Stock—Paerata	3150 10 0	
Live Stock—Wellington Park ..	203 10 0	
Produce and Sundry Stocks ..	311 5 8	
		3665 5 8
Loans:		
On Mortgage (Plus Interest) ..	4818 1 2	
At Call	1500 0 0	
Under Debenture (Marua Est. Ltd.)	605 17 6	
		6923 18 8
National Savings Investment A/c.	1037 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	
		4057 10 0
Shares:		
Frank M. Winstone (Merchts.) Ltd.:		
(1000 shares of £1 ea. fully paid)	1000 0 0	
New Remuera-Panmure Land Co. Ltd.:		
(600 shares of £1 ea. paid to 12/6)	450 0 0	
Marua Estate Ltd.:		
(1,225 shares of £1 each paid to		
19/3 at valuation)	178 12 11	
Nukuroa Fruitlands Ltd.:		
(250 shares of £1 each paid to		
17/- at valuation)	37 10 0	
		1666 2 11

Sundry Debtors :		
Under Sale and Purchase Agree- ent (plus Accrued Interest)	1058 5 9	
For Rents	200 3 1	
For Fees	543 18 3	
For Sundries	1612 12 9	
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	3414 19 10	
Less Reserve for Bad Debts ..	70 0 0	
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		3344 19 10
Payments in Advance		277 2 6
Bank and Cash Balances :		
Auckland Savings Bank	400 0 0	
Post Office Savings Bank (plus Int.)	2003 10 10	
Bank of N.Z. Current Account	499 11 0	
Cash in Hand	8 15 7	
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		2911 17 5
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	£134,291 1 8	£134,291 1 8
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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, 1945, 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, 30th January, 1946.

HUTCHISON, ELLIFFE & CAMERON, Auditors.

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.
Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ended the 31st December, 1945.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Loss on College	2129	18	7	By Rents Received	1965	2	4
Loss on Preparatory School	385	3	4	Interest	428	10	2
Loss on Farm—Paerata	2019	13	2	Profit on Farm—Wellington Park	393	1	11
General Expenses	653	2	6	Excess of Expenditure over Income			
				Transferred to Capital Account	2401	3	2
	£5,187	17	7		£5,187	17	7

Rent Received Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1945.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance Transferred to Expenditure Account	1965	2	4	By Rents Received from—			
				Grafton Road Property	975	18	4
				Waikowhai Property	989	4	0
	£1,965	2	4		£1,965	2	4

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.
Interest Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1945.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Interest on Overdraft	2	1	6		By Interest from—		
Interest on Scholarship Funds Deposited ..	56	18	5		Mortgages taken over from Harding Estate	224	18
Balance Transferred to Income and Expendi- ture Account	428	10	2		Mount Albert Estate	54	2
					Three Kings Estate	23	5
					Kawhia Property	4	9
					Loan at Call—Pitt Street Methodist Church Trustees	42	3
					N.Z. Govt. —3rd Liberty Loan	30	0
					National Savings Investment Account ..	30	0
					Post Office Savings Bank	3	10
					Dividend—New Remuera-Panmure Land Co. Ltd.	75	0
	£487	10	1			£487	10
							1

General Expenses Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1945.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Increase in Bad Debts Reserve	10	0	0		By Balance Transferred to Income and Expendi- ture Account	653	2
Insurance	0	4	6				
Printing and Stationery	16	6	2				
Rates	102	16	2				
Repairs and Maintenance	2	15	0				
Salary	350	0	0				
Sundry Expenses	10	17	4				
Legal and Collection Expenses	86	3	1				
Rent—Board Room	12	8	0				
Audit Fee	31	10	0				
Office Expenses	30	2	3				
	£653	2	6			£653	2
							6

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.
College Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1945.

		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
	To Advertising				By College Fees.. .. .			
	Increase in Bad Debts Reserve				Laboratory Expenses.. .. .			
	Bad Debts Written off				Piano Fees			
	Beneficiary Work, European	66	0	0	Working Loss Carried Forward			
	Maori	1384	5	0				
	Depreciation							
	Fuel and Light							
	Garden Expenses							
	Insurance							
	Poultry Expenses							
	Prizes							
	Provisions :							
	Bread	417	14	1				
	Dairy Produce	307	17	6				
	Groceries	542	14	11				
	Meat	396	17	7				
	Sundries	54	18	3				
	Repairs and Maintenance							
	Salaries							
	Sports							
	Stationery and Books							
	Sundries							
	Wages							
	Woodwork Expenses							
		£8,205	7	10				
					£8,205	7	10	

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.
Farm Working Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1945.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Gross Loss on						
Grade Cattle	400	13	5			
Horses	39	4	6			
Pigs	12	6	9			
Stud Sheep	1216	18	8			
			1669			
			3			
			4			
<i>Less</i> Gross Profit on:						
Stud Cattle	4	5	0			
Flock Sheep	254	1	11			
			258			
			6			
			11			
			1410			
			16			
			5			
Wages			1638			
Stock Foods			699			
Repairs and Maintenance			483			
Depreciation			378			
Lime, Seeds and Manure			329			
Power and Light			240			
Sundry Expenses			211			
Insurance and Rent			57			
Freight and Cartage			40			
			£5,491			
			9			
			6			
			£5,491			
			9			
			6			
			3021			
By Dairy Receipts			12			
Sale of Wool, Hides and Skins			415			
Sale of Timber			35			
<i>Net Loss</i> to Income and Expenditure Account			2019			
			13			
			2			

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.
Preparatory School Account for the Year Ended 31st December, 1945.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Advertising	13	7	0	By School Fees	1424	3	0
Beneficiary Work	36	0	0	Piano Fees	3	7	6
Bad Debt Written off	1	0	0	Bad Debt Recovered	1	0	11
Depreciation	105	5	4	Stationery	0	6	7
Fuel and Light	155	9	7	<i>Working Loss Carried Forward</i>	385	3	4
Insurance	24	4	0				
Laboratory Expenses	1	4	10				
Prizes	2	6	6				
Provisions	447	8	0				
Repairs and Maintenance	156	0	8				
Salaries	477	9	10				
Sports	5	8	8				
Sundries	94	1	2				
Wages	294	15	9				
	£1,814	1	4		£1,814	1	4

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Wellington Park Farm Working Account for the Year Ended 31st December, 1945.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Wages	523	8	4	By Rent Received	672	19	0
Rates	93	15	5	Scoria Royalties (half of total received)	405	16	1
Depreciation	72	6	10	Profit on Stock	103	8	0
Stock Expenses	70	18	2	Dairy Receipts	84	15	10
Repairs and Maintenance	64	16	6	Sales of Produce	54	8	7
Power and Light	31	14	8				
Motor Expenses	22	9	6				
Seeds and Manure	19	0	9				
Sundry Expenses	15	11	1				
Poultry Expenses	9	7	3				
Insurance	4	17	1				
<i>Net Profit to Income and Expenditure Account</i>	393	1	11				
	£1,321	7	6		£1,321	7	6

RANGIATEA MAORI COLLEGE (Spotswood Property).

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Period 20th October, 1943 to 31st August, 1945.

RECEIPTS	£	s.	d.	PAYMENTS	£	s.	d.
To Rents, 1944	109	0	0	By Fencing, Tree Planting and Improvements,			
Rents, 1945	81	15	0	1944	242	0	11
Donation for Furnishing	20	10	9	1945	97	18	0
Wellington C. and E. (Advance (less Exchange) 249 13 9	249	13	9	Purchase of Property	1539	4	6
Balance owing to Maori Girls' School Account 1418 3 11	1418	3	11				
	£1,879	3	5		£1,879	3	5

Income and Expenditure Account for Period 20th October, 1943 to 31st August, 1945.

EXPENDITURE	£	s.	d.	INCOME	£	s.	d.
Rates and Taxes	69	15	3	Rent	190	15	0
Secretary—Honorarium	15	0	0				
Clearing Trees	5	0	0				
Excess of Income over Expenditure	100	19	9				
	£190	15	0		£190	15	0

METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.
Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th September, 1945.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
Church Sites Fund :		£	s. d.	£	s. d.		
Grants : Kohukohu		30	0 0	75	0 0		
Oakura		15	0 0	100	0 0		
Castlecliff		15	0 0				
Naenae		35	0 0				
			95 0 0			175	0 0
Balance to Sites Fund			123 12 2			43	12 2
Administration :							
Authorised Appropriation		225	0 0				
Stationery and General Expenses		45	7 1				
			270 7 1				
Reserve Appropriation Account			39 15 10			310	2 11
			£528 15 1			£528	15 1

Loans Account as at 30th September, 1945.

	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Amount of Loans as at 30th Sept., 1944	19,857	14 0	By Loans Repaid	5,429	18 7
„ New Loans Advanced	4,002	10 0	Amount of Loans as at 30th Sept, 1945	18,430	5 5
	£23,860	4 0		£23,860	4 0
To Balance	£18,430	5 5			

H. de R. FLESHER }
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.
Christchurch, 16th October, 1945.

Audited and found correct.
R. H. SHERRIS, A.I.I.A., A.C.S.N.Z. }
H. F. ARNOLD, A.R.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND—Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1945.

LIABILITIES		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Accumulated Funds		18,900		0 0			
Capital Account :							
Thomas Emsly Bequest £1500							
H. Herbert Wake Bequest 50							
David Graham Bequest 50							
Wm. H. Duke Bequest 100							
Samuel Lawry Bequest 50							
Geo. Winstone Bequest 1000							
Thomas Fee Bequest 50							
		2800		0 0			
Trusts Accounts (Properties Sold)					21,700		0 0
					870		10 6
Church Sites Fund :							
As at 30th Sept., 1944 ..		302		6 9			
Trust Properties for Investment		800		0 0			
		1102		6 9			
Increase for 1945		123		12 2			
					1225		18 11

ASSETS		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Outstanding Loans		19,506		19 4			
less Working Expenses 1062 3 4							
less Interest		14		10 7			
		1076		13 11			
					18,430		5 5
Deposits :							
Supernumerary Fund ..		2164		18 4			
P.O. Savings Bank		1078		5 11			
					3243		4 3
Balance at Bank of New Zealand							26 10 4
Trust Accounts Invested for Sites							
Fund							800 0 0
Deposit—Supernumerary Fund ..							70 10 6
Church Sites Fund :							
North Canterbury E.P. Board							
Debentures							800 0 0
Deposits : P.O. Savings Bank ..		108		1 7			
Supernumerary Fund		192		17 4			
					300		18 11

Administration :

Working Expenses Trust Account		300 0 0
Reserve Appropriation Account		
30th Sept., 1944	217 3 8	
Rates paid, less Rents received		
on Church Sites	1 8 6	
	<u>215 15 2</u>	
Plus Transfer from Revenue A/c.	39 15 10	
		<u>255 11 0</u>
		<u>£24,352 0 5</u>

Balance at Bank of New Zealand	125 0 0
Administration :	
North Canterbury E.P. Board	
Debentures	200 0 0
Balance at Bank of New Zealand	355 11 0
	<u>125 0 0</u>
	<u>£24,352 0 5</u>

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and attached Revenue Account and have compared them with the books of the Fund and certify to the correctness of the same. We have had all securities produced to us except those held by the Solicitors of the Fund or deposited with the Bank of New Zealand, whose certificates have been accepted by us. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the fund as at 30th September, 1945.

H. de R. FLESHER }
 M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.
 Christchurch, 16th October, 1945.

Audited and found correct.
 R. H. SHERRIS, A.I.I.A., A.C.S.N.Z. }
 H. F. ARNOLD, A.R.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

METHODIST CHURCH CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND.

Balance Sheet as at 31st October, 1945.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Accumulated Funds			32,500	0	0		
Fire Loss Reserve Account ..	4565	0	0				
<i>plus</i> further provision ..	1000	0	0				
			5,565	0	0		
Investment Cont. Reserve Account ..			856	2	10		
Natural Calamities Suspense Appn.			100	0	0		
P. & L. Appropriation Account ..	890	6	6				
<i>Less</i> Appropriations Voted :—							
Home Acquirement Fd. ..	£347						
Foreign Mission Fund ..	100						
Home Mission Fund ..	100						
Deaconess House ..	30						
Super. Benevolent Fund ..	25						
Church Sites Fund ..	75						
Youth Department ..	50						
"Methodist Times" ..	150						
H.M. Removal Exps. ..	25						
			902	0	0		
			11	13	6		
Mortgage Investments			2891	12	6		
Interest Accrued			32	16	10		
						2924	9 4
Debenture Investments			36,459	2	3		
Interest Accrued			381	7	8		
						36,840	9 11
Deposits : P.O.S. Bank			21	8	4		
Supernumerary Fund			728	10	1		
						749	18 5
Balance at Bank of N.Z.						387	6 11
Levies in Arrear			15	19	0		
War Damage Premiums in Arrear ..			4	7	2		
						20	6 2
War Damage Premiums Paid to Commission in Advance							63 10 11

METHODIST CONNEXIONAL SECRETARYSHIP FUND.
Statement of Receipts and Payments, 31st December, 1945.

RECEIPTS				EXPENDITURE			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Balance Carried Forward	.. ..	23	17 3	By Stipend	.. ..	437	10 0
Appropriations :				House Allowance	.. ..	175	0 0
Church Building and Loan Fund	£225			—————		612	10 0
Connexional Fire Insurance	.. 395			Connexional Charges	.. ..	61	5 0
Supernumerary and Allied Funds	521			Clerks' Salaries	.. ..	730	18 7
"Methodist Times" Fund	.. 170			Office Rent	.. ..	150	0 0
Contingent Fund	.. 185			Less Lettings	.. ..	17	10 0
		—	1496 0 0	—————		132	10 0
Registration Fees (per Authorised Representative)	.. ..	37	19 0	Telephone and Post Office Box	.. ..	27	5 0
Deficit	.. ..	19	7 9	Bank Charges	.. ..	0	10 0
				Stationery and General Expenses	.. ..	28	6 3
				Less Contras	.. ..	16	0 10
				—————		12	5 5
		£1,577	4 0	—————		£1,577	4 0

M. A. RUGBY PRATT }
 J. E. PURCHASE } Treasurers.

Christchurch, 17th December, 1945.

Audited and found correct.

E. H. SMITH, Auditor.

Personal Subscriptions :			
Arrears .. ..	..	486 3 9	
Interest due .. ..	..	85 15 6	
			571 19 3
Freehold Properties :			
Rent due .. ..	..	221 7 0	
Accrued .. ..	..	116 5 8	
			337 12 8
Properties in Possession ..	..	6259 0 0	
" " Rent due ..	..	53 18 9	
Mortgagors Stock and Farm			
Working Accounts .. ..	..	834 7 9	
			7147 6 6
			<u>£186,552 19 8</u>
		<u>£186,552 19 8</u>	

We have examined the above Balance-Sheet and attached Revenue Account and have compared them with the books of the Fund and certify to the correctness of the same. We have had all securities produced to us except those held by the Solicitors of the Fund or deposited with the Bank of New Zealand, whose certificates have been accepted by us. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 30th November, 1945.

G. S. SALTER }
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.

HARRY R. BEST, F.P.A.N.Z., F.I.A.N.Z. }
E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

Christchurch, 14th December, 1945.

SUPERNUMERARY FUND—BENEVOLENT BRANCH.

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1945.

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EXPENDITURE				INCOME				
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	
To Grants	46	1	7	By Balance 30th November, 1944 ..	468	2	0	
Exchange on Annuities..	10	0	0	Donations :				
			56 1 7	Fire Insurance Fund ..	25	0	0	
Authorised Appropriation ..	5	0	0	Special	1	6	3	
Debenture Commission and General Expenses	2	3	6			26	6	3
			7 3 6	Interest		66	8	6
Balance—Super. Fund Deposit ..			497 11 8					
			<u>£560 16 9</u>				<u>£560 16 9</u>	

HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND.

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1945.

Contributors' Account.

EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Retiring Allowances	1563	1 10	By Balance as at 30th Nov., 1944 ..	16,646	4 8
Reserve Account	18	0 0	Personal Contributions	859	4 5
Balance as at 30th Nov., 1945 ..	16,794	1 10	Fire Insurance Fund Subsidy ..	355	0 0
			Interest	514	14 7
	£18,375	3 8		£18,375	3 8

Reserve Account.

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Interest to Deposit Accounts ..	514 14 7	By Balance as at 30th Nov., 1944 ..	13 16 7
Office Expenses :		Contributors' Accounts	18 0 0
Authorised Appropriation ..	70 0 0	Interest : Supernumerary Fund ..	569 15 7
Stationery and General Expenses ..	10 9 10		
	80 9 10		
Balance as at 30th Nov., 1945 ..	6 7 9		
	£601 12 2		£601 12 2

HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND.

Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1945.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS									
				£	s.	d.							
Personal Accounts	16,794	1	10	Debentures	..	..	..	8754	17	0
Reserve Account	6	7	9	Deposits: Supernumerary Fund	..	..	..	8082	2	7
Subsidy Suspense Account	36	10	0							
				£16,836	19	7					£16,836	19	7

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Revenue Account and have compared them with the Books of the Fund. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 30th November, 1945.

G. S. SALTER }
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers

HARRY R. BEST, F.P.A.N.Z., F.I.A.N.Z. }
E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

Christchurch, 14th December, 1945.

METHODIST HOME MISSIONARIES' RETIRING FUND.

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1945.

EXPENDITURE			INCOME			
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Retiring Allowances	1118	11 10	By Balance as at 30th Nov., 1944		6706	11 0
Reserve Account	74	18 8	Contributions: Personal ..	286	0 0	
Balance as at 30th November, 1945 ..	6383	0 11	Circuit ..	217	10 0	
			H.M. Board ..	217	10 0	
				721	0 0	
			less Refunded H.M. Board ..	64	10 0	
			Interest			656 10 0
						213 10 5
						<u>£7,576 11 5</u>
						<u>£7,576 11 5</u>

Reserve Account.

	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Interest to Deposit Accounts ..			213	10 5	By Balance as at 30th Nov., 1944 ..	301 11 10
Office Expenses:					Interest: Supernumerary Fund and Debs.	250 7 9
Authorised Appropriation ..	56	0 0			Contributors' Account	74 4 2
Stationery and General Exps...	5	13 3				
			61	13 3		
Balance as at 30th Nov., 1945 ..			351	0 1		
			<u>£626</u>	<u>3 9</u>		
						<u>£626 3 9</u>

METHODIST HOME MISSIONARIES' RETIRING FUND.

Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1945.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.		
Personal Accounts	.. ..			6383	0 11	Debentures	.. ..
Reserve Fund	.. ..			351	0 1	Deposit: Supernumerary Fund	.. ..
Accumulated Funds:							
Centenary Gift	.. ..	100	0 0				
Inscribed Stock Profits	.. ..	44	15 0				
Special Donation	.. ..	40	0 0				
				184	15 0		
				£6,918	16 0		
						3748	0 4
						3170	15 8
						£6,918	16 0

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, 1945.

G. S. SALTER }
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.

E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z. }
HARRY R. BEST, F.P.A.N.Z., F.I.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

Christchurch, 14th December, 1945.

METHODIST DEACONESS' RETIRING FUND.
Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1945.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance as at 30th Nov., 1945 ..	8166	15	6	By Balance as at 30th Nov., 1944 ..	7302	14	10
				Contributions :			
				Personal	255	0	0
				Circuit	80	0	0
				Home Mission Board ..	117	0	0
				Foreign Mission Board ..	150	0	0
					602	0	0
				Interest	262	0	8
					£8,166	15	6
					£8,166	15	6

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Reserve Account.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Interest to Deposit Accounts ..	262	0	8	By Balance as at 30th Nov., 1944 ..	188	17	0
Office Expenses :				Interest : Supernumerary Fund and Debs.	353	19	3
Authorised Appropriation ..	30	0	0				
Stationery and General Exps... ..	7	16	5				
					£542	16	3
Balance as at 30th Nov., 1945 ..	242	19	2		£542	16	3
					£542	16	3

METHODIST DEACONESS' RETIRING FUND.
Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1945.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS					
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		
Personal Accounts			8166	15			4515	2	11
Capital Account 30th Nov., 1944 ..	1453	18	1	Debentures					
M.W.M.U.		121	0	Deposit : Supernumerary Fund			5472	2	4
Special Donations		2	12						
			1577	10					
Reserve Fund				242	19				
			£9,987	5			£9,987	5	3

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, 1945.

G. S. SALTER }
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers,

HARRY R. BEST, F.P.A.N.Z., F.I.A.N.Z. }
E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

Christchurch, 14th December, 1945,

METHODIST GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD (Inc.)

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1945.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.		
To Interest to Trust Accounts ..				777	17	0	
Authorised Appropriation ..	40	0	0				
Stationery and General Expenses ..	12	0	7				
				52	0	7	
Capital Account				40	0	7	
				£869	18	2	
							£869 18 2

Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1945.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.		
Capital as at 30th Nov., 1944..		256	5 4			15,593	7 3
<i>Less</i> Debenture Premiums ..		221	0 0			11,589	7 5
						931	3 6
		35	5 4				
<i>Plus</i> Revenue A/c. Balance ..		40	0 7				
				75	5 11		
Trust Accounts :							
Connexional Funds (17) ..	11,377	1	11				
Church Trusts (41) ..	16,209	0	7				
Personal (2)	452	9	9				
				28,038	12	3	
				£28,113	18	2	
							£28,113 18 2

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, 1945.

G. S. SALTER }
M. A. RUGBY PRATT } Treasurers.

HARRY R. BEST, F.P.A.N.Z., F.I.A.N.Z. }
E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

Christchurch, 14th December, 1945.

METHODIST CONFERENCE CONTINGENT FUND.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year Ended 31st December, 1945.

		RECEIPTS			
Jan. 1st		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
To	Balance			1619	1 6
	Current Levies—Districts :				
	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-Westland ..	177	0 0		
	North Canterbury ..	467	0 0		
	South Canterbury ..	157	0 0		
	Otago-Southland ..	323	0 0		
				3070	0 0
	Synod Collections :				
	Auckland	8	17 9		
	South Auckland ..	11	14 9		
	Taranaki-Wanganui ..	9	12 1		
	Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ..	8	0 0		
	Wellington	7	4 3		
	Nelson	5	0 0		
	North Canterbury ..	6	0 2		
	South Canterbury ..	6	6 6		
	Otago-Southland ..	14	4 0		
				76	19 6
	Sales :				
	Agenda	19	12 0		
	Minutes	31	6 4		
	Law Books, etc. ..	6	5 8		
				57	4 0

		EXPENDITURE			
By		£ s. d.		-£ s. d.	
	Cost of Dunedin Conference :				
(a)	Travelling	331	8 1		
	Official Representatives ..	294	1- 5		
				625	9 5
(b)	Printing :				
	Agenda	157	13 1		
	Minutes	175	6 4		
	Other	27	15 1		
	Stationery, Bibles, etc.	16	19 5		
				377	13 11
				1003	3 4
	District Expenses, Chairman's Travelling and other :				
	Auckland	46	17 8		
	South Auckland ..	51	8 10		
	Taranaki-Wanganui ..	26	13 6		
	Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ..	8	17 11		
	Wellington	26	1 6		
	Nelson	30	0 0		
	North Canterbury ..	35	8 11		
	South Canterbury ..	20	2 8		
	Otago-Southland ..	70	10 10		
				316	1 10
	Synod Expenses :				
	Auckland	61	6 9		
	South Auckland ..	49	13 10		
	Taranaki-Wanganui ..	24	0 10		
	Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ..	23	17 0		
	Wellington	19	19 5		
	Nelson	29	0 0		
	North Canterbury ..	14	18 7		
	South Canterbury ..	9	18 4		
	Otago-Southland ..	36	2 4		
				268	17 1

Ministerial Supply :

Auckland	20	7	9
South Auckland	4	15	0
South Canterbury	14	15	6

39 18 3

Connexional Payments :

President's Travelling	61	17	5
President's Travelling, Aust. ..	57	5	0
President's Postages, etc. ..	12	10	0
Secretary of Conference :			
Postages, Stationery, etc. ..	12	10	0
Honorarium	25	0	0
Examination Com. Exps.	23	5	1
Committee Expenses	18	17	6
Conference Christian Order, ..			
Travelling Expenses	25	0	0
Printing :			
Synod	61	19	5
Synod, 1944	40	16	6
Letter to Forces	49	19	6
Membership Tickets	58	4	8
Other	54	12	7
Removal Expenditure	18	19	9

520 17 5

Grants :

Theological College	740	0	0
Connexional Sec. Dept.	185	0	0
Deaconess Fund	125	0	0
N.Z. Council of Churches	26	0	0
University Fees	10	0	0
Faith and Order	6	5	2
Spiritual Advance Com.	25	0	0
"Methodist Times" Editorial ..	49	19	3
"Methodist Times" Special ..	50	0	0
Children's Fund—Special ..	100	0	0
Children's Fund—Extra	50	0	0
Supernum. Fund Adjustment, ..			
Ordinands	11	0	0

1379 4 5

Hon. Treasurers :		
Bank Exchange, Postages, Stationery, etc. ..		8 14 0
Balance Due by Districts :		
South Auckland ..	4 9 4	
Taranaki-Wanganui ..	8 17 9	
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ..	29 0 10	
Wellington ..	47 0 0	
Nelson ..	—	
North Canterbury ..	47 13 4	
South Canterbury ..	23 10 0	
Otago-Southland ..	9 15 10.	
Total Balances held by or due to Chairman		170 7 1
Bank of N.Z. Auckland Current Account		1116 1 7
		<u>1286 8 8</u>
	<u>£4,823 5 0</u>	<u>£4,823 5 0</u>

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, 1945.

Christchurch,

14th February, 1946

WILSON, ROFE & CO.,

I. J. WILSON, B.Com., A.P.A.N.Z., Hon. Auditor.

REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND.

Cash Statement Year Ending 31st December, 1945.

				£	s.	d.					£	s.	d.
Cash in Hand 1st Jan., 1945	..	..	..	1205	10	6	Removal Expenses Paid	..	..	..	1859	18	8
Circuit Levies Paid	..	..	..	1098	19	0	General Expenses	..	..	..	7	18	6
Interest Earned	..	..	..	21	4	6	Cash in Hand as per Balance Sheet	..	..	..	578	10	3
Refund Removal Expenses	..	..	..	120	13	5							
				<u>£2,446</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>					<u>£2,446</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>

Revenue Account Year Ending 31st December, 1945.

				£	s.	d.					£	s.	d.
Removal Expenses	..	..	..	1739	5	3	Circuit Levies	..	..	..	1093	0	0
General Expenses	..	..	..	7	18	6	Interest Earned	..	..	..	21	4	6
							Transfer from Capital Account	..	..	..	632	19	3
				<u>£1,747</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>9</u>					<u>£1,747</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>9</u>

REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND.

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1945.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Accumulated Fund 1st Jan., 1945	..	1487	19	11	Outstanding Levies	..	..	276	10	5
<i>Less</i> Transfer to Revenue Account	..	632	19	3	Cash in Hand:					
					P.O.S.B.	..	..	522	2	3
					Bank of N.Z.	..	..	56	8	0
								578	10	3
								<u>£855</u>	0	8
								<u>£855</u>	0	8

Audited and found correct.

H. W. ARMITAGE, A.R.A. (N.Z.), A.I.A. (N.Z.).

10th December, 1945.

J. DENNIS

J. P. CHAPMAN

} Treasurers.

"METHODIST TIMES."

Balance Sheet as at 31st October, 1945.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS							
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
Unexpired Values:											
Subscriptions	646	10	6	Subscriptions Outstanding ..	286	12	9				
Advertisements	78	15	5	<i>Less</i> Prepaid	21	13	6				
			725	5	11						
Contingent Reserve Account ..			500	0	0	<i>Less</i> Provisions for Agents' Com.	20	16	6		
Suspense Account			0	6	6			244	2	9	
Accumulated Funds	587	14	2			Advertising Accounts Outstanding		26	13	0	
Transfer from Revenue Account ..	10	1	10			Deposits:					
			597	16	0	P.O. Savings Bank	1072	14	4		
						Supernumerary Fund	330	9	1		
								1403	3	5	
						Balance at Bank of N.Z.		149	9	3	
								<u>1,823</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>	
								<u>1,823</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>	

Audited and found correct.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT }
 ERNEST H. ANDREWS } Treasurers

E. H. SMITH }
 H. F. ARNOLD, A.R.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

Christchurch, 19th November, 1945

WAR SERVICES AND CHAPLAINCY FUND.

Cash Statement for period from 22nd January, 1945 to 12th December, 1945.

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS						
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		
To Balance as at 22nd January, 1945	..	62	5	9				
Circuit Collections and Donations	..	327	8	7				
Interest : P.O.S.Bank	..	3	5	8				
		£393		0	0			
		£393		0	0			
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METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND.
Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended December 31st, 1945.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Solomon Islands District :									
Missionaries Stipends and Allowances	2290	11	8						
Sisters' Stipends & Allowances	454	18	4						
Doctors' Allowances and Superannuation	139	19	0						
Native Agents	2435	0	0						
Travelling	490	3	8						
General Expenses, etc.	301	16	1						
				6112	8	9			
N.Z. Working Expenses :									
General Secretary :									
Salary	337	10	0						
Travelling	69	17	1						
House Allowance	150	0	0						
Hospitality	50	0	0						
Treasurer's Honorarium	50	0	0						
Audit Fee	15	15	0						
Connexional Charges	52	0	0						
Deputation and Travelling	181	0	9						
Exchange and Postages	121	16	2						
Printing Annual Report	100	10	0						
Office Rent and Telephones	95	17	5						
Printing and Stationery	67	12	10						
Office Assistance	306	19	6						
"Methodist Times"	10	0	0						
Sundry Expenses	15	2	2						
				1624	0	11			
By Solomon Islands Contributions :									
Island Receipts							100	0	0
New Zealand Contributions :									
General Fund, 1944	911	11	6						
General Fund, 1945	11,009	11	4						
Native Teachers	257	4	2						
Orphans	32	10	0						
Women's Auxiliaries	1345	0	0						
Interest on Working Capital	812	3	2						
Medical Fund (includ. Int.)	1656	13	3						
							16,024	13	5
Rehabilitation Receipts :									
Legacies	2953	0	1						
Women's Aux. for Sisters Rehabilitation	120	0	0						
Other Donations	2135	11	3						
Interest on Investments	1237	17	3						
Refund Gift Duty	12,450	0	0						
							18,896	8	7
Leper Fund							2262	17	5
Interest Boat Ins. Fund							147	4	1
Proceeds Charter <i>Fauro Chief</i>							91	17	6
Support Medical Orderly							530	9	8

Miscellaneous Payments :

Deaconess Institution ..	25	0	0	
Training Subsidy ..	125	0	0	
National Missionary Council	48	0	0	
Interest Paid ..	32	17	0	
Repatriation (Dr. Rutter)	50	0	0	
Loss on Publications ..	70	14	5	
Deaconess Trainees ..	40	0	0	
				391 11 5
Depreciation Atherton Road				
Property		70	0	0
Brokerage		239	3	6
Medical Fund		600	0	0
Support Medical Orderly ..		530	9	8
Leper Fund		2262	17	5
Boat Insurance Fund :				
Interest	147	4	1	
Proceeds Charter	91	17	6	
Transfer for Year	2	15	11	
				241 17 6
Rehabilitation Fund :				
Income	18,896	8	7	
Transfer from Medical	1056	13	3	
Transfer from Income and Expenditure Account	6027	19	8	
				25,981 1 6
				£38,053 10 8

 £38,053 10 8

METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND.
Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1945 (exclusive of Solomon Islands Properties).

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LIABILITIES				ASSETS						
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	
Solomon Islands District :				Solomon Islands District :						
Circuit Balances	8155	9 8			Goods and Cash in Transit ..	4520	11 10			
Sundry Creditors	633	10 0			Sundry Debtors	2746	13 7			
			8788	19 8	Government Deposit	200	0 0			
Loan on Fixed Deposit and at call			400	0 0	Cash on Hand	463	13 9			
Income for Special Purposes ..			107	10 0				7930	19 2	
Sydney, Samoa and Tonga Balances			857	16 3	Medical Fund Assets :					
Special Funds :					Colonial Sugar Refining Co. ..	500	0 0			
Medical Fund	32,981	3 6			N.Z. Govt. Stock 3%	2571	5 0			
Add Gorman Bequest Balance	600	0 0			N.Z. Govt. Stock 3½%	3595	0 0			
			33,581	3 6	N.Z. Govt. Stock 4%	7980	0 0			
Fund for Support Medical Orderly			530	9 8	National War Savings Invest. ..	1032	11 3			
Special Loper Fund :					National War Savings Cert. ..	1	4 0			
Balance, 1944	3455	19 2			Nelson C/C Debentures	5200	0 0			
Added during 1945 (including					Palmerston North Debentures	1000	0 0			
Loper's Trust Board £2000) ..	2262	17 5			Auck. Gas. Co. Shares	1466	10 0			
			5718	16 7	Auck. Gas. Coy. Debentures ..	3309	10 0			
Boat Insurance Fund :					Wellington C/C Debentures ..	3100	0 0			
Balance, 1944	2994	16 10			Wellington C/C Milk Debentures	1200	0 0			
Add Interest, etc., for 1945 ..	241	17 6			Loan Pitt St. Trustees	2000	0 0			
			3236	14 4	P.O. Savings Bank	625	3 3			
								33,581	3 6	

Boat Replacement Fund ..			2718	13	6
Rehabilitation Fund :					
Balance 1944 ..	32,458	1	11		
Add Contributions and Legacies ..	6471	9	6		
Transfer from Medical Fund ..	1056	13	3		
Refund Gift Duty ..	12,450	0	0		
Transfer Income & Exp. Account (including M.W.M.U., £963/8/0)	6027	19	8	58,464	4 4
Atherton Road Property Reserve				715	3 9
Working Capital Account ..	23,163	14	10		
Add Gorman Bequest Balance	600	0	0		
				23,763	14 10

Working Capital Assets :

Auckland C.C Debentures ..	200	0	0		
Mt. Eden Borough Council Deb.	700	0	0		
Fuller & Sons ..	750	0	0		
N.Z. Farmers' Dairy Co. ..	7	10	0		
Mortgage ..	1450	0	0		
N.Z. Govt. Stock $2\frac{1}{2}\%$..	2196	0	0		
	9608	10	0		
	3190	0	0		
	3190	0	0		
	2000	0	0		
P.O. Savings Bank ..	481	0	6		
Auckland Savings Bank ..	348	3	1		
Mt. Eden Debentures ..	800	0	0		
National Savings Investment	2032	11	3		
				23,763	14 10

Boat Insurance Fund Assets :

N.Z. Govt. Stock 3% ..	491	5	0		
	2387	7	6		
P.O. Savings Bank ..	358	1	10		
				3236	14 4

Rehabilitation Fund Assets :

N.Z. Govt. Stock $2\frac{1}{2}\%$..	39,250	19	9		
	1191	11	9		
	9041	1	3		
National Savings Investment	7032	11	3		
Auckland C/C Debentures ..	1016	5	0		
				57,532	9 0

General Secretary's Residence ..	1265	0	0		
Less Depreciation ..	70	0	0		
	1195	0	0		

	<i>Less</i> Mortgage F.I.			
	Board ..	£339	12	6
	<i>Less</i> Loan ..	£265	0	0
				<u>604 12 6</u>
	National Savings Certificates ..		590	7 6
	N.Z. Govt. 3% Stock ..		716	9 6
	Bank of New Zealand ..		7559	2 0
	Auckland Savings Bank ..		3558	6 7
			414	0 0
				<u>£138,883 6 5</u>
				<u>£138,883 6 5</u>

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, 1945, 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, 1946.

pp. MACKY & FREAR,
JOHN G. FREAR, A.P.A.N.Z., A.A.I.S., Auditor.

Somerville ("Kurahuna" Committee)		Furniture	240 0 0	
Legacy Fund	100 12 6			1843 18 0
"Kurahuna" Capital Fund	1482 17 10	Section in Auckland (¼-acre) ..		50 0 0
Solomon Islands Girls' School	2552 18 9			
Solomon Islands Capital Fund	311 19 8			
Solomon Islands Doctor Fund	100 0 0			
Home Mission Capital Fund	182 18 3			
"Kurahuna" Treasurer's Maintenance Account	343 3 1			
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	2393 18 0			
	<u>£17,095 10 8</u>			<u>£17,095 10 8</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, 1945.

Wellington,
17th September, 1945.

I. C. CROFT, Hon. Auditor.

MOUNT ALBERT AND EPSOM METHODIST ORPHANAGE.

Treasurers : SISTER IVY H. JONES ; Mr. A. L. CAUGHEY.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 30th September, 1945.

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS					
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
1944, Oct. 1st—					1945, Sept. 30th—				
To Balance —Bank of New Zealand				1946	By Revenue :				
1945, Sept. 30th—					Wages and Commission	1566	1	6	
To Revenue :					Groceries and Provisions	1161	16	0	
General Subscriptions :					Repairs and Renewals	954	3	0	
per Treasurer	20	9	2		Drapery and Shoes	86	9	10	
per Collector	79	3	0		Fuel and Light	188	10	5	
Churches—Collections & Subs.	939	16	10		Farm and Garden	105	6	3	
Sunday Schools & Y.P. Societies	35	2	11		Printing and Stationery	57	19	1	
Auckland Orph. United Council	792	0	0		Medical and Dental	35	14	8	
					Telephones	32	9	0	
	1866	11	11		Travelling Expenses	90	3	10	
Value of goods donated	67	6	0		Stamps and Petty Cash	55	12	6	
Maintenance	1698	11	0		Insurances	35	8	5	
Rents	13	18	3		Rent of Office and Board Room	30	0	0	
Interest and Dividends	1344	0	5		Rates on Properties	73	7	2	
Stock Sold	10	7	6		Audit Fee	8	8	0	
					Sundry Expenses	6	3	0	
					Goods Donated and Used	67	6	0	
									4554 18 8
					By Capital :				
To Capital :					N.Z. Govt. Stock £2500, 2½% ..	2411	0	0	
Bequests :					Legal Exps. and Commission ..	53	8	6	
Sara Andrew Estate	160	14	1		National Savings Investment				
W. R. Booth Estate	100	0	0		Account	30	0	0	
J. H. Hannan Estate	83	5	2						2494 8 6
Amy Hartley Estate	23	0	0		By Balance —Bank of N.Z.				1843 15 4
A. C. Hook Estate	50	0	0						
Millicent Peak Estate	150	0	0						
J. Veale Estate	3	18	9						
	570	18	0						

Property Sold:				
Railway St.	..	..	775 0 0	
Gorrie Avenue	..	..	600 0 0	
			<u>1945 18 0</u>	
			<u>£8,893 2 6</u>	

£8,893 2 6

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th September, 1945.

1945, Sept. 30th—		£	s.	d.
To Expenditure as per above Statement	..	4554	18	8
Depreciation—Furnishings	..	63	5	0
Motor Van	..	28	0	0
Capital A/c.—Excess Revenue Transferred		354	11	5
		<u>£5,000</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>1</u>

1945, 30th Sept.—		£	s.	d.
By Receipts as per above Statement	..	5000	15	1
		<u>£5,000</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>1</u>

Balance Sheet as at 30th Sept, 1945.

LIABILITIES						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Endowment Legacies :						
Eliza Gilmore Trust	..			1000	0	0
M. Caughey Preston	..			2000	0	0
John Randall	..			200	0	0
Capital as at 1st Oct., 1944	..	47,831	10	7		
Add Bequests	..	570	18	0		
Add Revenue Account Excess		354	11	5		
		<u>48,757</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		
Less Legal Expenses and Commission Property Sold	..	53	8	6		
		<u>48,703</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>6</u>		

ASSETS						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Properties :						
Wesley Home—latest valuation				3985	0	0
Epsom Home—latest Valuation	5330	0	0			
Less Gorrie Ave. sections sold	..	600	0	0		
		<u>4730</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		
Mt. Roskill—at cost	..			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		
		<u>10,366</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		

Inscribed Stock and Local Body Debs.			
(including investment of Endowment Legacies) N.Z. Govt.			
Stock—£14,750 at cost ..			14,766 15 0
National Savings Bond—at cost ..			100 0 0
Auckland City Debs.—at cost ..			500 0 0
Newmarket Borough Debs.—at cost ..			500 0 0
Furnishings	632 10 6		
Less Depreciation	63 5 0		
			<hr/> 569 5 6
Motor Van	140 0 0		
Less Depreciation	28 0 0		
			<hr/> 112 0 0
Farm Stock			20 0 0
Bank Balances :			
Auckland Savings Bank ..			4402 0 0
Post Office Savings Bank ..			4000 0 0
National Savings Invest. Account ..			1030 0 0
Bank of N.Z.—Fixed Deposit ..			2000 0 0
Current Account ..			1843 15 4
			<hr/> £51,903 11 6
			<hr/> <hr/> £51,903 11 6
Trounson Bequest—with General Purposes Trust Board			510 0 0
John Sheat Bequest—with Public Trust ..			2440 2 5

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, 1945, as shown by the books of the Trust.

31st October, 1945.

A. R. W. GREGORY, F.P.A.N.Z., Public Accountant.

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME.
Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th September, 1945.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Salaries and Wages	2098	17	2	By Interest Received	30	8	9		
House Supplies	858	1	3	Donations and Collections ..	1150	4	3		
Drapery, Clothing, etc. ..	429	13	9	Garden Party Proceeds	82	0	10		
Lighting and Heating	264	10	3	Combined Orphanages Appeal..	736	7	9		
Repairs, Renewals & Maintenance	347	12	0	Maintenance Fees	1486	4	1		
Stationery, Stamps and General				Legacies	1169	19	11		
Expenses	199	19	5				4655	5	7
Insurances	15	5	3	A. H. Fletcher Trust Account :					
Board and Residence Payments	333	17	2	Income Received			131	0	0
Travelling Expenses	28	8	11	Cheer Fund :					
Miscellaneous Expenses ..	218	2	10	Income Received			41	1	0
Rates	12	7	2	Sports and Playground Equipment					
				Fund			100	10	0
Depreciation Written off ..			4806 15 2	Balance, Net Deficiency for Year			616	9	7
			465 0 0						
A. H. Fletcher Trust Account :									
Expenditure, Clothing, Fees,									
Fares and Sundries ..	119	16	10						
Balance to Credit	11	3	2						
			131 0 0						
Cheer Fund : Expenditure ..	40	10	7						
Balance to Credit	0	10	5						
			41 1 0						
Sports and Playground Equipment									
Fund, Credit			100 10 0						
			£5,544 6 2				£5,544	6	2

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Audited and found correct.

Christchurch,
November 5th, 1945.

E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z.,
Auditor.

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME.

Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1945.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
A. H. Fletcher Trust:				Home, Buildings and Grounds:			
Balance, 30/9/1944	338	4	4	Home and Outbuildings ..	18,862	2	6
Add Receipts	131	0	0	Less Depreciation	300	0	0
	469	4	4		18,562	2	6
Less Payments	119	16	10	Grounds			4,363
				Furnishings	631	16	0
				Less Depreciation and Sale ..	64	10	0
					567	6	0
Cheer Fund			0 10 5	Tennis Courts	72	0	0
Sports and Playground Equipment				Less Depreciation	18	0	0
Fund			100 10 0				54 0 0
Permanent Capital Account ..			10,062 11 9	Asphalting	145	0	0
Accumulated Funds:				Less Depreciation	30	0	0
Balance, 30/9/1944	28,939	17	9				115 0 0
Transfer Investment Board ..	12,212	16	0	Live Stock	35	6	8
	16,727	1	9	Plus Purchases	6	5	0
Less Deficiency for Year ..	616	9	7		41	11	8
				Less Depreciation	5	0	0
			16,110 12 2				36 11 8
				Implements and Tools ..	170	10	0
				Less Depreciation	20	0	0
							150 10 0

Harewood Road Bungalow ..	705	0	0	
Less Depreciation	32	0	0	
				673 0 0
Outstanding for Aga Cooker ..				100 0 0
Deposit : Post Office Savings Bank				806 17 3
Balance at Bank of New Zealand				1194 7 5
				<hr/>
	£26,623	11	10	£26,623 11 10

I have audited the Accounts of the South Island Methodist Orphanage for the year ended 30th September, 1945 and all my requirements as Auditor have been complied with. In my opinion the above Balance Sheet has been properly drawn up to exhibit a true and correct view of the affairs of the Orphanage as shown by the Books.

Christchurch,
5th November, 1945.

E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z.,
Auditor.

METHODIST CENTENNIAL THANKSGIVING FUND.

Balance Sheet as at 1st February, 1946.

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
T.M.G. School				4715	14	0	P.O.S.B.				13,322	9	5
General Fund	12,831	4	9				Bonds				28	1	6
<i>Less</i> Expenses	4263	3	4				Debenture				100	0	0
<i>Less</i> Advances	148	8	4				Bank	780	7	9			
				8419	13	1	Unpresented Cheques	345	14	3			
Emb'd. Trusts				121	18	8					443	13	6
Deaconess Institution				158	11	8							
New Housing				478	7	0							
				<u>£13,894</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>					<u>£13,894</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>

**A GENERAL SUMMARY OF ALL MONIES RAISED, DISBURSED
AND FOR DISBURSEMENT.**

Name of Fund	Raised			Disbursed			For Disbursement			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Otakou	358	0	8	358	0	8	..			
Deaconess R.F. ..	328	7	6	328	7	6	..			
T.M.G.S.	7715	14	0	3000	0	0	4714	14	0	
Deaconess Inst. ..	158	11	8	..			158	11	8	
Emb'd. Trusts ..	121	18	8	..			121	18	8	
New Housing Areas	478	7	0	..			478	7	0	
A.C.M.	1272	6	8	1272	6	8	..			
D.C.M.	518	16	8	518	16	8	..			
Overseas M. ..	544	5	7	544	5	7	..			
Home Missions ..	68	0	0	68	0	0	..			
Youth Dept. ..	25	0	0	25	0	0	..			
Local Trusts ..	8729	6	0	8729	6	0	..			
General Fund ..	13,643	16	9	Ex's.	4263	3	4			
				Otakou	140	19	4			
				D.R.F.	671	12	6			
				Trusts	148	8	4	8419	13	1
	33,962	11	0	20,068	6	7	13,894	4	5	
Local Objectives ..	58,942	0	0							
Grand Total ..	£92,904	11	0							

Audited and found correct.

R. B. VERRY, A.R.A.N.Z., Auditor.

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION.
Statement of Receipts and Expenses for Year Ending December 31st, 1945.
General Account.

RECEIPTS				EXPENDITURE									
				£	s.	d.							
To Balance	47	15	10	By Printigg Annual Reports	..	..	..	3	13	0
Interest on Govt. Stock	19	14	1	Printing Address Lists	..	..	..	3	2	6
Interest on P.O.S.B. Account	4	17	9	Printing Book Lists	..	..	..	2	10	0
Book Order	6	6	0	Printing Circulars, etc.	..	..	..	6	10	11
							Stationery, Postages, Telegrams, etc.	..	..	..	7	18	10
							Conference Representatives Expenses	..	..	..	10	19	5
							Wreaths	..	..	..	1	11	0
							Deeds Box	..	..	..	2	5	0
							Epworth Press for Books	..	..	..	15	5	0
							Exchange on Draft	..	..	..	3	16	5
							Bank Charges	..	..	..	0	11	6
							Refunds on Book Orders	..	..	..	1	12	0
							Credit Balance	..	..	..	18	18	1
				£78	13	8					£78	13	8

Benevolent Fund Account.

RECEIPTS				EXPENDITURE									
				£	s.	d.							
To Balance	342	0	9	By Investment in Govt. Stock	..	..	..	500	0	0
Dividend on Wright, Stephenson Shares	4	14	0	Credit Balance	..	..	..	138	1	11
Interest on Govt. Stock	12	9	0							
Interest on P.O.S.B. Account	8	4	2							
Realisation Sale of Wright, Stevenson Shares	270	14	0							
				£638	1	11					£638	1	11

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

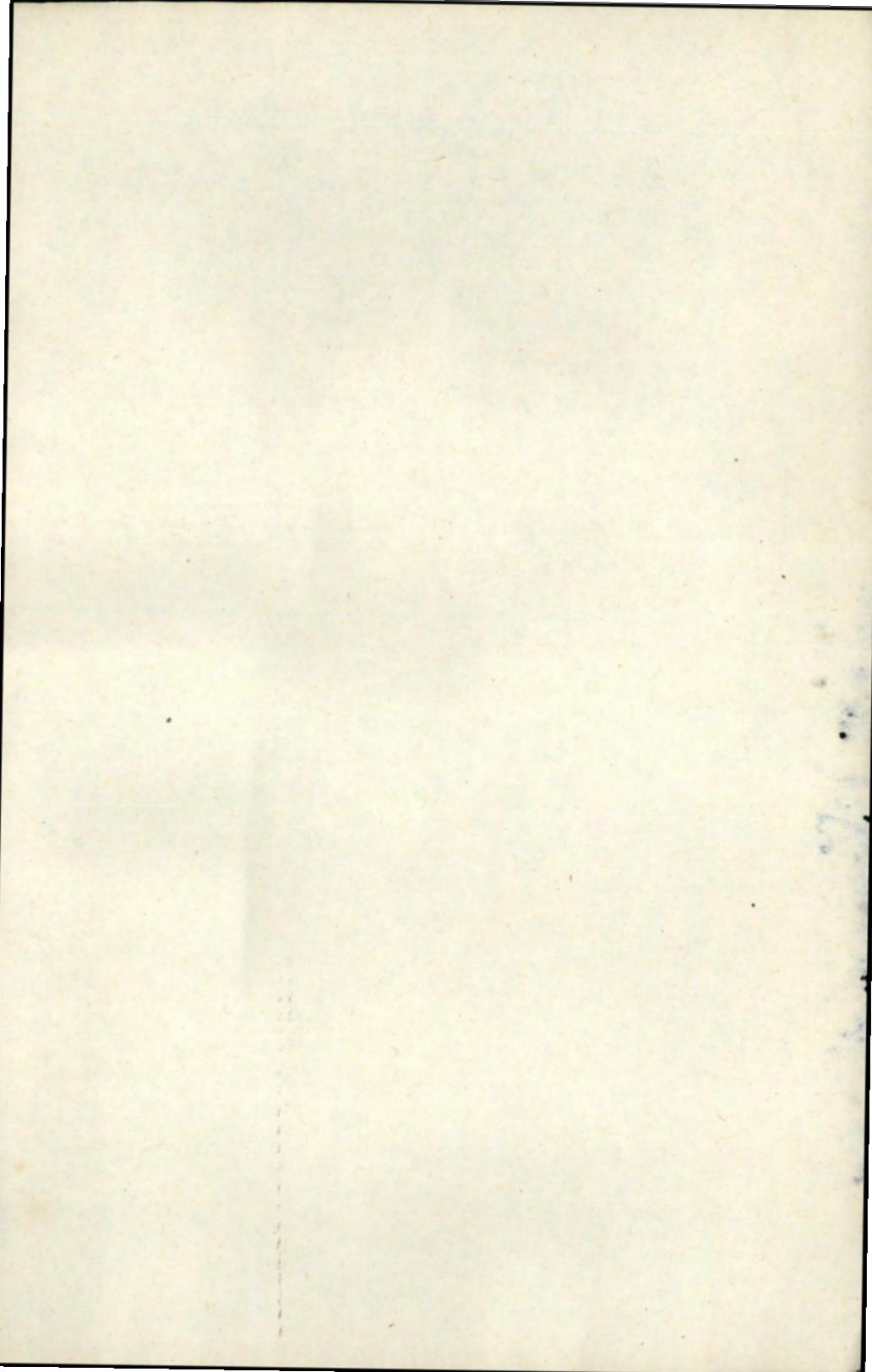
Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1945.

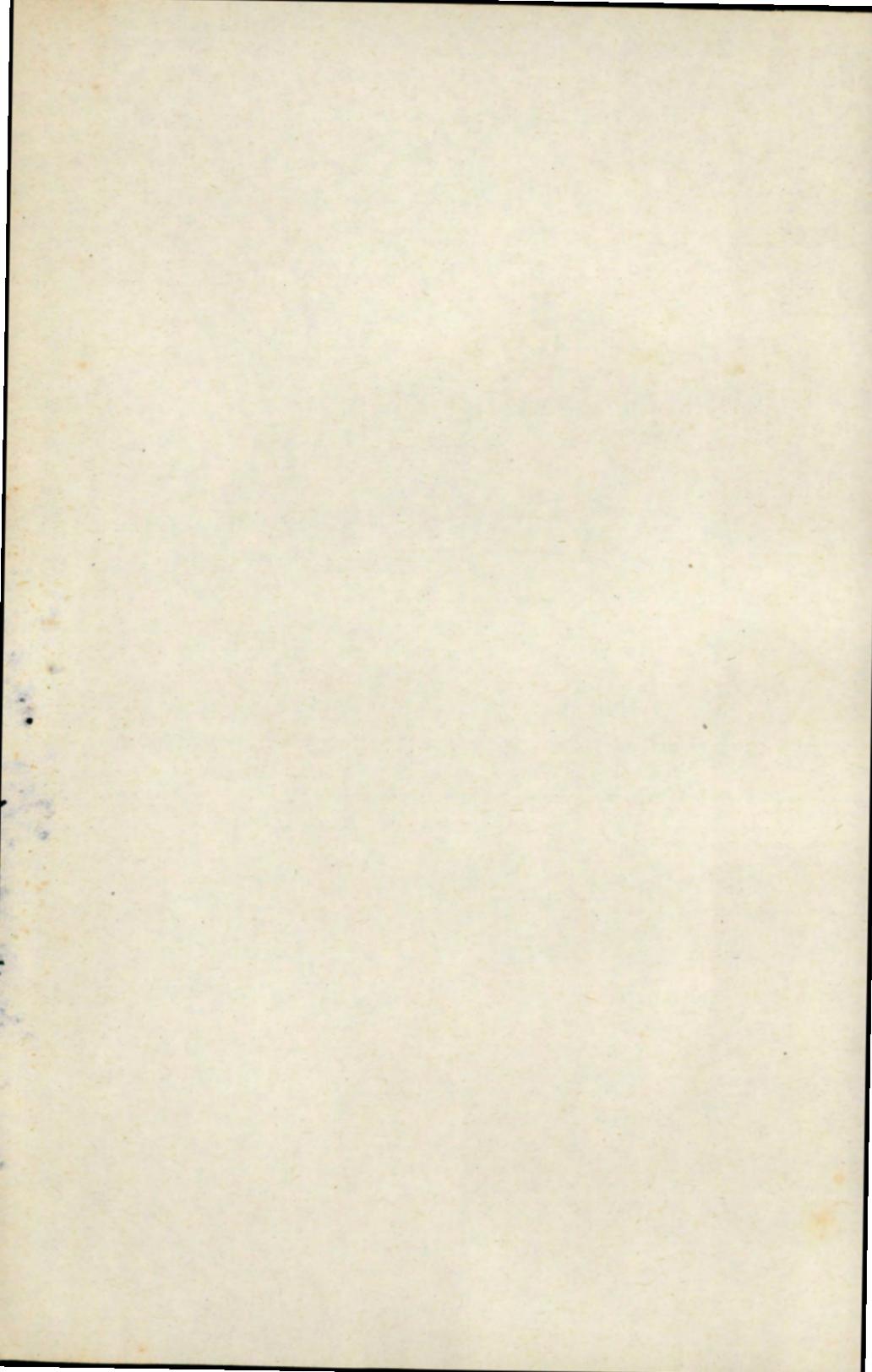
LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
				£		s. d.	
To Overdraft on National Bank ..	..	..	..	5	6	5	
Balance .. .. .	..	..	..	1657	0	0	
				<u>£1,662</u>		<u>6 5</u>	
				By Balances in P.O.S.B. Account :			
				General Account		53 8 7	
				Benevolent Account		108 17 10	
				Invested in Govt. Stock		1500 0 0	
						<u>£1,662 6 5</u>	

I have examined the above accounts and vouchers relating thereto, and certify that in my opinion, they are correct.

Auckland, 28th January, 1946.

P. DELLOW, Auditor.





GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1945.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Church Membership																					
	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Members on Roll	Number Recd. during Year			Number Removed from the Roll			Net Increase	Net Decrease	On Probation	Junior Members	Infant Members	No. of Baptisms	Communi-cants
										New Members	Transfers from other Churches	Transfers to other Churches	By Death	Transfers to other Circuits	Ceased to Attend							
Auckland Central ..	6	1	5	4	12	2	28	935	51	15	12	13	..	41	..	..	435	629	91	700
Central Mission ..	1	2	1	2	..	..	6	150	6	..	3	3	5	..	5	..	40	52	15	101
Auckland West ..	4	1	4	2	1	1	3	188	7	11	6	17	8	..	13	..	70	50	40	215		
Auckland East ..	9	..	7	5	10	..	21	809	33	21	13	39	..	8	..	..	110	100	39	674
Avondale ..	7	2	3	3	4	4	11	508	24	27	6	18	13	14	..	..	100	98	32	665
Devonport ..	3	..	2	1	3	..	2	183	6	7	3	9	1	..	1	..	28	28	87	178		
Takapuna ..	1	2	1	1	4	2	9	206	7	12	5	5	..	9	..	28	60	60	26	150		
Birkenhead ..	4	1	2	..	1	1	11	208	6	6	4	4	8	..	12	1	60	60	29	257		
Onehunga ..	4	..	2	1	2	..	7	225	12	8	1	10	12	..	3	11	37	81	26	255		
Otahuhu ..	4	..	2	1	1	..	8	290	6	6	..	..	..	6	..	..	90	55	28	255
Papakura ..	3	2	2	1	1	..	3	152	18	8	3	7	2	14	..	..	35	83	12	110
Pukekohe ..	5	1	2	1	1	..	8	141	7	9	1	14	3	..	2	..	40	85	22	170		
Waiuku ..	1	5	1	1	1	..	1	84	2	5	2	..	..	5	..	..	26	54	9	62
Mahurangi ..	2	8	..	1	..	1	4	83	..	1	..	..	..	7	..	..	31	24	4	102
Paparoa ..	4	8	1	1	1	..	5	74	..	1	2	2	9	..	13	..	34	29	7	40		
Dargaville ..	5	7	1	1	1	..	3	184	12	12	1	6	2	3	..	..	55	58	20	112
Ruawai ..	2	7	..	1	..	1	2	102	2	1	..	3	11	3	..	..	32	41	9	80
Whangarei ..	4	5	1	1	1	..	11	204	5	8	..	8	1	1	..	..	9	74	14	135
Hikurangi ..	1	5	..	..	..	1	..	55	..	..	1	7	..	..	8	..	17	28	7	51
Whangaroa ..	2	6	1	1	1	..	..	40	..	3	1	3	..	..	1	..	41	57	5	65
Port Albert ..	6	4	3	1	1	..	2	106	20	5	1	3	2	19	..	..	58	57	14	110
Kawakawa-Kaikoho	2	6	..	..	..	1	..	60	1	5	..	8	..	..	2	..	19	27	7	40
Mangonui ..	4	4	..	..	1	..	5	60	4	1	1	7	..	..	3	..	42	98	13	60
Hokianga ..	2	7	1	1	1	..	3	40	1	1	1	8	1	..	9	..	44	33	8	60		
Bombay-Tuakau ..	3	2	..	1	..	1	8	114	5	3	2	5	..	4	..	..	64	19	14	96
North Waitamata ..	3	12	3	2	..	1	6	99	5	7	..	1	8	3	..	..	18	45	14	55
Bay of Islands ..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	16	1	3	..	1	..	3	..	..	11	7	3	24
North Hokianga ..	3	10	2	1	..	1	4	97	8	..	2	6	13	..	13	..	95	65	6	92		
TOTALS ..	96	108	47	35	50	18	171	5413	249	186	71	207	99	140	85	41	1622	2141	540	4804		

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Thames ..	2	1	2	1	2	..	1	117	9	1	1	2	..	7	..	..	47	2	5	70
Hauraki Plains ..	2	4	..	..	1	..	1	72	10	9	1	..	..	18	..	..	31	46	10	40
Paeroa ..	1	1	1	1	1	..	3	56	1	4	..	4	3	..	2	..	30	30	1	50
Waihi ..	1	3	1	1	1	..	2	84	3	8	2	8	1	..	..	..	13	51	10	110
Te Aroha ..	4	1	3	1	1	..	5	240	..	3	2	7	1	..	7	..	57	80	10	200
Morrinsville ..	3	3	2	2	1	..	8	190	7	6	..	7	..	6	..	1	142	78	36	180
Cambridge ..	3	1	2	1	1	..	3	146	15	3	..	3	3	15	..	..	49	20	12	75
Hamilton ..	4	3	3	2	3	1	13	487	38	27	8	27	8	22	..	..	39	55	54	395
Hamilton East ..	3	5	2	1	1	..	10	191	..	8	..	7	..	1	..	..	..	..	20	200
Huntly ..	1	6	..	..	1	..	3	96	5	2	2	12	..	..	5	..	50	44	9	55
Matamata ..	3	2	1	1	1	..	5	160	4	8	1	6	1	4	..	..	58	52	7	145
Putaruru ..	1	5	1	1	1	..	..	52	..	2	1	6	..	..	5	..	27	22	..	48
Rotorua ..	2	5	2	1	3	..	2	127	14	6	2	2	..	10	..	6	40	40	11	130
Tauranga ..	2	11	1	2	1	..	6	248	11	8	2	5	1	20	..	..	45	51	13	180
Whakatane ..	2	2	1	1	..	1	1	90	19	5	..	7	..	17	..	..	31	33	17	49
Opotiki ..	2	1	1	1	1	..	..	44	3	2	..	1	..	4	..	..	34	27	9	50
Te Awamutu ..	2	7	1	1	1	..	4	150	9	5	5	9	..	..	..	..	41	54	12	120
Otorohanga ..	1	13	..	1	1	..	5	80	2	..	2	1	..	..	1	5	34	48	6	68
Te Kuiti ..	1	6	1	1	1	..	..	57	1	4	..	7	..	..	3	..	30	15	65	30
Taumaranui ..	1	7	..	1	1	..	..	66	3	2	..	2	..	1	..	..	18	30	10	30
Raglan ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	41	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ngaruawahia ..	3	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kawhia ..	1	7	..	1	1	..	1	48	..	..	..	8	..	..	8	..	16	9	2	19
Coromandel ..	1	7	1	1	..	1	2	27	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	6	50
Ohura ..	3	6	..	1	..	..	1	53	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	35	23	2	30
TOTALS ..	49	108	26	25	23	5	76	2922	154	113	29	133	18	125	33	12	867	833	327	2324

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

New Plymouth ..	9	3	3	2	4	2	13	563	12	26	14	11	3	10	..	2	133	151	37	360
Waitara ..	3	2	2	1	1	..	3	100	3	6	2	2	..	5	..	..	66	60	22	120
Stratford ..	5	..	1	1	1	..	6	156	..	3	2	7	..	..	6	..	34	101	8	147
Eltham-Kaponga	2	6	2	1	1	..	5	140	..	2	4	10	..	..	12	..	35	77	17	60
Hawera ..	3	..	2	1	1	..	6	230	21	4	4	17	..	4	..	..	76	100	12	122
Manaia ..	2	2	1	1	..	1	3	74	4	2	..	2	..	4	..	4	31	15	6	49
Opunake ..	6	7	3	3	1	1	11	195	10	6	1	15	3	..	3	..	76	147	20	125
Wanganui ..	2	1	1	1	1	..	1	295	6	4	7	8	10	..	15	..	48	35	16	256
Wanganui North	3	..	3	2	1	..	5	175	12	2	2	4	2	6	..	..	90	50	8	100
Gonville ..	3	..	1	1	2	..	1	93	7	7	2	4	4	..	4	..	60	33	14	90
Taihape ..	1	5	1	1	1	..	2	47	5	6	..	..	..	11	..	..	26	21	5	16
Inglewood ..	2	4	1	1	..	1	1	86	9	5	3	9	..	2	..	6	58	60	28	60
Marton ..	1	3	1	1	1	..	1	61	..	2	2	1	..	..	1	..	23	23	6	45
Raetihi ..	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	22	..	3	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	10	2	17
Patea ..	2	2	..	1	..	..	1	33	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	17	..	24
Douglas ..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTALS ..	47	35	22	20	14	6	60	2270	89	78	43	90	22	49	37	12	768	900	201	1591

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Napier ..	5	..	2	1	2	1	15	326	14	13	7	5	2	13	..	1	3	22	24	250
Hastings ..	1	2	2	1	2	..	10	303	8	2	9	14	27	..	40	..	..	112	23	220
Gisborne ..	3	..	1	1	1	..	2	201	..	10	..	3	..	7	..	..	41	39	10	150
Wairoa ..	1	3	..	..	..	1	1	35	5	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	23	16	8	36
Dannevirke ..	1	..	1	1	1	..	4	123	20	..	3	1	5	13	..	..	..	..	19	80
Woodville ..	1	2	..	1	1	..	1	103	14	..	1	10	..	3	..	..	27	51	9	94
Pahiatua ..	3	2	1	1	1	..	2	92	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	20	36	6	84
P.N., St. Paul's	1	1	1	1	1	..	10	211	1	6	2	8	..	1	..	10	30	39	14	150
P.N., Cuba Street	2	..	2	1	1	..	2	205	10	6	2	10	..	4	..	12	39	68	15	130
Ashhurst-Bunthytorpe	3	..	1	1	1	..	4	126	8	2	1	1	2	6	..	..	37	33	6	95
Feilding ..	6	4	3	2	1	1														

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1945.

NELSON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Church Membership																					
	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Members on Roll	Number Recd during Year			Number Removed from the Roll			Net Increase	Net Decrease	On Probation	Junior Members	Infant Members	No. of Baptisms	Communi-cants
										New Members	Transfers from other Churches	By Death	Transfers to Other Circuits	Ceased to Attend								
Nelson	1	1	4	1	2	..	..	11	260	..	4	7	10	..	5	..	..	45	35	10	230
Richmond	4	..	3	1	1	..	..	9	141	1	..	6	3	4	..	12	..	51	34	7	80
Motueka	1	3	1	1	1	..	..	6	103	..	..	4	2	..	6	..	..	14	..	..	68
Blenheim	6	3	4	2	2	..	..	11	335	25	..	6	4	11	4	..	120	112	40	300	
Reefton	2	1	1	1	..	1	..	2	73	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	44	51	1	47
Westport	2	1	1	1	1	..	..	2	110	..	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	38	57	10	70
Greymouth	3	6	1	1	1	..	..	4	178	8	2	2	13	4	..	9	..	69	70	20	140
Hokitika	1	2	1	1	1	..	..	..	69	7	2	..	4	..	5	..	..	16	31	5	35
Wakefield-Dovedale	4	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	39	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	20	..	..	19
Murchison	1	5	..	..	..	1	..	1	27	..	4	1	1	1	..	2	..	18	45	2	30
Granity	3	5	..	1	..	..	..	1	53	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24	17	..	..
Havelock	4	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	19	..	19	..	..	..	..	..
TOTALS	32	30	17	11	9	2	..	47	1394	42	16	27	38	39	14	51	9	459	452	95	1059	

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Durham Street	2	1	3	2	10	..	2	4	433	19	10	6	17	3	..	..	..	101	74	21	410
Christchurch East	7	1	6	3	7	1	..	13	667	28	30	12	36	..	10	..	..	335	247	90	560
Cambridge Terrace	5	..	2	2	1	..	..	2	133	5	3	4	..	..	..	4	..	32	33	7	110
Woolston	3	..	5	1	2	..	..	5	289	7	2	1	3	8	..	3	..	80	108	19	255
Sydenham	2	1	3	2	1	..	..	5	215	5	5	1	1	..	8	..	..	136	120	18	168
Addington	2	..	2	1	1	..	..	2	206	6	5	4	2	5	..	..	10	64	60	29	220
Riccarton	3	1	3	1	1	1	..	3	154	4	4	2	5	..	..	..	..	60	73	21	130
St. Albans	3	..	2	2	4	..	..	8	435	16	..	..	..	..	16	..	5	90	118	..	325
Papanui	3	..	1	2	1	1	..	4	204	7	9	2	4	..	10	..	..	74	24	9	146
Lyttelton	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	63	4	..	..	2	4	..	2	..	22	24	5	40
Springston	5	2	2	1	1	..	..	6	122	6	..	..	2	..	4	..	..	50	20	6	90
Leeston	6	..	1	1	1	..	..	4	251	6	3	4	3	..	2	..	..	51	70	8	109
Kaiapoi	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	2	112	17	..	2	5	2	10	..	..	50	65	3	70
Ohoka	4	..	1	1	1	..	..	8	116	6	..	2	..	..	4	..	..	25	21	8	120
Rangiora	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	4	160	15	..	2	4	..	9	..	..	28	24	7	113
Woodend-Sefton	4	2	1	1	1	..	..	..	90	4	..	5	4	1	..	6	6	37	40	5	68
Greendale	2	5	1	1	1	..	..	3	82	1	..	2	1	..	..	2	..	34	17	3	61
Oxford	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	5	71	..	4	2	6	..	..	4	..	10	18	2	70
Tai Tapu	3	1	1	1	1	..	..	2	66	..	2	..	4	..	..	2	..	17	11	..	63
Waddington	4	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	48	..	1	1	7	..	..	7	..	15	16	2	30
Hawarden	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	23	..	..	..	4	2	..	6	..	29	9	1	..
TOTALS	65	17	38	27	37	4	2	81	3940	156	78	52	110	25	73	36	21	1340	1212	264	3158

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Timaru (Bank Street)	1	2	2	1	1	..	..	6	175	16	7	5	4	8	6	..	..	80	47	6	150
Timaru (Woodlands St.)	2	1	2	1	1	..	..	3	230	17	..	4	16	..	..	3	..	88	63	12	154
Timaru	3	1	..	..	1	..	..	3	85	2	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	25	11	7	50
Waimate	2	2	1	1	2	..	..	2	160	8	4	4	3	15	..	10	..	50	28	3	100
Tumata	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	95	..	6	..	2	7	..	3	..	26	34	2	65
Geraldine	1	3	1	1	1	..	..	..	88	4	4	7	5	1	..	5	..	20	30	8	70
Ashburton	2	3	1	1	1	..	1	10	332	19	8	6	16	5	..	..	..	57	80	22	230
Willowby	6	5	2	2	1	..	..	8	138	3	3	5	..	..	1	..	..	39	14	5	150
Oamaru	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	3	147	4	9	3	3	..	7	..	..	32	23	2	100
Rakaia-Methven	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	29	2	..	..	9	9	..	16	..	..	..	2	20
TOTALS	23	18	11	9	10	..	1	36	1479	75	41	35	58	45	15	37	..	417	330	69	1089

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Dunedin Central	4	..	2	2	3	..	..	8	290	8	8	2	7	..	7	..	..	74	60	5	200
Dunedin Central Mission	1	..	1	2	2	1	..	4	206	24	..	2	..	10	12	..	..	6	97	19	350
Dunedin North	3	..	3	..	1	..	..	1	142	7	1	2	2	..	4	..	..	66	50	10	90
Cargill Road	4	..	3	1	3	..	..	3	217	5	2	3	2	6	..	4	..	131	125	26	155
St. Kilda	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	3	150	..	4	2	3	..	..	1	..	37	25	4	160
Caversham	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	4	154	1	1	2	2	3	..	5	..	44	33	11	92
Mornington	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	6	149	5	..	8	3	3	..	9	..	35	45	7	140
Roslyn	1	..	1	1	2	..	..	2	66	..	..	3	7	..	..	10	..	30	23	5	60
Port Chalmers	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	61	1	1	1	3	..	..	2	..	19	4	..	40
Milton	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	53	..	..	2	5	4	..	16	..	11	22	1	40
Roxburgh	3	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	53	4	2	..	..	2	4	..	..	16	16	9	42
Invercargill Central	2	2	2	1	1	..	..	2	302	9	5	3	3	6	2	..	..	78	43	19	230
Invercargill, St. Peter's	2	2	2	2	2	..	..	3	218	8	4	1	7	..	4	..	..	63	35	3	225
Gore	2	1	1	2	1	..	..	..	108	9	..	2	..	..	9	..	..	16	20	4	95
Bluff	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	40	..	..	1	3	..	..	4	..	31	19	..	24
Waikouaiti (Palmerston)	2	3	..	1	..	1	..	..	26	1	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	11	17	2	33
Mosgiel	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	41	2	..	1	2	5	..	6	..	9	21	2	20
Lawrence	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	23	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	15	..	13
Balclutha	2	..	1	1	..	1	..	4	54	4	..	3	5	..	..	2	..	19	16	6	30
Edendale	2	2	..	1	..	1	..	2	68	1	2	1	2	4	..	4	..	20	23		

GENERAL FINANCIAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1945.
NELSON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Stipends, etc.							State of Finances at 30th September																
	Annual Stipend (if 2 or more Ministers specify separately)		Connexional Charges		Bonus and/or Allowances (other than travelling) additional to Annual Stipend		Travelling (or Car) Allowance		Ownership of Car C. Circuit M. Minister		Circuit		Trust Account Totals											
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.						
Nelson	325	0	0	100	0	0	..	10	0	0	M	3	17	4	..	20	16	5	..					
Richmond	275	0	0	54	0	0	7	9	0	45	0	0	M	3	5	1	..	31	18	6	..			
Motueka	285	0	0	58	0	0	..	10	0	0	..	4	5	9	19	2	7			
Blenheim	325	0	0	124	0	0	20	0	0	27	0	0	..	1200	0	0	..				
Reefton	275	0	0	20	0	0	65	0	0	M				
Westport	250	0	0	25	0	0	..	..	..	..	20	18	6	..	13	18	1	..		
Greymouth	360	0	0	34	0	0	15	0	0	..	31	13	11	..	16	7	1	..						
Hokitika	260	0	0	64	0	0	..	70	0	0	M	40	0	0	..	10	7	2	..					
Geyser	275	0	0	36	0	0	..	40	0	0	M	..	58	12	5	30	15	0			
Wakefield-Dovedale .. .. .	..	..	..	4	0	0	..	..	..	..	18	16	0	..	2	3	4	..
Murchison	160	0	0	4	0	0	..	4	0	0	..	11	13	11					
Grantown .. .. .	..	..	..	4	0	0	..	..	..	..	88	6	2	..	..	..	..	..	
Havelock .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	113	0	0	..	
TOTALS	2950	0	0	507	0	0	62	9	0	244	0	0	249	16	8	58	12	5	1408	10	7	49	17	7

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Durham Street	375	0	0	147	13	4	..	52	0	0	M	101	14	4	..	118	8	11	..			
Christchurch East	300	0	0	177	11	8	..	30	0	0	..	16	12	3	..	218	7	0	14	6	4	
Cambridge Terrace	300	0	0	50	2	4	..	40	0	0	M	50	16	10	..	407	4	3	..			
Woolston	195	0	0	91	3	0	..	16	0	0	M	17	14	11	..	..	..	..
Sydenham	300	0	0	50	16	8	..	42	0	0	M	..	1	0	6	..	87	10	7	29	9	7
Addington	275	0	0	55	9	8	..	33	0	0	M	85	5	11	..	79	1	4	..			
Riccarton	300	0	0	50	18	0	..	40	0	0	M	..	12	0	0	..	223	0	7	..		
St. Albans	326	0	0	110	16	8	..	24	0	0	M	34	16	10	..	..	..	..
Papanui	300	0	0	53	3	0	..	20	0	0	M	95	6	2	..	151	12	2	..			
Lytelton	300	0	0	35	14	4	..	..	..	..	26	13	7	..	..	..	..	
Springston	262	0	0	38	13	4	..	70	0	0	M	10	11	0	..	77	4	8	..			
Leeston	300	0	0	65	2	8	..	60	0	0	M	10	0	0	..	..	..	..
Kaipoi	275	0	0	44	2	0	..	25	0	0	M	20	11	0	50	0	0		
Ohoka	275	0	0	41	18	0	..	80	0	0	M	16	2	0	..	163	7	10	23	7	3	
Rangiora	275	0	0	48	8	8	..	40	0	0	M	16	18	1	..	65	7	2	..			
Woodend-Sefton	300	0	0	38	17	0	..	30	0	0	M	13	16	11	..	159	2	7	3	1	3	
Oxford	300	0	0	40	6	8	..	64	0	0	M	36	4	0	..	..	..	..
Greendale	160	0	0	16	3	0	..	20	0	0	M	7	14	1	..	8	14	5	..			
Tai Tapu	210	0	0	4	0	0	..	25	0	0	M	..	42	11	4	..	35	0	10	2	2	10
Waddington	210	0	0	4	0	0	..	30	0	0	M	..	56	17	3	..	31	5	6	..		
Hawarden .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	95	6	2	..	..	..	..	
Connexional Office .. .. .	..	..	..	61	5	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Youth Director .. .. .	..	..	..	48	5	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTALS	7493	0	0	721	0	0	..	656	4	1	112	9	1	1825	7	10	122	7	3

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.					
Timaru (Bank Street)	275	0	0	54	6	0	..	36	0	0	M	118	10	0	..	6	1	10	..				
Timaru (Woodlands St.)	300	0	0	67	0	0	..	10	0	0	M	8	19	11	..	8	11	1	..				
Timaru South	255	0	0	25	12	0	..	35	0	0	M	6	15	4	..	31	10	7	..				
Waimate	275	0	0	53	16	0	..	45	0	0	M	..	3	16	9	..	66	8	11	..			
Temuka	300	0	0	25	12	0	..	..	..	..	..	14	12	5	..	..	..	39	9	4
Geraldine	200	0	0	25	12	0	..	20	0	0	M	112	12	3	..	..	..	13	16	7
Ashburton	315	0	0	103	10	0	..	60	0	0	M	..	14	0	5	..	5	3	4	..			
Willowby	275	0	0	45	4	0	..	100	0	0	M	43	3	11	..	95	8	10	..				
Oamaru	258	0	0	39	8	0	..	20	0	0	M	6	6	5	..	..	..	108	13	3
Rakaia-Methven .. .. .	..	..	..	4	0	0	..	..	..	..	71	1	10	..	5	0	0	..		
TOTALS	2453	6	0	444	0	0	..	306	0	0	..	367	9	8	32	9	7	218	4	7	161	19	2

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			
Dunedin Central	325	0	0	115	10	0	..	12	0	0	M	29	1	4	..	209	11	4	2	6	0
Dunedin Central Mission	400	0	0	115	0	0	..	100	0	0	M	19	0	0	9254	12	11	
Dunedin North	240	0	0	25	0	0	..	26	0	0	M	..	3	9	0	..	16	13	6	..	
Cargill Road	275	0	0	68	0	0	..	65	0	0	M	32	11	7	..	11	3	11	..		
St. Kilda	195	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moversham	275	0	0	56	0	0	4	0	0	..	5	3	6	..	29	19	9	..			
Cornnington	275	0	0	44	0	0	..	12	0	0	..	81	18	4	..	163	16	9	..		
Roslyn	275	0	0	60	0	0	9	18	0	..	..	..	..	47	1	7	..		
Port Chalmers	275	0	0	36	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	24	6	1	..	24	19	3	..
Milton	235	0	0	25	0	0	..	27	0	0	63	2	0	..	100	12	9	..	
Roxburgh	260	0	0	36	0	0	..	64	13	9	M	..	15	8	6	..	7	10	10	..	
Invercargill Central	235	0	0	30	0	0	..	50	0	0	M	0	16	9	..	9	14	8	..		
Invercargill, St. Peter's	300	0	0	110	0	0	30	0	0	M	6	16	3	..	..	..	265	16	0
Gore	300	0	0	66	10	0	..	50	0	0	M	..	14	1	9	..	165	5	3	..	
Bluff	275	0	0	49	0	0	..	39	0	0	M	16	2	0	..	14	4	0	410	12	10
Waikouaiti-Palmerston	no agent	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	18	10	..	135	8	5	..	
Mosgiel	220	0	0	..	..	..	..	15	15	11	..	20	14	8	..	..	..	..
Lawrence	no agent	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	4	11	..	21	17	1	..	
Balclutha	210	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	5	..	81	10	8	..	
Edendale	200	0	0	..	..	..	..	17	3	0	M	24	17	11	..	180	19	11	..
Otautau-Tuatapere	250	0	0	..	..	..	..	50	0	0	M	20	18	4	..	17	9	9	..
Riverton	no agent	100	0	0	M	..	9	0	0	..	26	2	2	..	
Nightcaps	230	0	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	100	9	6	..		
Cromwell	230	0	0	..	..	..	..	60	0	0	M								

METHODIST HOME MISSION DEPARTMENT

ESTIMATES

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE, 1945

Income

CIRCUITS, HOME MISSION STATIONS AND AIDED CIRCUITS.

(Actual average ordinary income for last three years.)

	£	s.	d.
Auckland District	2,011	6	6
South Auckland District	1,118	19	4
Taranaki-Wanganui District	619	17	8
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District	889	9	6
Wellington District	1,084	13	9
Nelson District	486	6	0
North Canterbury District	1,277	10	11
South Canterbury District	467	5	1
Otago-Southland District	775	12	4

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PROPERTIES AND INVESTMENTS	2,750	0	0
SPECIAL FOR MAORI WORK —M.W.M.U. Objective	1,665	0	0
MISCELLANEOUS	275	0	0

Total Estimated Ordinary Income from All Sources £13,421 1 1

Expenditure

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Maori Work.		£	s.	d.
Senior Maori Supt.—Stipend ..	240	0	0	
Travelling ..	75	0	0	
Special Travelling ..	25	0	0	
Invest. Funds Bd. Rent ..	80	0	0	
Minister—Stipend ..	240	0	0	
Travelling ..	75	0	0	
Special Travelling ..	10	0	0	
Investment Funds Board Rent ..	20	0	0	
Minister—Stipend ..	225	0	0	
Travelling ..	60	0	0	
Investment Funds Board Rent ..	30	0	0	
Home Missionary—Stipend ..	50	0	0	
Travelling ..	52	0	0	
Rent, Phone ..	26	0	0	
Hon. Home Missionaries—Grants for Travelling and General Dist. Expenses..	90	0	0	
Deaconess—Stipend ..	190	0	0	
Deaconess—Stipend ..	185	0	0	
Auckland Deaconesses' Travelling ..	45	0	0	
Deaconess—Stipend ..	195	0	0	
Provision for Car ..	70	0	0	
Deaconess—Stipend ..	185	0	0	
Provision for Car ..	70	0	0	
Deaconess—Stipend ..	185	0	0	
Travelling ..	50	0	0	
Deaconess—Stipend ..	185	0	0	
Travelling ..	50	0	0	

£2,728 0 0

Home Mission Stations.

Bombay-Tuakau ..	10	0	0
North Waitemata—If 2 Agents (If 1 Agent, £40) ..	125	0	0
North Hokianga ..	80	0	0

Circuits with Home Missionaries.

Port Albert—If 2nd Agent (Otherwise, Nil) ..	50	0	0
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Aided Circuits.

Whangaroa—If M.O.M. ..	65	0	0
Hokianga—If M.O.M. (If M.P., £20) ..	55	0	0
Auckland West (2nd Agent) ..	60	0	0
Birkenhead—If 2nd Agent ..	45	0	0
Mangonui ..	40	0	0
Mahurangi—If M.O.M. ..	50	0	0
Kawakawa-Kaikohē—If M.O.M. ..	55	0	0
Hikurangi—If S.H.M. ..	15	0	0
Paparōa ..	25	0	0

£675 0 0

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Maori Work.

Waikato Circuit.

Home Missionary—Stipend ..	180	0	0
Travelling ..	60	0	0
Home Missionary—Travelling & Allowance ..	240	0	0
Home Missionary—Stipend ..	180	0	0
Travelling ..	60	0	0
Grants for Travelling (Hon. Sup. Minister, 6 Hon. H.M.'s and General District Exes.)	373	10	0

	£	s.	d.
Special Travelling ..	10	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend ..	200	0	0
Provision for Car ..	70	0	0
Deaconess Supply—Stipend ..	160	0	0
Provision for Car ..	70	0	0
Deaconess Supply—Stipend ..	160	0	0
Provision for Car ..	70	0	0
Hon. Assistant Deaconess—Travelling ..	36	0	0
Investment Board for Rent ..	48	12	6

King Country Circuit.

Minister—Stipend ..	215	0	0
Travelling ..	60	0	0
Home Missionary—Stipend ..	180	0	0
Travelling & Rent ..	100	0	0
Home Missionary—Stipend ..	180	0	0
Travelling & Allowances ..	60	0	0
Grant for Travelling, 5 Hon. H.M.'s and Gen. Dist. Exes.	260	0	0
Special Travelling ..	10	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend ..	200	0	0
Provision for Car ..	70	0	0
Deaconess Supply—Stipend ..	200	0	0
Travelling ..	60	0	0
Investment Board Rent ..	73	0	0

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Home Mission Stations.

Coromandel ..	70	0	0
Kawhia ..	50	0	0
Kawhia—Travelling ..	25	0	0
Ohura—If S.H.M. ..	25	0	0

Aided Circuits.

Taumarunui ..	95	0	0
Rotorua ..	10	0	0
Hauraki Plains ..	45	0	0
Opotiki—If M.P. ..	40	0	0
Waikā—If M.O.M. ..	75	0	0
Te Kuiti—If M.H.M. ..	50	0	0
Special for Travelling ..	20	0	0

£505 0 0

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

Maori Work.

Minister—Stipend ..	240	0	0
Travelling ..	75	0	0
Special Travelling ..	10	0	0
Inv. Pd. Bd. Rent ..	50	0	0
Home Missionary—Stipend ..	180	0	0
Travelling ..	60	0	0
Rent & Furn. ..	75	0	0
Hon. H.M.'s Grant for Trav. and Gen. Dist. Exes. ..	120	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend ..	200	0	0
Travelling ..	50	0	0
Deaconess Supply—Stipend ..	160	0	0
Provision for Car ..	70	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend ..	190	0	0
Provision for Car ..	70	0	0
Deaconess (If appointed)—Stipend ..	160	0	0
Travelling ..	50	0	0

£1,760 0 0

Home Mission Stations.

	£	s.	d.
Marton—If M.H.M.	50	0	0
Inglewood	15	0	0
Patea—If M.H.M.	60	0	0
(If S.H.M., £10)			

Aided Circuits.

Taihape	20	0	0
	£145	0	0

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Waipawa	50	0	0
Foxton—If S.M. Supply	10	0	0
Apiti—If M.H.M.	30	0	0

Aided Circuits.

Wairoa	40	0	0
Pahiatua	15	0	0
	£145	0	0

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Paraparaumu	60	0	0
Upper Hutt—S.H.M.	40	0	0

Aided Circuits.

Hutt	55	0	0
Eketahuna	30	0	0
Johnsonville-Ngaio (Porirua) (reducing) (If M.O.M.)	65	0	0

Circuits with Home Missionaries.

Wellington East	60	0	0
Wellington East (if Sup.) for Island Bay	25	0	0
Deaconess Hutt Circuit	60	0	0
	£395	0	0

NELSON DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Granby	40	0	0
Granby—For Travelling	10	0	0
Murchison	30	0	0
Havelock (if present arrange- ment)	20	0	0

Aided Circuits.

Westport	20	0	0
Reefton	40	0	0
Hokitika	20	0	0
Hokitika—Special	25	0	0
	£205	0	0

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Waddington—If M.H.M.	45	0	0
Tai Tapu	35	0	0

Aided Circuits.

Riccarton (if 2nd Agent S.P.) . . .	60	0	0
Lytelton	40	0	0
Springston	30	0	0
Oxford (on present bound- aries)	10	0	0
Papanui (for Supply Belfast)	25	0	0
	£245	0	0

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Aided Circuits.

	£	s.	d.
Temuka	35	0	0
Temuka—Maori	5	0	0
Geraldine—If M.O.M.	45	0	0
(Otherwise Nil)			
	£85	0	0

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Waikouaiti-Palmerston	70	0	0
Otautau-Tuatapere	20	0	0
Travelling	15	0	0
Nightcaps—If M.H.M.	75	0	0
Nightcaps—For Rent If Rented Parsonage	50	0	0
Mosgiel—If M.H.M. and Min. Stipend	60	0	0
Cromwell	60	0	0
Cargill Road-St. Clair	25	0	0
Bluff—If M.H.M.	40	0	0
Balclutha	50	0	0
Edendale	15	0	0

Aided Circuits.

Dunedin North (if Parsonage Scheme initiated)	50	0	0
Milton	55	0	0
Roslyn	20	0	0
Roxburgh—If M.O.M.	80	0	0
Port Chalmers—M.H.M.	50	0	0
Combined Youth Committee	100	0	0
	£835	0	0

GENERAL.

Maori Work.

S.S. Materials	10	0	0
Printing Leaflets	30	0	0
Special South Island Travelling Workers' Conference	15	0	0
Students (Deaconesses and General)	50	0	0
Methodist Times	90	0	0
Car Depreciation Grant	5	0	0
Contingencies	75	0	0
South Island Deaconess— Stipend	150	0	0
Travelling	100	0	0
Subsidy Maori Paper	40	0	0
Maori Furniture	30	0	0
Removal Expenses—Maori	40	0	0
Maori Bible Class Camps (from Y.M.B.C.'s)	25	0	0
	40	0	0
	£700	0	0

Miscellaneous.

Home Mission Removal Ex- penses Fund Grant	45	0	0
Home Mission Retiring Fund Subsidies Est.	220	0	0
Deaconess Retiring Fund Sub- sidies Est.	170	0	0
Home Mission Deputation Ex- penses	150	0	0
Religious Film Society (N.Z.) . . .	100	0	0
Ministerial Supplies	100	0	0
Deaconess Institution	150	0	0
Interest and Bank Charges	200	0	0
Church Sites Fund	100	0	0
Printing and Stationery	250	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Advertising Space N.Z. Methodist Times	12	10	0
Subsidy L. & C. Department—			
Colporteur	150	0	0
Picture Dept.	30	0	0
Contingencies and Sundries	400	0	0
Circulating Library	5	0	0
Spiritual Advance Committee	25	0	0
Natural Calamities Fund	25	0	0
	<u>£2,132</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>

General Superintendent.

Stipend	350	0	0
Travelling	100	0	0
Rent to Inv. Funds Board	150	0	0
	<u>£600</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Assistant Superintendent.

Stipend	325	0	0
Travelling	100	0	0
Rent to Inv. Funds Board	150	0	0
	<u>£575</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Assistant Superintendent.

(Missionary in Maori Work.)

	£	s.	d.
Stipend	300	0	0
Travelling	100	0	0
Rent to Inv. Funds Board	150	0	0
	<u>£550</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Connexional Charges	£125	0	0

General Treasurers.

Book-keeping	160	0	0
Incidental Expenses	20	0	0
	<u>£180</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Office Expenses.

Secretarial	175	0	0
Rent and Phones	120	0	0
Light and Heat	10	0	0
Postages and Telegrams	110	0	0
	<u>£415</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

SUMMARY OF HOME MISSION ESTIMATES

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.
Circuits and H.M. Stations	8,731	1	4
Properties and Investments	2,750	0	0
Special for Maori	1,665	0	0
Miscellaneous	275	0	0
	<u>£13,421</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>
Estimated Accum. Deficit	5,864	4	8
	<u>£19,285</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>9</u>

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Maori	9,477	12	6
General	7,262	10	0
	<u>£16,740</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>
1945 Debit Balance Brought Forward	2,545	3	3
	<u>£19,285</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>9</u>

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 15th January, 1946.

Treasurers: REV. H. J. ODELL and MR. FRANK PENN.

RECEIPTS.			
AUCKLAND DISTRICT.			
Circuits.			
	£	s.	d.
Auckland Central	373	11	7
Auckland Central Mission	32	7	6
Ditto, 1944	9	1	0
Auckland West	43	10	4
Auckland East	484	4	11
Auckland - Avondale	194	0	4
Ditto, 1944	1	18	7
Auckland - Devonport	40	13	7
Auckland - Takapuna	51	12	9
Auckland - Birkenhead	63	16	6
Onehunga	93	13	0
Otahuhu	72	11	0
Papakura	53	8	8
Pukekohe	56	11	4
Waiuku	48	5	4
Mahurangi	28	16	10
Paparoa	20	15	6
Dargaville	38	14	10
Ruawai	17	10	11
Whangarei	23	18	3
Whangaroa	24	5	4
Port Albert	41	7	5
Kawakawa-Kaikōhe	10	16	8
Mangonui	36	5	10
Hokianga	27	3	0

Home Mission Stations.

Bombay - Tuakau	31	14	6
Ditto, 1944	8	2	6
North Waitemata	16	16	2
Bay of Islands	8	15	1
North Hokianga	18	18	2
Maori Missions	170	15	11
	2,144	3	4

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Circuits.			
	£	s.	d.
Thames	27	17	2
Hauraki Plains	2	14	8
Paeroa	37	14	0
Waihi	34	16	3
Ditto, 1944	34	0	0
Te Aroha	104	0	2
Morrinsville	89	7	11
Cambridge	38	6	2
Hamilton	290	9	7
Raglan Union Church	3	1	3
Hamilton East	78	16	9
Ditto, 1944	53	16	7
Huntly	11	3	9
Matamata	100	2	4
Putaruru	12	11	8
Rotorua	29	16	9
Ditto, 1944	17	9	0
Tauranga	54	5	0
Whakatane	5	10	0
Ditto, 1944	1	0	0
Opotiki	15	10	4
Te Awamutu	41	18	2
Otorohanga	23	10	0
Te Kuiti	12	13	8
Taumarunui	10	15	10
Ditto, 1944	6	5	9

EXPENDITURE.

Maori Missions.			
	£	s.	d.
Stipends, Travelling and Rents	7,658	18	10
Specials.			
Sunday School Materials	10	0	0
Printing Leaflets	30	0	0
South Island Travelling	15	0	0
Workers' Conference	50	0	0
Students	90	0	0
"Methodist Times"	5	0	0
Contingencies	150	0	0
Subsidy Maori Paper	30	0	0
Furniture	40	0	0
Removal Expenses	50	0	0
Bible Class Camps	40	0	0
Pairoa Church	25	0	0
National Council of Churches	25	0	0
	560	0	0
	£8,218	18	10

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Bombay-Tuakau	11	5	0
North Waitemata	85	0	0
North Hokianga	80	0	0
Aided Circuits.			
Paparoa	37	10	0
Ditto, Special	25	0	0
Whangaroa	56	5	0
Mangonui	36	5	0
Hokianga	56	5	0
Mahurangi	10	0	0
Hikurangi	15	0	0
Kawakawa	60	0	0
Auckland West	45	0	0
Birkenhead	30	0	0
Port Albert, 1 Quarter	7	10	0
Ruawai, 1 Quarter	3	15	0
	558	15	0

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Coromandel	70	0	0
Ditto, Special	15	0	0
Clothier Legacy	68	15	0
Kawhia	10	0	0
Ditto, Special	10	0	0
Clothier Legacy	7	10	0
Ohura, 1 Quarter	7	10	0
Aided Circuits.			
Taumarunui	96	5	0
Te Kuiti	50	0	0
Rotorua	51	5	0
Hauraki Plains	45	0	0
Opotiki	40	0	0
Whakatane	20	0	0
Waihi - Special for Travelling	18	15	0
Te Aroha	14	7	2
	506	17	2

TARANAKI—WANGANUI DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Patea	23	15	0
Ditto, Special	10	0	0

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.
HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

Statement of Receipts and Payments—Continued

RECEIPTS.			
	£	s.	d.
Greytown-Featherston ..	17	8	0
Carterton ..	34	17	10
Masterton ..	150	17	6
Eketahuna ..	20	4	0
Levin ..	70	3	3
Otaki ..	10	8	6

Home Mission Stations.

Paraparaumu ..	12	13	8
Upper Hutt ..	20	10	0
			1,141 12 9

NELSON DISTRICT.

Circuits.

Nelson ..	92	8	6
Richmond ..	42	2	9
Motueka ..	46	0	7
Blenheim ..	157	17	1
Reefton ..	15	15	9
Westport ..	26	19	2
Greymouth ..	38	14	4
Hokitika ..	24	14	6

Home Mission Stations.

Wakefield-Dovedale ..	14	14	2
Havelock ..			
Murchison ..	7	0	1
Granity ..	5	6	1
			471 13 0

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Circuits.

Christchurch—			
Durham Street ..	166	17	8
East ..	295	16	7
Cambridge Tee. ..	31	10	4
Woolston ..	88	15	7
Sydenham ..	62	7	1
Addington ..	70	11	7
Riccarton ..	44	13	7
St. Albans ..	141	14	11
Papanui ..	63	3	10
Lytelton ..	13	6	8
Springston ..	14	17	0
Leeston ..	41	15	3
Kaipoi ..	63	0	0
Ohoka ..	50	4	6
Rangiora ..	49	0	10
Woodend-Sefton ..	30	19	5
Greendale ..	21	15	0
Oxford ..	33	0	6

Home Mission Stations.

Tai Tapu ..	16	0	3
Hawarden ..	5	0	0
Waddington ..	13	9	10
			1,318 0 5

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Circuits.

Timaru—			
Banks Street ..	36	18	0
Woodland St. ..	63	15	4
South ..	23	2	5
Waimate ..	60	19	1
Temuka ..	29	0	5
Geraldine ..	27	19	7
Ashburton ..	148	11	8
Willowby ..	98	0	0
Oamaru ..	42	7	6
Rakaia-Methven ..	2	8	0
			533 2 0

EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.
Geraldine, 1 Quarter ..	15	0	0
			111 5 0

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Waikouaiti ..	71	5	0
Otautau- Tuatapere ..	21	5	0
Nightcaps ..	73	15	0
Ditto, Special ..	75	0	0
Edendale ..	16	5	0
Mosgiel, 1 Quarter ..	12	10	0
Cromwell ..	45	0	0
Bluff ..	35	0	0
Balclutha ..	52	10	0

Aided Circuits.

Dunedin North ..	50	0	0
Caversham ..	16	5	0
Cargill Rd. ..	18	5	0
Milton ..	56	5	0
Roslyn ..	15	0	0
Roxburgh ..	70	0	0
Port Chalmers ..	35	0	0
			663 15 6

GENERAL.

General Superintendent—			
Stipend ..	337	10	0
Travelling ..	125	0	0
Rent ..	150	0	0
			612 10 0

Assistant Superintendent—			
Stipend ..	312	10	0
Travelling ..	100	0	0
Rent ..	150	0	0
			562 10 0

Maori Missionary—			
Stipend ..	225	0	0
Travelling ..	75	0	0
Rent ..	112	10	0
			412 10 0

Connexional Charges ..			111 5 0
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Office.

Rent ..	68	7	0
Telephones and Toll ..	53	16	6
Electric Power ..	3	5	9
Salaries ..	335	15	0
			461 4 3

Interest, Etc.

Interest on Overdraft ..	185	13	3
Cheque Books, Etc. ..	4	10	0
Deputation Expenses ..	221	10	0
			411 13 3

Printing and Stationery.

Annual Reports ..	146	16	0
Printing and Stationery ..	9	17	8
Postages, EX-changes, Etc. ..	113	14	10
Lotu (H.M. Share of Cost) ..	35	13	3
			306 4 9

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.
HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

Statement of Receipts and Payments—Continued

RECEIPTS.			
	£	s.	d.
Napier Camp ..	1	17	6
Wellington District Y.C. ..	3	10	10
Easter Camp Kaiapoi ..	2	2	2
Easter Camp Timaru ..		14	0
Dunedin North Y.P. ..	2	0	0
Leeston Easter Camp ..	1	3	6
Taranaki-Wanganui Easter Camp ..	1	17	6
Rangiatea Maori Girls' School ..	2	6	2
Community Farm, Otorohanga ..	1	0	0
Geo. Dennis, Enfield ..	1	0	0
J. Hope Haynes		10	6
Sundry Donations		8	4
		98	3 2
Debit Balance, 15th Jan., 1946 ..	£13,867	19	3
	2,545	3	3

EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.
Brought forward ..	15,081	16	2
Debit Balance, 15th Jan., 1945 ..	1,331	6	4

We have examined the Books and Vouchers of the Methodist Home Mission and Church Extension Department for the Year ended 15th January, 1946. 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 } Hon. Auditors

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METHODIST HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD.
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 15th JANUARY, 1946.

To	Balances as at 15th January, 1945—		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		By	Interest Transferred		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		
	Maintenance A/cs.				243	19	3	Direct to Home						
	Capital Awaiting Investment				2,555	11	5	Mission Fund	2,322	14	1			
	Cash on A/c Capital—							Interest per Morn-						
	Estate late S. Gorman	429	3	5			ington	4	0	0				
	" Miss A. Douglas	600	0	0							2,326	14	1	
	" J. A. Clothier	50	7	6			Capital Invested—							
	" Peter Christie	215	0	0			Buddle Memorial Gift				5	0	0	
	" G. W. Parker	100	0	0			Properties	1,032	19	9				
	" Duncan McKenzie	70	0	0			Loans	2,579	14	6				
	" Ella Beale	25	0	0			National Savings							
	" J. C. Prudhoe	36	0	0			Certificates	44	13	6				
	" J. W. Bridgeman	3	15	0			Kaiapoi Call on							
	" A. B. C. Willis	2	6	6			Shares	25	0	0				
	" J. J. B. Veale	1	6	3							3,682	7	9	
	" Wake	21	13	0			Grant re Ohiapo-							
	" Agnes Ellis	1	7	1			poko				25	0	0	
	" Enos Stevenson	15	0	0			Sinking Funds Dis-							
					1,556	13	9	bursed	599	6	0			
	New Capital Buddle Gift				5	0	0	Less New Capital	454	19	3			
	Received from Property Trustees	2,600	0	0							144	6	9	
	Repayment Mortgages and Loans	2,392	8	5			Nett Expenditure Main-				52	1	9	
	Sale of Properties	800	0	0			tenance A/cs.							
					5,792	8	5	Balance Maintenance						
	Interest from Home Mission Fund	126	3	9			Accounts	191	17	6				
	" Wake Estate	63	8	7			Balance Legacy Sus-							
	" Canterbury Ins. Stock	38	14	11			pense A/c.	215	0	0				
	" Gorman Capital	852	18	11			Balance Okaiawa Sus-							
	" Other Investments	1,197	7	11			pense A/c.	396	0	0				
	" Mornington Invests.	4	0	0			Balance Maori Centre							
	Interest from Memorial Gifts—						Building A/c.	1,100	0	0				
	Miss Ann Carvell, Blenheim	4	0	0			Capital Awaiting In-							
	Mr. Francis Terrill, Blenheim	4	0	0			vestment	6,452	19	1				
	Mr. R. W. Parker, Blenheim	4	0	0							8,355	16	7	
	Mr. & Mrs. John Spencer, Nelson	4	0	0										
	Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Botham, Tua													
	Marina	4	0	0										
	Mrs. C. B. White, Blenheim	4	0	0										
	Mr. & Mrs. C. B. Cresswell,													
	Lower Moutere	4	0	0										
	Mr. & Mrs. W. R. Parker, Blen-													
	heim	4	0	0										
	Mr. F. O. White, Blenheim	4	0	0										
	Mr. E. H. Penny, Blenheim	4	0	0										
	Rev. & Mrs. W. Baumber, Christ-													
	church	4	0	0										
					2,326	14	1							
	Held for Northern Maori Centre				1,100	0	0							
	Okaiawa Suspense A/c.				396	0	0							
	Income Suspense A/c.				215	0	0							
	Investment Reserve A/c.				400	0	0							
					£14,591	6	11					£14,591	6	11

METHODIST HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD.

STATEMENT OF CAPITAL AS AT 15th January, 1946.

Treasurers: REV. H. J. ODELL and MR. FRANK PENN.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Capital as at 15th January, 1945—							By Loans on Mortgage	4,684	0	0
Legacies and Memorial Gifts	54,878	5	1				Debentures	7,000	0	0
Buddle Memorial Gift	80	5	0				Government Inscribed Stock (excluding Canterbury Investment)	21,330	0	0
Buttie Memorial Gift	150	0	0				Canterbury Inscribed Stock	1,100	0	0
Car Replacement A/c.	695	3	2				Properties	13,503	15	2
Sinking Funds	2,724	16	0				Car Replacement A/c (Lodged with Maori Workers' Car A/c.)	695	3	2
				58,528	9	3	Buddle Memorial Gift (A.S. Bank)	85	5	0
.. New Capital during year—							Buttie Memorial Gift (A.S. Bank)	150	0	0
S. Gorman	429	3	5				Special Loans	6,621	0	4
J. A. Clothier	50	7	6				Shares	879	0	0
G. W. Parker	100	0	0				National Savings Certificates	444	13	6
Ella Beale	25	0	0				Sinking Funds: Disbursed	599	6	0
J. W. Bridgeman	3	15	0				Less New Capital	454	19	3
J. J. B. Veale	1	6	3					144	6	9
Wake Estate	21	13	0				Balance Bank of New Zealand—			
Agnes Ellis	1	7	1				Okalawa Suspense A/c	396	0	0
A. B. C. Wills	2	6	6				Maori Centre Bldg. A/c.	1,100	0	0
Miss C. A. Douglas	600	0	0				Investment Reserve	400	0	0
Peter Christie	215	0	0				Capital Awaiting Investment	6,052	19	1
Duncan McKenzie	70	0	0					7,948	19	1
J. C. Prudhoe	36	0	0							
Enos Stevenson		15	0							
				1,556	13	9				
.. Buddle Memorial Gift				5	0	0				
.. Capital Received from Mission Property Trustees				2,600	0	0				
.. Held for Maori Centre (M.W.M.U.)				1,100	0	0				
.. Okalawa Suspense A/c.				396	0	0				
.. Investment Reserve A/c.				400	0	0				
				£64,586	3	0				
								£64,586	3	0

STATEMENT OF SAMUEL AND CLARA MATILDA GORMAN HOME MISSION BEQUEST.

(Abstracted from the aforegone Statement of Receipts and Payments.)

		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
To Capital at 16th January, 1945 ..	..	17,780	16	8	By Interest to Home Mission Fund ..	..	852	18	11
.. New Capital .. .. .	..	429	3	5	.. Capital as at 15th January, 1946 ..	..	18,210	0	1
.. Interest received during the year ..	..	852	18	11					
		<u>£19,062</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>0</u>			<u>£19,062</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>0</u>

REV. AND MRS. THOMAS BUDDLE CENTENNIAL GIFT.

		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
To Balance as at 16th January, 1945 ..	..	80	5	0	By Interest Disbursed on Libraries ..	..	2	0	9
.. New Capital .. .. .	..	5	0	0	.. Balance 15th January, 1946 ..	..	85	5	0
.. Interest .. .. .	..	2	0	9					
		<u>£87</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>9</u>			<u>£87</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>9</u>

REV. AND MRS. BUTTLE CENTENNIAL GIFT.

		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
To Balance as at 16th January, 1945 ..	..	150	0	0	By Interest expended Kurahuna ..	..	2	15	10
.. Interest .. .. .	..	2	15	10	.. Capital 15th January, 1946 ..	..	150	0	0
		<u>£152</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>10</u>			<u>£152</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>10</u>

MISS K. TROUNSON CENTENNIAL GIFT.

To Balance as at 15th January, 1945 ..	£115 0 0	By Balance at 15th January, 1946 ..	£115 0 0
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HOME MISSIONARIES' REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance as at 16th January, 1945 ..	308	16	2	By Removal Expenses during the Year ..	197	2	0
" Circuit Levies	140	0	0	" Balance at 15th January, 1946 ..	366	14	2
" Home Mission Subsidy	45	0	0				
" Circuit Removal Expenses Fund—Refund	45	0	0				
" Fire Insurance Fund Grant	25	0	0				
	<hr/>				<hr/>		
	£563	16	2		£563	16	2

SPECIAL LOANS ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Repaid during Year—				Loans current 15/1/45, plus new Loans—			
North Waitemata Transport	167	14	3	North Waitemata Transport	167	14	3
Kohukohu Parsonage	14	16	2	Kohukohu Parsonage	420	0	0
Russell Sunday School	39	7	2	Russell Sunday School	220	0	0
Auckland Youth Camps	1,500	0	0	Auckland Youth Camps	3,600	0	0
Castlecliff	4	10	10	Castlecliff Church Hall	260	0	0
Hamilton Maori Centre	40	0	0	Hamilton Maori Centre	2,000	0	0
Balance Loans Current	6,621	0	4	Roskill Sunday School	1,559	14	6
				Kaitoke Church Wanganui	160	0	0
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	£8,387	8	9		£8,387	8	9

We have audited the Accounts of the Methodist Home Mission and Church Extension Investment Funds Board. All our requirements as Auditors have been complied with. We have examined the Books and Vouchers, and in our opinion the above Statement correctly sets out the position of the Funds as at January 15th, 1946.

J. L. CRAWFORD }
P. DELLOW } Hon. Auditors.

METHODIST MISSION PROPERTY TRUSTEES.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 15th JANUARY, 1946.

Treasurers: REV. H. J. Odell and Mr. Frank Penn.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance as at 16th January, 1945				71	8	4	By Payments Home Mission Fund				135	0	0
.. Rents—							.. Office Rent				8	10	0
Kaeo	52	0	0				.. Rates				19	0	9
Mangawhare	48	0	0				.. Secretarial Work				10	0	0
Opononi	9	0	0				.. Land Tax				1	4	8
Mt. Wesley	78	0	0				.. Sundries				11	7	9
Te Poinga	1	10	0				.. Transfer to Inv. Fd. Board				2,600	0	0
Raglan		7	0				.. Credit Balance—						
				188	17	0	Revenue A/c.	8	7	2			
.. Repayment Opononi				23	0	0	Cash on A/c. Capital	89	15	0			
.. Repayment Mortgage				2,600	0	0					98	2	2
				£2,883	5	4					£2,883	5	4

BALANCE SHEET.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Accumulated Funds, 16th January, 1945	10,231	16	8	By Mortgages				2,400	0	0
.. Revenue A/c.		8	2	.. Properties				5,142	1	8
				.. Transfer to Inv. Fd. Board				2,600	0	0
				.. Credit Balances—						
				Cash on A/c. Capital	89	15	0			
				Cash on A/c. Revenue	8	7	2			
								98	2	2
				£10,240	3	10		£10,240	3	10

Audited and found correct.

J. L. CRAWFORD }
P. DELLOW } Hon. Auditors.

METHODIST LITERATURE AND COLPORTEUR SOCIETY.

TRADING ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st JULY, 1945.

Treasurer: MR. W. S. MACKAY.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
To Stock, 1/8/44	1,029	13	2				By Sales	2,676	4	9			
.. Purchases	1,765	16	9				.. Stock, 31/7/45	943	15	11			
				2,795	9	11					3,620	0	8
.. Gross Profit				824	10	9							
				£3,620	0	8					£3,620	0	8

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
To Stamps	55	7	11				By Gross Profit			824	10	9	
.. Cables		18	0				.. Subscriptions	10	0	0			
.. Salaries	597	14	10				.. Interest	11	0	0			
.. Rent	69	17	10				.. Home Mission Dept. Sub- sidy	150	0	0			
.. Freight		7	8								171	0	0
.. Advertising	10	10	0										
.. Printing and Stationery ..	14	7	3										
.. Insurance		2	19	5									
.. Bookroom Expenses	21	13	7										
.. Depreciation		7	0	0									
				780	16	6							
.. Profit Transferred to Cap- ital Account				214	14	3							
				£995	10	9					£995	10	9

PICTURE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Working Expenses	14	4	9				By Subsidy from H.M. Dept.	30	0	0			
.. Insurances	6	19	3				.. Hire of Plant	3	3	0			
				21	4	0					33	3	0
.. Replacement Reserve ..				27	19	0	.. Sale of Equipment ..				16	0	0
				£49	3	0					£49	3	0

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st JULY, 1945.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Trade Creditors			677 4 3	Commercial Bank of Australia—			
Bad Debts Reserve			50 0 0	General Account	1,036	16	0
Picture Replacement Reserve ..			42 19 0	Picture Replacement Reserve	42	19	6
Capital Account	2,005	14	3				1,079 15 0
Plus Net Trading Profit	214	14	3	Van Replacement Reserve—			
			2,220 8 6	Auckland Savings Bank Fixed Deposit	217	2	8
					312	0	0
				Sundry Debtors			529 2 8
				Stock on Hand			324 0 2
				Office and Bookroom Equipment	67	0	0
				Less Depreciation	7	0	0
							60 0 0
				Lanterns and Slides			1 8 0
				Picture Equipment			52 10 0
							£2,990 11 9
			£2,990 11 9				

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, 1945. 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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