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

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

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

THE FIRST NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

of the Australasian Wesleyan Methodist Church was held in 1874.

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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. Gordon S. Gapper was elected Vice-President, and was welcomed to that office.

The Secretary, the Rev. H. L. Fiebig, B.A., was introduced and took up his duties.

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 W. Selwyn Dawson, B.A.
 Wilfred E. Falkingham
 Edmund D. Grounds
 Albert Jolly

Maori Ministers—

Eruera Te Tuhi
 Rakana P. Rakena
 Matarae Tauroa
 Ngatete Kerei Kukutai
 Ranginohora Rogers

2.—LAY REPRESENTATIVES.

- (a) Vice-President of Conference, 1947, G. S. Gapper.
 (b) Representatives of Circuits.

Auckland District.

Auckland Central	Mrs. E. D. Grounds
"	....	....	....	A. E. Freeman
"	....	....	....	T. Moor
"	
Auckland Central Mission	....	....	....	E. Robinson
Auckland West	....	....	....	N. Packham
Auckland East	....	....	....	W. E. Burley
"	....	....	....	D. E. Parton
"	....	....	....	C. K. Wigglesworth
Auckland (Avondale)	....	....	....	R. Thomas
"	....	....	....	W. Woodhead
Auckland (Devonport)	....	....	....	Miss A. Drew
Auckland (Takapuna)	....	....	....	F. E. Sutherland
Auckland (Birkenhead)	....	....	....	L. T. Hayman
Onehunga	....	....	....	C. E. Goode
Otahuhu	....	....	....	Mrs. A. E. Waite
Papakura	....	....	....
Pukekohe	....	....	....	E. M. Marshall, B.A., Dip.Ed.
Waiuku	....	....	....	C. M. Buttimore
Mahurangi	....	....	....	Mrs. W. S. Neal
Paparoa	....	....	....
Dargaville	....	....	....	R. Taylor
Ruawai	....	....	....
Whangarei	....	....	....	T. P. Lane
Hikurangi	....	....	....	M. R. Edgar
Whangaroa	....	....	....
Port Albert	....	....	....	H. Neal
Kawakawa-Kaikohe	....	....	....	Mrs. Clifford
Mangonui	....	....	....	R. C. Williams
Hokianga	....	....	....	E. D. Jones

South Auckland District.

Thames	....	....	....	C. W. Schultz
Hauraki Plains	....	....	....	T. H. Hill
Paeroa	....	....	....	J. B. Beeche
Waihi	....	....	....	Mrs. R. E. Eastwood
Te Aroha	....	....	....	F. West
Morrinsville	....	....	....	W. T. Beer
Cambridge	....	....	....	H. Beebe
Hamilton	....	....	....	Mrs. W. B. L. Williams
"	....	....	....	A. H. Clement
Hamilton East	....	....	....
Huntly	....	....	....
Matamata	....	....	....
Putaruru	....	....	....
Rotorua	....	....	....	W. Woolcock
Tauranga	....	....	....
Whakatane	....	....	....	Mrs. A. F. Attwood
Opotiki	....	....	....
Te Awamutu	....	....	....	J. T. Johnson, J.P.
Otorohanga	....	....	....	W. F. Walters
Te Kuiti	....	....	....	G. Elliott
Taumarunui	....	....	....

Taranaki-Wanganui District.

New Plymouth	....	....	....	H. J. Craig
Waitara "	....	....	....	F. R. Silby
Stratford	....	....	....	Mrs. J. Dennis
Eltham-Kaponga	....	....	....	A. Gawith
Hawera	....	....	....	Mrs. G. H. Tozer
Manaia	....	....	....	H. J. Berry
Opunake	....	....	....
Wanganui	....	....	....	T. Webb-Jones
Wanganui North	....	....	....	N. Barlow
Gonville	....	....	....	E. L. F. Buxton
Marton	....	....	....
Taihape	....	....	....	Mrs. J. S. Watson

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District.

Napier	....	....	....	A. H. McGregor
Hastings	....	....	....	H. A. Tunnicliffe
Gisborne	....	....	....	C. Weakley
Wairoa	....	....	....	Mrs. C. E. Stone
Dannevirke	....	....	....
Woodville	....	....	....	H. Galbraith
Pahiatua	....	....	....	W. A. Carthew
Palmerston North (St. Paul's)	....	....	....	C. V. Woodfield
Palmerston North (Cuba Street)	....	....	....	Mrs. F. Dorset
Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe	....	....	....	G. Passey
Feilding	....	....	....	F. Flavall
Sanson-Rongotea	....	....	....	Mrs. M. E. Smith

Wellington District.

Wellington Central	P. E. Patrick
Wellington " West	....	....	....	C. R. Edmond
Wellington " South	....	....	....	S. Roberts
Wellington East	....	....	....	Miss C. Stokes
Johnsonville-Ngaio	....	....	....	H. W. Smith
Hutt	....	....	....	N. R. Seddon
"	....	....	....	D. Tayler
Petone	....	....	....	J. Belton, A. B. Cochran
Greytown-Featherston	....	....	....	Wm. Greenwood
Carterton	....	....	....	E. G. Heggie
Masterton	....	....	....	H. Melhuish
Eketahuna	....	....	....	F. Clarke
Levin	....	....	....	H. Cordish
Otaki	....	....	....	Miss E. Beale
Upper Hutt	....	....	....	Mrs. L. V. Willing
				T. Taylor
				B. W. Bird
				W. O. Thomas

Nelson District.

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

North Canterbury District.

Christchurch (Durham Street)	....	....	C. W. Barrell
"	
Christchurch East	....	....	J. Buxton
"	....	....	J. Gilbert
"	....	....	H. J. S. Harrington
	....	....	Mrs. J. Bowden
Christchurch (Cambridge Terrace)	....	....
Christchurch (Woolston)	....	....	S. Falkingham
Christchurch (Sydenham)	....	....	W. H. Price
Christchurch (Addington)	....	....	R. G. Bell
Christchurch (Riccarton)	....	....	G. E. Hill
Christchurch (St. Albans)	....	....	Mrs. P. Le Brun
"	....	....	Mrs. A. Fraser
Christchurch (Papanui)	....	....	T. Hampton
Lyttelton	....	....	W. T. Lindsay
Springston	....	....
Leeston	....	....
Kaia Poi	....	....
Ohoka	....	....	F. A. Sheat
Rangiora	....	....	H. A. Bennett
Woodend-Sefton	....	....	Mrs. R. P. Robinson
Greendale	....	....	Mrs. R. McGregor
Oxford	....	....	Mrs. R. Povall

South Canterbury District.

Timaru (Banks Street)	....	....	Mrs. L. McAlister
Timaru (Woodland Street)	....	....	C. W. Keinan
Timaru South	....	....
Waimate	....	....	Mrs. M. E. Hayman
Temuka	....	....	A. E. Dobson
Geraldine	....	....
Ashburton	....	....	T. Wakelin
Willowby	....	....	G. H. B. Lill
Oamaru	....	....
Rakaia-Methven	....	....	H. G. Ayers

Otago-Southland District.

Dunedin Central	....	....	G. S. Gapper
"	....	....	J. R. K. Roxburgh
Dunedin Central Mission	....	....	J. Heatherington
Dunedin North	....	....	C. Hill
Dunedin (Cargill Road)	....	....	C. H. Kitchin
Dunedin (St. Kilda)	....	....	J. J. Kernohan
Dunedin (Caversham)	....	....	P. Nixon
Dunedin (Morningside)	....	....	A. J. Ganderton
Dunedin (Roslyn)	....	....
Port Chalmers	....	....
Milton	....	....
Roxburgh	....	....
Invercargill (Central)	....	....
Invercargill (St. Peter's)	....	....	V. Bemrose
Gore	....	....

(3) Representatives of Departments, Committees and Funds—

Theological College	....	....	....	L. E. Rhodes
Home Mission Department	....	....	....	A. Williams
"	"	"	....	J. C. Tietjens
"	"	"	....	T. W. Hemer
Home Missionaries' Representatives	....	....	....	R. Coombridge
"	"	"	....	C. Robinson
Foreign Mission Department	Sister Edna White
Youth Department	A. E. Bate
"	"	Miss Yearbury
"	"	Mrs. Boyer
"	"	Mrs. E. Masters
"	"	
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Contingent Fund	J. H. Blackwell
Church Building and Loan Fund	H. de R. Flesher
Fire Insurance Fund	....	....	....	A. A. Dingwall
Children's Fund	....	....	....	E. W. A. Kellow
Wesley Training College	....	....	....	J. Tyler
Removal Expenses Fund	....	....	....	H. Chapman
Deaconess Institution	....	....	....	Miss E. Purdie
Methodist Women's Missionary Union	....	....	....	Mrs. M. E. Virtue
Local Preachers' Association	....	....	....	J. F. Roberts
Methodist Men's Fellowship	....	....	....	H. P. Mourant
Rangiatea College	....	....	....	A. Eaton Hurley

District Secretaries of Church Property.

Auckland	....	....	....	S. E. Chappell
South Auckland	....	....	....	W. B. L. Williams
Taranaki-Wanganui	....	....	....	G. H. White
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	....	....	....	C. E. Taylor
Wellington	....	....	....	T. M. Pacey
Nelson	....	....	....	H. Oldham
North Canterbury	....	....	....	J. W. Hillary*
South Canterbury	....	....	....	P. Woodnorth*
Otago-Southland	....	....	....	J. McIndoe*

Maori Missions.

Taranaki	....	....	....	P. Moke
Waikato	....	....	....	H. Wiperi, R. Moke, Sister Heeni Wharemaru
Auckland	....	....	....	W. S. Rewa
South Island	....	....	....

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

Clifford G. Brown
George W. Cramond
W. Selwyn Dawson, B.A.
Wilfred E. Falkingham
Edmund D. Grounds
Albert Jolly

Who have travelled four years.

QUESTION III.—What Preachers remain on Probation?

Robert H. Allen, B.A.
R. Graham Bell, B.A.
Leslie F. Bycroft
Wesley A. Chambers
A. Peter Dorrian
Ian C. E. Ramage, B.A. (see Question V.)
Donald G. Sherson, B.A.

Who have travelled three years.

Warren Green
William H. Gregory
Edmond S. Stewart (see Question VI.)
Len Shapcott
Maharaia Winiata, M.A., Dip.Ed. (without Pastoral Charge)

Who have travelled two years.

Donald Haylock
D. I. Alister McDonald
Harry Moore
Norman W. Olds
Francis H. Parker (see Question V.)
Benjamin H. Riseley (see Question V.)
Trevor Shepherd

Who have travelled one year.

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

A. Francis Attwood
Leslie C. Clements
W. Lloyd Divers
Allen H. Hall, B.A.
Owen T. Woodfield (see Question VI.)

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

Wolf G. Eisner
Basil J. Hilder
Francis H. Parker (non-resident) (see Question III.)
Benjamin H. Riseley (non-resident) (see Question III.)

Who are continued for a third year.

T. Ralph Benny
Douglas H. Burt
Wilfred F. Ford (non-resident)
Clifford J. Keightley
A. Roger G. Nuttall
J. Stanley Olds
Hori Pratt
Ian C. E. Ramage, B.A. (see Question III.)
Who are continued for a second year.

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

Edward Baker
Colin D. Clark
Gordon A. R. Cornwell
D. Bruce Gordon
Brian E. Lill
Leonard P. Schroeder
Edmond S. Stewart (see Question III.)
Frank H. Woodfield
Owent T. Woodfield (see Question IV.)

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

QUESTION VIII.—Who remain as Native Ministers on Probation?
Timothy Piani
Nathan Kera

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. F. Amos
E. J. Carter
A. Currie
J. M. Daley, B.A.

First Year—
O. L. Christian
I. J. Clucas
G. T. Gilbert
R. C. Groves
A. W. McKay
H. W. Toothill

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

William J. Elliott
M. A. Rugby Pratt,, F.R.Hist.S.
Wesley L. Long
Home Missionaries—
C. Strand
Hori Te Awa

WILLIAM JOHN ELLIOTT.

William John Elliott came of North of Ireland stock and inherited the typical Irish quality of geniality and warm-heartedness, besides wit and humour. Converted in his boyhood, he began to preach at 16 years of age, and in his early twenties entered the Home Mission work, being appointed to Te Aroha, where he met the lady who became his wife. He was accepted as a candidate for the Ministry in 1890, and was sent as a student for training to Three Kings College. He was elected President of the Conference in 1928 and retired from the active work in 1933, settling at North Shore.

Mr. Elliott was an able, conscientious and diligent minister of our Church, and left behind a gracious memory in all the Circuits in which he laboured. A thoughtful, evangelical preacher, a faithful sympathetic pastor, an excellent administrator, he exercised a successful ministry for forty years. He was a keen student of English literature, and was an authority on New Zealand's fauna and flora. He took a distinct interest in outdoor sport, especially cricket and football, being for many years a member of the Auckland Umpires' Association, retaining his connection with the game till near the end. He was a stalwart worker for the No-License cause, serving for two years as Vice-President of the N.Z. Alliance. He was a loyal friend, a true citizen, ideal in all life's intimate relationships, and above all a faithful minister of the New Testament.

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, F.R.H.S.

On Wednesday, 6th March, 1946, a few days after the Conference at which he was made a Supernumerary, the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt passed to the higher service, and the perfect vision.

Mr. Pratt was born in New Zealand, but spent his youth in Tasmania, where eventually he became a member of the Church, and a local preacher. After serving as a Home Missionary he was accepted for training by the Victorian and Tasmanian Conference, and was received on probation in 1902. In response to an appeal from the New Zealand Conference, Mr. Pratt offered his services and was accepted on probation the following year.

In important Circuits in the Dominion Mr. Pratt ministered for twenty-five years, proving himself an able and attractive preacher and a faithful and beloved pastor. Possessing exceptional gifts as an organiser, he brought to every part of his work the highest spiritual aims. Taking part in the official work of the Church, he acted as Secretary of various Synods, for many years was on the Secretarial staff of Conference, and for some time acted as a Chairman of Districts. In 1932 he became President of the Conference. In 1927 Mr. Pratt was appointed Connexional Secretary, and held the office with conspicuous efficiency and ability for 19 years, retiring only on account of continued ill health. Under his guidance Departments were extended in usefulness and others brought into being. He had a chief part in inaugurating two important ventures, (1) the Home Acquirement Fund, and (2) the Methodist General Purposes Trust

Board. Mr. Pratt's interest extended beyond the Church, to the Prohibition movement, to the Bible-in-Schools proposals, and in other ways. Visiting Tonga in 1923, he helped to produce the spirit of harmony which led to the re-uniting of the Church. His interest in history led to his election as a Life Member of the Royal Historical Society. At all times Mr. Pratt was the counsellor and encourager of his brethren, and in all his good works has had at his side a devoted and sympathetic helper in Mrs. Pratt. To him duty was the supreme watchword, leading to tireless, devoted service to the Church he loved.

WESLEY L. LONG.

Wesley Lithgow Long was born in 1902, at Onewhero. After a period in the Bible Training Institute, Auckland, he was accepted for the Home Mission Work of our Church in 1931, later being received as a candidate and subsequently ordained to the full work of the ministry.

At Paeroa he suffered a sudden decline in health, which brought the Home Call at the early age of 44. This was a premature close to a most devoted and promising ministry, and removed from our ranks one of Methodism's genuine and able young leaders. He was of a retiring disposition, but one of the most faithful and devoted men with a burning passion to win others for Christ. For one who believed so ardently in a Risen Saviour death was not a tragedy, nor did the shortened years in any way mar the beauty and witness of this fragrant life.

CHARLES STRAND.

For 20 years, Charles Strand served the Church of his manhood's choice with such self-denying faithfulness, and consistency of Christian character, that he became one of the most honoured and beloved of our Home Missionaries. His early years were influenced by the Salvation Army, in which he served as an officer. Later he joined the Methodist Church at Lower Hutt, serving whole-heartedly therein as Choirmaster, S.S. Superintendent, and Local Preacher for 18 years. Then came the call to offer himself for whole-time service on the H.M. field. Besides ministering in several country charges he served acceptably in several important city Circuits, and also made a valuable contribution to the development of Maori Mission work in the King Country. For three years he served as Assistant-Superintendent of the Home Mission Department. Not only did his fellow Missionaries appoint him for many years as their representative to Conference, but he was held in the highest esteem by his ministerial colleagues, and circuit superintendents, as a faithful pastor, acceptable preacher and wise reliable administrator. Through his long life of faithful service he was ably assisted by his devoted wife who predeceased him by but a short period.

HORI TE AWA.

Hori Te Awa was formerly a member of the Mormon movement, but later joined the Methodist Church. He gave active leadership in the welfare of his people. He proved himself sincere, and loyal to the teachings of our Methodist Church, and was gladly accepted into the ranks of Honorary Home Missionaries. Hori Te Awa became a fearless preacher of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though his ministry was somewhat short, it was effective and abiding. He was highly respected by the pakeha people for his honesty and dependability, and his Christian leadership will be sadly lost by the Kingite families and the Waikato people as a whole.

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
Thomas W. Vealie
Fred. Greenwood
Arthur Hopper
Edward Drake
Harold E. Bellhouse
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
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
Clarence Eaton
Thomas Coatsworth
Ernest D. Patchett
Basil Metson
Moses Ayrton
Charles M. Roberts
William Walker
Ernest O. Blamires
William W. Avery
John R. Nelson

QUESTION XIV.—What Ministers now become Supernumeraries?

Fred Copeland
Charles Blair
Charles B. Jordan, M.A., B.D. (Hons.), F.R.E.S.
Harold A. Sharp
Edwin S. Harkness
William Gatman
Hector C. Orchard
Albert Blakemore

FRED COPELAND.

The retirement of the Rev. Fred Copeland brings to a close an active ministry which has been marked by gifts and graces and characterised by an unfaltering faithfulness to the work of the Kingdom of God.

Hearing the call to full service, he entered the Home Mission work in 1900, and was accepted as a candidate for the Ministry at the Conference of 1902. After a period of training at Prince Albert College, he subsequently filled some of the most important Circuits in the Connexion.

From his earliest years, Mr. Copeland heard the call of the Foreign Field, and was appointed to Samoa in 1913. His period of service there, unfortunately, was short, as ill-health compelled him to withdraw four years later. He has been District Chairman for 17 years and in 1937 was elected President of the Conference.

In all positions held Mr. Copeland has displayed marked business ability coupled with a fine spiritual vision. In circuit work his inspiring preaching and his warm understanding friendship won for him the love and confidence of both old and young alike.

In all his work he received the loyal co-operation of Mrs. Copeland, who, by her gracious personality and generous friendship, won the love of the people in every Circuit in which they laboured.

The whole Church wish for them a long and happy period of retirement.

CHARLES BLAIR.

Charles Blair came into New Zealand Methodism from Victoria, Australia, in 1903. After two years in Home Mission work and two years at Prince Albert College, he began his ministry at Greytown. Five years later he was united in marriage to Miss Clara Temple Brown, who has proved to be a noble wife, a wise mother and a great help to him in the service of the Church. Like her husband, she has counted it a privilege to serve Christ through the Church and through the public positions she has filled in the community.

A review of the Circuits served by Brother Blair reveals a growth in his powers and in the confidence reposed in him by Conference. Beginning at Greytown he served in ten Circuits, each one being more important and carrying greater responsibilities than its predecessors; so that he closes his active ministry in one of the most important circuits the Connexion can offer. His faithful preaching and pastoral work, his wise administration of circuit affairs marked him out for the higher executive positions of the Church. For six years he was secretary of Districts, and for the last five years he has been Chairman of the Nelson District. His unfailing courtesy, his wide sympathies, his ability to share the burdens of his brethren have endeared him to all who were privileged to serve under him.

Brother Blair carries into retirement the high regard of all who have known him, and because they know him, know that his rich experience will continue to be dedicated to the Church and her Lord.

CHARLES BOUGHTON JORDAN, M.A., B.D., F.R.E.S.

Charles Boughton Jordan became a theological student at Prince Albert College in 1906. Studious by nature he supplemented his theological studies with a sound classical training, graduating Master of Arts in 1920. Later he was made a Fellow of the Royal Economic Society, and subsequently received the Melbourne Bachelor of Divinity Degree. For thirty years he has been a Conference Examiner, and for eight years he has controlled the Question and Answer column in the Methodist Times. He has made a special study of social, philosophical and theological subjects. The Prohibition cause found in him a fine organiser and lecturer, while for two years the W.E.A. reaped the benefit of his wide knowledge of economics and economic history. In him great scholastic gifts went hand in hand with a fervent evangelism. In Mrs. Jordan he has ever had a wise counsellor and devoted helper in all the good work he has undertaken. He was never happier than when conducting evangelistic missions, where God used him in the winning of men for Christ. His pulpit appeals were supplemented by personal work in which he was very successful. Bro. Jordan carries into retirement the warm regard of his brethren, who hope that for many years he will continue to use his facile pen in the service of our common Lord and Master.

HAROLD A. SHARP.

The retirement of Harold A. Sharp deprives the Church and the community of the active service of one who has made a worthy contribution to the Methodist Church and the Kingdom of God.

Converted in a Mission conducted by Dr. Grattan Guinness, he immediately joined the Sydenham Primitive Methodist Church, becoming a Sunday School teacher and local preacher, preaching his first sermon at the age of 16.

After a brief period as a Home Missionary at Inglewood, he was in 1910 received into the Ministry of our Church.

Completing his probation, he rendered devoted service in a number of important Circuits. In the midst of a successful term at Blenheim, he was taken with a sudden serious illness. Acting upon medical advice, he was reluctantly compelled to seek superannuation.

During his ministry he has served on several Connexional Committees, and for some years has been a member of the Board of Examiners for students. As Chaplain to the Forces in New Zealand, he served during both World Wars with great acceptance.

In 1914, he married Miss Elsie Dobbs, daughter of a Vice-President of Conference, who has been his faithful helper during the whole of his ministry. Mr. Sharp's years of service have been characterised by devotion to the duties of the pastoral and preaching offices. Those to whom he has ministered have found strength to live worthily, and stimulus to serve devotedly.

Having enjoyed, during his active ministry, the trust and affection of his brethren, he retires with that confidence and love undiminished.

EDWIN SCAIFE HARKNESS.

The retirement of the Rev. Edwin S. Harkness closes the active ministry of one held in the highest esteem by all who know him. Mr. Harkness comes from a family in Bendigo, Victoria, rich in Methodist tradition and service. Feeling the urge to full-time Christian service he went to Tonga in 1910, entering the ministry of the Free Church there. After ten fruitful years in that sphere he came to New Zealand, being received by the Conference of 1921. Gifted with a genial personality, Mr. Harkness will be affectionately remembered by many in New Zealand, and in Tonga, as a sympathetic pastor, a faithful preacher, and a warm-hearted friend.

Greatly endearing herself to the people in every circuit in which they have laboured, Mrs. Harkness has been an excellent partner in her husband's ministry. As they retire from the itinerancy we pray that our friends may long be spared to render further service for the Kingdom of God.

WILLIAM GATMAN.

At the age of 22 William Gatman came to New Zealand to take up farming. The call to preach led to his becoming a local preacher and later to offering his services to the Home Mission Department of our Church, wherein he laboured for a period of 8½ years.

In 1919 Mr. Gatman married Miss Cushen, of Invercargill, who has so ably supported him through his ministry. He was ordained in 1923 and commenced a devoted and painstaking ministry. Evangelical and keenly interested in leading men and women to Christ, he retires leaving many, in all his Circuits, who have met Christ through his ministry.

Retiring while still possessing a measure of virility and energy, Mr. Gatman will in many ways be able to continue his service to the Church for many years to come. He retires with the respect and good wishes of all his brethren.

HECTOR C. ORCHARD.

Hector C. Orchard was born in Geelong, Victoria, Australia, in 1884, and at the age of 17 began preaching. After a period of Home Mission work in Victoria, he was accepted as a candidate for the ministry, and in 1911 was received as a probationer on transfer by the N.Z. Conference. Mr. Orchard, who retires on account of ill-health, has always been a hard worker. In town and country he has commended himself particularly as a zealous pastor, with a keen interest in both young and old.

Mrs. Orchard, the daughter of pioneer Methodists in Gippsland, Victoria, has proved a loyal partner, ever keeping open home and devoting qualities of leadership and co-operation in a manner that has won for her as for her husband the warm esteem and good wishes of many friends who keenly regret his premature retirement.

ALBERT BLAKEMORE.

Albert Blakemore was born at Leicester, England, in 1886, and at the age of 24 became a local preacher in the Primitive Methodist Church. During World War I. he served for four years in the Medical Corps. Mr. and Mrs. Blakemore came to New Zealand in 1921 and in the following year Mr. Blakemore began work as a Home Missionary, being subsequently received on to probation and into full status. After only a few months in Te Aroha, he was compelled for health reasons to seek release from Circuit work. He has made a fine contribution to the Church by his training and encouraging of young people to take their place as officers, leaders and preachers. He has been a faithful and efficient pastor, administrator and preacher. The good wishes and prayers of his brethren and of a large number of friends in the Church go with him in his retirement. May he have a sufficient measure of health to realise his desire of serving the Church in various ways for many more years.

JOHN R. NELSON.

John R. Nelson was born in Cumberland, England, in 1883, the son of devoted Methodist parents, his father being an acceptable Local Preacher. After his arrival in New Zealand he felt the call to preach, and following a short period as a Home Missionary was accepted as a Candidate in 1917. During the whole of his ministry he maintained a spiritual glow which he carried into all his pastoral activities, and which found expression in a strong evangelical emphasis. He had a richly stored mind and wielded a facile pen. His experience as a reporter in his early years was put to the service of the Church when he served as Conference reporter for a considerable period. He has been a tireless worker for Temperance reform. In Mrs. Nelson he has been blessed with a true and devoted help-meet. Indifferent health has been a handicap to our brother for a considerable period of his ministry, and has at the end compelled his retirement earlier than would have been the case. Meditative, poetic and musical, he has fulfilled a fruitful ministry, and carries with him into retirement the prayers and good wishes of the Church.

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

None.

QUESTION XVI.—What Home Missionaries are to be—

(a) Retained on the Retired List?

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

(b) Placed on the Retired List?

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

John K. Watson, M.C., B.A. (who is permitted to visit England)

Leslie A. D. Hayman, B.Sc. (Agric.) (who is permitted to work with Corso)

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

Ernest B. Chambers

Harold T. Peat

James W. Parker

Gordon Parker, M.A. (who is permitted to visit England)

Maharaja Winiata, M.A. (staff Wesley College)

H. W. Burley, M.M.

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

Allen H. Hall, B.A.

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

William Green, from the N.S.W. Conference.

Edmond S. Stewart, from the Irish Conference.

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

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

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

F. Gardner Brown

Who has voluntarily retired.

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

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Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A.

Honorary Members

Revs. C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., W. Grigg, W. A. Sinclair, 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, 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, E. T. Olds, H. L. Fiebig, B.A., and H. S. Kings.

(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.

Theology—				
(a) God, Man, Sin	....	....	....	Rev. B. M. Chrystall, B.A.
(b) Person and Work of Christ	....	....	....	Rev. J. Silvester, M.A.
(c) Holy Spirit, Church, Ministry and Sacraments, Last Things	....	....	....	Rev. W. R. Laws, M.A.
Pastoral Theology—				
(a) Homiletics	....	....	....	Rev. L. C. Horwood
(b) Pastoral Practice	....	....	....	Rev. W. E. Allon Carr
(c) Church Worship and Organisation	..	....	....	Rev. W. Walker
English Essay	....	....	....	Mr. K. J. Dellow, M.A.
Elocution and Public Speaking	....	....	....	Messrs. F. Penn, C. K. Wigglesworth and Rev. A. E. Waite.

(C) Examiners for Candidates.

Bible Knowledge I	....	....	....	Rev. J. C. Draper
Bible Knowledge II	....	....	....	Rev. F. J. Handy
Theology	....	....	....	Rev. L. A. G. Brooks
English and Greek	....	....	....	Rev. A. R. Witheford, B.A.
Geography and History	....	....	....	Rev. H. J. Odell
Book-keeping	....	....	....	Rev. A. H. Ivory, LL.B., B.Com.

(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. Benny
Theology	....	....	....	....	Rev. J. F. Jack
Homiletics	....	....	....	....	Rev. W. A. Mills

(G) Correspondence Tutors in Greek.

First Year	....	....	....	....	Rev. R. E. Patchett
Second Year	....	....	....	....	Rev. H. E. Harkness, M.A.
Third Year	....	....	....	....	Rev. J. J. Lewis, M.A., B.D.
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. B. M. Tasker, B.A., Dip. Soc. Sc.
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 (2 vols.).

3rd Year—Isaiah, with Cambridge Bible (2 vols.).

4th Year—Ezekiel, with Century Bible, and Daniel, with Cambridge Bible.

2. Either (A).—Greek New Testament

1st Year—John 1-11, with Cambridge Greek N.T.

2nd Year—Acts 1-9, with Burnside's Notes, Cambridge Press.

3rd Year—1 and 2 Thessalonians, with Cambridge Greek Text.

4th Year—Romans 5-13, with I.C.C.

or (B).—English New Testament.

1st Year—Matthew and James, with Century Bible.

2nd Year—Romans, with Moffatt's Commentary (Dodd).

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

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

3. Theology.

1st Year: The Work of Christ.

The Spiritual Principle of the Atonement (Lidgett).

The Doctrine of the Work of Christ (Cave).

The Doctrine of the Atonement (Mozley).

Wesley's Sermons—

Salvation by Faith.

The Way to the Kingdom.

Wandering Thoughts.

The New Birth.

Self Denial.

On Sin in Believers.

The Repentance of Believers.

The Lord our Righteousness.

2nd Year: God.

The Christian Idea of God (M. Hughes).

The World and God (Farmer).

God in Christian Thought and Experience (Matthews).

Wesley's Sermons—

The Almost Christian.

Justification by Faith.

The Original, Nature, Property, and Use of the Law.

The Law Established through Faith I.

The Law Established through Faith II.

Original Sin.

The Scripture Way of Salvation.

3rd Year: The Holy Spirit.

The Christian Experience of the Holy Spirit (Wheeler Robinson).

The Holy Spirit in the New Testament (Swete).

Wesley's Sermons—

The Almost Christian.

Scriptural Christianity.

The First Fruits of the Spirit.

The Spirit of Bondage and of Adoption.

The Witness of the Spirit I.

The Witness of Our Own Spirit.

The Means of Grace.

The Circumcision of the Heart.

4th Year: The Doctrine of the Future.

The World to Come and Final Destiny (Leckie).

And the Life-Everlasting (J. Baillie).

Wesley's Sermons—

The Marks of the New Birth.

The Great Privilege of Those that are Born of God.

The Nature of Enthusiasm.

The Catholic Spirit.

Christian Perfection.

Heaviness Through Manifold Temptations.

The Use of Money.

The Witness of the Spirit II.

4. General.

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

2nd Year—One of the following :—

1. Apologetics :

The Relevance of Christianity (Barry).

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

2. Religion and Psychology :

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

The Psychology of Religion (Selbie).

3. Social Ethics :

The Christian Ideal for Human Society (Garvie).

4. Comparative Religion (including Anthropology) :

Living Religions of the East (Cave).

Soderblom "The Living God"

5. Religious Education :

The Approach to Religious Education (Yeaxlee).

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

6. Maori Language.

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

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

REGULATIONS.

1. All Probationers who have completed the two-year Hebrew Course in Auckland University College shall take Hebrew Old Testament, provided that any Probationer taking a B.D. Course may substitute in lieu thereof the Hebrew prescribed in the B.D. Syllabus for that year.
2. Unless special exemption is granted by the Examination Committee., Greek New Testament shall be compulsory for all Probationers who have been through College, provided that any Probationer taking a B.D. Course, may substitute in lieu thereof the Greek prescribed in the B.D. Syllabus for that year.
3. Probationers, to whom (1) and/or (2) do not apply, shall be permitted to take the alternative English Old Testament and/or English New Testament in lieu of Hebrew and/or Greek respectively.
4. The Examination in Hebrew Old Testament and Greek New Testament shall be mainly on translation, grammar, and exegesis, and that in English O.T. and English N.T. shall be mainly on the exegesis of the sections specified.
5. (a). Greek and 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 March 1 and June 1 respectively. 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 2, (Greek or English New Testament) and 4 (General) shall be conducted in July and in the subjects 1 (Hebrew or English Old 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.

I.—Old Testament.

Hebrew (selected students only as required).

General Introduction—

To include, besides questions of authorship, date, canon, etc., a knowledge of the contents in English, and some appreciation of their significance for Biblical Theology.

- 3 year cycle 1. Historical Books and General.
2. Psalms and Wisdom Books.
3. Prophetic Literature.

one hour weekly.

II.—New Testament.

N.T. Greek.—Junior, Intermediate and Senior classes, each 2 hours weekly.

N.T. Introduction—

- 3 year cycle 1. Synoptic Gospels.
2. Paul and the Pauline Epistles.
3. Johannine Literature and other Epistles.

1 hour weekly.

N.T. Exegesis—

Selected passages—1 hour weekly.

III.—Biblical, Historical and Systematic Theology.

3 year cycle 1. God—Man—Sin.

2. Person and Work of Christ, Christian Ethics.

3. Holy Spirit, including Church, Ministry, Sacraments,
Last things.

2 to 4 hours weekly.

IV.—Church History.

3 year cycle 1. History of Christian Church to 1500.

2. 1500 to present time.

3. Wesley and the Methodist Movement.

World Expansion of Methodism.

New Zealand Methodism.

1 hour weekly.

V.—Pastoral Theology.

First year : 1. Homiletics.

2. Psychology I, General Introduction.

Second and Third Years, alternatively :

1. Pastoral Theology.

2. Psychology II, Teaching and Counselling
and 1. Worship, Church Organization, etc.

2. Psychology III, Psycho-therapy and the Psychology
of Religion.

In addition, each man will attend a weekly Sermon Criticism Class,
and a class in Elocution and Voice Production, making four hours in all.

Attention will be paid to English Composition when necessary.

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 I, 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 I, 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" (Healrig) 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.

VIII.—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 1947 shall commence on the following dates:—

Probationers—Tuesday, 15th July, and Tuesday, 2nd December.

Candidates for the Ministry—Tuesday, 19th August.

Home Missionary Probationers—Tuesday, 2nd December.

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

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

(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 1948 be Rev. J. D. Grocott, B.A.

2. That congratulations be extended to Revs. R. H. Allen, J. B. Dawson, L. R. M. Gilmore, G. V. Thomas, and A. R. Witheford who have completed the B.A. degree, and C. P. Lucas, who has completed the L.Th., and that these be printed in the Minutes.

3. Study of Greek by Probationers—(1) That probationers who have taken the full College course be required to take this subject on probation. (2) That the examination in Greek be held in July. (3) That tutorials be marked on the same basis as for Theology (Exam. 60, Tutorial 40), particular attention in tutorials to be given to composition, grammar and exegesis. (4) That the Course of Study be considered by the Board of Studies during the year.

4. That the Vice-President be one of the three laymen, ex-officio, to be appointed to the Examination Committee.

5. That it be re-affirmed that the minimum standard of education for Candidates for the Ministry be the University Entrance Examination, and that the attention of examiners of candidates be drawn to this provision.

6. That Rev. G. R. Harris be thanked for his services and be re-appointed.

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

AUCKLAND—

1. Auckland Central and Auckland West Circuits: That Auckland Central and Auckland West Circuits be amalgamated, such amalgamation to take effect as from April 1st, 1947, and that the new Circuit be named "Auckland Central."

2. Bay of Islands: That the Chairman of the District, a member of the District Executive, the General Superintendent of the Home Mission Department, and a representative of the Northland Sub-District Executive, be an advisory committee to watch developments in the Bay of Islands County, with particular reference to the Kawakawa Kaikohe Circuit.

WELLINGTON—

That the Wellington District Executive and the Quarterly Meetings of the three Hutt Valley Circuits be requested to meet to consider the advisability of amalgamating these three Circuits.

SOUTH CANTERBURY—

Rakaia-Methven: That Rakaia-Methven Circuit be included in the Ashburton Circuit, the staffing to be one minister and one probationer.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND—

That Otautau-Tuatapere and Riverton Home Mission Stations be amalgamated and named "Western Southland."

GENERAL—

(a) That in view of the present great shortage of Ministers and the urgent need, especially in rapidly developing areas, laymen of the Church be urged to co-operate in the pastoral oversight of these areas.

(b) That in view of the success of the Auckland District Executive in sponsoring the amalgamation of Auckland Central and Auckland West Circuits, the Conference urge upon other District Executives the advisability of seeking the amalgamation of Circuits in their districts, with a view to meeting the needs of new housing areas and the acute staffing problems.

(c) Otago-Southland: That Conference gives general approval of the scheme for a Community Church in the Corstorphine Housing Area in the Caversham Circuit, and requests the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee to take early steps to clarify the relationship of such a Church to the Connexional Departments and Funds, and the Law Book Revision Committee to clarify the status of such a Community Church and consider related questions.

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

AUCKLAND—

Kawakawa-Kaikohe: That an ordained minister be appointed with a suitable grant.

SOUTH AUCKLAND—

1. Morrinsville: That the memorial of the Te Aroha and Morrinsville Circuits approved last year regarding the re-appointment of a probationer at Waitoa as the prior step towards the appointment of a third ordained married minister, which plan was to receive the co-operation of both Circuits named, be re-affirmed.

2. Ngatea, Hauraki Plains: That the staffing be a married probationer. If not available a Home Missionary be appointed.

3. Whakatane: That the staffing be an ordained minister.

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU—

Napier: That the staffing be two ordained ministers.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI—

Eltham-Kaponga: That the staffing be one ordained minister and a single home missionary.

NORTH CANTERBURY—

Woolston: That the staffing be two ordained ministers and a home missionary.

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

That probationers be appointed to the following Circuits, when available, priority being given where the greatest need arises: Onehunga, Morrinsville (2nd), Wanganui North (2nd), Lower Hutt (3rd), Masterton (2nd), Ashburton (2nd), Riccarton (2nd), Sydenham (2nd), Addington (2nd), Timaru South and Dunedin Central (3rd), (as President's supply).

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

None.

QUESTION XXVI.—What New Stations are now Constituted?

None.

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

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

Auckland Avondale (3) is due, but is relieved for a second year.

Kawakawa-Kaikohe is due, but is relieved for an eighth year.

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

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

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

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

Wairoa (H.B.) is due, but is relieved for an eighteenth year.

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

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

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

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

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

Vice-President: MR. GORDON S. GAPPER.

Secretary: REV. HERBERT L. FIEBIG, B.A.

STATIONS OF MINISTERS, 1947.

(N.B.—Each of the places mentioned in these Stations and numbered consecutively 1 to 129 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; Francis J. Handy (Dominion Rd.); Harris J. Whitfield (St. John's); One Wanted (Kingsland); Gordon V. Thomas, B.A. (Roskill); One Wanted (Richmond Ave.); One Wanted (Sandringham); a Home Missionary (Port Chevalier); John Olphert (Sup.); George P. Hunt (Sup.); Ralph J. Liddell (Sup.); Ernest D. Patchett (Sup.); a Deaconess.

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

THE HOME MISSION DEPARTMENT.—George I. Laurenson, General Supt.; Bernard M. Chrystall, B.A., Asst. 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 (Sup.); One Wanted; 2 Deaconesses.
- 3. Auckland East.**—Joseph C. Draper; Alfred E. Jefferson; Wesley Parker, M.A.; One Wanted; Harold T. Peat (is a Minister without Pastoral Charge); Ernest B. Chambers (is a Minister without Pastoral Charge); Gordon H. Parker, M.A. (is a Minister resting, with permission to visit England); Charles H. Laws, B.A., D.D. (Foundation Fellow of Trinity College) (Sup.); William A. Sinclair (Sup.); Harold E. Bellhouse (Sup.); William Walker (Sup.); John R. Nelson (Sup.); Edwin S. Harkness (Sup.).

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: David O. Williams, M.A., Litt.D.

4. Auckland (Avondale).—Walter Parker; Haddon C. Dixon, M.A. (Glen Eden); Donald Haylock (Avondale); Arthur Mitchell (Sup.); Harry Ranston, M.A., Litt.D. (Fellow of Trinity College) (Sup.).
Mt. Albert Orphanage Chaplain, Walter Parker.
 5. Auckland (Devonport).—Herbert A. Cochrane; E. Percy Blamires (Sup., with permission to reside in England).
 6. Auckland (Takapuna).—Leslie R. M. Gilmore, B.A.; James W. Parker (is a Minister without Pastoral Charge); William Wills (Sup.).
 7. Auckland (Birkenhead).—Gordon R. H. Peterson; Albert Blake-more (Sup.); a Home Missionary.
 8. Onchunga.—E. Clarence Leadley; Frank E. Leadley (Sup.); a Home Missionary.
 9. Otahuhu.—Alfred E. Waite; Norman W. Olds.
 10. Papakura.—Robert B. Tinsley.
 11. Pukekohe.—James H. Hall (who shall supervise the Bombay-Tuakau H.M. Station).
Wesley Training College, Paerata: Chaplain, James H. Hall.
 12. Waiuku.—George W. Cramond.
 13. Mahurangi.—One Wanted.
 14. Paparoa.—One Wanted.
 15. Dargaville.—Percy I. Cooke; a Home Missionary (Te Kopuru).
 16. Ruawai.—Harry Moore.
 17. Whangarei.—George E. Brown (who shall supervise Hikurangi Circuit).
 18. Hikurangi.—One Wanted.
 19. Whangaroa.—Len Shapcott (Kaeo).
 20. Port Albert.—George R. Thompson; a Home Missionary.
 21. Kawakawa-Kaikohe.—A. Francis Attwood.
 22. Mangonui.—Edmund D. Grounds.
 23. Hokianga.—Donald G. Sherson, B.A.
Maori Mission—Home Mission Department: Eruera Te Tuhi, Senior Maori Superintendent.
- [1] Auckland—
Matarae Tauroa (Tuakau).
Ranginohoorua Rogers (Waima).
13 Home Missionaries.
5 Deaconesses.
- BOMBAY-TUAKAU.—A Home Missionary.
NORTH WAITEMATA.—Two Home Missionaries.
ALBANY.—A Home Missionary.
BAY OF ISLANDS.—A Home Missionary.
NORTH HOKIANGA.—A Home Missionary.
COLPORTEUR WORK.—A Home Missionary.

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

II.—SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

24. Thames.—William Rowe (who shall supervise the Coromandel H.M. Station).
 25. Hauraki Plains.—One Wanted.
 26. Paeroa.—J. Ainsley Daglish (who shall supervise the Hauraki Plains Circuit).
 27. Waihi.—Wallace S. Neal; Reginald Day (C.F.)
 28. Te Aroha.—Athol R. Penn.
 29. Morrinsville.—W. E. Allon Carr; One Wanted.
 30. Cambridge.—Charles H. Olds, B.A.
 31. Hamilton.—Howard C. Matthews, B.A.; William A. Mills (who shall supervise the Huntly Circuit and Ngaruawahia H.M. Station); One Wanted.
Raglan Union Church.—Arthur T. Kent.
 32. Hamilton East.—John H. Bailey; William Gatman (Sup.),
 33. Huntly.—Warren Green.
 34. Matamata.—Ivan S. Williamson (who shall supervise the Putaruru Circuit).
 35. Putaruru.—D. I. Alister McDonald.
 36. Rotorua.—Thomas H. Carr; Walter J. Oxbrow (Sup.); William H. Speer (Sup.).
 37. Tauranga.—Arthur A. Bensley (who shall supervise the Whakatane and Opotiki Circuits); a Home Missionary.
 38. Whakatane.—One Wanted.
 39. Opotiki.—Leslie C. Clements.
 40. Te Awamutu.—Albert Jolly.
 41. Otorohanga.—Clifford G. Brown.
 42. Te Kuiti.—One Wanted.
 43. Taumarunui.—Alan F. Collins (who shall supervise the Ohura H.M. Station).
 - [2] Waikato—
One Wanted (Ngaruawahia).
10 Home Missionaries.
4 Deaconesses.
 - [3] Maniapoto.—
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.
HOWARD C. MATTHEWS, B.A., Financial Secretary.

III.—TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

44. New Plymouth.—J. Henry Allen; Ivo M. Raynor; a Home Missionary; Charles M. Roberts (Sup.) John Nixon (Sup.).
45. Waitara.—Harry V. Utting.
46. Stratford.—John Dennis.
47. Eltham-Kaponga.—L. Gordon Hanna; a Home Missionary.
48. Hawera.—Samuel J. Werren.
49. Manaia.—Henry Benny.
50. Opunake.—Robert E. Fordyce, a Home Missionary.
51. Wanganui.—Frederick J. Parker (who shall supervise the Gonville Circuit and the Raetihi-Ohakune Home Mission Station).
52. Wanganui North.—H. Kilford Brown; One Wanted.
53. Gonville.—One Wanted; J. Frederick Martin (Sup.).
54. Taihape.—Leslie F. Bycroft.

[4] Taranaki-Waimarino—

Rakena P. Rakena (Hawera).

12 Home Missionaries.

4 Deaconesses.

INGLEWOOD.—A Home Missionary.

MARTON.—A Home Missionary.

RAETIHI-OHAKUNE.—A Home Missionary.

PATEA.—A Home Missionary.

DOUGLAS.—A Home Missionary.

J. HENRY ALLEN, Chairman of the District.

IV.—HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

55. Napier.—William R. Francis, B.A.; One Wanted (Greenmeadows). Henry Ryan (Sup.).
56. Hastings.—G. Raymond Harris; Arthur Hopper (Sup.); Fred Copeland (Sup.).
57. Gisborne.—Bert M. Tasker, B.A., Dip.Soc.Sc. (who shall supervise Wairoa Circuit); a Home Missionary; W. Selwyn Dawson, B.A. (C.F., Overseas).
58. Wairoa.—One Wanted.
59. Dannevirke.—Thomas Skuse.
60. Woodville.—Charles B. Oldfield.
61. Pahiatua.—Frederick B. Lawrence.
62. Palmerston North (St. Paul's).—J. Francis Jack.
63. Palmerston North (Cuba Street).—Leslie A. G. Brooks (who shall supervise the Foxton-Shannon H.M. Station).
64. Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe.—Cecil R. Taylor.
65. Feilding.—Charlie O. Hailwood (who shall supervise Apiti H.M. Station); a Home Missionary.

66. **Sanson-Rongotea.**—Herbert Spencer.

WAIPAWA-WAIPUKURAU.—Two Home Missionaries.

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

APITI.—A Home Missionary.

NORSEWOOD.—A Home Missionary.

J. FRANCIS JACK, Chairman of the District.

V.—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

67. **Wellington Central.**—William W. H. Greenslade; Campbell P. Lucas (Brooklyn); One Wanted; Fred Greenwood (Sup.); Ernest O. Blamires (Sup.).

YOUTH DEPARTMENT.—Clifford T. Symons, M.A., B.D.; Senior Youth Director.

68. **Wellington West.**—John D. Grocott, B.A.; Charles E. Dickens (Thorndon); Moses Ayrton (Sup.).

69. **Wellington South.**—John D. McArthur.

70. **Wellington East.**—William A. Burley, M.A.; Charles H. Bell; Owen T. Woodfield; a Home Missionary (Island Bay); Samuel Bailey (Sup.).

71. **Johnsonville-Ngaio.**—Hedley White; William J. Morrison, B.A. (Porirua); Robert H. Allen, B.A. (Ngajo).

72. **Hutt.**—John L. Mitchell (who shall supervise Upper Hutt Circuit); Robert F. Clement, B.A.; One Wanted; Thomas W. Vealie (Sup.); R. Purcell Keall (Sup.).

73. **Upper Hutt.**—W. Lloyd Divers

74. **Petone.**—Herbert W. Payne.

75. **Greytown-Featherston.**—William H. Gregory; G. Knowles Smith (Sup.).

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

77. **Masterton.**—George H. Goodman; One Wanted.
Masterton Children's Home: Chaplain, George H. Goodman.

78. **Eketahuna.**—Leonard V. Willing.

79. **Levin.**—Harry S. Kings.

80. **Otaki.**—William B. Pickering.

PARAPARAUMU.—Two Home Missionaries.

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

VI.—NELSON DISTRICT.

81. **Nelson.**—Ashleigh K. Petch, B.A.; One Wanted; Charles Blair (Sup.); Charles B. Jordan, M.A., B.D., F.R.E.S. (Sup.).

82. **Richmond.**—Ralph E. Patchett (who shall supervise the Wakefield-Dovedale Home Mission Station).

83. **Motueka.**—Hubert G. Brown (who shall give oversight to Dovedale area).

84. **Blenheim.**—Alan O. Jones (who shall supervise the Havelock H.M. Station); William C. Jenkin (Picton).

85. Reefton.—One Wanted.
86. Westport.—Herbert Ford (who shall supervise the Granity H.M. Station).
87. Greymouth.—John Silvester, M.A.
88. Hokitika.—Charles H. Kendon.
 WAKEFIELD-DOVEDALE.—A Home Missionary.
 HAVELOCK.—A Home Missionary.
 MURCHISON.—A Home Missionary.
 GRANITY.—A Home Missionary.

HUBERT G. BROWN, Chairman of the District.

VII.—NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

89. Christchurch (Durham Street).—Raymond Dudley, M.A., F.R.E.S. Arthur R. Witheford, B.A.; William Grigg (Sup.); Henry L. Blamires (Sup.); Ben Dudley, F.R.A.S. (Sup.); Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A. (Sup.); Benjamin J. James (Sup.).
 CONNEXIONAL SECRETARY AND AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE.—Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A. (Secretary of the Conference).
 Youth Directors|—John K. Watson, M.C., B.A. (is a Minister Resting and with permission to visit England). (See also Question 29.)
90. Christchurch East.—V. Roy Jamieson, M.B.E.; Howard E. Harkness, M.A.; Ernest E. Sage; John B. Dawson, B.A.; Jacob Featherston (Sup.); Albert H. Fowles (Sup.); Raymond Richards (Sup.).
91. Christchurch (Cambridge Terrace).—Archer O. Harris.
92. Christchurch (Woolston).—Frederick O. Prosser; William E. Moore (Opawa); a Home Missionary (Sumner).
93. Christchurch (Sydenham).—Andrew J. Johnston; One Wanted; Harold A. Sharp (Sup.).
94. Christchurch (Addington).—Leonard C. Horwood; One Wanted.
95. Christchurch (Riccarton).—J. Montgomery Blight; One Wanted.
96. Christchurch (St. Albans).—Harry J. Odell; Ernest S. Hoddinott; Edward Drake (Sup.); Arthur Liversedge (Sup.).
97. Christchurch (Papanui).—Robert W. Mayson, B.A.
 SOUTH ISLAND ORPHANAGE.—Chaplain, Robert W. Mayson, B.A.
98. Lyttelton.—R. Graham Bell, B.A.
99. Springston.—Harry Cottom.
100. Leeston.—H. Leslie Richards.

101. Kaiapoi.—George B. Hinton (who shall supervise the Hawarden H.M. Station).
102. Ohoka.—One Wanted.
103. Rangiora.—Alfred M. Costain, Dip.Soc.Sc.; Basil Metson (Sup.).
104. Woodend-Sefton.—Walter J. Enticott.
105. Greendale.—Robert McGregor.
106. 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.

107. Timaru (Banks St.).—James Richards; William W. Avery (Sup.)
108. Timaru (Woodlands St.).—Matthew A. McDowell; a Deaconess.
109. Timaru South.—One Wanted.
110. Waimate.—Oswald Burnet; Leslie A. D. Hayman, B.Sc. (Agr.), (on Relief Service Overseas); Jonathan H. Haslam (Sup.).
111. Temuka.—J. Henry Woolford, B.A.
112. Geraldine.—One Wanted; Clarence Eaton (Sup.).
113. Ashburton.—William T. Blight, B.A., B.D. (Connexional Editor); Wesley A. Chambers; Angus McBean (Sup.).
114. Willowby.—Frank Bateup.
115. Oamaru.—H. Ian K. Hopper, B.A.

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

IX.—OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

116. Dunedin Central.—William G. Slade, M.A. (President of the Conference); Lawrence Greenslade (who shall supervise the Wai-kouaiti H.M. Station); One Wanted (President's Supply); George Clement (Sup.); Harold W. Burley, M.M. (is a Minister without Pastoral Charge).
117. Dunedin Central Mission.—Leslie B. Neale, B.A., F.R.G.S.; Wilfred E. Falkingham; One Wanted; Two Deaconesses.
118. Dunedin North.—A. Peter Dorrian.
119. Dunedin (Cargill Road).—James S. Willoughby; One Wanted; T. Arthur Pybus (Sup.); Hector C. Orchard (Sup.).
120. Dunedin (St. Kilda).—D. J. Donald Hickman.

121. Dunedin (Caversham).—Arthur H. Ivory, LL.B., B.Com. (who shall supervise the Mosgiel Home Mission Station).
122. Dunedin (Morningside).—Norman P. Larsen (who shall supervise the Port Chalmers Circuit).
123. Dunedin (Roslyn).—Clifford L. Duder (who shall supervise the Dunedin North Circuit).
124. Port Chalmers.—One Wanted.
125. Milton.—John J. Lewis, M.A., B.D. (who shall supervise the Lawrence Home Mission Station).
126. Roxburgh.—J. C. Aldwyn Williams (who shall supervise the Cromwell H.M. Station).
127. Invercargill (Central).—Robert Thornley, M.A., Dip.Soc.Sc. (who shall supervise the Western Southland and Nightcaps Home Mission Stations).
128. Invercargill (St. Peter's).—William R. Laws, M.A. (who shall supervise the Bluff Home Mission Station).
129. Gore.—J. Stanley Waite (who shall supervise the Edendale H.M. 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.

WESTERN SOUTHLAND.—A Home Missionary.

NIGHTCAPS.—A Home Missionary.

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

D. J. DONALD HICKMAN (Deputy Chairman).

A. H. IVORY, LL.B., B.Com. (Financial Secretary).

X.—SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT.

[15] Roviana Circuit.

John Francis Goldie

One Wanted

One Wanted

Two Missionary Sisters

One Nursing Sister

Paul Havea (Marovo)

Nathan Kera, under the direction of the Chairman of the District.

John Afu (Roviana)

John Taufu

Eight Native Catechists

Forty-one Native Teachers

Six Native Medical Assistants

Two Native Nurses.

District Training College:

John F. Goldie, Principal.

Allen H. Hall, B.A., 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)

Trevor Shepherd (Teop)

Clarence T. J. Luxton (Buka)

One Missionary Sister (Buka)

One Missionary Sister (Buin)

One Missionary Sister Wanted (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?

Auckland District—

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

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

Auckland Central (Kingsland).—F. H. Parker, non-resident Student (Supply). Sandringham (One Wanted). (Richmond Av.) W. F. Ford, non resident Student (Supply). (Point Chevalier) B. H. Riseley, non-resident Student (Supply).

Auckland, Avondale.—J. Belshaw, C. W. Brown, C. Duncan, and C. Aker (retired).

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

Auckland (Birkenhead).—(Northcote) Rev. A. Blakemore (Supply), J. W. Bayliss (Retired).

Bombay-Tuakau.—D. Armstrong.

North Waitemata.—J. McMorran (Kaukapakapa), and R. Coombridge (Silverdale).

North Hokianga (Kohukohu).—L. E. G. Sharp.

Albany.—One Wanted.

Dargaville (Te Kopuru).—One Wanted.

Port Albert (Wellsford).—One Wanted.

Paparoa.—R. T. Alexander.

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

Hikurangi.—R. C. Groves.

Mahurangi.—J. H. Thompson, G. E. Roke (leave of absence).

Onehunga (Waitangi Road).—One Wanted.

Home Mission Department—

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

Maori Mission—

Matauri Bay, Kaeo.—Supply.

Batley.—Supply.

Kawakawa (Waiomio).—Tawa 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.
Rangitane (Poutu).—Henare Kapa.
Whirinaki.—Heemi Winiata.

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.—F. J. Climo.
Te Kuiti.—R. C. Patchett.
Hauraki Plains.—A. J. Handyside.

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.—Raniera Poihipi Tokoroa.
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.—Supply.
Rangiriri.—Supply.
Mercer.—Supply.
Te Kohanga.—Waka Kukutai.

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).—One Wanted; H. Ashworth and T. W. Featherstone (Retired).
Opunake (Okato).—A. Currie.
Eltham (Kaponga).—One Wanted.
Patea.—One Wanted (under Hawera Superintendent).
Raetihi-Ohakune.—One Wanted.
Wanganui North (Wanganui East).—One Wanted.
Douglas (under Stratford Superintendent).—Vacant.
Inglewood.—H. Ashworth (Supply) ; J. C. R. Ashworth (leave of absence).
Marton.—C. Robinson.
Gonville.—Supply.

Maori Mission—

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

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District—

Feilding.—A. W. McKay (Halcombe).
Napier (Greenmeadows).—W. J. Henderson.
Foxton-Shannon.—Rev. T. Coatsworth (Supply).
Apiti.—One Wanted.
Norsewood (under Dannevirke Superintendent).—Vacant.

Waipawa-Waipukurau.—W. J. Bryant; One Wanted (Waipukurau).

Gisborne (Mangapapa).—One Wanted.

Wairoa.—J. Caldwell (Supply).

Wellington District—

Hutt (Epuni).—Rev. R. P. Keall (Supply).

Paraparaumu.—H. R. Wright and One Wanted (Paekakariki).

Masterton (Kuripuni).—One Wanted.

Levin.—J. Common (Retired).

Otaki.—S. Keen (Retired).

Wellington Central (3).—One Wanted.

Wellington East (Island Bay).—W. A. Bridge.

Nelson District—

Nelson South.—H. Thornley (Supply).

Havelock.—One Wanted (under Blenheim Superintendent).

Murchison.—One Wanted.

Granity.—One Wanted.

Wakefield-Dovedale.—Rev. C. Blair (Supply), (Motueka Minister to assist).

Reefton.—F. E. Trim (Supply).

North Canterbury District—

Youth Director.—E. Jean Hartley, B.A. (employed by Youth Department).

Christchurch.—St. Albans.—Bryndwr.—Supply (Rev. E. Drake).

Christchurch—Sydenham (Beckenham).—One Wanted.

Christchurch—Woolston (Sumner).—One Wanted.

Christchurch—Addington (Lincoln Road).—One Wanted.

Christchurch—Papanui.—H. J. Malcolm (Retired).

Oxford (Waddington).—One Wanted;

Tai Tapu.—One Wanted (under Springston Superintendent).

Hawarden.—Vacant (under Kaiapoi Superintendent).

Christchurch (Riccarton).—One Wanted (Sockburn).

Ohoka.—J. M. Daley, B.A.

South Canterbury District—

Geraldine.—Rev. C. Eaton (Supply).

Timaru South.—One Wanted (under Banks Street Superintendent); (Woodlands St. Minister to assist).

Otago-Southland District—

Dunedin Central Mission (3).—One Wanted.
Cargill Road (St. Clair).—A. W. R. Mead.
Port Chalmers.—H. M. Brasell.
Waikouaiti-Palmerston.—H. W. Toothill.
Mosgiel.—E. J. Carter.
Lawrence.—Vacant (under Milton Superintendent).
Balclutha.—T. Steele.
Cromwell.—N. R. Hooper.
Edendale.—L. D. Woolf.
Western Southland.—K. A. Robinson.
Nightcaps.—One Wanted.
Bluff.—Supply; One Wanted.

DEACONESS APPOINTMENTS, 1947.

I.—Home Work.

1928—Sister Rita Snowden, Home Mission Dept., Auckland.
1928—Sister Ivy Jones, Orphanage Board, Auckland.
1945—Sister May Viney, Woodlands Street, Timaru.
1947—Probationer Margaret Taylor, Central Mission Dunedin.

II.—Maori Work.

1921—Sister Eleanor Dobby, South Island.
1921—Sister Nicholls, Te Kuiti.
1929—Sister Airini Hobbs, Hamilton and Northern King Country (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 Rangiatea Board).
1939—Sister Dorothy Pointon, Hokianga.
1943—Sister Nance Davidson, Auckland.
1943—Sister Anne Wilson, Hawera.
1944—Sister Ruth Hilder, Bay of Islands.
1945—Sister Jean Miller, Hamilton and Eastern Waikato.
1946—Sister Joyce Webber, Auckland.
1947—Probationer Mavis Dickie, Opunake.
1947—Probationer Daphne Lye, Hamilton and Upper Waikato.
1947—Probationer Jean Simpkin, Dargaville.

III.—Foreign Work.

- 1924—Sister Lina Jones, Methodist Mission, New Georgia, British Solomon Islands.
- 1927—Sister Grace McDonald, Methodist Mission, Choiseul, British Solomon Islands.
- 1934—Sister Ada Lee, Methodist Mission, South Bougainville, Terr. of New Guinea.
- 1937—Sister Effie Harkness, Methodist Mission, New Georgia, British Solomon Islands.
- 1938—Sister Joy Whitehouse, Methodist Mission, Vella Lavella, British Solomon Islands.
- 1945—Sister Winifred Poole, Methodist Mission, Buka Passage, Terr. of New Guinea.
- 1946—Sister Merle Carter, Methodist Mission, Teop, Buka Passage, Terr. of New Guinea.
- 1947—Sister Lucy Money, Methodist Mission, New Georgia, British Solomon Islands.

IV.—Retired for Special Service.

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

V.—Retired or Resting.

- 1907—Sister Mabel Morley, retired.
- 1913—Mrs. W. J. Williams, retired.
- 1913—Sister May Barnett, retired.
- 1914—Sister Ethel McMillan, retired.
- 1918—Sister Winifred Beaumont, retired.
- 1919—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.
- 1938—Sister Merle Farland, retired.
- 1940—Sister Violet Kruse (retired).

VI.—Students in Training.

- Miss Rona Collins, 2nd year.
- Miss Grace Clement, 2nd year.
- Miss Noeline Wilson, 2nd year.
- Miss Margaret Keightley, 1st year.
- Miss Frances Smith, 1st year.
- Miss June Winchcombe, 1st year.
- Miss Betty Yearbury, 1st year.

Missionary Sisters.

- Sister Eleanor Dobby, Main North Rd., Styx, Christchurch
Sister Nicholls, Matai Street, Te Kuiti.
Sister Rita Snowden, 24 Empire Road, Auckland, C.E.3.
Sister Airini 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, Rangiata Maori Girls' School, New Plymouth.
Sister Dorothy Pointon, Taheke, Hokianga.
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, Box 400, Hamilton.
Sister May Viney, Woodlands Street Church, Timaru.
Sister Lina Jones, Methodist Mission, New Georgia, British Solomon Islands.
Sister Grace McDonald, Methodist Mission, Choiseul, British Solomon Islands.
Sister Ada Lee, Methodist Mission, South Bougainville, Terr. of New Guinea.
Sister Effie Harkness, Methodist Mission, New Georgia, British Solomon Islands.
Sister Merle Carter, Methodist Mission, Teop, Buka Passage,
Sister Joy Whitehouse, Methodist Mission, Vella Lavella, British Solomon Islands.
Sister Winifred Poole, Methodist Mission, Buka Passage, Terr. of New Guinea.
Sister Lucy Money, Methodist Mission, New Georgia, British Solomon Islands.
Sister Joyce Webber, 8 Airedale Street, Auckland.
Probationer Mavis Dickie, Opunake.
Probationer Daphne Lye, Box 400, Hamilton.
Probationer Jean Simpkin, Dargaville.

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. T. Olds.
South Auckland—C. H. Olds, B.A.
Taranaki-Wanganui—J. H. Allen.
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu—J. F. Jack.
Wellington—W. A. Burley, M.A.
Nelson—H. G. Brown.
North Canterbury—A. M. Costain, Dip. Soc. Sc.
South Canterbury—W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D.
Otago-Southland—William G. Slade, M.A. (President of the Conference).
Solomon Islands—J. F. Goldie.

2. DISTRICT AND STATISTICAL SECRETARIES.

General Statistical Secretary—Haddon C. Dixon, M.A.
Auckland—Alfred E. Waite.
South Auckland—Athol R. Penn.
Taranaki-Wanganui—L. Gordon Hanna.
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu—Leslie A. G. Brooks.
Wellington—Charles E. Dickens.
Nelson—Ralph E. Patchett.
North Canterbury—J. Montgomery Blight.
South Canterbury—Henry J. Woolford, B.A.
Otago-Southland—William R. Laws, M.A.

QUESTION XXXI.—Who are Elected as President and Secretary of the Conference for the year 1948?

President: Rev. E. T. Olds.
Secretary: Rev. H. L. Fiebig, B.A.

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

(A) GENERAL STATISTICAL SECRETARY'S REPORT, 1946.

General.

The general statistics for the year must be regarded as very disturbing. We have shown decreases in Church Membership, Churches, Sunday Schools, Preaching Places, Local Preachers, Communicants, and Young Women's Bible Class Members. There are increases in the Cradle Roll, Sunday School Scholars, the number of Bible Classes, Baptisms, and Young Men's Bible Class Members. There are other increases and decreases, but these are the essential ones. They reveal a situation that merits the earnest consideration of the entire Church. I have again graphed the major statistics, and these graphs will be available at Conference.

It is good to report that there is much less inaccuracy in the forms this year than last. Thirty-seven Circuits and Home Mission Stations return figures that fail to balance, and some obviously do not make sense. But the general trend is towards greater accuracy, if not punctuality.

Analysis.

Churches. The loss of three Churches and nine preaching places is disquieting when one considers the new housing areas being opened. There is need for "Preaching Places" to be more clearly defined, as it is apparent that circuits and districts differ considerably in their interpretation of what constitutes a "preaching place."

Local Preachers. There is a further loss this year of 19, the total 644 being the lowest of which I have record. The number has declined each year since 1935.

Adult Membership. As is well known the statistics here have been static for a good number of years, and the decrease of 209 is not large in a total of over 25,000. The decrease has been occasioned largely through some fairly drastic purging of the rolls in several circuits. Two circuits reduced their roll by one-third. There are several very disquieting features, though, apart from this. Seventy-seven circuits showed decreases, 68 showed increases; 52 places showed no new members received. 1062 new members were received.

Last year the figure was 1095. 433 members died during the year, 671 were removed from the roll, having ceased to attend; 144 members were lost in transfer from one circuit to another. This gives a total of 1248. Against this we received as above 1062, which means that we lost ground to the extent of 186 members. (It will be observed that this figure does not tally with the total decrease.) Last year we had 378 deaths, 360 "ceased to attend," and 222 lost in transit from one circuit to another, a total of 960, against 1095 new members.

Finances. These are in a very healthy condition. Credit balances are larger, so are debit balances. The situation for the Dominion has deteriorated to the extent of approximately £100, but stipends have increased by almost £3000. Trust figures, if they are reliable, show that the position has improved by over £17,000.

Youth Statistics.

The trends are very similar to those of past years. The gain of 177 scholars is good considering that last year was a special year. The gains made then have been maintained and increased. The intermediate department of the Schools was the only one to record a decrease, but that was a substantial one (186). The outstanding feature of the S.S. is the increase in the number of men teachers, 103 or nearly 15 per cent. Women teachers decreased by 92.

The Bible Class figures are not nearly so encouraging. While the number of Bible Classes increased by 40, leaders decreased by 11, which is a minor mystery. But young women's Bible Class members showed a decrease of 153, nearly 6 per cent. The young men showed an increase of 72, or nearly 3 per cent.

Church Young People's Roll. In accordance with the decision of last Conference, the Junior and Infant Members' rolls were superseded by the Church Young People's Roll. This has caused considerable confusion, many circuits returning Infant and Junior members as usual. This will be dealt with under the Youth Department report.

Summary.

As there has been considerable difference in the various districts the following is appended as a summary of the districts' gains and losses:—

District.		Adult	M. S. Scholars.	Y.W.B.C.	Y.M.B.C.
Auckland	....	I 55	I 211	same	I 63
South Auckland	....	I 32	D 105	D 32	D 5
Taranaki-Wanganui	....	D 111	I 73	D 38	D 9
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu		D 14	I 46	I 34	I 59
Wellington	....	D 60	D 103	D 102	D 40
Nelson	....	I 19	I 26	D 34	D 34
North Canterbury	....	I 1	I 56	I 1	I 20
South Canterbury	....	I 8	D 11	I 1	I 4
Otago-Southland	....	D 139	D 15	I 17	I 14

I signifies Increase. D signifies Decrease.

In conclusion, I deeply regret that it has been impossible for me to do as Conference directed and send the graphs and relevant comments to Leaders' Meetings and the Church courts. It was soon apparent that the graphs required a great deal of work to be done on them before they would have any worth while validity in print. I have not had the time to give to it during the year. Also there has been delay in the publishing of the full census and until that arrives a great deal of this work must be guess-work as far as population trends are concerned.

H. C. DIXON.

(B) SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

For some years the statistical position of the Church has given a great deal of concern and there have been several committees established to examine the position and report. Last Conference directed me to prepare the graphs which I presented to Conference for publication and consideration by the local courts of the Church. It was also suggested that the District figures should be correlated with the Census figures of population. This task was not possible during the year, but this supplementary report is an attempt to do as Conference suggested. It is not sufficient to say simply that the statistical position of the Church is static—that might mean much or little. But when we realise that we are stationary in the midst of an increasing population, that while we struggle to stand still, others are forging ahead, then obviously there is cause for very deep concern, and a re-examination of our message and mission.

I have conceived my task in terms of an analysis and summary of our position. My task has been to list symptoms, rather than to diagnose the nature of our trouble. Neither have I considered it my task to suggest a cure. That must be for the whole Church to engage before God in heart-search to discover the causes of our failure and its cure. The position is serious and calls for the urgent consideration of the whole Church.

The statistics have been graphed and compared in the Dominion and in each District. I have been concerned in this report only with the adult membership figures. Later perhaps the youth figures might be similarly treated.

General Relation to Census:

The general position in the Dominion as revealed in the 1945 Census may be summarised as follows: In the inter-censal period, the population, including Maoris, increased by 172,509, or 11 per cent. 99.8 per cent. of this increase was in the North Island. 67.3 of the population was in the North Island. The drift to the towns from the country was very marked. It should be noted that all the above trends are not in any way isolated but have been apparent in previous returns. The importance of the trends for us is that we are faced

by vast new city areas and with declining country populations. It will also be observed that a Church such as ours with extensive country work will be affected much more than a sister Church which has almost no country work.

The Methodist Church showed an increase of 1.06 per cent. in the inter-censal period. That means that we have not kept pace with the population increase, and the position is made worse by the fact that the small increase shown in the period was almost entirely wiped out in the loss last year of 209 members.

DISTRICTS—

Looking now at the Districts in turn, the position varies considerably.

District.	Population.	Membership.	Difference.
Auckland	20.1 % Inc.	10.1 % Inc.	10 % Dec.
South Auckland	12.9 % Inc.	11.9 % Inc.	1.1 % Dec.
Taranaki-Wanganui	.3 % Dec.	3 % Dec.	2.7 % Dec.
Hawkes B.-Manawatu	3.46% Inc.	4.16% Inc.	6.64% Dec.
Wellington	13.99% Inc.	.72% Dec.	14.71% Dec.
Nelson	3.06% Dec.	11.7 % Dec.	8.64% Dec.
North Canterbury ..	16.9 % Inc.	21.33% Inc.	14.57% Dec.
South Canterbury	4.47% Dec.	.06% Dec.	4.4 % Inc.
Otago-Southland	3.69% Dec.	8.63% Dec.	4.94% Dec.

The outstanding fact that arises from this summary is that by far our biggest real decreases have occurred in the three biggest cities, and these were the cities in which the greatest movement of population took place. While this must not be allowed to distract our attention from the loss right throughout New Zealand it does seem that this is one of the problems yet to be faced by the whole Church.

Conclusion:

As stated earlier, it is not my intention here to discuss at length either the causes or the cure of our present situation. That ought to be the immediate concern of the entire Church. It may be true that numbers are inconsiderable circumstances—it is certainly true that statistics can tell only a part of the whole story. Yet I think that sufficient has been said in the foregoing report to indicate that all is not well. The Methodist Church was cradled in Evangelism—in an aggressive movement against the forces of sin and indifference. We can never be satisfied to stand still. There are one or two things that may be said here in an attempted explanation.

(a) It is lamentably true that as a Church we make almost no converts from the world outside the Church. Almost all our new members come from the Bible Classes. It is well known that for a good many years now the Bible Class membership has been much lower than it was. There is an increase being shown now, but the years of decline are still having their effect.

(b) We have as a Church lacked any real Church consciousness. We have not been sufficiently Methodist and have not known sufficient of our history or doctrine. It is still too easy for a member of our Church to join another Church. The Churches in the last few years that have made advances are the ones with a definite Church consciousness—they are the Churches who know their doctrine and their history. It is not generally emphasised sufficiently that the three essential doctrines of Methodism are the kernel of the Evangelical message, and if we would preach and teach them more, we would be both more Evangelical and more Methodist. Both are essential.

(c) The fact that we have failed in the new housing areas has already been noted. Other committees will be bringing this matter forward. Suffice it to mention here simply that for too long we have left this matter to local initiative and resources when it ought to have been done by the Connexion. In some areas where thousands have been added to the population our Methodist membership has actually declined.

(d) The question may well be raised too as to whether we have made the best use of our man-power and Church-power. In many of our Churches there are what some would call redundant Churches with ministers in charge of them, while there are vast new areas without Churches or ministers. Then there are declining country areas where in some cases there are several denominations working. It would seem to be necessary for each District to appoint a small committee that will examine each district, town and country, with a view of using to the best advantage our man-power, and planning advance. This could be done as a sub-committee of the District Executive.

H. C. DIXON, General Statistical Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Reports be received and adopted.
2. That in each District, a sub-committee of the District Executive be set up to prepare, in consultation with the General Statistical Secretary, detailed surveys of population and membership trends in the District, and to make recommendations to the District Executive, District Synods, and Quarterly Meetings. Where there is no District Executive this committee shall be appointed by the Chairman and the Secretary of the District.
3. That the supplementary report of the General Statistical Secretary be sent down to Circuits for consideration by Quarterly Meetings, Leaders' Meetings, and to May Synods.

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

A.—WELFARE OF THE CHURCH COMMITTEE.

REPORT FOR 1946.

The Committee has sought to implement all the matters submitted to it by Conference. These are as follows:—

1. Church Council.

The Committee has discussed the purpose of the Council and in the light of that discussion and the Conference suggestions, has the agenda in hand for the first meeting in Wellington in February.

2. Areas not Included Within Circuit Boundaries.

This question has been discussed and we are asking the Church Council to consider the definition of the geographical boundaries of circuits in such a manner as to cover the entire area of the Dominion.

3. Information from Australia.

All the Conference Secretaries of Australia have been communicated with, and they have submitted the names of the conveners of the various committees, who have been requested to supply the information in connection with their various departments. This information, as it comes to hand, is being tabulated in preparation for presentation to the Church Council.

4. Church Calendar.

This matter has been investigated, information being sought from Auckland, Palmerston North, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin. The Committee recommends a full calendar, i.e. one month to a page, with a pictorial section on each page depicting some phase of Church activity. The calendar is to be printed attractively in colour, or coloured background, and sold to our people, the Methodist emphasis to be strengthened by marking special Connexional days, also with the provision for local anniversaries, etc. The reports to hand reveal the fact that the printing of a calendar just now would be very difficult owing to staff and paper shortages. At the same time the Committee is of the opinion that investigations should be continued with a view to publication as soon as practicable.

5. Hostels.

This matter has been further discussed by the Committee. It is considered that owing to the difficult conditions prevailing regarding permits, furnishings, staff, general cost, etc., that the time is inopportune for embarking on any large scheme. All the same, the Committee judges that it would be wise for the Education Committee, through the District Executives, to keep in close touch with Education Boards and University Councils, etc., which are able to cater for youth on a basis impossible to us. As this matter is being dealt with by the Education Committee, we request that it be deleted from our business and transferred to the Education Committee, into which programme it more readily fits.

6. Reconstruction of British Churches.

An appeal to all Circuits and Home Mission Stations went out under date of July 3rd. The circular contained a personal appeal to all Methodists to assist in this most worthy cause.

7. Editor-Manager Policy of the "Methodist Times."

The Committee spent an evening on suggestions forwarded by the convener of the Publications Committee in regard to the above. The findings of the Committee have been forwarded to the convener.

W. G. SLADE, Chairman.
D. J. D. HICKMAN, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. **Church Calendar:** That the Welfare of the Church Committee, in consultation with the Publications Committee, continue to investigate the question of publishing a Church Calendar as soon as practicable, and that the Bible Reading Scripture portions of the Daily Bible Reading Card be embodied in the Calendar.
3. **Hostels:** That the matter of establishing Methodist Hostels be referred to the Education Committee, which is requested to approach, through the District Executives, Education Boards, University Councils and High School Boards, with a view to co-operation.
4. **Reconstruction of British Churches:** That the completion of this appeal be referred to the Connexional Secretary.
5. **Re-Marriage of Divorced Persons:** That this matter be referred to the Public Questions Committee.
6. **In Memoriam List of Ministers:** That the In Memoriam List of Ministers as inserted in the Minutes of Conference for the years 1938-1941 inclusive, with the additions which have accrued since 1941, be re-published in the Conference Minutes as issued in 1947 and following years.

7. **Nomination of District Chairman by Annual District Synod:** That this matter be referred to next Synods and Conference.

8. **Invitation to Ministers:** (a) That the matter of Invitation to Ministers be referred to the Church Welfare Committee in collaboration with the Law Book Revision Committee. (b) That the question be considered in the light of the following Synod recommendations as reported to the 1947 Conference.

AUCKLAND—

Law Book, para. 161.—“The first appointment of a minister to a Circuit shall be made by the Stationing Committee of Conference without invitation. It is the right of the Circuit Stewards at the September Quarterly Meeting to make one proposition for the invitation of each minister to remain in the Circuit for another year. They may, however, decline to exercise the right.”

Para. 162 to read as follows:—“They shall communicate in due time the wishes of the Circuit to the Chairman and representative of the District on the stationing committee and save . . . through them.”

N.B.: Circuit Stewards and other officials shall not approach any minister concerning an invitation to a circuit except as stated in para. 161 as amended.

That para. 205, p. 57, read as follows:—“Upon the motion of the Circuit Steward the Quarterly Meeting may invite a minister to remain in the Circuit. The motion must be carried . . . in the matter.”

SOUTH AUCKLAND.—

1. (a) That the system of individual personal invitation from Circuit to minister be abolished.

(b) That Circuits seeking a change of minister notify the Secretary of Conference through the Chairman of the District immediately after the September Quarterly Meeting, giving written information of their special needs or of their order of preference for possible appointments.

(c) That ministers seeking a change of appointment notify the Secretary of Conference through the Chairman of the District of their particular needs of locality or personal requirements.

2. That ministers be appointed for a period of three years unless exceptional circumstances arise.

3. That the law of the Church re appointment of ministers be amended so that provision is made for the Church Meeting to express an opinion before the Quarterly Meeting informs the Secretary of Conference of any desire for a change and of its preferences.

WELLINGTON—

That except in the case of a probationer, supply, or emergency appointment, the appointment of a new minister shall be for three years, and that the Law of the Church be amended accordingly, so that no annual invitation is required during the first two years, and that the first review of the relationship of circuit and minister take place at the September meeting in the third year following appointment, unless such exceptional circumstances arise in any earlier year as to cause minister or circuit officials, at a September Quarterly Meeting, to request Conference for a change of appointment.

9. **Church Council:** That the Welfare of the Church Committee be requested to submit to next Conference a suggested agenda for future meetings of the Church Council, such agenda to state the order in which major policy matters of the Church should be considered.

10. **Committee for 1947:** That the Committee be as for the Otago District Executive. Convener: Rev. D. J. D. Hickman.

B.—N.Z. METHODIST LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION (DOMINION EXECUTIVE).

ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1946.

In submitting our Annual Report we desire to convey Christian greetings and good wishes to all Ministers, Local Preachers, members, adherents and friends of the Methodist Church in New Zealand.

Obituary. We have to report that during the course of the year many of our Local Preachers have been called to higher service. Notable among these was Bro. T. P. Hughson, senr., aged 84, an ex-Vice-President of Conference and only recently retired from Rahotu to New Plymouth. Others were Bros. C. Woodley (Palmerston North), P. W. Goldsmith (Levin), A. R. Vosper (Putaruru), W. H. Redstone (Hataitai), J. Harrison (Petone), and Sister Jane Bridgman (Oamaru). There may be others whose deaths have not been notified to us. To all sorrowing wives, relatives, and friends of the above, we extend our deepest sympathy.

Local Preacher Examinations. The following candidates passed their written examinations in December, 1945:—

Bros. H. Armon, R. Currie, D. J. Edmond, R. Groves, M. Hancock, N. Hunt, M. O'Gorman, J. Payne, L. Samuj, K. Thompson, C. Verry, Sisters P. Hornblow, A. Rogers.

The following passed in June, 1946:—

Bros. A. Angel, D. Besant, A. Burroughs, B. Cotton, L. George, A. Mead, J. R. Osborne, Ken White.

The written examination is indeed proving an incentive to our young people. It ensures a good standard of education, some grounding in Theology and Homiletics, and a good knowledge of the Word of God.

Long Service Diplomas. These during the year have been presented to the following:—

Bros. C. Chapman, S. E. Hulbert, G. Kilvington, W. S. Mackay, C. Rayner, W. E. Roberts, J. H. Pugh, James Tull, C. R. Thwaites, R. T. Sando, A. N. Scriviner, W. Vant, J. B. Weir, H. Chapman, C. S. Ayers, T. O. Morgan, H. Bennett, Sister E. Jackson.

It is worthy of note that Bros. S. E. Hulbert (Motueka) and James Tull (Christchurch) have each served for a period of 60 years. Long Service Diplomas are becoming increasingly sought after.

The Branches. Branches are now functioning in all the Synodal Districts of New Zealand except in South Canterbury. They are in general recognised and consulted by the Ministers and are given a part in all Reception Services and presentation of Diplomas. Many of them are doing fine work in keeping the Rolls of Local Preachers revised continually. We owe them a deep debt of gratitude for their good and faithful work.

Status of the Association. It should be noted that the Local Preachers' Association has now become an Incorporated Body under the Religious, Charitable and Educational Trusts Act of 1908. Certain necessary adjustments and amendments to the Rules received the endorsement of the Branches, and finally were approved by the Annual Meeting and by Conference.

Book Scheme. During the year a number of our Local Preachers have made good use of the Book Scheme. In the near future the Executive hopes to greatly enlarge the scope and usefulness of this Scheme.

The Executive. The personnel of the Executive remains as follows:—President, R. Thomas; Secretary, J. F. Roberts; Treasurer, S. E. Chappell; Members of Executive, T. L. Hames, J. W. Cocks, G. Wilson, T. W. Hemer, H. P. Mourant, W. E. Archer, and F. C. Day.

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

RESOLUTIONS.

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

2. That Conference express appreciation of the valuable work performed by Local Preachers during the past year.

3. That all ministers and B.C. leaders be reminded of the need to approach suitable young people with a view to their taking the Local Preachers' Course and offering themselves for this service.

4. That the Local Preachers' Association confer with the Board of Studies regarding Text Books for Local Preachers.

C.—METHODIST MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

For a further year the Auckland District Committee has acted as the Dominion Executive. Since Auckland has added two branches, Napier has formed a Branch, and no information of any withdrawal has been received; the number of Branches is apparently 38. However, a circular sent out in November, 1946, brought replies from not more than 7 Auckland District Branches (of a Roll of branches) showing a membership of 170, and from 16 other Branches in the Dominion showing a membership of 392, and an attendance as high as 450. In some places men of other denominations are joining our own in this attendance.

Such reports as have been forwarded show that the renewed interest mentioned in the 1946 report has been maintained. Branches which had languished through the war years are active again; roll numbers and attendances have increased, definite syllabuses and programmes are arranged and carried through, and improved finance has enabled the Executive to carry on with its projects.

The Dominion's Funds are divided as follows:—

Mackay Memorial Fund (Doctor's Equipment Fund)	£98	3	6
Goldie Book Fund	....	10	17
Dominion Executive Fund	....	11	4

Books to the value of £10 are about to be forwarded to the Islands, and £1/10/- has been given to the Tools Fund.

Mr. Roberts, of Takapuna, was appointed Representative to Conference.

R. THOMAS, President.
W. E. BURLEY, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That having regard to the general welfare of the Methodist Men's Fellowship the work of the Movement be reviewed with a view to making stronger contacts between the Executive and the individual groups.
 - (a) That provision be made for having a Conference in each of the North and South Islands annually, provided that it shall not be held in the same Island in the year in which the Annual Church Conference is held.
 - (b) That the Dominion Executive be so elected as to insure constant contact with the movement throughout the Dominion.
 - (c) That the annual balance sheet be submitted to each group.
 - (d) That an Annual Report on the work of the fellowship in all districts be presented to all groups.
 - (e) That a register with the names and addresses of all secretaries be compiled and supplied to each group.
 - (f) That periodical review of the constitution be undertaken.
3. That the Auckland Executive be the Dominion Executive for 1947.

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

YOUTH DEPARTMENT.

A.—ANNUAL REPORT.

The past year has been marked by steady consolidation of the work of our Sunday Schools, Bible Classes and Mid-week activities, and by further advances in various branches of youth work. Lack of adequate leadership is still a problem in many places. In spite of all kinds of difficulties, however, our Teachers and Leaders are rendering consecrated and effective service. Marked developments in the whole field of our youth work augur well for the future of our Church.

The Directors' Programme.

The Directors have continued to maintain contact with the District work by attendance at District Youth Councils and by assisting in various District functions. Contact has been made with most Local Youth Councils and illustrated lectures given to Youth Workers. Sunday Schools and Bible Classes have also been visited and assistance of various kinds given.

Senior Director's Visit to Australia: Graded Lessons.

In June the Senior Youth Director represented the Youth Board at the triennial Conference of the Lessons Selection Committee of the Joint Board of Graded Lessons in Melbourne. The Conference gave consideration to the Curricula for the various grades of the Sunday School and Bible Classes for the three years 1948-1950. Various suggestions were forwarded from New Zealand, most of which were gladly accepted by the Committee. A wider scope of publications and improvements in the Literature are being planned. While in Australia, the Senior Youth Director was able also to make contacts with the Youth Departments of our Church and other Churches in the various States and to obtain a good deal of helpful information. There was considerable interest shown in movie-films and still-films of N.Z.

Sunday School and Bible Class activities, and also in our various publications. A number of our still film-strips and booklets have been ordered by the Young People's Departments of N.S.W., Victoria, and South Australia, and by some of the Book-rooms. We have also been able to make arrangements to obtain useful materials for our work from Australia.

The Rev. John K. Watson.

Mr. Watson made contact with most of the main places in the South Island before he left for England. This was most valuable as it enabled him to gain some insight into the nature of the work he will have to undertake on his return. Good reports of his visits have been received by the Board. Mr. Watson arrived in England in mid-September and is to spend a year at Westhill Training College, Birmingham. He will take the full-diploma course in Religious Instruction. He intends also to observe as closely as possible the youth work of the various Churches in England. It is hoped that he may be able to return through America.

Woman Youth Director.

It was hoped that a Woman Youth Director would be appointed to supply in the South Island during the absence of the Rev. J. K. Watson in England, but so far the Youth Board has been unsuccessful in its efforts to obtain a suitable appointee. Mrs. E. Masters has given valuable service in the Central Area. Her work has been greatly appreciated, and has also enabled the Senior Director to visit the South Island.

Secretary of the Board.

After three years of efficient service, Mr. E. Heggie has resigned as Secretary of the Board. His services have been much appreciated. Mr. G. C. Burton, first Travelling Secretary of the Y.M.B.C. Movement, has been appointed to succeed Mr. Heggie.

Youth Office Staff.

The Youth Department has been fortunate to obtain the services of Miss Peggy Yearbury as Youth Office Secretary, Miss Lyn. Fulton as Shorthand-Typiste, and Miss Ruth Barker as Office Junior, who have been of great assistance to all our work this year.

Convention.

The Convention last year was held under great difficulties because no adequate site was available. A small Convention was held at Wallis House which proved most helpful to those who attended. Various recommendations were forwarded to the Youth Board and these have received consideration during the year.

Youth Conference, 1946-47.

The Youth Conference planned for Massey College last year could not be held, but arrangements are well in hand for the Conference this year. The Department is most grateful to the Principal and Board of Governors of Massey College for their willingness to place the College at our disposal.

L.Y.C. and D.Y.C. Co-operation.

Whilst there is generally an improvement in the degree of co-operation between the Local and the District Youth Councils—there is still need for specific effort to improve this important factor in the successful working of the Department's policy. Churches are urged to appoint as Youth Secretaries those who have gained or will readily acquire an attitude to the work that will bring about effective co-operation with all related bodies.

Correspondence Department.

Good work continues to be done in connection with the Correspondence Sunday Schools (Pakeha and Maori) and the Correspondence Bible Class. Mrs. W. A. Smith of Hamilton, Miss D. Johnston of Lower Hutt, and Miss M. Waddingham of Epsom, supervise these sections of our work—whilst the material is supplied free of cost by the Youth Department. There are 120 children and 50 teachers in the Pakeha, 71 children and 23 teachers in the Maori Correspondence Sunday Schools, and 7 members and 8 leaders in the Correspondence Bible Class.

National Committees.

The three National Committees of the Department continue to serve the Youth of the Church in different ways.

Leadership Schools were held in Christchurch, Wellington, Auckland, Milton, Rotorua and Timaru, young people attending these schools. A National Committee located in Wellington gives oversight to this particular activity.

The Dominion Leader and Teacher Training Committee in Christchurch has been seeking to widen its influence but it is still a matter of concern that comparatively few of our Teachers and Leaders take advantage of this splendid course. (Statistics will be available later.)

Good work is being done by a small but enthusiastic Auckland Committee engaged in meeting the leisure time needs of our young people. Programmes are prepared and material supplied on request and helpful suggestions made to Social and recreational Leaders throughout the Dominion. The columns of "Christian Education" are used to achieve the latter purpose.

Publications.

Two numbers have been added to the "Christian Home Series" this year—"Homes for All" and "God and the Family." Three others are being prepared. This work is done in close collaboration with the Board of Publications and Spiritual Advance Committee. A booklet to be issued to those who have made their Decision for Christ at Easter Camp or on any other occasion has been prepared by the Rev. Athol Penn and is now in the hands of the printer. This is being subsidised by the Spiritual Advance Committee.

A Christmas Frieze and Christmas Story Books have been produced by the Department for use by Sunday Schools. It is hoped to extend this service to our Schools. It has been necessary to reprint two booklets on Expression Work in the Sunday School.

"M.Y. News."

This paper continues to serve a useful purpose and maintains a good standard. The present circulation of about 750 is disappointing. It is hoped that Local Youth Councils will do more to increase its circulation and thus enable the Editor to carry out improvements which he has in mind. The Editor, Mr. H. W. Beaumont, M.A., Dip.Ed., to be highly commended for his untiring interest and painstaking efforts on behalf of the paper.

"Christian Education."

Methodist subscriptions stand at approximately 900 and Presbyterian 500. Increases in these figures are anticipated in the new year. Further improvements are being carried out in the November, 1946, issue, and new features are to be added as finance permits. A team of writers has given most loyal services and the paper has

received high commendation from people of most varied background and educational qualifications. The Youth Director of the Congregational Churches has become a member of the Editorial Committee. The Board greatly appreciates the services of the Editor and Editorial Committee.

Youth Work Materials.

The scarcity of many materials useful for youth work in New Zealand led the Youth Board to approach the Minister of Customs for permission to import pictures, hymn rolls, teachers' periodicals, textbooks, film-strips, and other films from England and America. Permits have been granted and it is hoped to make an increasing amount of such materials available to our Schools and Bible Classes. Sound films on religious subjects constitute a problem because of indifferent quality and the Board is concentrating on obtaining film-slides recommended by reliable friends in England and America. The Trading and Publications work of the Youth Office is expanding in a most encouraging way.

Sunday School Buildings.

A number of Churches are raising funds for new Youth Buildings. A publication on Church buildings is being prepared in Australia and a copy has been ordered for the Youth Department.

Film Strips and Movie Films.

Film strips have been prepared during the year on the Boys' Brigade, the Girls' Life Brigade and G.L.B. Cadets, on Expression Work in the Beginners' and Primary School Department, and on various Christmas activities for a Sunday School Class. Copies of many of our leadership film-strips have been purchased by the Presbyterian Bookroom and Youth Department, and by Youth Departments in Australia, and the Brigade film-strips have been purchased by the Brigade Movements. Extra copies of the best of our earlier productions have been obtained for use in Teacher and Leader Training groups. Other film-strips are being planned and efforts are being made to increase the range of subjects available so that they will be more serviceable to our teachers and leaders. It is hoped to co-operate with the Religious Drama Society in Wellington in the production of film-strips and coloured slides on Biblical incidents, suitable for general use in Sunday Schools and youth groups. Investigations are also being made into the possibility of covering the subject-matter of the Dominion Leader and Teacher Training Course with suitable film-strips to foster keener interest in Leadership Training and to make this more attractive and effective. A series of film-slides on Church History has been ordered from America to help in this regard. Coloured film-slides of Biblical pictures by E. A. Wood, Copping and other artists, are being ordered for general use through a film-slide library. Some are now available. 16 m.m. movie films of "Beach Work" (at Auckland), "The Beginners' and Primary Department" (Richmond, Christchurch), "Among the Maoris," "Leadership School" (Otaki), and "Easter Camp Scenes" (Hastings) have been produced for educational and publicity purposes. Copies of "Christchurch 1945" are also available.

Missionary Education.

The youth of our Church continue to take an increasing interest in Missions at Home and Overseas, and their giving is steadily increasing. The objective of £2000 has not yet been realised, but fulfilment of this is coming nearer. The following are the approximate figures for the various Districts for last year:—Auckland £340, South Auck-

land £130, Taranaki-Wanganui £98, Hawkes Bay-Manawatu £192, Wellington £232, Nelson £113, North Canterbury £233, South Canterbury £63, Otago-Southland £117. The Dominion total was £1600.

It is impossible to get complete figures as some places do not forward their returns.

This financial objective enables our Youth to support the Rev. W. Silvester, Sister Ada Lee, Nathan Kera and a number of teachers and children in the Solomon Islands, and the Rev. H. Darvill, and Sisters Dorothy Pointon and Ruth Hilder in New Zealand.

During the year Missionary Posters were despatched to all Sunday Schools and Bible Classes. Various Sunday Schools, Bible Classes and District Councils conducted drives for materials for missionary Sisters at home and overseas, and organised other functions with good results. As Sister Ada Lee is returning to the Solomons this year an additional appeal for materials for her use in the Islands was carried out. The Youth Office, assisted by Miss Lois Musker, was able to stencil copies of story books in the native language for Sister Ada to use in the Solomons. The Department is providing films for Sister Ada so that she may send suitable photos for the making of film strips on her work. Films have been supplied to the Rev. A. W. E. Silvester, Sisters Effie Harness and Winifred Poole, for the same purpose. Mrs. Don Alley is preparing a series of photographs so that a filmstrip on the Life and Work of the late Rev. Don Alley may be made for use among our Youth Groups. Sister Merle Farland is providing photos for a film strip on the Work of a Missionary Sister in the Solomons. The chief difficulty in the making of such film-strips is the obtaining of pictures suitable for reproduction. A silent movie film showing scenes of Kurahuna and Rangiotea Maori Girls' Schools has been made for screening amongst youth and Church groups generally. It is hoped to enlarge this considerably as opportunity offers. Studies on the work of the Rev. J. F. Goldie and Island Christians and on Maori Missions have been prepared for inclusion in the Junior Syllabus for 1947, and Studies on the Solomons and Maori Missions for the Senior Syllabus. Lessons on Maori Missions are included in the Sunday School Graded Lessons for 1946.

During the year, the Board arranged with Miss Dulcie Bennett to send out suggestions for missionary activities each month to Bible Classes and Sunday Schools. Articles on Missions have been included in "Christian Education" and "M.Y. News." Many of our Sunday Schools have taken a keen interest in the Lotu Church and have made good contributions towards this. In these various ways the Youth Department is endeavouring to carry out a policy of missionary education and financial support of the missions. The interest in Missions is being widened and deepened. This should bear increasing fruit in the future.

Temperance Education.

Through donations from Sunday Schools, Quarterly Meetings and interested friends, some further Temperance Education was carried out during the year. "Temperance Hot Points" was distributed free to all Sunday School Superintendents and further copies are available at a charge of 1/-. Leaflets for distribution to children of Sunday School age have also been printed and are available at a reasonable cost. A Temperance Study was sent out to all Bible Classes and further Temperance Studies have been prepared for inclusion in the B.C. Syllabuses of 1947. A Temperance Pledge has been prepared. The Temperance film-strips "Brains" and "Drinking and Driving" have been prepared and distributed to the District Youth Councils for use with District Projectors.

Easter Camps.

Easter Camps were well attended again this year—with a total of 2403 (an increase of 244 on 1945). "Mixed Camps" have been growing in popularity, but there is a general tendency to hold separate Junior Camps. This enables more effective work to be done amongst the younger members of our Bible Classes. The Board is giving careful consideration to the whole question of Camp policy.

Camp Sites.

Auckland Camp Sites are proving a great boon and it is pleasing to report that another permanent camp site has been obtained in the Otago District. Other Districts are continuing investigations.

Leadership Training.

Several Methodist Leaders completed the 100 hours course and some have done the 30 hours course in Physical Education and Recreational Leadership provided by the Internal Affairs Department. These courses are of great assistance to leaders of our mid-week activities and it is hoped that increasing numbers of leaders and teachers will take advantage of them. Several of our local youth groups have also benefited by grants for equipment from the Government. The Youth Committee of the National Council of Churches is endeavouring to finalise the curriculum of a Dominion Training Course which incorporates the 30 hours course provided by the Government.

Extension Work.

Vacation Schools and Holiday Centres have been held in several places during the year. The Directors have had a part in the planning for and organising of some of these. Others have been conducted by local ministers. These activities enable ministers to give consecutive teaching to the children of the Church. They are also a useful method of recruiting new scholars for the Sunday School. They are recommended especially for commencing work in new housing areas.

The Northern Youth Director conducted a Children's Teaching Mission at St. Paul's, Hamilton, in June. This proved quite successful, although outside factors adversely affected the attendances. This is another activity with a teaching and evangelistic emphasis, which could be used more frequently by ministers and Local Youth Councils.

Beach Missions were conducted at Maraetai (Auckland), Worser Bay (Wellington), and Raglan (South Auckland). These are proving splendid training grounds for the Youth Workers who take part in them. Efforts should be made to extend this activity to other suitable beaches.

The Auckland D.Y.C. has established a Methodist Social Centre on the Central Mission premises. This is a notable advance which might well be emulated by other Districts.

Sports Clubs.

Several sports clubs associated with our Bible Classes, notably Harrier Clubs, have shown new life since the end of the war.

Inter-Church Co-operation.

At the request of the Combined Church Union Committee the Youth Directors of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational Churches conferred on methods of promoting closer fellowship between the youth of the Churches negotiating for Church Union. Several recommendations were brought forward and efforts will be made to bring about this closer fellowship and co-operation.

Master Roll.

At the request of last Conference consideration has been given to the form the Master Roll of Youth should take. The method suggested and the details have yet to be confirmed, but it is expected that the system recommended will be ready for use early in 1947. The forms of the various Birthday Greetings Cards are also receiving consideration.

Housing for Directors.

The Palmerston North parsonage has been sold and negotiations are in train for a house for the Senior Director in Wellington. The possibility of obtaining a parsonage in Christchurch for the Rev. J. K. Watson is being investigated.

Special Financial Appeal.

Arrangements are well in hand for the Special Appeal for £5000 as authorised by the last Conference. It was deemed wise not to make this until some time after the launching of the Appeal for the Don Alley Memorial Fund. A separate report on the result of the Appeal will be prepared for Conference.

Finance.

Financial returns to date have been satisfactory. The financial statement will be available for Conference.

Statistics.

Statistics for our various youth organisations are not yet to hand but will be available for Conference.

Evangelism.

The central purpose of our youth work, the winning of youth for Christ, His Church and His Kingdom, has been kept steadily before our Leaders and Teachers. Good responses were obtained at Easter Camps, a number of youth became Pledged Members of the C.Y.M.M. on Youth Sunday, and many have been received into Church Membership. There has been a steady demand for the Church Membership Handbook, "Our Fathers' Faith and Ours," and in many places a keen interest has been shown in the real meaning of the Christian Faith. Solid instruction in the fundamentals of the faith throughout the year, coupled with an earnest desire to win youth for Christ as Saviour and Lord, is bearing fruit in lives redeemed and dedicated in the fulness of their powers to the service of the Kingdom of God.

W. A. BURLEY, Chairman.

E. G. HEGGIE, Secretary.

C. T. SYMONS, Senior Youth Director.

B.—TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1946.

In presenting the Annual Accounts there are certain factors to which I would direct attention. They are:—

(a) During the year it was found necessary to increase the Youth Office staff from two to three in order to cope with the work involved in a developing programme, and to give adequate service to the whole connexion in the varied matters which pass through the office. This and the general increase in salary levels has involved an increase of £115 in office administration costs.

(b) The publication "M.Y. News" has involved a loss of £105/8/7, due primarily to lack of support in the Circuits. The Board is taking active steps to review the whole position of this paper.

(c) The Department is a partner in the production of the Australian and New Zealand Graded Lessons, and shares with the other Australian States in the surplus resulting from this joint venture. During the present year the dividends were reduced by approximately £170 due mainly to: 1. The holding of the first full Lessons Selection Committee (attended by Rev. C. T. Symons on behalf of New Zealand Methodism) since 1940. The cost of the Conference is met from the surplus for the year, thus reducing dividends paid to the partner States. 2. The appointment of a Director of Youth Publications for the Methodist Church of Australia, a progressive step mutually determined and agreed upon by all partner States in the scheme, and the meeting of the extra cost involved in this appointment.

3. The policy of building up a capital fund of £1000 over a period of ten years. Certain of these costs are on a reducing basis, and weigh most heavily on the year's accounts now presented.

(d) An amount of £124/12/8 was written off to depreciation on the department's projectors, movie camera, and as a result of the revaluation of our films. The present market value of these assets is actually greater than their book value.

These factors, combined with others of lesser importance, produced an excess of expenditure over income of £519/5/9 for the year, but it must be affirmed that the Department's finances are, in total, in a sound position. Given a continuation of the financial support afforded the Department by the whole Church during recent years, there is every reason to anticipate that the present year's position will not be continued.

S. FELLOWS, Hon. Treasurer.

Wellington, 13th February, 1947.

C.—SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

The Committee and the Youth Board gave careful consideration during the year to the form of the Master Roll of Young People. The following schemes were considered:—

1. A Loose-Card System: Here the alternatives suggested were (1) A card for each individual, which should be forwarded to any Church to which the individual removed. (2) A card for each age group—Cradle Roll, Primary Roll, Junior Roll, and Youth Roll.

2. A Loose-Leaf Roll Book: In this leaves in a firm cover took the place of loose-card index system. For this also the alternatives (1) A page for each individual; (2) a page for each age group, were proposed.

3. A Roll Book: In this pages would be a fixture as in the present Church Roll Book. Pages are for each age group.

In all cases pages or cards are to be printed with spaces for names, addresses, date of birth, etc. Here also alternatives presented themselves. (1) All pages to be printed in the same way from the Cradle Roll to the Youth Roll. (2) The headings on pages to vary according to the age group.

In each case it is suggested that coloured pages or cards be inserted between the various sections to aid easy reference.

The question of Birthday Cards was also investigated. After careful consideration it was concluded, almost unanimously, that the suggested scheme for a birthday card and greeting for all ages from the Cradle Roll to the Youth Roll (age 20) was too cumbersome and especially unnecessary in regard to the Youth Roll.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Reports and Financial Statement be received and adopted.

2. That the Interim Report from the Youth Publication Department of the Methodist Church of Australasia be received.

3. That Mr. E. Heggie be thanked for his secretarial services to the Youth Board during recent years.

4. That hearty congratulations be extended to Mr. G. C. Burton, a member of the Youth Board, who has been appointed to an important office in U.N.O.

5. That Conference notes with satisfaction that the Board has set up a special Committee to report on the internal organisation of the Trading Department, and directs that because of the great increase in the trading activities of the Board, the Trading Accounts be prepared and rendered separately from the Administration Accounts.

6. That Conference affirms its belief that "M.Y. News" can make a valuable contribution to the Youth work of our Church, and agrees to its continued publication, and also that further investigation be made with a view to increasing the circulation and acceptability of the paper.

That Conference requests District Youth Councils and Local Youth Councils to see that "M.Y. News" agents are appointed in each locality.

7. That the following amendments be made to the Conference Resolutions on Baptism and Membership as on pages 187 and 188 of the Minutes of Conference, 1946:—

(1) That Resolution (3), sections (b), sub-section (2), be amended to read "Primary Roll to 8 years of age. Annual Greeting signed by Minister and Primary Superintendent."

(2) That N.B. 1 to resolution (3) on page 187 be amended to read: "N.B. 1. A Young People's Master Roll containing the names and addresses of the young people referred to under (b) and (c) above shall be kept in every church, in the minister's possession. A copy of the roll shall be kept by the Local Youth Secretary, who shall confer with the Minister at least once a quarter concerning amendments to the roll. This roll will take the place of the present Infant and Junior Rolls."

(3) That the final sentence of resolution (5) on page 188 be amended to read "Nos. 2—5 will form part of the Youth Department Statistical Return, and Nos. 1 and 6 will be reported by the District Statistical Secretary."

8. That representation on the District Youths Councils consist of the present sectional representation together with one representative appointed by each Local Youth Council within each Circuit. That this change in constitution be regarded as experimental for a period of two years, when District Youth Councils shall report to the Youth Board on the effectiveness of the alteration.

9. Master Roll: (a) That a loose-leaf system with a page for each individual be the form adopted for the Master Roll.

(b) That Birthday and Greeting cards be not issued for young people in the Youth Roll Section.

(c) That ministers give special attention to the young people on the Youth Roll Section of the Master Roll, and take appropriate opportunities to confront them with the claims of Christ and of Church Membership. That youths who reach the age of 20 without making a decision for Christ be interviewed, if possible by the ministers, and the claims of Christ and Church Membership be put before them before the removal of their names from the Youth Roll.

(d) That Birthday cards issued for the Cradle Roll Dept. be the greetings used in connection with the Master Roll.

(e) That the greeting card for the Primary and Junior Roll take the form of birthday and greeting card, and that the distribution of such cards be the responsibility of the Local Youth Council.

10. **Youth Director:** That Miss E. Jean Hartley, B.A., be appointed Youth Director for a period of six years.

11. Board for 1947:

Chairman of District, Youth Directors and Youth Office Secretary. Ministers: Revs. J. D. McArthur, J. L. Mitchell, W. W. H. Greenslade, and J. D. Grocott. Lay Representatives: Messrs. S. Fellowes, C. R. Edmond, J. D. Watson and Miss A. Firth. Y.W.B.C. Representatives: Mrs. E. Masters, Miss M. Bucknall; one wanted. Y.M.B.C. Representatives: Rev. W. J. Morrison, Messrs. E. G. Heggie, N. P. Alcorn, and A. G. Worboys. Sunday School Representatives: Mrs. C. P. S. Boyer, Messrs. G. Briggs and J. Marrett; one wanted.

District Youth Councils.

AUCKLAND—Chairman: Rev. E. T. Olds. Ministers: Revs. E. C. Leadley, H. C. Dixon, G. V. Thomas. Lay Representatives: Miss N. Hearling, Mrs. K. E. Grainger, Mr. Behent. S.S. Representatives: Miss K. Smith, Mr. G. Armstrong, Miss H. Marter. Y.W.B.C.: Misses M. Hames, E. Rennie, R. Bennett. Y.M.B.C.: Mr. B. Burton, Mr. N. Strack, Mr. J. Steel, and one representative of each L.Y.C. in the district. Secretary D.Y.C.: Rev. G. V. Thomas.

NORTH AUCKLAND SUB-COUNCIL—Chairman: Rev. G. E. Brown. Revs. P. I. Cooke, G. R. Thompson and E. D. Grounds. Misses M. Slade, I. Wordsworth, A. Hills; Messrs. M. C. Warth, M. R. Edgar, U. A. D. Cole, R. Williams, R. M. Salmon, L. Bennett, R. Phillips, J. S. Mills, M. D. Cole. Secretary: To be appointed.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.—Chairman: The Chairman of the District. Ministers: Revs. W. A. Mills, Warren Green, H. C. Matthews. Lay Representatives: Mrs. J. Jebson, Miss L. Ewen, Mr. R. Lindsey. S.S. Representatives: Mrs. H. Cook, Miss R. Masters, Mr. C. Verry. Y.W.B.C.: Mrs. W. A. Mills, Misses W. Blacklock, Z. Peace, Y.M.B.C.: Messrs. J. Jebson, A. Clement, C. Lendrum, and one representative of each L.Y.C. in the district. Secretary: Rev. W. A. Mills. Ex-Officio: Mrs. W. A. Smith, Correspondence S.S.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.—The Chairman of the District, Rev. J. H. Allen. Ministers: Revs. J. Dennis, L. Gordon Hanna, H. V. Utting. Lay Representatives: Messrs. L. Hosking, L. Haycock, M. Lewis. Y.W.B.C.: Misses D. Bennett, C. Squire, P. Ranford. Y.M.B.C.: Messrs. R. J. Heatherly, F. Ranford, A. Soars. S.S. Representatives: Mrs. W. Ogilvie, Mr. J. W. Archbold, and one representative of each L.Y.C. of the district. D.Y.C. Secretary: Rev. H. V. Utting.

WANGANUI SUB-COUNCIL.—Revs. F. J. Parker, H. K. Brown, C. Robinson, and minister of Gonville Church. Lay Representatives: Messrs. E. L. F. Buxton, W. Thrush, J. Thomson. Y.M.B.C.: Messrs. J. Beaven, F. Sedon, and G. Keats. Y.M.B.C.: Mrs. M. Fulton, Misses E. James, L. McChesney. S.S. Representatives: Misses V. Jackson, J. Hicks, Mr. N. S. Barlow, and one representative of each L.Y.C. in the district. Sub-Council Secretary:

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU.—Chairman: Rev. J. F. Jack. Ministers: Revs. L. A. Brooks, C. O. Hailwood. Lay Representatives: Messrs. J. Fabrin, N. A. Hunt (Secretary), H. Richards. Sunday School: Messrs. F. Flavall, E. Lock A. H. Fisher. Y.W.B.C.: Mrs. N. A. Hunt, Misses M. Brewin and M. Tutty. Y.M.B.C.: Messrs. L. Bycroft, G. Trebilco, R. Currie, and one representative of each L.Y.C. in the district.

Hawkes Bay Sub-Council.—Ministers: Revs. G. R. Harris (Chairman), W. R. Francis. Lay Representatives: Mrs. K. Woodley, H. Curry, and Mrs. L. Sutherland. S.S.: Miss N. Tuck, Messrs. Doherty and Pepperell. Y.W.B.C.: Misses B. Symes and S. Sproule, and one wanted. Y.M.B.C.: Messrs. L. Davis, H. Pitt, L. Hall (Secretary), and one representative of each L.Y.C. in the district.

WELLINGTON.—The Chairman of the District, Revs. C. E. Dickens, C. H. Bell, C. P. Lucas, Misses L. Musker, B. Cockerill, M. Canning, Messrs. A. Angel, W. R. Wentworth, D. Heggie, T. Reynolds, M. Berry, D. Roberts, Misses P. Patrick, D. Beswick, G. Craig, and one representative of each L.Y.C. in the district. Convener: Rev. C. P. Lucas.

THE WAIRARAPA DISTRICT SUB-COUNCIL.—Deputy-Chairman: Revs. G. H. Goodman, R. Grice, L. V. Willing, W. H. Gregory, with Messrs. G. Barfoote, M. Greathead, K. Ordish, J. D. Blundell, A. Griggs, R. Shoosmith, Mrs. A. Ross, Misses T. Waterreus, V. Cooper, E. Reeves, E. Willis, and D. Jamieson (Secretary), and one representative of each L.Y.C. in the district.

NELSON.—Revs. A. K. Petch, R. E. Patchett, H. G. Brown, A. O. Jones. Sunday School: Misses S. Wratt, M. Hance, E. Bolitho. Y.W.B.C.: Misses A. Price, G. Holdaway, Mr. Corby. Y.M.B.C.: Messrs. I. Holdaway, K. Greening, R. Kelling. Lay Representatives: Messrs. D. Silvester, A. Wratt, H. A. Penny, and one representative of each L.Y.C. in the district. Secretary: Miss M. Corby.

NORTH CANTERBURY.—The Chairman of the District, Revs. J. B. Dawson, A. R. Witheford, and one other minister, Messrs. W. F. Stock, P. T. Battersby, W. J. Burnell, A. Dingwall, F. Baird, D. Ayers, E. H. Smith, J. Travers, H. Hayman, Misses M. Robinson, R. Turnpenny, and M. Holland, and one representative of each L.Y.C. in the district. Secretary and Representative to Synod: H. Hayman.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.—Chairman of the District, Revs. M. A. McDowell, J. H. Woolford, and one to be appointed after Conference. Sunday School: Miss E. Hodson, Mr. E. Hight, Mr. W. Hawkey. Y.M.B.C.: Mr. J. Penman, Mr. M. McDonald, and one to be appointed. Y.W.B.C.: Misses M. Donaldson, N. Dickinson, E. Duggan. Lay Representatives: Miss G. Lloyd, Mr. W. Osborne, Mr. N. Hawkey, and one representative of each L.Y.C. in the district. Secretary: Miss Gladys Lloyd.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—The Chairman of the District, Revs. A. P. Dorrian, D. Hickman, J. S. Willoughby. Lay Representatives: Mr. A. Thornicroft, Mr. C. Chirnside, one to be appointed. S.S.: Miss L. Hetherington, Miss J. Maxwell, one to be appointed. Y.W.B.C.: Miss T. Muir, two to be appointed. Y.M.B.C.: Mr. N. Thornicroft, Mr. F. Fraser, one to be appointed, and one representative of each L.Y.C. in the district.

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

**A.—PUBLIC QUESTIONS COMMITTEE.
ANNUAL REPORT.**

Commission on Gambling and Racing.

The preparation and presentation of evidence to the Commission on Gambling and Racing has been the principal concern of the Committee this year. It is alert to the possibility that attempts will be made, through the Commission, to increase facilities for gambling. It therefore participated enthusiastically in a conference at Wallis House of representatives of the Anglican, Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist and Congregational Churches, the Church of Christ, the Salvation Army, and the Society of Friends. This Conference outlined the case to be presented to the Commission, and further resolved: (a) That Archbishop West-Watson be requested, with the support of representative laymen, to present the basic case for the Churches. (b) That Mr. J. R. Marshall, LL.B., be retained as counsel to collect evidence and to co-ordinate the work of the Church committees. (c) That the Churches conduct educational campaigns and give all possible publicity to the representation of the Churches before the Commission.

It was estimated that the total cost would be £1,000, of which the Methodist share would be not more than £125, for which the President has authorised the committee to make an appeal to the Connexion. The Committee has communicated with all Ministers and Home Missionaries, seeking their co-operation in the campaign, letters have been sent to all District and Local Youth Councils, and articles have also been prepared for the "Methodist Times" and for the youth publications.

Statements.

A.—Conscientious Objectors.

The committee will prepare this statement for the Synods of 1947.

B.—Gambling.

Gambling may be defined as an agreement between two parties, whereby the transfer of something of value is made dependent on chance. The gain of one party is thereby balanced by the loss of the other party without reference to the creation or exchange of anything of human or social value.

It can be said of gambling that it is—

- ¶(1) A sin against God since its ultimate effect is to enthrone selfishness and a belief in "luck." It also involves a misuse of brains, time, money and opportunity.
- ¶(2) A sin against society since it is a desire for gain at the expense of one's neighbour, and is the cause of many social and economic ills in the community.

- (3) A sin against the individual as it involves the surrender to chance of acts which ought to be governed by reason, justice and love. Addiction to gambling tends to create moral indifference and to undermine moral responsibility.

As a general term, gambling includes—

Gaming, which is playing for money in a game of chance.

Betting, which is staking money or money's worth on the determination of an uncertain or unascertained event.

A **Lottery**, which is usually defined as "the distribution of prizes by lot or chance." The principle of the lottery is to be found in the sweepstake, the raffle, the prize-draw, and in New Zealand, the art-union.

Methodist people in the exercise of Christian citizenship, are strongly urged to abstain from gambling in all its forms.

Bible in Schools.

The Bible in Schools League has continued its work during the year. The Rev. F. C. Long, M.A., was appointed Acting-Secretary for 1946-7, in succession to Rev. E. O. Blamires, who retired shortly after last Conference. The Methodist Conference's representatives on the Dominion Council have been Revs. W. A. Burley, E. O. Blamires, A. M. Costain, and A. K. Petch. Rev. E. D. Patchett, who is also a member of the Council, was chosen as the Vice-Chairman of the Standing Committee when the late Rev. J. T. Macky passed away. The relationship of the League to the National Council of Churches has been discussed. The Dominion Council approved the policy of altering the name and constitution of the League with a view to making it the Religious Education Committee of the N.C.C. (incorporating the Bible in Schools League) and with a constitution similar to that of the Youth Committee of the N.C.C. This action was then referred to the various governing bodies of the Churches, etc., in the League. The Anglican General Synod approved and notified that its continuation in the League would depend on this change in name and constitution. The Presbyterian Assembly also approved. The Congregational Union urged that the League under its present constitution should be recognised as the Religious Education Committee of the N.C.C. The Salvation Army opposed any change. The 1946 Methodist Conference postponed decision for a year. The W.C.T.U. at its Annual Conference unanimously opposed any alteration. Of the various Branch Executives of the League, some favour and some oppose the change. The decision of the League's Dominion Council will not be made until the next Methodist Conference has notified its attitude. A two-thirds majority at two consecutive meetings of the League's Dominion Council will then be required to alter the name and constitution.

During the year, the League's work has been well maintained, and a policy of close co-operation followed with the Executive of the N.C.C. The trend towards decentralisation with local part-time secretaries has been noticeable, and Otago has appointed one during the year with good results. The training of voluntary teachers in teaching method and child psychology has occupied an important place in lecture-courses arranged in Dunedin and Christchurch, and Auckland and Wellington have similar activities in view. Such training can also be obtained in a correspondence course by arrangement with Dr. A. G. Butchers, head of the State Correspondence School.

In view of the forthcoming election, it is hoped to secure from the political parties and candidates a statement of policy regarding religious education in State Schools for the guidance of electors.

Anzac Day Services.

When public concern was aroused during the winter on the proposed alteration of the Order of Service at Anzac Day Services, the Committee communicated with the President of Conference asking that a public statement on behalf of the Methodist Church be made. The President replied enclosing a copy of a letter to the President of the R.S.A. Dominion Executive in which he stressed the necessity of an adequate religious observance.

Co-operation.

During the year the Combined Church Union Committee asked that steps be taken for closer co-operation in the work of the Public Questions Committees of the three Churches. An arrangement has been made for common consideration of subjects that are outside the purview of the Inter-Church Council.

Prison Reform.

At the President's request all Ministers' Fraternals have been circularised to draw attention to the report of the Inter-Church Council that there are New Zealand prisons not receiving pastoral care, and urging that special attention be given to arranging adequate pastoral oversight of all places of detention. In the opinion of the Inter-Church Council there is need for encouraging both Ministers and laymen to work in this difficult but important field. It draws attention to the need to appoint suitable chaplains, and also for arranging religious services, for making closer contacts with prisoners, warders and those in authority, and for the provision of entertainment, recreation, well-equipped libraries and other aids to the development of normal social life.

Presentation of Report and Resolutions.

Conference referred to the Law Book Revision Committee the question of altering the method of presenting the Public Questions Committee report. The Revision Committee reported that the present outline was adequate and that the only alteration should be that the term "Resolutions" be replaced by the term "Recommendations." This Committee states that the only reason for using the term "Resolutions" was to save unnecessary alterations between the printing of the Agenda and the Minutes.

Inter-Church Council.

The Annual Report of the Council, presented at the beginning of 1946, stated that "release from preoccupation with problems incidental to a state of warfare brings to the Council an awareness of fresh responsibilities arising from the problems of national and international reconstruction, and it is likely that the work of the Inter-Church Council will increase rather than diminish during the coming year as it endeavours to serve the Churches in dealing with public affairs." This prophecy has been abundantly fulfilled as evidenced by the number of special meetings, which, apart from the regular monthly meetings, it has been necessary to call during the year.

The Council, this year, has suffered its severest blow since its inception, in the death of the late Rev. J. Thomson Macky, and the resignation of the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Wellington, on account of his return to England. Mr. Macky, who until the time of his decease, had been the Chairman of the Council, brought to it a capacity for clear thinking and a wide vision which were of inestimable value to the organisation. In contacts with Cabinet Ministers

and other representatives of the Government, because of his statesmanlike approach, he was largely responsible for securing from the authorities approval of the course desired by the Council. The Council placed on record its profound sense of loss in the death of a great leader.

Later in the year, the Council received with the profoundest regret, the resignation of the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Wellington, who, since Mr. Macky's death had been Chairman of the Council and who prior to that, had been Vice-Chairman since the Council's inception. His Lordship was compelled on account of his health to resign from the Diocese of Wellington, and has returned to England where he has been appointed Dean of Norwich.

The present officers of the Council are as follows:—Chairman, the Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes; Vice-Chairman, the Rev. W. A. Burley; and Secretary-Treasurer, the Rev. A. K. Petch.

The following are some of the more important questions which were dealt with by the Council on your behalf, during the year:—

World Food Crisis: In view of the appalling conditions created by the World Food Crisis, the Council gave priority to the consideration of the most effective action which the Churches could pursue in securing the maximum effort from New Zealand to help meet the world emergency.

Urgent steps were taken to bring before the Prime Minister and the Government the following resolutions passed unanimously at an emergency meeting of the Council:—

"1. That the N.Z. Inter-Church Council on Public Affairs is firmly convinced that the only equitable method of helping to meet the world food crisis is by the Government taking measures to place New Zealand's burden on the whole community by reducing, by a further substantial amount, the present rations of butter and meat, and by rationing at the source unrationed articles such as cheese, barley and fats. Furthermore, in view of the urgency of the situation the Inter-Church Council is recommending that the Churches take steps to mobilise public opinion to this end.

"2. That the Inter-Church Council understands that the Government, in addition to the gift of £1,000,000 worth of food to Great Britain, is about to launch a campaign for voluntary restriction and saving of foodstuffs. It would urge the Government to assure the people that every coupon surrendered will mean an addition to the food available for export. On receiving this assurance the Inter-Church Council will whole-heartedly support the Government's projected campaign."

The Prime Minister informed the Council that the Government had already taken measures to organise a campaign for the voluntary saving of coupons and gave the assurance that every coupon so saved would make available the corresponding value of food for export to Great Britain and other needy nations.

While pledging its whole-hearted support of this campaign, the Council held to the terms of its first resolution, and made very clear to the Prime Minister its intention of seeking to mobilise public opinion in support of mandatory action by the government, believing this to be the more adequate and the only equitable method of securing New Zealand's maximum help during the next four months which, according to Mr. Bevin, the British Foreign Secretary, were likely to be the most critical.

By means of publicity in the Press, further deputations to the Prime Minister, and the distribution of 120,000 copies of the pamphlet "Britain Needs Food" through the Churches, the Council sought to influence public opinion to demand from the Government a further extension of rationing. Although the Council failed to achieve its objective of further compulsory rationing, its representations undoubtedly caused the authorities to reorganise the voluntary Food Saving Campaign and greatly to increase publicity and activity with regard to the saving of coupons. Another practical result of the Council's efforts was to win the Government to a sympathetic attitude to the sending of food parcels by individuals and organisations to people in Great Britain.

The Food Saving Campaign involved the Council in an expenditure of over £120. The Council had budgeted for an amount of £150, which was readily met by the constituent churches on a proportional basis. With the consent of the constituent churches, a credit balance of approximately £25 has been set aside for the working expenses of the Council.

Evidence re Abortion Evil Presented to Parliamentary Committee on Population.

At the request of the Parliamentary Select Committee on Dominion Population, representatives of the Council appeared before the Committee to give evidence concerning the abortion evil. The Council's evidence was based mainly upon the report of a Committee of Wellington citizens entitled "Problems of Criminal Abortion," which had been prepared following the publication of the McMillan Report and published in the "Dominion" newspaper of March 26th, 1938.

The Rev. A. K. Petch gave the historical background of the Council's interest in and action taken concerning the abortion problem, and introduced the report, "Problem of Criminal Abortion." The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Wellington presented the evidence embodied in the latter report, and Monsignor A. J. McRae and the Rev. P. G. Hughes gave evidence on the need for a wide programme of education on the moral and spiritual aspects of the problem. The evidence presented was very well received and the chairman of the Committee thanked the representatives for their statements which had conclusively silenced the criticisms of the Council's attitude to the question which had been made earlier in the evidence of another party.

Royal Commission on Gaming and Racing.

At the request of the Presbyterian Public Questions Committee the Council called a Conference of representatives of the Churches to consider the possibility of united action on the part of the Churches in presenting evidence to the Royal Commission on Gaming and Racing. The Council's responsibility ceased with the calling of the Conference, which referred its decision to the Public Questions Committees of the Churches for consideration and report to a later Conference.

Acute Shortage of Nurses.

During the year, the Wellington Hospital Board placed before the Council the critical situation which had arisen at the Wellington Public Hospital owing to the acute shortage of nursing staff, and sought the Council's assistance in representing nursing as a vocation to the young women of the Churches. After investigation it was discovered that a similar situation prevailed in other Hospital Board Districts and that the shortage of nurses was nation-wide. The

Council felt that this situation was one that should occasion deep concern on the part of all responsible citizens, but particularly to members of the Christian Church which has always regarded the ministry of healing as an integral part of its work. A statement entitled "Is the Acute Shortage of Nursing Staff Any Concern To You?" setting forth the position, was therefore prepared by the Council and circulated to the Heads of the Churches, Editors of Church Papers, Youth Departments of the Churches, and to the Youth Committee of the National Council of Churches for their consideration and action.

Obscene Literature.

A copy of an obscene publication was forwarded to the Council with a request that suitable action be taken to prevent the publication and sale of such literature. The Council sought the guidance and co-operation of the Booksellers' Association as to the best method of dealing with the matter. The result was that appropriate action was taken by the Association itself.

Facts re Aliens in New Zealand.

A statement giving facts concerning Aliens in New Zealand was prepared and circulated to Editors of all Church Papers for publication at their discretion.

Permits for Refugees to Enter New Zealand.

The Council has decided to associate itself with the Wellington Refugee Emergency Committee in a deputation to the Prime Minister to ascertain the policy of the Government concerning the issuing of permits to refugees who have proved themselves good citizens to enable them to bring close relatives into the country.

Royal Commission on Licensing.

The Council has asked Mr. H. W. Milner to prepare a summary of the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Licensing to serve as a basis for discussion and possible action.

Responsibility of Ministers for Burial.

In view of the present unreasonable responsibility placed by the Law upon Ministers of Religion for burials and in view of a judgment given recently by a Supreme Court Judge against a clergyman, the following resolution has been sent to the Minister of Justice:—"That, in view of the judgment given by Mr. Justice Findlay in a case last year, steps be taken to amend the law to place the final responsibility for burials upon the funeral director or, in places where there is no funeral director, upon some other responsible person appointed by the Government."

Rating of Orphanages.

Although a special clause was inserted in the Statutes Amendment Act of 1936,—Section 65 (a), for the purpose of giving exemption from rating to institutions such as orphanages, certain civic authorities were known to have refused to recognise the Act as giving exemption. As the result of approaches to the Minister of Finance a Clause in the Statutes Amendment Bill was passed, giving specific exemption from rating to "institutions established for the maintenance or relief of orphans, or of the aged, infirm, sick or needy."

Materials for Residences of Ministers of Religion.

The Council was successful in securing the approval of the Building Controller for measurements which it presented in place of those which the Controller had suggested and which the Council regarded as inadequate. These measurements constitute the maximum permitted during this time of acute shortage of materials, and provide for 1,725 sq. ft. with an additional 125 sq. ft. for staircase and first floor passages if the dwelling is two-storied.

Other Matters.

Hostels and boarding allowances for Correspondence School Children, desperate housing situation in Wellington and need for Transit-housing, Financial Assistance for Church Schools, Petition re Mental Hospital Reform, Membership on the Wellington Film Society, securing of the inclusion of a permanent sanctuary in the recreation room of the proposed new Nurses' Home at the Wellington Public Hospital for use as a Chapel, Physical Welfare and Recreation Act, Taxation on Charitable Bequests, Censorship of Films and Stage Plays.

Future Work of the Public Questions Committee.

There are many important questions that the Committee should examine but can only do so with increased facilities and an enlarged membership. Questions such as Industrial Relations, Housing and Hostels, require urgent consideration. It is proposed that sub-committees examine and give specialised reports on important matters. To do this, the report to Conference would need to be presented by the Convener of the Committee and, in addition, a small grant would be required to meet the expenses incurred by a wider field of reference. To meet these contingencies recommendations are made.

Urgent Matters.

There are public questions that suddenly become of great interest and it is important for the Church to make some pronouncement immediately. In order to meet such situations it is desirable that the Committee be empowered to make statements on behalf of the Church, always with the safeguard that it will be only after consultation with the President and in harmony with the mind of the Church.

Atomic Era.

We have received a report of the Commission of the Federal Council of Churches of Great Britain on the Church of the Atomic Era, and recommend it to our people for close study.

W. A. BURLEY, Chairman.

JOHN GROCOTT, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. **Gambling:** (a) That the Statement on "Gambling" be approved, and that it be referred to the Publications Committee with the Declaration of the British Conference, as a basis for the preparation of a suitable pamphlet.
(b) **Commission on Gaming and Racing:** That Conference express its appreciation of the work of the Inter-Church Committee which is preparing the case against gambling to be presented to the Commission on Gaming and Racing, and commends to the prayers and interest of the whole Church, the educational campaign to stimulate concern for the widespread evils of gambling.

(c) Conference strongly urges upon all our Ministers and Church leaders the need for study of the gambling question. It commends to all our people the booklet "What is wrong with a Gamble?" written by Ralph Sutton, and obtainable from the Bookroom and Youth Office.

(d) That this Conference strongly protests against the reported intention of the Government to raise funds for patriotic purposes by art unions. It is confident that the employment of such means will offend the conscience and alienate the sympathy of a large number of people, particularly those associated with the Church, who otherwise would desire to contribute to such funds and generally assist in the purposes for which these are intended.

3. Bible in Schools: (a) That all Churches be urged to take retiring collections for the work of the Bible-in-Schools League.

(b) That the representatives on the Committee of the Bible-in-Schools League be: Revs. W. A. Burley, E. O. Blamires, J. D. Grocott, and A. K. Petch.

(c) That Conference approve of the change of name of the Bible-in-Schools League to "The Religious Education Committee of the N.C.C." (incorporating the Bible-in-Schools League), with a constitution similar to that of the Youth Committee of the N.C.C.

(d) Conference commends to all those interested in Religious Instruction in Schools the facilities existing for the training by correspondence and otherwise of voluntary teachers in Teaching Method and Child Psychology.

(4) World Food Crisis: (a) That Conference express its sincere appreciation of the work of women's and other Church organisations in the forwarding of food parcels overseas, and commends this practice to the Church.

(b) **Relief of Famine:** Conference urges upon the Government that it be a first task to give leadership to the people of N.Z. in doing more than is now being achieved in giving relief to all starving peoples, without discrimination of nation, race or colour.

5. Inter-Church Council: (a) That the representatives on the Inter-Church Council on Public Affairs be Revs. W. A. Burley, J. D. Grocott and Mr. A. E. Hurley.

(b) Conference expresses its appreciation of the splendid services rendered by the Inter-Church Council on Public Affairs to the constituent Churches and the people of the Dominion.

6. Anzac Day Services: Conference believes it to be a sound principle that the community which toiled and suffered together should be free to express together its deep Christian convictions.

It believes that the spirit of our community is such that in the public observance of Anzac Day our people are not likely to be satisfied with a purely civic and patriotic assembly.

It sees in the Memorial and Thanksgiving Services held in the Armed Forces following a battle engagement, a principle on which Anzac services should be based. In these services the rights of those who were unable to participate because of convictions of conscience were respected. But the respect for their rights did not involve the denial of liberty of fellowship in worship to those who so desired it.

Conference considers that the public observance of Anzac Day is meeting a deeply ingrained desire of our people, and has proved a widely-valued opportunity for offering our common thanksgiving to God for His deliverances, and for expressing our respect

for and remembrance of the fallen, and for affirming our faith in the Christian hope of life everlasting. Conference further considers that no form of observance which omits these elements is at all adequate to the occasion, and it believes that this conviction is shared by the majority of the community.

7. Statement on Public Affairs: That permission be given to the Public Questions Committee to make public statements on urgent public questions only after consultation with the President of Conference and in harmony with the mind of the Church.

8. Acute Shortage of Nurses: Conference recommends that in view of the disquieting shortage of staff in hospitals, our ministers be urged to lay before their congregations the claims of nursing as a sacred vocation.

9. Obscene Literature: That the Public Questions Committee continue to make further investigations into the publication and sale of a certain type of objectionable literature and take appropriate action.

10. Aid for Europe: That an appeal for reconstruction and Inter-Church aid in Europe be sanctioned; that the Editor of the "Methodist Times" be requested to commend such an appeal to our people, and that donations be received by the Connexional Office.

11. Censorship of Plays: That the Public Questions Committee be requested to enquire into the conditions governing the importing and publishing in New Zealand of plays with a view to recommending stricter censorship of such.

12. Military Defaulters: In view of the fact that men who suffered imprisonment during the last war as defaulters have duly served the sentences imposed upon them by the Courts of the land, Conference is of the opinion that they should not be deprived of any of their Civil rights, and considers the Government has erred in depriving them of the right to vote at the recent elections.

13. Finance: That a grant of £20 be made for the work of the Committee.

14. Committee for 1947: Revs. W. A. Burley, E. O. Blamires, W. W. H. Greenslade, J. D. McArthur, C. T. Symons, J. D. Grocott, G. H. Goodman, R. F. Clement, Campbell Lucas, W. J. Morrison, Mesdames O. Chapman, C. Boyer, A. B. Cochran, Misses A. Johnston, B. Zurcher, Messrs. C. H. Hain, A. C. Barrington, J. V. Burton, G. E. Rushworth, D. Hay, C. R. Edmond, A. E. Hurley, and Dr. I. V. Newman. Convener: Rev. J. D. Grocott.

B.—CONNEXIONAL TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE.

REPORT FOR 1946.

The Committee appointed at last Conference has been operating for only five months at the time of the preparation of this report. The Committee has co-operated with the N.Z. Alliance and the Temperance Committee of the Presbyterian Church, and steps have been taken to stir the conscience of the Church on the Temperance question generally. The columns of the "Methodist Times" have been used when opportunity offered, and a circular has been forwarded to all Ministers and Home Missionaries.

The Committee has been appalled to note that during the past few years the Temperance cause has been rapidly losing its grip upon the conscience of the Church—one contributing factor being the aggressiveness of the "trade" under war conditions. But more

disastrous have been the "trade's" propaganda along the lines of preserving "liberty," the extended practice of drinking on social occasions, and the disregard on the part of Christians of the necessity for personal total abstinence. With the rapid increase in the drinking habits of society, there has been a growing spirit of indifference and apathy on the part of our own people, and we can no longer claim to be Temperance enthusiasts. It is now imperative that we seek to retrieve our position by a strenuous Temperance Education campaign beginning within the Church itself.

As the body uniting all Church Temperance Committees and other Temperance Societies, the New Zealand Alliance is in imminent danger of losing its prestige in the community, because of the apathy of Christian people, who remain indifferent to the urgent need for reform, and ignore the personal claims the Alliance has upon them. The Conference has repeatedly adopted resolutions urging our people to support the Alliance, but these have been honoured in the breach rather than in the observance. The Committee now emphatically endorses these resolutions, and urges upon Synods and Conference the need for a vigorous membership campaign throughout the Church. It can be stated categorically, that the Alliance cannot bring its work to a successful issue until it has the financial and moral support of every Christian. "It is not the spread of evil that so much strengthens the power of darkness, as the indifference and apathy of good men." The growing indifference to the Temperance cause, and neglect on the part of Church people to do aggressive work in Temperance Education and Reform, must be arrested or our cause will be irretrievably lost. Therefore we must challenge every individual member of the Church to positive action, even at personal sacrifice, in supporting the Alliance. The situation is serious and a reproach to the Church and its members, all of whom should be enlisted in the cause of Temperance Reform.

The principal question before the Committee has been the Report of the Royal Commission on Licensing, and the closest attention will need to be given to the Legislation which is brought down as an outcome of this Report. Some of the proposals of the Commission are amazing in view of the tremendous weight of evidence produced against the "trade." The Commission exhaustively reviewed evidence of the evils and abuses of the "trade," e.g., after-hours trading, sly-grogging, tied houses, liquor to minors, etc., and in the light of this evidence passed severe strictures on the liquor trade as such, and in declaring alcohol dangerous to society, stressed the need for adequate control. In view of this, the Committee, while not yet having opportunity to consider the full Report, has taken note of retrograde proposals, and submits a resolution embodying our protest on these issues.

The Royal Commission's Report has revealed the need of educating the people, and informing the public mind regarding the ramifications of this social evil. Particularly is this so regarding youth, and the Committee commends the Youth Department for the work it has done in regard to the production of film strips, and also its publications, and expresses the hope that this educational work will be continued along lines in keeping with modern educational practice.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

2. **Royal Commission:** Conference expressed its gratification that the Royal Commission on Licensing has completed its work and presented its report. While expressing its approval of certain of the recommendations, Conference records its uncompromising opposition to the retrograde proposals concerning extension of hours, drinking in restaurants, club licenses, longer intervals between the polls, and liquor in the King Country, and urges our people to support the N.Z. Alliance in any action it may deem necessary to oppose the implementing of these recommendations.

3. **Temperance Sunday:**

(a) Conference requests Circuits to observe Temperance Sunday on the nearest convenient Sunday to World Temperance Sunday (first Sunday in September).

(b) That at all services on that day, the Temperance question be stressed and the needs of the New Zealand Alliance be brought to the attention of our people, with a view to securing their practical support.

(c) That in Sunday Schools and Bible Classes, suitable lessons be taken, and special addresses given where possible.

4. **Education Programme:** Conference urges Sunday School Teachers and Bible Class Leaders to make more effective use of the Temperance lessons and studies provided in Sunday School lesson books and Bible Class Syllabuses, and of the special Temperance literature published by the Youth Department, and that District Youth Councils be requested to organise temperance education among youth groups by means of film strips and projectors provided by the Youth Department.

5. **Membership Campaign:** Conference approves of the membership campaign of the New Zealand Alliance and urges our people to give it their full support.

6. **Analysis of Social Situation:** Conference requests the Connexional Temperance Committee, in conjunction with the Presbyterian Temperance Committee, to make an analysis of the social situation against the background of which any programme of Temperance education can be formulated, and adds to the Committee the following corresponding members:—Revs. H. C. Dixon, E. Te Tuhi, H. A. Darvill, C. T. Symons, G. H. Goodman, J. B. Dawson, and R. Dudley

7. **Drink Bill:** Conference draws the attention of the Government to the enormous proportions that the liquor traffic is assuming in New Zealand. It notes that the National Drink Bill for 1946 reached the unprecedented figure of £15,159,000, with per capita figures of £8/15/- and 17.2 gallons. It notes with disapproval that the increase in consumption of liquor has resulted in the increased destruction of essential foodstuffs such as cereals and sugar at a time when there is an extreme world shortage of such. It expresses its concern that owing to the privilege being granted for the transport of intoxicating beverages, the despatch of essential commodities is being retarded. Conference accordingly calls upon the Government to restrict the production and sale of intoxicants, to conserve where possible essential foods, and to curtail the transport facilities for intoxicants in favour of the free movement of essential commodities.

8. Committee: Temperance Committee, 1947—The Chairman of the District, Revs. C. Duder, A. H. Ivory, A. P. Dorrian, H. M. Brassell, E. J. Carter; Messrs. E. J. Iles, A. T. McIndoe, A. L. Stanton, C. Scarfe, E. H. James, G. S. Gapper, A. Hancock, C. Chirnside, J. Hetherington; Mrs. W. Dickinson, Mrs. J. H. Shilcock, Miss T. Muir.

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.

Point Chevalier—26.54 per. £226.
Kaitaia—26 per. £93/10/-.
Gisborne—1 ac. 1 rd. 25.55 per. £300.
Hutt—1 rd. 1.1 per. and parsonage. £2071/5/-.
Shirley—30 per. and parsonage. £1300.
Oamaru—26.7 per. (gift). £200.
Allenton (Ashburton)—16.3 per. £240.

2.—Erections and Additions.

Point Chevalier—Church and Schoolroom. £2,092.
Waitangi Road (Onehunga)—Church. £1600.
Papakura (Hall)—Kitchen, etc. £173/6/-.
Te Kopuru—Re-erections from Aratapu and Te Kopuru. £1005.
Whangarei—Hall. £649/5/2.
Oruaiti Chapel—Moved to Whangarei. £124/12/10.
Kaitaia—Parsonage. £1500.
Silverdale—Parsonage (alteration). £39/1/4.
Matamata—Parsonage (additions). £157/12/8.
Paeroa—Parsonage (additions). £33/10/-.
Hutt (Nae Nae)—Church. £800. (Incomplete.)
Johnsonville—Parsonage (replacements). £36/7/4.
Allenton (Ashburton)—Church Hall. £387 (incomplete).
Roxburgh—Parsonage (additions). £28.
Gore—Parsonage (additions). £77/11/3.

3.—Sales and Extended Leases.

Mairangi Bay—Section. £286/5/4. Proceeds for Church at Campbells Bay.
Kaitaia—Section. £105/1/1. Proceeds for Parsonage Fund.
Thames—Section. £350. Proceeds Renovation Fund.
Inglewood—Section and Annexe. £295. Debt reduction.
Thorndon—Pt. Section. £75.
Nelson—2 Sections. £500. Proceeds Nelson South.
Foxhill (Nelson)—Church, etc. £70. Land given original owner. Proceeds Wakefield-Dovedale area.
Richmond-Shirley—Section. £185. Proceeds new parsonage.
Purakanui (Dunedin)—House and Land. £90. Proceeds in terms of bequest.

4.—Circuit Accounts.

RECEIPTS.

		£	s.	d.
To Credit Balance from last year—General Account	....	21,948	16	9
„ Balance from last year held for Special Purposes	....	110,499	2	9½
„ Loans from Church Building and Loan Fund	....	2,429	5	0
„ Loans from Other Sources	....	6,105	17	9
„ All Other Receipts	....	113,146	6	2½
Total Receipts	....	254,129	8	6
Debit Balances	....	4,862	5	11
Total	....	£258,991	14	5

EXPENDITURE.

		£	s.	d.
By Debit Balance from Last Year	....	8,430	3	2
„ Loan Fund Instalments	....	5,109	8	9
„ Other Loans Repaid	....	9,166	9	11
„ Interest on Loans and on Bank Overdraft	....	2,683	15	7
„ Purchase of Land, Erection or Additions to Buildings	....	16,947	18	1
„ Rents, Rates, Cleaning, Lighting, Repairs, etc.	....	52,741	16	4
Total Expenditure	....	95,079	11	10
Credit Balances	....	22,988	10	0½
Balances held for Special Purposes	....	140,923	12	6½
Total	....	£258,991	14	5
Total of Fire Insurances	....	£949,890	0	7
Total of Earthquake Insurances	....	£15,000	0	0

5.—Statement of Debt.

		£	s.	d.
Mortgage Debt at end of Previous Year	....	91,582	17	10
Add New Loans Received During Year	....	8,522	15	0
Total	....	100,105	12	10
Deduct Loans Received During Year	....	13,818	15	2
Amount of Mortgage Debt at End of Year	....	86,286	17	8
Unpaid General Accounts	....	4,336	8	3
Unpaid Interest	....	21	18	9

6.—Insurance.

Total of Fire and Earthquake Insurances reported £964,890 0 7

7.—District Secretaries for Church Property.

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

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

Taranaki-Wanganui—Mr. J. Drake, Gonville, Wanganui.

Hawkes Bay-Manawatu—Mr. C. E. Taylor, Ranfurly Road, Feilding.

Wellington—Mr. T. M. Pacey, Katherine Road, Wellington.

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

North Canterbury—Mr. J. W. Hillary, Box 552, Christchurch.

South Canterbury—Mr. P. Woodnorth, c/o. Public Trust Office, Timaru.

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

The service rendered by all District Secretaries has been of very great value to the Church. Their painstaking work and informative reports have been most helpful to the Connexional Secretary. All are nominated for reappointment.

8.—General.

The financial buoyancy of the Church at present will be gathered from the following comparison with last year's returns.

	Increase.	Decrease.
Credit Balances	1,670	
Debit Balances		3,604
Money held for Special Purposes	26,054	
Total Receipts (excluding Loans)	1,391	
Total Expenditure		5,904

Building restrictions undoubtedly account for lowered expenditure. Trusts will be well advised not to relax their efforts to add to their resources pending the return to more normal conditions, when building operations on a large scale will face the whole Church.

H. L. FIEBIG,

General Secretary of Church Property.

Christchurch,

31st December, 1946.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That thanks be tendered to the District Secretaries for their efficient services, and that they be reappointed with the exception of Mr. G. H. White. That Mr. J. Drake be appointed for the Taranaki-Wanganui District.
3. That Conference extend to Mr. G. H. White its deep appreciation of his services during a period of eleven years as District Secretary for Church Property in the Taranaki-Wanganui District, during which time he has carried out his duties with distinct benefit to the Church.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.

Facts set forth in the following paragraphs, together with details to be correlated later with information from District Property Secretaries, will reveal how our Church finance reflects the general financial buoyancy of present-day conditions.

Loans Current amount to £16,703/19/-. This is some £1726 less than the amount for the corresponding date of last year. That is accounted for by the fact that during the year a number of Trusts made large pre-payments. In addition, some loans outstanding for years have been brought up to date.

Loans Promised: Loans applied for and promised but not actually called up amount to £5800.

New Loans advanced during the current year, amounting to £3250, are as follows:—

Mt. Roskill £1000, Papakura £400, Whangarei £600, Temuka £100, Point Chevalier £500, Te Kopuru £500, Hokitika £50, Palmerston South £100.

Loans Fully Repaid: During the year the following Trusts fully repaid their loans (14):—

Devonport, Whakatane, Levin, Leeston, Vauxhall, Te Kuiti, Motueka, Oxford, Northcote, Raetihi, Linwood, Kohukohu, Wairoa, Durham Street South.

Arrears: This year constitutes a pleasing record in respect to arrears of repayments—in that only two Trusts are in default. In one of those cases no ministerial appointment was made this year.

Sites Fund: Grants have been made as follows: Waterview £20, Waitangi Road £75. The Committee is alive to the fact that heavy demands will be made upon this Fund in the near future, and desires to be in a position to meet those calls to the fullest extent possible. It is to be hoped that the Peace Thanksgiving Appeal in 1947 will assist this aspect of our work up to the limit of the need.

It must be pointed out that the resources of this Fund are for new causes and not for places where the work is already established, nor for Churches which have derived revenue from the sale of existing property.

E. Winstone Blackwell Gift: Grateful acknowledgement is made of a gift from Mrs. J. H. Blackwell of the sum of £500 to be added to the Capital Fund.

It is fitting to take this opportunity of pointing out that such a gift as this continues its work in perpetuity. There are few better ways of making a bequest than this.

Gift of Land: Mr. A. J. Grave of Oamaru has given a section in Oamaru North for developmental work in that area.

Regulations: Attention is drawn to the law of the Church that no property may be bought or sold without prior notice being sent to the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee. Breaches of this regulation have occurred during the year.

Parsonages: (a) The Committee has had to collaborate with Circuits to which married ordained ministers were appointed but which were without parsonage accommodation. This has caused considerable trouble, and the Committee is bound to draw the attention of Conference to the need of being assured that before a married ordained minister is appointed to a Circuit the requisite parsonage accommodation is already available.

(b) With rising costs and difficulties in respect to the supply of materials, there has been a tendency in some cases to buy or build on a scale lower than that required by our regulations. While appreciating the difficulties of some existing conditions, any action must be deprecated which too easily jeopardises the future or creates problems for it.

(c) After consultation with the Inter-Church Council and the Director of Housing, information was received that permits for Parsonages would be granted enabling in all cases our minimum requirements to be met—that is, the equivalent of 4 bedrooms, lounge, dining room, study, kitchen, garage, etc.

Matters Remitted by Conference.

1. **Trustees and Quarterly Meeting** (1946 Mins., p. 100). The Committee was requested to consider the position where the personnel of a Trust had been reduced to a minimum and progressive work was frustrated. The question was raised as to whether in such cases the Quarterly Meeting should be given power to appoint additional Trustees.

The Committee submits the following:—

a. It is aware of the difficulties in such instances. These are so few, however, that it would be very unwise to alter the existing law to meet them.

b. Amending the law to vest such power in the Quarterly Meeting would open the door to the possibility of grave abuse, and would possibly create more problems than it would solve.

c. The Committee therefore has no recommendation to make.

2. **Form of Trust Schedules:** This matter is receiving consideration.

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

Sales.

The Committee has sanctioned the sale of the following properties. If not acted upon by 31st March, 1948, the sanction will lapse.

Aratapu: 1 Section. £10. Proceeds towards reduction of Loan.

Te Kopuru: 1 Section. £10. Proceeds towards reduction of Loan.

Martin Bros. Rest Home: £2700. Proceeds to be used in terms of Trust.

Wesley College: 1 Section (14.65 perches). £10.

Mairangi Bay: 1 Section. £300. Proceeds to be held by General Purposes Trust Board towards new Church at Campbell's Bay.

Prince Albert College: Consent to acquire head lease, Trustees to act in collaboration with District Advisory Committee.

Herne Bay: Dwelling. £1267. Proceeds to reimburse Home Mission Department Investment Board.

Point Chevalier: Dwelling. £880. Proceeds to reimburse Home Mission Department Investment Board.

Thames: Old Kindergarten building, £350. Proceeds to be held in Trust by General Purposes Trust Board for Thames Circuit.

Inglewood: Annexe and Section. £300. Proceeds towards reduction of Loan.

Ohura: Section. Land Sales Valuation. Proceeds to reimburse Home Mission Department.

Patea: Parsonage. £450. Proceeds to be held by the General Purposes Trust Board for new Personage at Patea.

Norsewood: Parsonage. £375. Proceeds to be held by the General Purposes Trust Board for either a new Church or Parsonage at Norsewood.

Youth Director's House: Palmerston North. £1695. Proceeds for new house for Senior Director.

Webb Street: Church and Parsonage for £4200 and £1600 respectively. Use of proceeds to be decided by District Executive in collaboration with Church Building and Loan Fund Committee.

Wellington Methodist Charitable and Educational Endowments: Section at Foxton. £225.

Foxhill: Church and contents. £70. Proceeds to be held by the General Purposes Trust Board for use in the Wakefield-Dovedale H.M. Station. Land to be given to family from whom originally received.

Reefton: Parsonage. £400. Proceeds to be used for new Parsonage at Reefton.

Upper Waitohi: Section (2 roods). Gift. Church not to incur transfer costs.

Ravensbourne: Church. £150. £40 to be repaid to Sites Fund. Balance to be held for Capital Expenditure.

Kakanui: Church. £125. Proceeds to be held by General Purposes Trust Board for extension work in country area around Oamaru.

R. DUDLEY, Chairman.

H. L. FIEBIG, Secretary.

Christchurch,
15th October, 1946.

RESOLUTIONS.

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

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

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. Convener in each case: District Chairman.

4. That the Central Committee for 1947 be:—The Connexional Secretary, the Chairman of the North Canterbury District, Revs. R. Dudley, V. R. Jamieson, A. O. Harris, H. J. Odell, E. Drake; Messrs. H. de R. Flesher (Lay Treasurer), H. J. S. Harrington, S. Sayers, W. Melville Lawry, S. H. Maddren, R. A. Marsh, W. F. Stock, and R. G. Harris.

District Advisory Committees.

AUCKLAND—Revs. J. C. Draper, A. E. Jefferson; Messrs. J. Tyler and L. E. Rhodes.

SOUTH AUCKLAND—Revs. H. C. Matthews and J. H. Bailey; Messrs. E. J. Davey and W. B. Young.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI—Rev. I. M. Raynor; Mr. M. Barnitt.

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU—Rev. L. A. G. Brooks; Mr. C. Woodfield.

WELLINGTON—Rev. J. D. McArthur; Mr. C. H. Hain.

NELSON—Revs. A. O. Jones and W. Jenkin; Messrs. F. H. Southgate and J. S. White.

SOUTH CANTERBURY—Rev. W. W. Avery; Mr. H. C. B. Withell.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND—Revs. L. B. Neale, R. Thornley; Messrs. G. S. Gapper, R. H. Sands, and A. S. Froggatt.

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

1. Six new Trusts have been registered during the past year:—Point Chevalier, Tomorata (Port Albert), Wainoni (Christchurch), Waddington-Annat-Kimberley, Allenton, Otago Youth Council.

2. Deeds have been received for property at the following places:—Point Chevalier, Kaitaia, Hamilton, Claudelands, Whakatane, Stratford, Addington, Richmond (Christchurch), Leeston, Allenton (Ashburton), Oamaru.

3. Changes in the personnel of Trusts have been registered as under:—

District.	Trusts.	Removals.	Registrations.
Auckland	17	23	50
South Auckland	9	11	24
Taranaki-Wanganui	5	7	11
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	6	4	11
Wellington	6	8	12
Nelson	4	9	8
North Canterbury	21	28	54
South Canterbury	4	6	10
Otago-Southland	8	28	40
Totals	80	124	220

H. L. FIEBIG,

Custodian of Deeds and Authorised Representative.

Christchurch,

October 10th, 1946.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

2. That in accordance with "The Methodist Church Property Act, 1887," the Rev. Herbert Leslie Fiebig be appointed Authorised Representative for the year 1947-48.

3. That the Rev. H. 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.

5. That Conference draws the attention of Circuit officials to the laxity evidenced in the keeping of Trust Accounts in that in many cases a system of book-keeping is in vogue which does not permit a thorough audit to be made.

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 an improved year of activities.

The Income from Rents was up by £238, and £650 has been expended upon repairs and maintenance. The whole of the properties are in very fair order, but further additional expense is required to bring Probert Buildings, Queen Street, to a satisfactory standard.

The sum of £100 was paid to Trinity College, and it was resolved to give £250 for the coming year to this cause.

We are grateful to report that £1,000 was paid off the mortgage, which now stands at £33,000. There is a prospect of further increase of income during the year, and we hope to again reduce the debt.

The members of the Board are:

Revs. E. W. Hames, Dr. C. H. Laws, 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.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report be received and adopted.

2.—PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE.

**REPORT OF TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDING
30th SEPTEMBER, 1946.**

The outstanding matter to be reported is that, in accordance with the resolutions of Conference in February last, the Trustees appointed a sub-committee of their members, who successfully negotiated the purchase of the lease from Mr. Newcomb for the sum of £24,000.

This purchase was confirmed unanimously at a joint meeting of the Trustees and the District Executive. The transaction leaves the Trust with a valuable property in its possession, but a heavy mortgage liability to be faced of £20,000 to the Bank of New Zealand, interest to be at the rate of 4% per annum. The Trustees, therefore, are unanimously of the opinion that, while they confidently anticipate a satisfactory excess of Income over Expenditure annually, the greater part of this should be directed to the repayment of the mortgage as speedily as is expedient with the maintenance of a sound financial position.

The Trustees, further, are of the opinion that the portion of the property leased to the Salvation Army should remain on lease to them, and not be sold outright.

Secretary. It was with the most sincere regret that the Trustees accepted the resignation, through advancing years, of Mr. J. W. Shackelford, as Secretary of the Trust. He has acted in that capacity since March, 1908, and has faithfully and consistently safeguarded the interests of the Trust throughout a long period of service of nearly 40 years. A record of appreciation appears in the minutes of the Trust.

Mr. Percy Dellow has been appointed Secretary in succession to Mr. Shackelford.

The Balance Sheet will be presented to Conference in the usual way.

E. T. OLDS, Chairman.

P. DELLOW, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Trustees of the Prince Albert College be requested to report annually to Synods.

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

REPORT FOR 1946.

The Statement of Income and Expenditure shows that £232/7/6 has been distributed during the year ending October 31st, 1946. Our income has been £332/6/4, and each year we are setting aside a good portion of the balance for urgent needs which may arise in the future.

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.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report be received and adopted.

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

Annual Report for the Year Ended 31st December, 1946.

We have pleasure in presenting to the Conference the Report and Balance Sheet of the Board for the year ended 31st December, 1946. **Masterton Children's Home.**

The Management Committee of the Home has reported separately to the Conference, and the Board endorses the recommendations of the Committee as contained in its report.

The Board deeply appreciates the ready co-operation of the members of the Committee, and extends its sincere thanks for their continued help in the interests of the children in the Home. The Board also records its thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Bateup and their two assistants, Misses Potter and Fell, for their untiring efforts on behalf of their welfare, and to Dr. Prior for his continued services as physician.

Rangiatea Maori College.

Messrs. A. E. Murley, T. M. Pacey and N. R. Seddon have continued to represent the Board on the College Board of Governors, and through them close contact with the work of the College has been maintained. The Board was called upon to increase its grant to £650 for the current year to meet extraordinary expenditure in connection with wage increases, and has agreed to provide £600 per annum in future.

Foxton Land.

The section of approximately 2 acres in Foxton Township, which has not produced any revenue for some considerable time, has been sold to the Government Housing Department. The transfer has not yet been completed, however, and is accordingly not reflected in the Balance Sheet for this year.

The lease of the Foxton Farm having expired, the Board has agreed to a renewal for a further ten years to the present tenants.

Masterton Land.

The land adjoining the Children's Home, which was for some time occupied by the Army, has now been restored, and the Board has taken possession again.

Finance.

Requests totalling £1,022/11/5 have been received on behalf of the Children's Home at Masterton, and have been credited to the Capital Account of the Home, which now stands at £10,841/5/11.

Net revenue for the year amounted to £1,320/12/6, but unprecedented demands for the maintenance of the Masterton Home, occasioned by increases in the price of food and clothing, wages of the staff, and the necessity of undertaking repairs and replacements of furniture, absorbed £723/4/10, an increase of £262/5/11 on last year's figure. Depreciation written off the Home property accounted for another £150, and after making the grant of £650 to Rangiatea Maori College, expenditure exceeded income by £202/12/4.

General.

The Board records its deep sense of loss through the death of Mr. W. E. Redstone, who had been a member for many years.

Mr. G. C. Burton returned to New Zealand during the year and resumed his seat on the Board.

W. A. BURLEY, Chairman.

J. A. KELLOW, Secretary.

Note.—Since the date of this report, Mr. G. C. Burton has been appointed Chief Personnel Officer of the United Nations Organisation, and is leaving shortly for the United States of America. He has accordingly been granted extended leave of absence.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That Rev. W. A. Burley be appointed Chairman of the Board.

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

RESOLUTION.

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

6.—MARTIN BROTHERS—MEMORIAL REST HOME.

RESOLUTIONS.

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

2. That Conference authorises negotiations with the Trustees of Astley House with a view to merging the Martin Bros. Memorial Trust and its assets with the Astley House Trust. The objective shall be the erection at Astley House of additions to be known as the Martin Bros. Memorial Wing.

7.—NORTH ISLAND REST HOUSE.

RESOLUTIONS.

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

2. That the applying of the funds held by the North Island Rest Home Trustees to the procuring of a suitable residential flat for use of ministers needing rest be referred back to the Trustees for consideration.

8.—THOMAS EVE TRUST (ASHBURTON).

The will of the late Thomas Eve left to the Baring Square Church, Ashburton, for its present and future work, certain personal and real property. As it was known that Mr. Eve desired as well that the work of the Methodist Church throughout the County should also be advanced by his bequest, the Board of Trustees has accepted this additional task in the administration of the Trust. The impression seems to exist in some quarters that the Baring Square Church is leaning on the Eve Trust to the detriment of the Trust's larger responsibilities. This impression is unjustified, for the following reasons:—

(a) This Conference is being recommended to add the Rakaia-Methven Circuit, which has been without an agent for some years, to the Ashburton Circuit. To develop our witness in this part of the County is now the policy of the Baring Square Circuit, and will require for some time to come all the assistance which the Circuit and the Eve Trust together can provide.

(b) The Baring Square Circuit has recently purchased a new Church Hall and has it set up in Allenton, a North West Suburb of Ashburton. This has been done without any aid from the Eve Trust.

(c) The Baring Square Trust is now facing very heavy expenditure, running into not much short of £10,000, in repairs to the Church and in providing a much needed new organ and Sunday School. Any help that the Eve Trust may be in a position to give will be relatively very small.

W. T. BLIGHT, Chairman.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report be received and adopted.

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

CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE BOARD.

ANNUAL REPORT, 1946.

The audited financial statements indicate the following facts:—

Income: The earned income from all sources was £3805/11/4, an increase for the year of £119/8/11.

Accumulated Funds remain at the figure of £32,500.

Fire Loss Reserve Account: Further provision to the extent of £1000 has been made this year out of revenue, making the amount of £6,565.

Investment Contingency Reserve Fund: £100 has been added to this fund from revenue, which now stands at £940/10/4.

Additional Insurances: The attention of Church Trustees is steadily being drawn to the necessity for examining their position in the light of present day conditions. During the current year, 68 Trusts gave attention to this matter.

Church Property not insured with our Fund. It is gratifying to record that the number of Church properties not insured with our Fund is steadily decreasing. This year four Trusts transferred to our Fund. The number of Trusts still concerned under this head is now only 14. In many cases mortgage obligations tie the hands of the trustees; but this is a state of affairs that is gradually being overtaken.

Claims: Claims in the Fund this year amounted to £3632/12/8. Re-insurances left us with a net loss of £147/9/-. In addition to several small personal claims the properties involved were:—Onehunga Parsonage, Lyall Bay Church, Newtown Shops, Durham Street Organ, Reefton Church Furniture, Dunedin Central Mission (Emp. Liab.), Cargill Road Cottage.

Grants: From the divisible surplus the Board recommends the following grants:—

	£
Home Acquirement Fund	330
"Methodist Times"	150
Trinity Theological College	125
Foreign Missions	100
Home Missions	100
Church Sites	125
Youth Department	75
	(including £25 Special)
Deaconess House	100
	(including £50 Special)
Supernumerary Benevolent Fund	30
Home Mission Removal Expenses Fund	25
Total	£1,160

Personal.

The Board records its sense of loss in the passing of the late Col. G. J. Smith, C.B.E., who was a member of the Board from its inception in 1899, and for 27 years acted as Lay Treasurer, in that capacity making a most valuable contribution to the work of our Church. Also in the passing of the late Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt, to whom fuller reference is made in the Report of the Connexional Secretaryship Committee.

Board for 1946: The following are nominated as the Board of Management:—The Connexional Secretary (ex-officio), Revs. E. Drake, R. Dudley, H. J. Odell, Messrs. E. R. Caygill (Lay Treasurer), C. H. Perkins, A. A. Dingwall, W. H. Price, P. A. LeBrun, and W. A. Bascand.

EDWARD DRAKE, Chairman.

H. L. FIEBIG, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

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

2. That in all cases, except where mortgage obligations make it impracticable, Trustees and Boards in charge of Connexional properties, be requested to effect all their insurances with the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund.

(3) That Conference notes the steps being taken by the Board to see that all Church buildings are adequately insured, and requests that all Trusts be advised where action is necessary in this direction.

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE, 1946.

Obituary. The Committee records its great sense of loss in the unexpected passing on March 6th, 1946, of the late Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt, who had completed nineteen years as Connexional Secretary. During that long term of office the scope of every department under his care extended considerably. Mr. Pratt brought to his task great gifts of mind and spirit. His capabilities, judgment and devotion were at the full disposal of the Church, which he served unsparingly to the end. The many aspects of the life of our Church directed by the Connexional Office were in wise and strong hands while under his control, and the Church has been greatly enriched by the contribution of his outstanding service.

The Rev. H. L. Fiebig was appointed Connexional Secretary by last Conference, and owing to the then illness of Mr. Pratt, took up his duties on April 1st, 1946.

Departmental House. In accordance with the decision of Conference the Committee has provided a house for the Connexional Secretary, being successful in purchasing a property in excellent condition in a most suitable part of Christchurch, Merivale Lane. The house consists of 7 rooms with a quarter-acre section.

The Committee points out that it has no revenue other than that derived from appropriations from the various funds served by the Office. In order to place the financing of this undertaking on a sound basis, it is asking that special grants totalling £1000 be made in 1947 by the Funds concerned. This will bring the mortgage involved to a reasonable sum and the allowance at present made (£175 per annum) will cover repayments and general costs.

Appropriations. The Financial Statement indicates that the current year ended with a credit balance of £17/16/11. The following appropriations are asked for the ensuing year:—

Supernumerary and Allied Funds	....	....	£600
Fire Insurance Fund	....	....	£460
Church Building and Loan Fund	....	....	£275
Contingent Fund	....	....	£210
"Methodist Times" Fund	....	....	£190

Committee for 1947.

The following nominations are made:—District Chairman, Connexional Secretary, Superintendent Ministers of Durham Street, St. Albans, and Cambridge Terrace Circuits, Mr. J. E. Purchase (Lay Treasurer), Lay Treasurers of the Supernumerary Fund, Fire Insurance Fund, Church Building and Loan Fund, "Methodist Times" Committee, and the Contingent Fund.

J. E. PURCHASE, Chairman.

H. L. FIEBIG, Secretary.

Christchurch, 31/12/46.

RESOLUTIONS.

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

2. That Conference expresses its great sense of loss in the passing of the late M. A. Rugby Pratt, F.R. Hist. S., who rendered outstanding and devoted service to the Church as Connexional Secretary for nineteen years. It places on record its gratitude to God for the gift of his life and work.

3. That Conference approve of special grants being made by the Funds served by the Connexional Office for the purchase of a permanent dwelling for the Connexional Secretary. That such grants, totalling £1000, be made approximately in proportion to the annual appropriations from each Fund.

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

TRINITY THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

A.—PRINCIPAL'S REPORT.

The College year has been dominated by the return of the Hostel and the consequent reorganization. But it has been a good year in other respects, and the quality of the men's work has not suffered. Life in a larger institution may be distracting at times; but it is stimulating and provocative, and there can be no doubt of its value in the training of a minister. For most of the year we have had eleven divinity students in residence, with four non-residents coming in to lectures, and one Probationer taking part of his course with us. Mr. Divers has been a good Senior Student, and the men have worked in ready co-operation both with the Staff and with each other. In general, a student's ability to fit easily into the demands of the College democracy is a forecast of his capacity to work successfully with men (and Quarterly Meetings) later on.

The Principal has taken classes in Systematic Theology (God, Man, Sin), Homiletics and Sermon Criticism, Pastoral Theology, N.T. Introduction, Junior Religious Education, and Junior N.T. Greek. Dr. Ranston has taught O.T. Introduction and Exegesis, O.T. Theology (Prophets), N.T. Exegesis and N.T. Theology (Johannine), and Intermediate N.T. Greek. Mr. W. E. Burley has given some assistance with English, and Mr. J. William Bailey has taught Elocution and Voice Production. A majority of the men attended lectures at the University College and are pursuing a course towards a degree. Practically all our men are now gaining some University experience.

The Staff and Students are looking forward to the arrival of Dr. Williams, who has much to give us, we are sure. It has been arranged that the Principal shall concentrate on Biblical, Historical and Systematic Theology and Church History, and that Dr. Williams shall take as his special field the Pastoral Theology (in the widest sense of that term) including Homiletics and Religious Education. The two men will share the Biblical work between them until such time as it becomes possible to appoint a third tutor. Dr. Ranston will continue to give a little help, we hope, in 1947.

As a Church we are fortunate in that it was possible to continue training on a reduced scale throughout the war. But we are faced with a very serious shortage of single Probationers during the next few years. It is necessary that the Church should firmly adhere to its decision to keep men in College for the full period of their training. It is also very necessary that we keep the whole matter of the supply of candidates before our people, that we may have a stream of young men of zeal and ability offering themselves for this service. The situation is encouraging, but we must not relax our efforts in this respect.

E. W. HAMES.

B.—REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

The Council expresses thanks to God for another year of service and achievement in the training of our men for the ministry.

Regular meetings have been held, the Council giving close attention to the matters under its care, and the attendance of members has been very good. The work of the College, maintenance of buildings, grounds, furnishings, etc., have been under close review through the Standing Committees of the Council.

Students.

The men in residence have shown themselves worthy of the confidence placed in them and have applied themselves diligently to their studies during the year. The Terms' results have given uniform satisfaction, while the general behaviour and co-operation with the staff, both tutorial and domestic, have contributed in no small measure to a successful year.

Property.

Within a few days of the conclusion of the last Conference the Auckland Hospital Board gave notice of its intention to vacate the College buildings on 31st March, 1946. Negotiations between the Council and the Hospital Board resulted in a satisfactory arrangement being reached, and the keys were handed over on April 9th. The premises were thoroughly inspected and partially re-decorated, and put in order for the opening of the Hostel for the 2nd term. Thirty students, including 12 Theological students, came into residence in June, and as domestic staff became available, the number increased so that the Hostel is now full.

Staff.

Tutorial Staff has worked consistently and efficiently during the year. The removal of Rev. H. L. Fiebig, B.A., to Christchurch early in the year deprived the College of his valuable services as visiting tutor; his subjects were taken over by the Principal. Arrangements are in hand for Dr. D. O. Williams, M.A., to take up his duties on 1st February, 1947.

Domestic staffing has not been without its natural difficulties, but these have been successfully overcome as they have arisen. The re-opening of the Hostel for the 2nd term entailed a great deal of re-organisation, but thanks to the ability of the Principal and the patient co-operation of both the students and the staff, the change-over worked very smoothly indeed.

Thanks.

The devotion and unremitting care for the College interests of both the Principal and Mrs. Hames have been constantly remarked during the year, and the Church owes far more than can be assessed to them for faithful service most willingly rendered in a difficult period of rehabilitation. The Council records its best thanks to them both. Dr. Ranston, Mr. J. W. Bailey, and Mr. W. E. Burley, B.A., have given valuable assistance in the Lecture Room, and we tender them our best thanks.

Brackenrig Memorial Lecture.

The Inaugural Lecture was delivered by the Principal, assisted by the Auckland United Methodist Choir, on 17th June, to an appreciative audience in the Pitt Street Church. Arrangements are now being made for the 1947 Lecture.

Sympathy.

The long illness of Dr. Laws, 1st Foundation Fellow of Trinity College, and also the death of Mrs. Laws, calls out the sympathy of the whole Church, and we pray for God's blessing upon Dr. Laws in the days of his need.

Supplementary Report.

Gifts to the College Library and Museum, Nomination of Council for 1947, and other matters still under consideration will be reported direct to the Conference.

H. RANSTON, Chairman.

W. E. BURLEY, Vice-Chairman.

J. H. BAILEY, Secretary.

C.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

For Year Ended 31st October, 1946.

1. The early termination of the Hospital Board tenancy in March last meant the re-casting of our Budget. The loss of rent was serious, but the Council pressed for and obtained £500 by way of compensation. A special appeal to the Church, which was endorsed by the President of Conference, brought a gratifying response from a number of our Circuits, and the very rapid recovery of the Hostel assisted the revenue considerably, with the result that the College has been able to pay its way for the year, and we hope to close our budget year on 31st March next without a serious deficit.

2. Prospects for the immediate future are not so good. The attached Budget covering the period April 1st, 1947, to March 31st, 1948, shows an estimated deficiency of £250, after allowing for the resumption of certain contributions which the College has not claimed for a number of years past. It is evident that with a full teaching staff and a larger number of students, the College will need larger subsidies from the Church.

3. **Rehabilitation Fund:** Upon taking over the building from the Hospital Board, considerable renovations were required and to date £1639 has been spent. The balance of the Fund, which amounts to about £3000, is allocated to further renovations to the College, a thorough renovation of Richmond House, the purchase of House supplies and furnishings for the College as it becomes possible to buy these things economically, and the installation of a heating system in the College as soon as regulations allow this to be put in hand.

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

D.—SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

The Council has considered matters remitted to it by the last Conference, and submits its findings as follows:—

(A) Increased Bursaries to Students.

In view of the prospective increase in the number of Theological Students and the fact of having to budget for a deficit on the year's working, the Council regrets that it cannot at present recommend any increase in the bursaries to students.

(B) Sliding Scale for Connexional Levies.

The Council has examined this proposal but feels that a detailed scheme for its application cannot be worked out until the Conference has expressed its mind on the principle involved.

Gifts to the College Library and Museum.

Our best thanks are due to the following for gifts to the Library and Museum received during the year: Rev. C. Aker, Mr. Wm. Woodhead, Mrs. Josiah Lawry, Dr. H. Ranston, Pitt St. Church Trustees, Mrs. Stearne, Rev. B. H. Riseley, Nurse Waugh, Mr. G. O. Priestley, Mrs. Wynn Williams, Mrs. Rugby Pratt, Rev. E. T. Olds, Rev. G. I. Laurenson, Estate of Late Rev. E. S. Emmitt, per Rev. J. H. Bailey.

H. RANSTON, Chairman.

W. E. BURLEY, Vice-Chairman.

J. H. BAILEY, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

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

2. That Conference expresses its thanks to the Principal, Visiting Tutors, and Mrs. E. W. Hames, and also to the officers and members of the Council.

3. That Conference thank Mr. F. M. Winstone for his devoted service as treasurer of the College Council, and expresses its sympathy in his illness, and hopes for a complete recovery.

4. That the Treasurers of the Library, Prize and Associated Funds (Rev. E. W. Hames and Mr. F. E. Sutherland) be thanked and reappointed.

5. That Conference reaffirm resolutions 4 and 5, Minutes of Conference, 1944, p. 105, concerning the observance of College Sunday and the encouragement of likely candidates for the Ministry.

6. That Conference affirms the desirability of paying adequate bursaries to the students in Trinity College, and requests the College Council to consider the possibilities of finding some method (e.g. an endowment fund) whereby this may be done.

7. That the matter of a sliding scale for Connexional levies be referred back to the College Council for consultation with the Treasurers of the Contingent Fund.

8. That Conference request the College Council to make investigations regarding the desirability of arrangements being made for a selected number of Theological Students or Probationers taking a year's training in teaching methods at one of the State Teacher Training Colleges, such year to count as a year's probation.

9. That the thanks of the Conference be extended to the officials of the St. Albans Circuit and Rugby Street Church for their helpfulness in releasing Rev. Dr. D. O. Williams before the end of the Connexional year for service at Trinity College.

10. That Conference notes with appreciation the generous offer of Mr. William Goodfellow to provide £30,000 to establish a fund for the erection of an Auckland University College Chapel, and agrees to co-operate as far as possible in the realisation of the plan.

11. That the copies of Mission Correspondence, Reports, etc., obtained by courtesy of the British Methodist Missionary Society and held at present by the Connexional Office, the H.M. Board and the Trinity College Council, be made available to research students at the discretion of the Committee, Board or Council concerned; such students to submit their MSS. to the permitting authority for approval before publication. The original material must be consulted in the office of library concerned, and not removed from the premises.

12. That Conference expresses its gratification at the inauguration of the Brakenrig Memorial Lecture.

13. Council for 1947: Revs. E. W. Hames, M.A. (Principal), D. O. Williams, M.A., Litt.D. (Resident Tutor), C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., H. Ranston, M.A., Litt.D., H. E. Belhouse, W. Walker, A. H. Scrivin, G. I. Laurenson, A. E. Orr, E. T. Olds, Wesley Parker, Walter Parker, G. R. H. Peterson, J. C. Draper, and L. R. M. Gilmore; Messrs. F. M. Winstone, J. Tyler, F. E. Sutherland, T. L. Hames, G. A. White, J. S. Caughey, L. W. Peak, L. E. Rhodes, J. Hargreaves, C. K. Wigglesworth, J. H. Blackwell, W. E. Burley, B.A., W. Robson, W. F. Winstone, and G. Wilson.

Council Officers for 1947: Chairman: Mr. W. E. Burley, B.A. Vice-Chairman: Rev. W. Walker. Secretary: Rev. G. R. H. Peterson. Treasurer: Mr. F. M. Winstone.

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

REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER, 1946.

A.—THE BOARD'S REPORT.

Once again the Board has a year of progress to report, both in respect of the financial and the educational sides of its activities.

There is a full roll of pupils at the College and at the Preparatory School, and at both institutions the accommodation and facilities have been severely taxed.

During the year the Board accepted a tender for the construction of two new classroom blocks at Paerata. The first block is to contain rooms for Physics and Chemistry, Draughting and Woodwork, while the second will consist of four general classrooms. The erection of these blocks will give much needed relief to the problem of immediate overcrowding. At the moment the commencement of work on the project is held up pending the granting of a building permit. In an endeavour to expedite the granting of the permit the Board has written to the Minister of Education and the Acting-Minister of Native Affairs, stressing the urgency of the matter. The contract price for the proposed blocks is in the vicinity of £13,800, but there should be an appreciable reduction in this figure owing to the abolition since the tender was accepted of Sales Tax on building materials. A new house for the Farm Manager is being erected at a cost of £2,600, and is now nearing completion.

At present the Board's College Committee is giving consideration to the future development of the Preparatory School with particular reference to the erection of an additional hostel in the near future.

The Board has considered the report of the Educational Committee set up by the 1946 Methodist Conference and is in general agreement with the proposals outlined therein.

We are pleased to be able to report that the Board's appeal against the action of the Land Sales Committee in reducing the sale price of the two large areas at Paerata, was sustained and the sales were finally concluded at the original figures.

A new sub-division of 28 sections on the Waikowhai Park Estate was made available to the public early this year, and leases have been taken out for most of these sections. In addition, most of the remaining sections of the original Waikowhai sub-division have been leased. In all, 42 sections were leased during the year at an aggregate annual rental of £260.

The question of compensation payable by the Government for damage sustained by the Board's properties at Paerata and Mt. Wellington during their occupation by the Army, has been subject of lengthy negotiations between the Board and the Departments concerned. The Board's claim in respect of the Paerata property has been met and recently a satisfactory agreement was negotiated for Mt. Wellington, though in this case the settlement is subject to final confirmation by the Government.

The action of the Board in increasing the fees for the College and the Preparatory School from £66 to £75, as from the beginning of the current year, has been confirmed by the Price Tribunal. Maori Government Scholars have been charged £55 instead of £35 as formerly.

In June last, the Board sustained a severe loss through the death of Mr. A. Best, the Chairman of its Farm Committee. Mr. Best joined the Board in 1939 and during his term of membership rendered invaluable service. Mr. Rushton has taken his place as Chairman of the Farm Committee.

The reports of the Principal of the College and of the Preparatory School dealing directly with the activities of these institutions are attached in support of this statement.

J. STANTON, Chairman.

L. KNIGHT, General Secretary.

2nd October, 1946.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

It is with pleasure that the Board is able to report that the year just closed has been one of the most successful in its history. The recovery has been greater than could reasonably have been expected at the beginning of the year, and last year's loss of £2,401 has been converted to a profit of £1,669.

The improvement has been spread over all the departments of the Board's activities, but it is most marked in the case of the College and the Paerata farm.

The improved results from the College and the Preparatory School are largely due to an increase in fees from £66 to £75 per annum, while fees for Maori Government Scholars were increased from £35 to £55 per annum. It should be noted that of this so-called loss on the College amounting to £960, no less than £876 was due to remissions in fees and of these remissions £774 was attributable to Maori scholars.

The farm loss of £2,019 in 1945 has been reduced to £242—an improvement of £1,777, which can be largely attributed to two factors. The first is the policy of writing down livestock to a conservative figure in the 1945 accounts. Stock sold during the year under review was disposed of at a reasonable profit and not at a substantial loss as used to be the case when the stock was over-valued. The second reason was that the season which started unfavourably with a prolonged drought changed very much for the better with the advent of Spring, and production has kept up to a noticeable extent, while the Board has ended the year very favourably situated as regards stock foods. We still feel that the farm should make some profit and will not be satisfied until this result is achieved. Already it seems clear that the sale of a portion of the farm was justified.

The improved results at Paerata have been repeated at Mt. Wellington, where the Preparatory School loss of £385 has been reduced to £168, and the Wellington Park farm has increased its profit from £397 to £807. As in the case of the College, the Preparatory School has benefited by increased fees, while the Wellington Park farm has had the advantage of large royalties from the sale of scoria. Both the College and the Preparatory School commence the new year with full rolls, and the prospects for the farms are unquestionably better than they were at this time last year.

Plans for the erection of extensive additions at the College have been completed. Tenders for this work were called for some months ago but the project has not been proceeded with owing to our failure to obtain a building permit. This is unfortunate as the additions are urgently needed to relieve the serious over-crowding of class rooms.

Income from Rents and Interest also showed a substantial increase. No sales of freehold property were completed during the

year, but practically all of the remaining sections on the Waikowhai Park Estate were leased. The Board's income from rentals has now reached a maximum and no substantial increase can be expected unless fresh subdivisions are put on the market. Roading costs are the chief obstacle to such a project.

The report of the Principal of the College is attached, while the report of the Principal of the Preparatory School is as presented to the Synods.

J. STANTON, Chairman.

L. KNIGHT, Secretary.

29th January, 1947.

B.—PRINCIPAL'S REPORT.

The Roll at the College reached 115 during the year. Accommodation has been taxed to the utmost, and some applicants for admission have had to be refused. The teaching staff has been increased to five full-time and four part-time instructors, making it possible to give adequate tuition in a good variety of subjects. The time for music, woodwork, and crafts has been doubled, and a Farm Cadet Course is operating under the direction of the Farm Manager.

With the erection in the near future of the new class-rooms, laboratory, and manual rooms, it will be possible to provide more adequate equipment and facilities for the teaching of all subjects, at the same time making available a good library, a common-room, and increased locker area for the boys.

A Local Preacher's Class has been begun by the Chaplain, and boys, both collectively and individually, have taken part in numerous services.

There is a wide range of clubs to which boys may belong, and members of the Staff have done good work in coaching and encouraging boys in all "out of School" activities.

In regard to the Farm, the Manager reports as follows:—

"The past season has been an exceptionally bad one for farm production. The Spring of 1945 was probably the coldest in the country's history, with the result that hay crops were very poor indeed. The cold weather of early Spring gave way from the beginning of November to four months of the worst drought we have known in the province since 1915. Our hay crop from the same area as the previous year was only a quarter the yield, and we were forced by the drought to feed this to the cows from the beginning of the year. More had to be bought for the Winter. By rationing this severely, and with the help of a mild Winter, we have carried the stock through in satisfactory health. To reduce our Winter feed requirements, our romney ewe flock was cut down to 200."

It must be stated that much work has been done to bring the pastures into good condition, and to put fences and equipment into a good state of repair. A very useful addition to the farm machinery is a new high-capacity hay press.

This year may generally be regarded as being satisfactory, with the College more than maintaining the progress made last year. It is felt more strongly than ever that the Methodist Church has an important part to play in the education of both Europeans and Natives, and that at Paerata we are doing something that can be developed still further.

E. M. MARSHALL, Principal.

September, 1946.

PRINCIPAL'S SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1946.

During the year the roll has been full and good work has been done in all Departments. A number of students entered as candidates for the School Certificate Examination, and it is hoped to have a good Form VI in the New Year.

The boys were very successful in sport—cricket, tennis, swimming and football—and have been active in taking services and presenting concerts.

The roll for 1947 is full, with numerous applicants for admission having to be refused. The numbers are 70 Europeans, 30 Maoris and 10 Islanders.

Staffing, except for domestics, is adequate, and thanks are due to Mr. Alexander (farm manager), Mr. Winiata (first assistant), and the Matrons, for their faithful work during the year.

The farm has now recovered from the drought conditions prevailing twelve months ago, and there is every prospect of a good year ahead. The stock are in excellent condition, and the heavy programme of fence renewal has now been completed.

E. M. MARSHALL, Principal.

C.—WESLEY PREPARATORY SCHOOL.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT, 1946.

Once again the School has been full throughout the year and there have been many enquiries for admission which it has not been possible to entertain owing to our present limited capacity.

The Board has been encouraged to consider plans for future extensions and a Committee has been set up during the year to present a scheme of development. It was considered that the present site, attractively and conveniently situated, and close to Auckland, was the most suited and could not easily be bettered. The Committee has presented a plan which will provide accommodation for 110 boarders together with certain day boys.

The first stage of the plan entails the erection of another and separate hostel with a dining room and laundry to serve the needs of the whole school, an extension to the present classroom and certain minor alterations which would enable the school to accommodate 60 boys. Two further hostels would be required to complete the plan as at present visualised. Such a School would be a credit to our Church and of considerable service to the community.

As we have previously stated, the conditions of modern life are increasing the need, at present inadequately supplied, for a school and home life for young boys who through the loss of one parent, as the only child, or as the shuttlecock of domestic differences, require the environment such as our School can provide.

The military occupation of the areas adjacent to the School ceased in February last, and negotiations have been in progress for the acquisition by the Board of certain buildings erected for the American Forces. Little has been, or indeed can be done, to develop the agricultural side of the property. The sale of certain portions of the estate, and the disturbances associated with military occupation, have made the property of little value agriculturally though there is still a keen demand for grazing. Despite the decrease in agricultural possibilities, however, certain other aspects have combined to improve the potentialities of the property and its value to the Board.

R. C. CLARK, Principal.

RESOLUTIONS.

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

2. That Conference expresses its warm appreciation of the work of Messrs. E. M. Marshall and R. C. Clark, and staffs of the Colleges concerned, and its gratification at the progress reported during the year.

3. That the Board give consideration to the matter of perpetuating the memory of the late Mr. Maurice Harding, donor of the Preparatory School property.

4. Board for 1947: Mr. J. Stanton (Chairman), Revs. Dr. H. Ranston, W. Walker, A. H. Scrivin, E. T. Olds, E. Te Tuhi, E. W. Hames, and G. I. Laurenson; Messrs. J. T. Bryant, Stuart Caughey, P. Rushton, A. C. A. Sexton, J. Tyler, A. W. Wesney, K. J. Dellow, E. P. Salmon, W. E. Burley, and C. N. Nicholls.

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

1.—SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

(A)—REPORT OF THE BOARD, 1946.

The financial Statements, duly audited and presented to Conference, reveal the following facts:—

Accumulated Funds amount to £154,010/12/10. The decrease on last year's figure of £2/19/11 is accounted for by two factors. Firstly, withdrawal of moneys by two ministers leaving our ranks and one transferring to Australia. Secondly, the normal increase has not been made this year owing to extensive suite alterations at Epworth Chambers which have been made a charge on the current year's working—in respect to the Epworth Chambers account. The charge is adequately covered and the Fund will be fully reimbursed through rental increases which will be reflected in current income in subsequent years. Experience has proved that this is the best method of dealing with this aspect of our finances.

Investments are represented as follows:—

- a. Mortgages—£71,761/2/6.
- b. Government Stock and Local Body Debentures—£55,353/4/9.
- c. Epworth Chambers—£48,692/5/11, which amount includes the reserve of £6,500 held for depreciation.

Earnings: After setting aside £600 for doubtful debts and property depreciation, the net earnings of the Fund have been £5681/0/4, representing an average rate of £3/15/1% on the actuarial formula. Allowing for office expenses the net return would be £3/8/10%.

Increase of Capital: It needs to be pointed out that interest rates are steadily decreasing owing to the operation of factors beyond our control. If the Fund is to make adequate provision for its annuitants it is obvious that this can be done only by increasing the interest earnings by a large addition to its capital. This is a matter that has been brought to the notice of Conference on previous occasions and is now emphasized by the Board.

Annuitants at present number 46 Supernumeraries and 42 widows. The number of contributing ministers is 166.

Arrears of Subscriptions are detailed herewith in a district summary. A considerable portion of these arrears is in respect to the current year. The Board has been concerned with three cases where the amounts involve a considerable amount.

Subscriptions in Arrear.

District.	Subscriptions.			Interest.			Totals.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland	199	9	3	56	16	8	256	5	11
South Auckland	25	5	0	0	10	3	25	15	3
Taranaki-Wanganui	20	0	0	1	5	5	21	5	5
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	177	14	11	31	19	2	209	14	1
Wellington	17	10	0	0	19	5	18	9	5
Nelson	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
North Canterbury	83	7	1	8	11	9	91	18	10
South Canterbury	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Otago-Southland	29	4	0	1	8	9	30	12	9
	£552	10	3	£101	11	5	£654	1	8

Allied Funds: The aggregate of personal accounts of contributors is as follows:—

a. Home Acquisition Fund	£17,429	17	1
b. Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund	5,356	3	8
c. Deaconesses' Retiring Fund	7,656	3	11

Details concerning interest earned and subsidies paid are set forth in the respective revenue accounts.

Annuities and Social Security: The 1946 Conference appointed a special Committee consisting of the Board and several additional members to consider the question of the relationship of Social Security legislation to the operation of our Fund as at present administered. The findings of the Committee, which are printed separately, were duly submitted to Synods, seven of which endorsed them, while two asked for further consideration of the matter.

Board for 1947: The following are nominated as the Board for 1947:—The Connexional Secretary, Revs. E. Drake, R. Dudley, H. J. Odell, V. R. Jamieson, and A. O. Harris; Messrs. G. S. Salter (Lay Treasurer), L. G. K. Steven, S. H. Maddren, W. Charles Francis, E. H. Andrews, and R. G. Pearce.

L. G. K. STEVEN, Chairman.

G. S. SALTER, Lay Treasurer.

H. L. FIEBIG, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Financial Statements be received and adopted.
3. That the Supernumerary Fund Board be commended for the way in which the assets have been conserved and the Fund administered.

(1946 Mins. of Conf., p. 120.)

(a) Ministers being allowed to retire at the age of 65 years or after 40 years' service.

(b) The position of ministers in respect to their relationship to both the Supernumerary Fund and the Present Social Security legislation.

(c) The question of Life Insurance for ministers.

(A) The Committee had before it Comparative Tables indicating the benefits accruing from the Supernumerary Fund and from the Social Security System. Also a report from the Actuary of our Fund in regard to the possibility of modifications being introduced into the present operation of the Fund and the results thereof.

In the light of these investigations, the following statement is now submitted:—

1. The Supernumerary Fund was designed to make the best provision possible for ministers during their retirement.

2. It is the responsibility of the Board on behalf of the Church to adopt such measures as will enable the Fund to operate with the maximum of benefit for those for whom it was designed.

3. It is evident that some form of Social Security provision is now an established feature of the Social and economic system, not only in N.Z. but in other countries also. While modifications may be introduced from time to time, it is hardly likely that the future will see any drastic alteration in the scheme as a whole. Our fund must be operated to-day in the light of that fact.

4. Present Government legislation makes possible the following—

(a) Age Benefits to the amount of £2 each for a man and his wife at 60 years of age.

(b) Additional income from other sources up to £1—this amount being taxable—leaving a nett income of £4/18/-.

(c) These benefits do not preclude beneficiaries from owning an unencumbered home and £500 worth of convertible assets for an individual or £1000 between a man and his wife.

(d) A widower may receive £2 plus 18/- nett additional income.

(e) A widow (60 years or over) may receive £2 plus 18/- nett additional income. (D. and E. are covered by provision in Section C.)

(f) When Universal Superannuation operates at its maximum (in 1978) the provision will be:—

1. Man and wife (age 65)—£2 each with no means test whatsoever.

2. Widower	£2
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3. Widow	£2
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(B) Provision for retirement is not only concerned with the question of income but also with that of a home in which to live.

The biggest problem that faces a minister on retirement is that of providing a home. Costs have risen so greatly that the amount that he may derive from the Home Acquisition Fund, together with any possible savings, is altogether inadequate.

(Note) After 40 years' contribution, the average minister may expect to receive between £400 and £450 from the Home Acquisition Fund. This will vary according to the actual amount of contribution made and the subsidies qualified for.

(C) In the light of the provision made under Social Security—the crux of our investigation is whether it is possible to operate our Supernumerary Fund in such a way as to enable Supernumeraries to benefit from both schemes to which they contribute, and so be assisted in the meeting of **both** necessities named in (B)—that is a Home plus Income—and not the latter only.

The Report of our Actuary indicates that—with suitable safeguards hereinafter to be determined—it is possible to introduce into our Church scheme certain modifications that will not adversely affect the Fund. In some cases these modifications will tend to increase its usefulness under present conditions.

A contributor could be granted the right to surrender part of both his own annuity and that of his wife. It would then be possible for a Supernumerary to obtain the following:—

(a) A cash payment on retirement to be used for the provision of a home. (Such commutation would be allowable for this purpose only.) Plus—

(b) An annuity of £52 per annum (this latter also payable to widow).

This would enable him and his wife to qualify for full benefits under the Social Security legislation.

Each case would be determined by such factors as the age of both minister and his wife, years of service, etc. **One example** will be sufficient to illustrate the principle involved:—

Contributor, age 65: due to receive £170 p.a. (42 years' service).

Wife, age 60: due to receive £99 as widow's pension.

If contributor surrenders £118 (leaving £52 per annum).

And wife surrenders £47 (leaving £52 per annum).

Then Cash Value of Option would be £1363 (approx.).

Note: 1. This amount (£1363) is the Actuarial valuation. Differing age factors and years of service, etc., would produce different results in each case. 2. This valuation, given as an example, is under present-day conditions and the existing state of the Fund. Changing conditions affecting the Fund would also affect the value of the option.

Conclusion:

1. What then is envisaged is that contributors to our Fund would be offered the following options:—

A. Receiving benefits in the form of a full annuity, as at present (together with Universal Superannuation); or

B. Dividing those benefits into two categories, cash plus a reduced annuity.

2. If the Option of Commutation were exercised, (B), a minister would receive on retirement:—

- a. A cash payment towards a home.
- b. An Annuity of £52 p.a. (this latter payable also to widow).
- c. Either Age Benefit or Universal Superannuation.

3. Which option any given contributor would choose would, of course, be determined by his circumstances, financial and otherwise. Careful consideration would need to be given in each case in order to determine what would be the most beneficial choice. It is for that reason that the words were used above—"in some cases." There would be instances where it would be better for the beneficiary to accept the full Annuity.

4. It must be emphasized that if such proposals were adopted the Supernumerary Fund and the Home Acquisition Fund would both continue to operate as at present. There would be no alterations in either the amount paid by ministers and circuits, or in the scale of benefits received. The only change would be in the type of benefits made available. Membership in the Fund would still be compulsory and all existing regulations would continue with only such additions or amendments as would be necessary to implement the option of Commutation.

Insurance for Ministers.

No clear indication was given in the order of reference as to what exactly was meant under this title.

The Committee is of the opinion that ministers should be encouraged to make suitable provision for themselves and their dependents through some form of insurance.

No such scheme of insurance, however, could be considered as a substitute for the operation of our Supernumerary Fund. The interest earnings of that Fund compare favourably with those of insurance companies. The cost of operating our Fund is very low compared with the necessarily higher costs of these large companies. Insurance Tables examined indicate that the general nett benefits for given payments made are not as great as those over all payments made possible by our Fund, providing as it does in addition to Annuities such subsidiary benefits as Furniture and Benevolent Grants.

L. G. K. STEVEN (Chairman).

G. S. SALTER (Lay Treasurer).

H. L. FIEBIG (Managing Treasurer).

RESOLUTIONS.

1. (a) That the Conference approves of the general principle of offering retiring ministers the option of commutation.

(b) That the Supernumerary Fund Board be empowered to prepare for submission to next Synods and Conference, enabling legislation.

(c) That the corresponding members appointed by last Conference to the special committee be reappointed.

2. That in such legislation, provision be made for the position of present and proximate annuitants.

3. That Par. 36, Law Book, p. 144, be amended to read: "provided that no medical certificate shall be required from a minister who has served for 40 years or is 65 years of age."

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

The Board now administers over 60 Trusts. During the year it accepted the following: Staff Superannuation relative to the Home and Foreign Mission Board, and Wesley Training College Board; a Bequest from Mrs. Smethhurst concerning a Rest Home for Missionary Sisters (in collaboration with the M.W.M.U.). Moneys were received to be held for Special Purposes on behalf of the following: Foxhill (sale of Church), Patea (sale of Parsonage), Purakunui Rest Home (sale). The finances of the Board are represented in an aggregate of debentures and other assets of £32,217/11/6.

The Winstone Memorial Trust Fund was able to assist during the year 42 ministers, probationers and home missionaries whose stipend fell below the Conference minimum, and whose cases came within the scope of the Deed of Trust. In accordance with the given regulation the financial statement will be laid on the table of Conference.

L. G. K. STEVEN, Chairman.

G. S. SALTER, Lay Treasurer.

H. L. FIEBIG, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

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

2. That the Financial Statement of the Winstone Memorial Trust Fund be received and adopted and appreciation expressed of the 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, 1946.

The following payments of £8 each have been paid:

Auckland, 47½; South Auckland, 22½; Taranaki-Wanganui, 19; Hawkes Bay-Manawatu, 14½; Wellington, 20½; Nelson, 14½; North Canterbury, 32½; South Canterbury, 10½; Otago-Southland, 15½; total, 198.

The credit balance of the Fund is £190/6/11, made up as follows:—

Arrears—Otago, Southland, £5/16/10; Current Account, Bank N.S.W., Wellington, £184/10/1. Total £190/6/11.

E. W. A. KELLOW,

W. A. BURLEY, Treasurers.

Wellington, 15th January, 1947.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Balance Sheet be received and adopted.

2. That Conference authorise the transfer of £150 to the Contingent Fund.

3. That the Treasurers, Rev. W. A. Burley and Mr. E. W. A. Kellow, be thanked for their services and be reappointed.

4.—CONTINGENT FUND.

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

2. That the following grants be authorised for 1947:—

Theological College	....	£740
Connexional Sec. Dept.	....	210
Deaconess Fund	....	125
National Council of Churches	....	26
Faith and Order	....	5
"Methodist Times" Editorial	....	55
"Methodist Times" Special ..	....	75
Spiritual Advance Committee	....	25
University Fees	....	20
National Calamities Fund—		
2 Years		50

£1331

Special Grants—

Connex. Sec. House	....	125
Deaconess Instn.	....	125
Public Questions Committee ..	....	20

£1601

3. That the transfer to the Fund of £150 from the surplus of the Children's Fund be approved.

4. That the price of Minutes of Conference be 2/- per copy.

5. That the levy be on the same basis as last year.

6. That the Estimates be received and adopted.

7. That the Consultative Committee be Rev. E. T. Olds, Messrs. J. Tyler and F. E. Sutherland, and the Connexional Secretary.

8. That Mr. H. de R. Flesher and Rev. V. R. Jamieson be a Consultative Committee to assist the Secretary of Conference in effecting all possible printing economies.

9. That the Auditor, Mr. I. J. Wilson, B.Com., be thanked and be reappointed.

10. That the Treasurers, Rev. W. Walker and Mr. J. H. Blackwell, be thanked and be reappointed.

5.—REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND.

ANNUAL REPORT, 1946.

At the date of the compilation of this report, the Committee has met the expenses of 53 removals at a total cost of £1414; an average of £27/14/6 per removal—the average cost in 1939 was £19/4/5. Twelve inter-island removals averaged £58/5/2 each (£42/9/6 in 1939), while the average cost of removal of married ministers, not involving sea transport, was £25/4/5 (£19/15/6 in 1939).

These figures indicate the extent to which the cost of removals has increased, in common with costs in all other directions. Another factor contributing to the increased cost of removals is the additional quantity of effects as a result of the new arrangement of transporting blankets, crockery, etc., especially as some Ministers send this part of their goods as "excess luggage"—the most expensive form of transport they could select.

Refunds amounting to £56 reduce the actual cost to the Fund to £1357. Levies will produce £1465, leaving a balance of approximately £100 to add to the accumulated fund, which will then stand at about £775. This amount is quite insufficient to meet the 1947 removals, and the Committee has no option but to recommend that the levy for 1947 remain as for this year, viz. £1590.

Conference Remits—1946 Minutes, page 124.

The Committee points out that Resolution No. 3 re married Probationers was rejected by Conference and is shown in error as having been passed.

In accordance with Resolution No. 4 the Committee has considered the question of the relation of married Probationers to the Fund, and has also investigated the Regulations governing the Fund. In view of the very definite attitude of Synods of 1945 towards the suggestions submitted to them by this Committee, indicating that Synods desired no change in the existing procedure, we have no recommendation to make.

R. DUDLEY, Chairman.

C. R. TAYLOR,

H. CHAPMAN, Treasurers.

RESOLUTIONS.

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

2. That the levy for 1947 be £1590, allocated as at present.

3. That the Committee for 1947 be:—The Chairman of District, the Connexional Secretary, Revs. E. E. Sage, R. Dudley, and L. C. Horwood; Messrs. H. Chapman, J. E. Purchase, M. Hosking, S. H. Maddren, and B. A. Undrill. Treasurers: Rev. L. C. Horwood and Mr. H. Chapman.

4. That the thanks of Conference be accorded the Treasurers, Rev. C. R. Taylor and Mr. H. Chapman.

5. That Res. 3, Minutes of Conference, 1946, page 124 (Removal Costs of Married Probationers), be rescinded.

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

(A)—ANNUAL REPORT, 1946.

We return thanks to Almighty God for His manifest mercies and guiding hand during a difficult year.

Sorrow.

After having packed in eager anticipation of returning to the Field, where she had served with much devotion and success since 1923, Sister Elizabeth Common died suddenly in Auckland on 12th March. In death as in life her concern was for the Solomons. She willed her estate to the work of the Sisters there, and it is hoped a Girls' School and a Maternity Ward will be erected at Skotolan, Buka, as a memorial. We mourn her loss but rejoice in the high service she rendered during more than 20 years on the Field.

Our hearts were again stirred to profound sympathy when, with less than a day's warning, death snatched Moyna Luxton, the bonny 3-year-old daughter of the Rev. C. T. J. and Mrs. Luxton, shortly after their return to Bougainville. The little grave is yet another sacred spot marking the road along which, with at times almost breaking hearts, men and women go in fulfilment of their Lord's command to preach the Gospel to every creature.

The Field.

Although difficult the year has been full of inspiration and the news from the Field most encouraging. In the British Solomons contact has been made with practically every teacher and station, and with most of the people. In Bougainville and Buka the first Quarterly Meetings for 4½ years have been held, and in this way all teachers and numerous officials have gathered, but the difficulties of situation and transport have prevented our missionaries from visiting more than a limited number of stations.

The Quarterly Meetings have revealed still further the steadfast faith and loyalty of the Native Church, and in some areas the membership has increased during the war years. On the other hand the death roll has been very high in numerous places, and some startling statistics are to hand from Bougainville revealing the grim result of enemy invasion.

Many Mansions.

Owing to the absence of transport and materials it has been impossible so far to erect permanent buildings on our desolated stations, and our staff has been housed in native buildings, with the exception of those on Bougainville, who have occupied the Other Ranks Club at Torokina, which they were able to purchase, with furniture and equipment, on behalf of the Mission. Mr. and Mrs. Joyce and family are still at Torokina, but Mr. and Mrs. Luxton and family have returned to Buka where they live in temporary quarters.

So eager have the new Georgia people been to have their father-in-God (Rev. J. F. Goldie) stay with them, that they have built for him no less than seven houses in different parts of the circuit, so that wherever he goes a home awaits him.

Station Sites.

The work of clearing and re-establishing the stations at Vella Lavella, Choiseul, Buka and Teop, is proceeding, but there is still doubt regarding the sites of the District Training Institution at Kokengelo (Munda Point) and Kihili (South Bougainville) owing to the devastation of war. The question of sites and the order of priority of the various buildings was carefully considered by the Islands Synod.

Transport.

Lack of transport overseas and within the District has been a grave handicap. Stores and mails have been badly delayed and the movements of our missionaries seriously restricted. Bougainville and Buka have been more fortunate in this respect than the British Solomons as Mr. Joyce was able, early in the year, to buy a very suitable 48 foot auxiliary ketch that has rendered excellent service. A small 28 foot launch shipped from New Zealand last November has been a great boon to Mr. Goldie and has enabled him to travel with reasonable comfort and speed. It is, however, unsuited for open sea work, and the Board is happy to report that, after many enquiries, a suitable district vessel has been purchased at an approximate cost, including repairs and overhaul, of £4,000. The new purchase, which is lying at Townsville, Queensland, is 70ft. x 17ft. x 7ft. 6ins., has good cabin accommodation, and can carry 40 tons of cargo; she has been renamed "ROVIANA." The Board is greatly indebted to the Rev. M. K. Gil-mour, now of Sydney, through whose invaluable help the boat was secured.

War Damage Compensation.

While there is still no evidence of anything in the nature of compensation for the total loss of our mission stations in the British Solomons, estimated at £92,000, our moderate claims for losses on Bougainville and Buka, totalling £6,412, have been approved by the Australian War Damage Commission, and the missionaries in that area have received compensation for personal loss.

Staff.

With the sad exceptions mentioned above, the Staff on the Field have enjoyed good health in spite of the primitive conditions under which they have had to live and work. Their letters strike a high note, and they rejoice in the privilege of being back with their people. Their work has been hindered through lack of equipment and facilities but they have adapted themselves cheerfully to their circumstances.

The North-west season has been one of the worst on record, and exceptionally heavy rains and consequent floods have created big problems for Messrs. Voyce and Luxton, who have toiled incessantly to maintain communication with their people and keep secure the considerable quantity of material and equipment taken over from the War Disposals Commission.

Dr. Allen G. Rutter who, with the approval of the Board, returned to the Solomons in April, 1944, as Acting Government Medical Officer has been appointed Senior Medical Officer but retains his status in the District Synod in an honorary capacity. He has continued to render great service to our people and is most anxious that another doctor be appointed to collaborate with him prior to his return to New Zealand. The Board is in touch with a young Methodist doctor and is hopeful the way will be open for him to offer.

Sisters Ada Lee, Winifred Poole, and Merle Carter have reached the Solomons after many delays, and Mr. Allan Hall expects to leave for the Field early in 1947, with Sister Lucy Money following at no distant date. Mr. Bruce Cole, carpenter, and Mr. Grenville Voyce, have been appointed to assist in the huge task of reconstruction.

Home Base.

Clerical Treasurer. After 26 years' association with the Board as General Secretary and Treasurer, the Rev. W. A. Sinclair, owing to declining health, resigned his position as Clerical Treasurer. The Board has placed on record its high appreciation of his long and valuable service. The Rev. A. Blakemore has been appointed Clerical Treasurer and is filling the office with ability and devotion.

Deputation. The Board is under a debt of gratitude to Mrs. Ruth Alley for the gallant and able way in which she has served as missionary deputation in five Districts. Her message has had a poignant appeal that has touched many hearts.

The Rev. G. R. Thompson in North Auckland and the Rev. E. C. Leadley and Sister Edna White in Auckland city and suburbs, have also rendered valuable and inspirational deputation work for which the Board is very grateful.

The striking film "Jungle Angels" has created a deep impression in the four Districts in which it has been screened by the General Secretary.

Staff. The district and circuit secretaries and the Office staff have maintained their high level of service and much of the success of the Work is due to their efforts.

M.W.M.U.

At the conclusion of their term of office the Board conveys to Mrs. H. Nicolson and her Wellington Executive its warm thanks and high appreciation for their loyal and able co-operation and the way they have kept the missionary vision clear before the women of the Church. By its continued generous giving and informed prayer and service the M.W.M.U. has greatly helped to prepare the way for reconstruction in the Solomons. Very definite in the programme will be the School for Girls at the District Institution and the Nurses' Home at Teop, for which the Movement has so generously prepared the way. The Board extends its hearty congratulations and good wishes to Mrs. Virtue and her Napier Executive as they assume office, and prays for them all needed guidance and grace as they follow in a great and honourable succession.

Financial.

While grateful for the present state of the funds, the Board draws the attention of the Church to the fact that while the profound changes in the Pacific predicted by some are unlikely, money values have been greatly affected. The new scale of wages for native labour in New Guinea laid down by the Administration is three times the pre-war rate and other costs are up 100%. By the disruption of native life, destruction of plantations, etc., the Native Church will be unable for a time to make its usual large contributions and this fact, added to high costs, calls for the utmost possible help from the Home Church, which never in its history has been so financially prosperous as to-day.

General Secretary's Visit to the Field: A report of the General Secretary's visit to the Solomons during the year is appended.

Conclusion: Both during, and since the war, the Native Church has demonstrated clearly the wonder and power of the Gospel. Such demonstration has been a source of joy and inspiration to us who, in various ways, have had the privilege of sharing the work from the Home Base. God grant that the ever-widening opportunity of missionary service may challenge us to yet deeper consecration.

E. T. OLDS, Chairman.

A. H. SCRIVIN, General Secretary.

FOREIGN MISSION DEPARTMENT.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY'S VISIT TO THE SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT.

Nov.-Jan., 1946/47.

I left Auckland for Suva on Saturday, 2nd November, 1946, but engine trouble caused the plane to return after an hour in the air, and the flight was postponed until Sunday, 3rd, when, after an uneventful trip, we reached Suva at 3 p.m. The Rev. W. Green, Chairman of the Fiji District, and the Rev. A. R. Gardner, Gen. Secretary, Overseas Missions, Australia, met me, and during my six days in Fiji, I was generously entertained by the Rev. W. and Mrs. Green. Mr. Green and his colleagues gave me every facility to see as much as possible of the excellent work of that District, including visits to the Ballantyne Memorial, Toorak, and Dudley House Schools; the large District Institutions at Davuilevu and Dilkusha; and the historic island of Bau. For several days after my arrival I enjoyed the privilege of the company of the Rev. A. R. Gardner, and Mr. T. Reynolds, Gen. Secretary and Lay Treasurer respectively, of Methodist Overseas Missions, Australia, who were part of a Commission investigating Educational and other matters in Fiji, Tonga and Samoa.

War Damage: During an interview with Sir Alexander Grantham, Governor of Fiji, and High Commissioner for the Western Pacific, His Excellency informed me that the British Government was sending a Commission to the Far East to assess and consider claims for War Damage, and that the British Solomons would be treated on the basis finally approved. This gives the Board definite hope that some measure of compensation for damage to our mission stations, assessed by Mr. Goldie at £92,000, will be forthcoming.

Education.

His Excellency also stated that a Director of Education had been appointed for the British Solomons. This is the first step on the part of the Government to assume a measure of responsibility for the education of the native people—apart from the training of a few medical, technical, and agricultural students. It is to be hoped that before making recommendations regarding policy, the newly appointed Director will collaborate with the heads of the Missionary Societies which, thus far, have maintained and controlled all schools in the Solomons.

After my arrival at Honiara, Guadalcanal, on 18th November, I discussed Education and other matters with the Resident Commissioner, Mr. O. C. Noel, who stated that he will make no recommendations regarding Education until the Director, who is expected about March, has surveyed existing schools, their methods, etc., and made his report.

His Honour has great hopes for his recently inaugurated scheme of partial government of village communities by Native Councils, elected by the people, which will levy and expend taxation and administer justice in minor matters.

Medical.

I discussed Medical Policy with Dr. A. G. Rutter, who is now senior medical officer for the Protectorate, but still associated with our Mission in an honorary capacity. He stated that the Government has decided to re-appoint a doctor to the Western Solomons (possibly at Gizo) but considers there will still be need for our medical unit, and urges the speedy appointment of a Mission doctor with whom he is anxious to collaborate.

Agriculture.

The Government has established an Agricultural Training Centre at Ilu—15 miles south of Honiara—under the direction of an expert from Africa, and is appealing to Missions to nominate suitable trainees and work-boys. The Centre, which occupies 5,000 acres, is in its very initial stage. As the future of the vast majority of the natives is on the land, the establishment of an Agricultural Centre is on right lines, but one wonders if it would not have been more economical to have collaborated with the New Guinea Administration in this matter as prior to the war. A further responsibility devolving upon Governments in this matter, is the opening up of markets for the products natives are trained to grow. Otherwise the project will lead to a dead end.

After 4 days at Honiara, during which time I enjoyed the generous hospitality of Dr. and Mrs. Rutter, I sailed for the Western Solomons on 22nd November, on the Government vessel "Kurimara." I reached the Roviana Lagoon early on the 24th, and was warmly welcomed by the Revs. J. F. Goldie, J. R. Metcalfe, A. H. Voyce, and C. T. J. Luxton. It was a joy to meet these brethren again, and to learn that they, their wives and families, and the other members of the Staff were well.

Synod.

By mutual agreement, the venue of Synod was changed from Bilua, Vella Lavella, to Torokina, Bougainville, and we proceeded to the latter place by our mission cutter "Daphne," visiting Bilua, Sasamanga, and Buin en route.

Synod opened on Saturday, 7th December, and concluded on the following Wednesday. The Minutes, which will be reported to the Mission Board and Conference, record the business transacted, but do not express the excellent spirit of fellowship, and very definite sense of God's presence. The Chairman and his colleagues are facing the huge task of reconstruction with a confidence that has been greatly strengthened by the response of the Home Church in the establishment of worthy funds for rehabilitation and extension work. Some idea of the bigness of the task ahead will be gathered from the fact that even now, the sites for the new District Institution, the Hospital, and several Circuit Institutions have not yet been finally decided.

In expressing appreciation of the General Secretary's presence, the Chairman declared this Synod, with its big and vital issues, to be the most important in the history of the District. The messages of assurance and affectionate greeting from the President of the Conference, the Mission Board, and the Dominion President of the M.W.M.U. were greatly appreciated by the Native Churches and European Staff. In responding, the General Secretary congratulated the Chairman and pioneer of the District upon attaining, at the forthcoming Conference, the 50th anniversary of his ministry. Forty-five of those years have been spent in the Solomons, and the Synod's appreciation and affection were expressed in a fitting Minute.

During my stay in the District, I was able to visit every circuit, and privileged to participate in numerous inspirational services at several of which large native churches were unable to accommodate the congregation. At a service in the Memorial Church at Mono, I baptised 27 infants.

Reconstruction.

The destruction of all our head stations was complete, with the exception that at Sasamanga, Choiseul, the fine native church and the framework of the sisters' home were left standing. I append herewith a brief summary of the present position of each station.

Kokengolo (now usually referred to as Munda).

Apart from a few concrete posts and two graves—one of the latter being that of the infant son of the Rev. J. F. and Mrs. Goldie—no vestige remains of our fine District Institution and Head Station of the Roviana Circuit. Of 170 acres of full-bearing coconut plantation, two solitary palms stand as lonely sentinels on a scene of utter desolation. The famous Munda airfield, which occupies the site of the plantation, is now largely overgrown with creepers and bush. Kokengolo Hill, on which the major part of our Institution stood, has been partly excavated.

It is possible that the considerable area occupied by the airfield may be utilised for the new Institution, and a special committee has been set up to consider this, and other available sites, with a view to rebuilding at the earliest possible moment; it having been unanimously resolved by the Synod that the Roviana Lagoon is still the right location. United opinion also expressed the desirability of the main hospital being adjacent to the District Institution.

At present there are no buildings of any kind at Munda. During the past two years the Chairman has carried on his work from various parts of the Roviana Circuit, at which temporary houses have been erected by the people who have been eager to have their father-in-God in their midst.

It is of urgent importance that the training of students be resumed at the earliest possible moment, and the Rev. A. H. Hall's arrival is eagerly awaited. Pending final decision re site of the District Institution and the actual rebuilding, tutor and students will "carry on" in temporary quarters.

A native house for the Sisters, and an adjacent school are nearing completion, and should be ready when Sisters Lina Jones and Effie Harkness return to Roviana from Bilua early in 1947.

Bilua.

Every building of the Vella Lavella Circuit Institution, and of the District Medical Unit, was destroyed, also a considerable portion of our valuable coconut plantation.

Upon his return to the Field in 1945, the Rev. C. T. J. Luxton, after supervising the building of a very serviceable hospital at Patutiva in the Marovo Lagoon, rendered considerable service by preparing for the return of our workers to Bilua, with the result that the Rev. A. W. and Mrs. Silvester, and Sisters Lina Jones and Effie Harkness are suitably housed in semi-native buildings, and Sister Joy Whitehouse in a similar home adjacent to the Hospital. The Hospital itself was adapted by Mr. Luxton from a temporary building on concrete foundation left by the Forces, and is well equipped. The Chairman also has a small semi-native house at Bilua. In addition to the above, a native church and school, four students' houses and an iron store, have been erected since Mr. Silvester's return.

It has been suggested by Mr. Silvester, that in the event of the District Hospital being re-erected at Bilua, the Circuit Institution be moved to Barakoma, on the same property but about two miles from the present site. In the event of the Hospital being transferred to Roviana, no change in the site of the circuit institution is suggested. Until the Government has decided upon the location of a hospital they propose to build in the West, it will be unwise to decide regarding our own site.

Sasamanga, Choiseul.

Of the Mission House at Sasamanga, only the piles remain but, as mentioned above, the framework of the Sisters' Home was left standing, and after the departure of the Japanese, the natives recovered the iron the enemy had taken away, and replaced it, thus providing a home—even if a dilapidated one—for the Rev. J. R. and Mrs. Metcalfe, and Sister Grace McDonald, upon their return. Mr. Metcalfe has carried out further improvements, and the house is almost back to its pre-war comfort, but its timbers deteriorated during their years of exposure, and the house will have to be renewed at no distant date.

The remaining buildings, with the exception of a small iron store, are of native material—including the hospital. The church is semi-native, and a very fine building which happily escaped destruction.

There is no suggestion to change the location of the circuit institution, and reconstruction can be proceeded with as soon as materials and transport are available.

Kihili, Bougainville.

Not only was our institution at Kihili totally destroyed, but in addition, almost the entire area of the station so pitted with large bomb craters as to make it quite unsuitable for re-occupation. An adjoining area, however, has been offered by the owners, and Mr. Voyce is hopeful that the transfer will be facilitated by the Government. A large part of the new property has been cleared, and a number of temporary buildings erected, and Mr. Voyce expects to take up residence as soon as it is possible to evacuate Torokina. This move will not be possible until the stores and equipment purchased from the War Assets Realisation Board, at Torokina, have been removed. The removal depends upon sea transport, and the only vessel available so far has been the "Daphne"—a 48ft. auxiliary cutter that is rendering excellent service and was one of a number of judicious purchases made by Mr. Voyce. Other purchases included buildings, stores, fuel and equipment, an excellent saw bench, an engine, and other machinery for generating power. A number of trucks and jeeps were also purchased at a low figure, and are proving invaluable in getting the goods from various sites to the wharf for shipment.

Since their return to Bougainville, Mr. and Mrs. Voyce and family have been comfortably housed in the Other Ranks Club, which was included in the purchases, and it was here that the Synod found ample accommodation.

Mr. Voyce, however, is gravely concerned that conditions have prevented resumption of his regular supervision of the wide South Bougainville area, and is very anxious to occupy the proposed headquarters at Buin at the earliest possible moment.

Teop, Bougainville.

We had no permanent buildings at Teop prior to the recent war, the well organised station consisting of semi-native and native buildings, and at present is in the initial stages of reconstruction. A new church has been erected—an excellent building that serves also as a school—a resident teacher's house, and a house for visiting teachers. A small temporary house has been completed for the new missionary whose arrival is eagerly awaited. The people also anxiously await the appointment of a nursing Sister, for which arrangements had been virtually completed at the outbreak of war.

The District Synod is unanimously of the opinion that the new head-station of the Teop Section should be built not at Teop Island, but on the mainland of Bougainville, about two miles distant from the present site. Suitable land for this purpose was acquired years ago and Synod considers the present a most opportune time for the move.

A generous grant from the M.W.M.U. is available for the Sisters' Home, to which Sister Merle Carter has been appointed, and the Don Alley Fund will provide sufficient for the Memorial Hospital. The way is open for the establishment of a worthy station at this strategic centre as soon as materials and equipment are available.

The Methodist community on Teop Island is a striking example of the tragic effect of the war upon the native people in the Bougainville—Buka Circuit. Our Teop people numbered some 300 when they fled to the mountains of the mainland at the approach of the Japanese. Less than 140 of them returned, more than half their number having died of sickness, exposure, etc., at unaccustomed heights.

Skotalan—Buka.

Although sharing the common fate of total destruction, the head station of the Buka Section, under the able leadership of the Rev. C. T. J. Luxton, assisted by the Rev. Usaia Sotutu, has made a splendid recovery, and will resume full work in the immediate future, when gardens planted some time ago come into production.

Mr. and Mrs. Luxton and family are housed in a very comfortable and well-built semi-native house with electric light, refrigerator, and other amenities, and a similar building awaits the arrival of Sister Winifred Poole. Usaia Sotutu with his wife and family are also comfortably housed, as are a resident teacher and his wife. It was my privilege to declare open an excellent native church which, in the meantime, will be used also as a school. Mr. Luxton is to be congratulated upon a fine achievement.

This station was heavily bombed by the Japanese, and damage was done to the plantation and wharf in addition to the destruction of all buildings. The site, however, remains a desirable one, and the erection of permanent buildings will proceed as early as possible. Prominent among the latter, will be the Maternity Ward, and the School, which are to form a fitting Memorial of the long and devoted service of Sister Elizabeth Common.

Sister Winifred Poole has been appointed to Skotalan, and will be taking up her work almost immediately.

The first service conducted by Mr. Luxton after his return to Skotalan, was at the re-interment of his 3-year-old daughter, who had died with such tragic suddenness at Torakina. The little grave on the hillside is a poignant reminder of the sacrifices involved in pioneering for the Kingdom of God.

Medical Unit.

The re-establishment of our Medical Work calls for careful consideration and consultation with the Government. We have already been advised that the latter intends to re-establish a hospital in the Western Solomons, and is extending its medical service by means of native medical practitioners and dressers. Our hospital should be located where it can render maximum service. The opinion of the Synod is that it is desirable, if at all possible, that the hospital be adjacent to the District Institution, in order that students may receive adequate medical training. It is anticipated that there will be close collaboration between the Chairman and our Medical Superintendent, when appointed, on the one hand, and the Senior Medical Officer of the Protectorate (Dr. A. G. Rutter) on the other.

The ministry of healing is an integral part of Christian missions, and we have occasion for gratitude that we are in a position to extend this work at the earliest possible moment. Our immediate need is a doctor to succeed Dr. Rutter, and several more nurses. Good medical equipment is on the Field, but all existing buildings are temporary.

Staff.

I return from my second visit to the Solomons with a yet deeper sense of privilege at being associated with the staff on the Field. The Rev. J. F. Goldie attains this year his golden jubilee in the active ministry, including 45 years' chairmanship of the Solomon Islands District. His bow continues to abide in strength and his great devotion and unique experience are of profound influence and value in these difficult days of reconstruction. All his colleagues are rendering excellent service, and are to be warmly congratulated upon the progress made since their return to the Field.

Sisters Ada Lee, Winifred Poole, and Merle Carter, and Mr. Bruce Cole (carpenter) have arrived, and are a welcome addition to the ranks. Mr. Grenville Voyce, who has been rendering good service at Torokina, has also joined the Lay staff. The arrival of the Rev. A. H. Hall, in February, and the speedy appointment of a minister to Teop, and a doctor to superintend the Medical Unit, will greatly facilitate the work. More teachers and nurses are urgently required immediately.

One cannot speak too highly of the able and devoted work of the Rev. Paul Havea in the Marovo, and the Rev. Usaia Sotutu, B.E.M.—especially during the war years in the absence of the white staff. The former has been ten years without furlough, but with the arrival of John Taufa and his wife—also from Tonga—his long overdue furlough will be speedily arranged.

Native Church.

Limited time and travelling facilities prevented my visiting many native teachers' stations in circuits other than Roviana. In the latter, however, in company with the Chairman, I circumnavigated New Georgia, and met teachers and people at numerous stations where excellent work is being maintained. It was a joy to meet the Rev. Paul Havea and his people at Patutiva, where, largely owing to the strong Christian Chief Ngatu, and his people, this beautiful station has been largely restored, and a really good hospital erected. It was here that Mr. Goldie made his temporary headquarters upon his return in December, 1944.

There is no need for me to recapitulate the valiant service and faithful Christian Witness of our teachers and people during the war years. That story has been told already by multitudes of returned servicemen, and by our missionaries upon their return to the Field. Suffice to add that, with a few exceptions, including two that were particularly disappointing, we have great occasion to thank God for this rich harvest of the years, and for our opportunity to help still further this Young Church in a future that will hold many problems and temptations.

Rehabilitation.

In accordance with the wish of the Board, I discussed with the Synod the allocation of the Rehabilitation Fund. I submitted a scheme for the replacement of buildings and equipment destroyed on the basis of the claims lodged by the Chairman of the District.

The above figures represent valuation at time of destruction. In addition to buildings and equipment, considerable losses were sustained in boats, plantations, cattle, etc. The boat losses will be partly met from the Boats Replacement Fund, but there will be a large adverse balance in this fund when all boats are replaced. My suggestion that any balance in the Rehabilitation Fund, after replacements have been effected, should be allocated by the Board after consultation with the District, in accordance with the needs of the Work, met the approval of Synod.

I wish to record my appreciation of the help received from Mr. J. Tyler (Vice-President), in respect to the purchase of boats and other assistance rendered.

Conclusion.

In conclusion I return thanks to Almighty God for journeying mercies, and the many manifestations of His grace by which the Native Church and the European Staff have been sustained.

A. H. SCRIVIN, General Secretary.

FOREIGN MISSION DEPARTMENT.

Treasurers' Report for the Year Ended December, 1946.

The Treasurers have pleasure in presenting the draft of the Balance Sheet and return of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31st December, 1946.

The income from the Circuits in N.Z. amounted to £15,575/7/7, a decrease of £269/5/10. This decrease is more than offset by the large amount of contributions received after the close of the books, on December 16th, amounting to £1,624., as compared with £911 outstanding last year.

The income for the Medical Fund was £1,224/16/11. Of this amount the sum of £770/7/8 has been used to defray the cost of such medical work as has been possible during the past year. The balance of £454/9/3 has been added to the Rehabilitation Fund for use in future in the re-establishment of the medical work. The sum of £85/2/- has been added to the Leper Fund, which now stands at £5,803/18/8. The income on the field was £1,337/16/9, and the expenditure amounted to £14,345/11/6. This expenditure includes £1,557/13/8 charged to Rehabilitation, and £3,416 for arrears of payments due to Native Agents, accumulated in former years.

The expenditure in New Zealand was £1,648/0/6, and miscellaneous payments amounted to £283/10/5, which includes £100 in support of "Orphaned" Missions, and £48 contribution towards the National Missionary Council.

The balance of the Income and Expenditure Account of £4,641/3/4, and £6,447/4/10 received from the Australian War Damage Commission for War Damage in Buka and Bougainville, have been credited to the Rehabilitation Fund, in addition to the balance of the Medical Fund referred to above. The Fund now stands at £73,328/3/5. Charges against this Fund will now be made in increased volume, as the work of reconstruction is undertaken. The Working Capital has been increased by a legacy of £250 and by a profit of £7/10/- on investments, and now stands at £24,021/4/10.

The Boat Insurance Fund has been increased by £150, being interest on investments and transfer from the Income and Expenditure Account, and now stands at £3,386/14/4.

In addition to the legacy credited to the Working Capital referred to above, other legacies totalling £2,471/12/7 have been credited to the Rehabilitation Fund.

T. L. HAMES,

A. BLAKEMORE,

General Treasurers.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Reports and Financial Statements of the Foreign Mission Board be adopted.

2. Rev. John F. Goldie's Golden Jubilee: That Conference extend hearty and affectionate congratulations to the Rev. John F. Goldie, upon the attainment of his golden jubilee in the active work, and expresses heartfelt thanks that every year of this distinguished ministry has been blessed of God in the salvation of many people.

During his 45 years in the Solomons, Mr. Goldie has had the joy of seeing a primitive, bloodthirsty, and fear-ridden people entering the light and liberty of God's Kingdom, their languages reduced to writing, educational and medical services of no mean order established, and the development of a native ministry that is already exercising a profound influence upon its people. In all this truly great work, he has been, under God, the wise and trusted leader, and he occupies a place in the hearts of his people that none other can ever hold.

After 50 years of ministerial service, and with a record of 45 years' continuous Chairmanship which must be unique in Methodism, Mr. Goldie's bow still abides in strength. We pledge ourselves to work and pray that, before retirement, he may have the joy of seeing the stations, laid waste by war, fully restored and the whole District won for Christ.

Through the dangerous and difficult pioneering years, Mrs. Goldie was a source of inspiration and help to her husband. She led the women and girls not only to Christ, but also to their rightful place in society. She was one of the sweet singers of Israel and used her great musical gifts with remarkable success. Many of the Roviana hymns have been translated by her, and she continues this good work to-day.

3. Public Recognition of Rev. J. F. Goldie's Service: That Conference and the Foreign Mission Board collaborate regarding suitable public recognition of the Rev. J. F. Goldie's outstanding service over a period of 45 years in the Pacific.

4. Constitution of Foreign Mission Board: That this matter be reconsidered by the Board during the coming year.

5. Roviana Appointments: That the appointment of an additional missionary to the Roviana Circuit be made as soon as possible.

6. Sudan United Mission: That Conference commend the work of the Sudan United Mission to our people, and suggests that when convenient, our buildings be made available to their deputations.

7. That Conference express its sympathy with Rev. J. Common and his sister in the loss of Sister Elizabeth Common, and to the Rev. and Mrs. C. T. J. Luxton in the loss of a daughter.

8. Foreign Mission Board: The President of the Conference (Rev. W. G. Slade, M.A.), the Chairman of the Auckland District, the Chairman of the Solomon Islands District, the General Secretary, the General Treasurers, 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. G. S. Gapper (Vice-President), J. Tyler, L. E. Rhodes, R. Thomas, L. Peak, J. H. Blackwell, W. E. Burley, C. K. Wigglesworth, R. T. Garlick, W. Elliot, C. E. Taylor, W. C. Francis P. E. Patrick, A. E. Bate, Mesdames M. E. Virtue, H. J. Beavis, H. Nicolson, Stanley Brown, B. O. Stokes, Misses E. M. Rishworth, E. J. Mather, Ella Braithwaite, and Sister Edna White.

9. National Missionary Council Representatives: Rev. A. H. Scrivin, W. A. Burley, J. D. McArthur, and Mrs. E. M. Riddell.

10. Home Base Estimates, 1947:

	£	s.	d.
General Secretary—Stipend	350	0	0
House Maintenance	50	0	0
Travelling	75	0	0
Hospitality Allowance	75	0	0
Clerical Treasurer's Expenses	50	0	0
Connexional Charges	57	0	0
Office Assistance	225	0	0
Rent—Office and Telephone	107	17	7
Printing and Stationery (Reports £125, Gen. £125)	250	0	0
Stamps, Exchange, Cables, etc.	150	0	0
Auditor's Fee	15	15	0
Deputation Expenses	40	0	0
Annual Board Meeting—Travelling	25	0	0
Deaconess Institute	25	0	0
"Methodist Times"	10	0	0
National Missionary Council	48	0	0
Sundries, Legal Expenses, etc.	25	0	0
	£1,578	12	7

GENERAL ESTIMATES—1947. INCOME.

	£	s.	d.
New Zealand—General, £13,000; Medical, £1,500	14,500	0	0
Solomon Islands	1,185	0	0
	£15,685	0	0

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Solomon Islands	14,000	0	0
District Synod Est. £14,060/3/2.			
Home Base (as above)	1,578	12	7
Orphaned Missions	100	0	0
Sundries	6	7	5
	£15,685	0	0

District Foreign Mission Committees for 1947:

AUCKLAND—Superintendent Ministers City and Suburban Circuits; President Auckland District M.W.M.U.; Mrs. H. Nicolson, 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. Raynor.

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU—Ministers of Napier, Hastings, and Gisborne Circuits; Messrs. J. H. Oldham and A. Tunnicliffe. 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.

NELSON—Ministers of Nelson, Richmond, and Motueka Circuits; Messrs. S. S. Collier, H. J. Savage, E. S. Wratt, and E. C. Gamble. Convener: Rev. A. K. Petch.

NORTH CANTERBURY—Appointed by District Executive.

SOUTH CANTERBURY—The Ministers of Timaru and Temuka Circuits; Mesdames R. McAlister and G. Nelson; Messrs. C. W. Keinan, T. Simmons, A. A. Dale. Convener: Rev. Wm. W. Avery.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND—Appointed by the District Executive.
Southland Sub-Committee: Convener:

B.—M.W.M.U. ABRIDGED 32nd ANNUAL REPORT, 1946.

We present the 32nd Annual Report of the Methodist Women's Missionary Union of New Zealand.

We regret to report the passing of our first Union President, Mrs. Bowron, and also of one of our Overseas workers, Sister Elizabeth Common.

Membership.

Our membership is 4,678, an increase of 306 on last year's figures. New Auxiliaries have been formed in the Auckland, Thames Valley, Wanganui, Manawatu and North Canterbury districts, making a total of 186.

Finance.

Our total income from all sources is £7,031/19/3. This includes a record amount from the sale of used stamps, £617/13/7; £837/0/10 from our Special Objective (Sisters' Salaries); Overseas Gift Box money, £330/3/9; and Gleanings, £406/1/2.

Kurahuna.

The new policy at Kurahuna is being continued with success with 15 girls in residence. Mrs. Breadon as Matron, with Miss Betty Yearbury as assistant, have done fine work in developing the physical, moral and spiritual life of the girls. Many applications for admission have to be refused because of lack of room. Revenue for the year is £933/13/1; expenses £739/3/9.

Smethurst Rest Home.

This Rest Home in Auckland is now being used by our Sisters, and much appreciation of this splendid gift has been expressed by them.

Sisters.

We support eight sisters who work among the Maori women and children, our contribution to the Home Mission Board being £1,665; and Auxiliaries have supplied 210 parcels of clothing and six cases of books to our Home Sisters.

We have had the joy of seeing four of our Sisters return to the Solomon Islands, to be followed very shortly by three more. Our Box Organiser, Sister Edna White, reports that when the party left N.Z. in November, 1945, they took 21 cases valued at £44, several cases of screw-top bottles and linen, six dozen tins of assorted food-stuffs; also a quantity of further goods when Mrs. Voyce sailed later; and each worker was given £25 to spend on equipment. Our contribution to the Foreign Mission Board is £1,595.

District Councils have capably supervised the work of the Auxiliaries in their Districts. The Constitution has been printed, and this can now be referred to in all problems of Auxiliary and District Council working. Hospitality Committees in the four centres have done very useful work in meeting and entertaining Overseas Missionary personnel.

As we pass on the torch to the new Executive in Napier, we pray that they may have

Vision to see,

Courage to do,

and Faith to believe that the Kingdoms of this world may become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ.

M. R. NICOLSON, President.

E. M. RIDDELL, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

2. That Conference records its great appreciation of the splendid work of the M.W.M.U. and especially of the spiritual influence of the movement throughout the Church. We value very highly the inspiring financial support given by the Union to all aspects of the missionary work of the Church. We thank the outgoing Dominion Executive and express cordial good wishes to the incoming executive and officers.

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 1946.

Introduction.

In all the manifold activities of this Department we acknowledge thankfully the Divine Guidance and help through another year. It has been our desire to remember that in all these things "We are workers together with Him."

Literature and Colporteur Society, Spiritual Advance Committee, Maori Mission Work.

Separate reports of these activities are submitted herewith.

Staff.

While the cessation of hostilities and the release of men has made some men available, it has not affected us as much as we had hoped. Most of the men concerned have been enabled to commence their Theological Studies. We are still working with a serious shortage of unmarried men.

We have only two married men's appointments vacant at the time of submitting this report. In a couple of other places the Parsonages have become so seriously decrepit that it has been found advisable to dispose of them, and seek for better facilities later. This has been added to the need for single agents.

The loss of opportunities of training during the war years means that we must be prepared as a church to provide Parsonages for an increased number of married men. We draw the attention of the whole church to this urgent need. The opening of married men's appointments makes for a more experienced and continuous ministry.

To seek more workers, this Department co-operated during the year with the Foreign Mission Department in producing the poster "Is it You that He Needs?" This is making its effective challenge in practically every church building throughout our church.

Obituary.

We regret to record the passing of Mr. C. Strand, one of our most effective Home Missionaries, whose name was on the Retired List, and also the tragic passing of Mr. Ernest Nicholls, who was doing most acceptable supply work at Bluff.

Induction and Valedictory.

At the beginning of the Connexional year, a reluctant farewell was given to the retiring Assistant-Superintendent, Rev. H. J. Odell. In the Induction Service to his successor, Mr. Odell gave the charge to Mr. Chrystall who has taken up his duties very efficiently and with characteristic vigour. He has carried the lion's share of the deputation work this year. The Board associated the name of Rev. H. J. Odell with the Board and its Committees for this Connexional year.

Finance.

Circuit giving is still being maintained at a high level, but it is still far from adequate for our present scale of expenditure. Demands upon our Fund are growing every year, and we must draw the attention of all our people to the serious need for greatly increased income, not only to meet such demands but to compensate for increases in stipends and travelling allowances.

Policy re Legacies.

The new policy brought into operation since 1941, whereby all unspecified legacies from Wills or Codicils signed after 31st March of that year are divided half to capital and half to immediate needs, is now being seen in its effectiveness. A number of special grants for urgent cases of need, especially in property problems, have been made this year.

Special Loans Account.

The value of the newly instituted Special Loans Account is being increasingly recognised and more advance work has been assisted since last report.

Deputation Methods.

At considerable expense, another Talkie Projector has been purchased for deputation work. Both machines have had a heavy programme to fulfil throughout the year. Films have been procured from England, America and Canada, as well as a locally produced film of portion of our own work. These have all helped to increase interest in our week-night meetings. The co-operation in most circuits and Home Mission Stations has been excellent.

Duties of Superintendents.

It is felt that an undue amount of the time of General Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent is being given to deputation work. Important as such work is, it is of secondary importance to the administrative and inspirational work which has to be in a large measure neglected. We must ask that the Districts themselves plan to carry a larger share of the organisation of routine deputation work so that this more important work may be done by the Superintendents.

Conclusion.

This work, a Dominion task, carried forward for the whole church, can be effectively done only as every member and adherent carries a worthy share of the task. We commend it to the prayerful concern of every sympathiser.

E. T. OLDS, Chairman of the Board.

GEO. I. LAURENSEN, General Superintendent.

A. E. WAITE, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Annual Report of the Home Mission and Church Extension Department be received and adopted.

2. That the Statement of Receipts and Payments, and Balance Sheets be received as under:—

(a) The Home Mission and Church Extension Fund.

(b) The Investment Funds Board.

(c) The Mission Property Trustees.

(d) The Literature and Colporteur Society.

(e) The abstracts showing the position of the Gorman Home Mission Bequest, the Buddle Centennial Gift, the Buttle Centennial Gift, the Trounson Centennial Gift, the Home Missionaries' Removal Expenses Fund, the Special Loans Account, and the Picture Department.

3. That the estimates of Income and Expenditure for the year 1947 be received and adopted.

4. That 1948 be regarded by the whole Church as a "Home and Maori Mission Year" during which concentrated efforts shall be made

(1) To increase the regular circuit-giving to the Department;

(2) To solicit additional gifts aiming at the liquidation of the accumulated deficit of the General Fund;

(3) To enable the Department to extend its operations in the service of the whole Church.

5. That the following be added to the rules of the Home Missionaries' Removal Expenses Fund:—

"When the name of a Home Missionary is placed on the retired list, his travelling expenses from the Circuit or Home Mission Station in which he terminated his active work, to the place in which he intends to reside in N.Z., shall be paid—up to £30—by this Fund; provided that such removal takes place during the Connexional year following the Conference at which his name is placed on the retired list."

6. That the Law Book Revision Committee consider the question of H.M. Stations being more adequately represented at Conference, and the request that Home Missionaries who have given 10 years' service should have a right to membership in the Conference.

7. That Conference request the Home Mission Board to investigate the position as regards work in the Chatham Islands.

8. That the Home Mission Board bring down to the next Conference a detailed report of its Maori Work concerning—

(a) Any changes in the distribution of Maori population and measures being undertaken to serve the areas concerned.

- (b) What methods are adopted to maintain contact with and provide spiritual ministrations to such as have been affected by the urban drift.
- (c) That comparative statistics be submitted for the last three decades to 31/12/45 in respect of the following—
 - (1) Number of churches and preaching places.
 - (2) Number of active workers, ministerial and lay.
 - (3) Number of members.
 - (4) Number of adherents.
 - (5) Number of net gain or loss in membership.

9. That Conference recommend to the New Zealand Missionary Council the name of the General Superintendent of the Home and Maori Mission Department to represent the Methodist Maori Mission work at the Missionary Conference in 1948.

10. That Conference request the Home Mission Department to prepare and make available suitable material such as sound and silent films, film strips, factual data, etc., which will assist Deputation work undertaken by District personnel.

11. **Preaching Places:** That the following be adopted in general principle and referred to the Law Book Revision Committee for drafting in consultation with the Dominion Statistical Secretary:—

“That the following be added to the Book of Laws, page 57, para. 12, after (c):

N.B. For the purposes of the Annual Statistics, preaching places shall be defined as follows:—A preaching place is one where a recognised Methodist Service is held at least once a year, and the name duly entered upon the plan. (This shall not apply to institutional services conducted in turn with preachers of other denominations or by Methodist preachers only in hospitals, gaols, or other institutions, except where facilities are provided for the conducting of a regular service not held as an institutional service but as a public service under the auspices of the Methodist Church.)

“In addition, but not for purposes of statistics, circuits are urged to maintain upon the plan places recognised as being within the geographic area of the circuit and under the pastoral care of the minister and the Quarterly Meeting, but where services are not at the moment being conducted.”

12. **Stipends:** That this Conference directs that Circuits and Home Mission Stations must show on their statements of income and expenditure, quarterly and annually, the stipend at least at the minimum standard rate; and then any amount outstanding at that figure should be clearly stated as arrears in stipend due to the Minister or Home Missionary.

13. **Supply Arrangements:** That the following addition be made to para. 23, page 127 of the Book of Laws:—“If a Supernumerary Minister supplies a Home Mission Station or Circuit no Home Mission Grant can be available to enable the combined payments from the Supernumerary Fund and the Circuit to exceed the standard rate of stipend for an ordained minister.”

14. That the Secretary of Conference write in the name of this Conference to the Secretaries of the British and Irish Conferences requesting permission to have inserted in their official publications statements of the need for Ministers and Home Missionaries in the New Zealand Methodist Church.

15. That the Home Mission Board be requested to investigate ways and means of fostering closer co-operation between the New Zealand and Australian Methodist Churches.

16. Home Mission Board for 1947:

General Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, European Missionary in Maori Work, Senior Maori Superintendent, Chairman of the District, General Secretary of Foreign Missions, Principal of Trinity College, Revs. A. E. Waite, L. R. M. Gilmore, Walter Parker, H. A. Cochrane, A. E. Orr, F. J. Handy, A. E. Jefferson, E. B. Chambers, J. C. Draper, J. Olphert, W. Walker and A. Blakemore; Representatives of the Home Missionaries (Rev. C. W. Brown), the Lay Treasurer, the President of the M.W.M.U., the representatives of the M.W.M.U. (Miss E. M. Rishworth, Miss E. M. Pearce and Mrs. H. Nicolson), the Representatives of the Youth Department (Sister Ivy Jones and Mr. L. T. Hayman), Messrs. J. H. Blackwell, H. M. Patrick, H. S. Crowe, C. K. Wigglesworth, S. E. Chappell, D. E. Parton, J. O. Tietjens, C. A. French, B. O. Stokes, P. Dellow, T. W. Hemer, and A. Williams. Corresponding Member: The Connexional Secretary. Life Members: Revs. A. J. Seamer and Dr. H. Ranston.

17. District Home Mission Secretaries:

AUCKLAND.—Rev. H. A. Cochrane.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.—Rev. I. S. Williamson.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.—Rev. S. J. Werren.

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU.—Rev. G. R. Harris.

WELLINGTON.—Rev. J. D. Grocott.

NELSON.—Rev. W. 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.

18. District Home Mission Committees:

AUCKLAND.—Appointed by the District Executive. Convener: Rev. H. A. Cochrane.

NORTHLAND.—The Sub-District Executive.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.—The Chairman of the District, Ministers of Hamilton, Hamilton East, Cambridge, Te Aroha, Morrinsville, and Te Awamutu Circuits; Messrs. R. P. Kilham, E. J. Easter, W. B. Young, J. R. Cullen, and J. T. Johnson. Convener: Rev. I. S. Williamson.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.—The Chairman of the District, the ministers of New Plymouth, Waitara and Opunake Circuits, the Home Missionary at Okato, and Messrs. M. Barnitt, E. Dixon, and A. K. Surrey. Convener: Rev. S. J. Werren.

Wanganui Sub-Committee.—Ministers of Wanganui Circuits and Messrs. E. L. F. Buxton, F. Whitlock, and S. Newsome. Convener: Rev. H. Kilford Brown.

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU.—Chairman of the District, ministers of Dannevirke, Woodville and Pahiatua Circuits, Mrs. T. Skuse, Miss J. Gardiner, and Mr. H. Powell. Convener: Rev. F. B. Lawrence.

Hawkes Bay Sub-Committee.—Ministers of Napier and Hastings Circuits, Mrs. Wilson and Mr. G. C. Laws. Convener: Rev. G. R. Harris

WELLINGTON.—Appointed by the District Executive. Convener: Rev. J. D. Grocott.

NELSON.—The Chairman of the District, ministers of Blenheim Circuit, Messrs. F. H. Southgate, H. Oldham, W. S. Harris, H. C. File, and E. C. Gamble. Convener: Rev. W. C. Jenkin.

NORTH CANTERBURY.—Revs. E. Drake, A. J. Johnston, J. M. Blight, F. O. Prosser, E. E. Sage, Messrs. J. Holland, F. J. Vinnicombe and C. R. M. Manhire. Convener: Rev. E. E. Sage.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.—The Chairman of the District, ministers of Timaru, Temuka and Waimate Circuits, Messrs. W. Hocking, F. Metson, A. W. Barnett, Mrs. R. McAlister. Convener: Rev. O. Burnet.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—Appointed by the District Executive. Convener: Rev. C. L. Duder.

B.—METHODIST LITERATURE AND COLPORTEUR COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT.

As reported at last Conference, the Bookroom is now established on the ground floor of Probert Chambers, and the move has already justified itself. The new shop is far more convenient for customers; the Manager is able to display the books more effectively, with the result that increased sales have exceeded expectations.

On August 1st last, Mr. H. J. Beavis assumed the Managership of the Bookroom. Mr. Hemer, however, is to continue his services on a part-time arrangement with the Committee. Thus his valuable experience will continue to be available for some time to come.

The growth of the business since space was taken on the ground floor has demonstrated, as was anticipated, that the shop now occupied is not large enough. At the time it was taken it was the only shop available. The present arrangement involves storing and packing still being done on the top floor of the building. This is a cumbersome arrangement making a lot of additional work for the staff. It is necessary for efficiency and further development of the business that further arrangements be made for additional floor space, and negotiations are in progress towards this end.

Supplies from overseas are still difficult, but by means of judicious buying locally, sales are being maintained and a clientele being built against the time when trading conditions will be easier.

E. T. OLDS, Chairman of the Board.

GEO. I. LAURENSEN, General Superintendent.

E. B. CHAMBERS, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

2. Upon the retirement of Mr. T. W. Hemer from the Managership of the Methodist Bookroom, Conference places on record its deep appreciation of the capable and devoted work done by him. His wide knowledge and love of books, his courteous attention to customers, and his zeal for the dissemination of Christian literature, have been in evidence all though his eighteen years of service.

Conference rejoices that although Mr. Hemer is relinquishing the Managership of the Bookroom, he is still to retain an active interest in its affairs, and trusts he will long be spared to enjoy the measure of rest the new arrangement will afford him, and at the same time render part-time service which will be most valuable for the development of the Bookroom.

C.—SPIRITUAL ADVANCE COMMITTEE.

REPORT FOR 1946.

During this year of rehabilitation, the Spiritual Advance Committee has stressed the importance of home life and family devotions, being persuaded that spiritual quality in our family life is one of the best ways by which returning servicemen and servicewomen can again find their place in civilian life, and in the service of the Church.

Letters to Quarterly Meetings.

These have been continued. The resolutions of last Conference were brought to the notice of all Church officials in a letter from the Convener. The President wrote to all Church members, Pakeha and Maori. This letter was printed, 31,000 copies being distributed.

Bible Reading Cards were completely sold out this year. This is a good sign. For 1947 they will again be a Presbyterian-Methodist publication, using the readings of the Scripture Union. Rev. J. J. Lewis, M.A., B.D., has acted as the Methodist Editor. The cards will be available by the end of November. Notes on the readings continue to be supplied to the "Methodist Times," this work being done by Rev. C. B. Oldfield.

Presbyterian Life and Work Committee, situated in Invercargill, invited us to be represented on their Committee, and Rev. R. Thornley, M.A., was appointed.

Publications.

The Committee has subsidised the **Christian Home Series** of Booklets, and also the After-Camp Booklet "Follow the Gleam," published by the Youth Department.

The **Membership Study Manual "Our Fathers' Faith and Ours"** has been almost sold out. This is a fine testimony to its worth. A second edition, to be subsidized by the Committee in order to keep down its cost, is soon going into print.

"**We Affirm**"—the Statement of Faith—has been completely sold out. Another edition has been printed. This publication also carries a subsidy from our funds.

"**If Any Man**," by Rev. C. W. Brown, is a book that will shortly go into print. It tells of transformed lives made possible through the life and work of a Methodist Home Missionary in New Zealand. This book will give our people an insight into the nature of the work that is carried on by the agents of our Home Mission Department.

Visit of Australasian President-General.

All arrangements in connection with Dr. J. W. Burton's visit have been made by this Committee, acting on behalf of the President of Conference. A separate report will be submitted direct to Conference.

Connexional Evangelist.

The Committee feels that the appointment of a Connexional Evangelist is opportune, and recommends accordingly.

Proposals for 1947.

We strongly recommend that our people be called to prayer for the furtherance of our work. It is suggested that such a call should be made by the then ex-President (Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D.) at the Conversation on the Work of God at Conference. It is recommended that our entire membership be urged to follow the lead so given.

Future Working of the Committee.

Recognising that Spiritual Advance is the responsibility of the whole Church, and not merely that of any one Board or Department, the Committee is recommending Synods to consider favourably the establishment by Conference of a **Connexional Committee on Spiritual Advance**, such a Committee to be centred at Palmerston North. It is proposed that the funds and grants of the present Committee be handed over to such a Connexional Committee. It is felt desirable that the General Superintendent and also the Assistant Superintendent of the Home Mission Department, be members of such a Committee.

Caughey-Smith-Preston Trust.

The Committee is recommending that our Church co-operate with the Trust and with sister Churches in order to bring to New Zealand one of the outstanding Christian leaders who can bring inspiration to the people of our land.

E. T. OLDS, Chairman of the Board.

GEO. I. LAURENSEN, General Superintendent.

H. C. MATTHEWS, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. (a) That the present Spiritual Advance Committee prepare a statement on Evangelism for submission to the forthcoming May Synods, and take all possible steps to ensure its consideration by the Synods.
(b) That the forthcoming May Synods be directed to consider the statement on Evangelism, and to plan a campaign of Evangelism to be carried out within the district during this year; such plan and its part in the plan to be reported to each Quarterly Meeting within the district.
3. That the first week of June, 1947, or some other suitable dates, be set aside as a Week of Prayer and Dedication; and that during that week our people be urged to pray daily for the following:—
 - (a) A harvest of souls for our preaching.
 - (b) Young men and young women to offer for the work of the Ministry, the Deaconess Order, and for service in Connexional institutions.
 - (c) The establishment of new causes.
 - (d) Considerable increases in our membership, year by year.
4. That the Standing Committee on Spiritual Advance be located in Palmerston North utilising the services of ministers and laymen and lay women in the Hawkes Bay-Manawatu, the Taranaki-Wanganui, and the Wellington Districts; the General Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of the Home Mission Department to be members of such Committee.

(b) That the Committee for 1947 be:

Revs. J. F. Jack, L. A. G. Brooks, C. O. Hailwood, C. B. Oldfield, G. H. Goodman, H. S. Kings, L. V. Willing, F. J. Parker, F. B. Lawrence, H. Kilford Brown, G. I. Laurenson, B. M. Chrystall; Messrs. G. H. Rutter, T. E. Taylor, J. H. Bailey, L. Laurenson, C. E. Taylor, H. Powell, E. L. F. Buxton, A. Carthew, W. S. Thrush, L. Potts, Jas. Sanson, F. H. Hudson, Miss L. Hodder; with power to add. Convener: Rev. C. B. Oldfield.

(c) That the funds of the Spiritual Advance Committee of the Home Mission Board, and the grants usually made thereto, be made available to this Committee.

(d) That the New Spiritual Advance Committee be granted £25 from the Home Mission Fund for this year, subject to the grant of a similar sum from the Contingent Fund.

5. That Conference endorse the proposal that the Methodist Church co-operate with the Caughey-Smith-Preston Trustees, and with sister Churches, for the purpose of bringing an outstanding Christian leader to New Zealand in the near future, possibly during 1948.

6. That Conference assign each year some definite piece of work to the Spiritual Advance Committee. For 1947 it be an investigation of the latest Evangelistic methods being employed overseas. The Committee to report to next Synods and Conference.

VISIT OF THE PRESIDENT-GENERAL.

REV. DR. J. W. BURTON, M.A.

The President-General, Rev. J. W. Burton, M.A., D.D., visited New Zealand at the invitation of our Conference, his visit extending from September 1st to November 5th, 1946. The Spiritual Advance Committee acted on behalf of our President in making all necessary arrangements, and supervising the tour.

The President-General carried through a very comprehensive programme, speaking altogether at 49 services and meetings, and visiting many of the smaller as well as the larger provincial centres. During the tour he was able to visit the Waitomo Caves, the Franz Josef Glacier, and to do limited sightseeing at Rotorua. Although a strenuous programme, the President-General gave of his best to our N.Z. Methodism. Thanks are due to all who provided hospitality, and assisted to make the tour such an outstanding success. Circuits responded well to the targets set them, with the result that after payment of all expenses, and the making of a small presentation to our distinguished visitor, a credit balance remains.

It is very desirable that closer ties between our Australasian and New Zealand Methodism be established, and to assist in this direction, the interchange of visits by our President and the President-General, is most commendable. It is hoped that more ways of closer fellowship and working will shortly be investigated. In many ways, a closer alliance between Australian and New Zealand Methodism would greatly strengthen and further inspire our N.Z. Methodism.

H. RANSTON, Chairman.

H. C. MATTHEWS, Convener.

Visit of President-General—Financial Statement.

Income.				Expenditure.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Donations from				Fares & Incidentals	90	11	3
M.W.M.U. & Circuits	175	12	1	Printing & Advertising	23	19	11
				Convener's Expenses	4	5	5
				Presentation	10	0	0
				Credit (placed in Over-			
				seas Visitors' A/c)	46	15	6
	£175	12	1		£175	12	1

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Statement of Receipts and Payments be received and adopted.

2. That Conference expresses its gratitude to the Rev. J. W. Burton, M.A., D.D., President-General of the Methodist Church of Australasia, for his visit to New Zealand, and the inspiration of his messages.

3. That Conference approves the financial arrangements made with the President-General whereby he was the guest of our New Zealand Church. Conference invites the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia to make a reciprocal arrangement on similar terms when our President visits Australia for the General Conference.

4. That this Conference expresses its appreciation of the work of the Rev. H. C. Matthews in the organisation of the visit of the President-General.

5. That Conference encourage visits from outstanding Christian Leaders from overseas.

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

A.—REPORT FOR 1946.

Introduction.

Another year of interesting and effective service has been carried through in this field since last we reported. We have felt in many ways the prompting and sustaining help of our Heavenly Father.

Obituary.

Our hearts have been saddened by the death of Hori Te Awa, a steady loyal Honorary Home Missionary of our Church. He exerted a quiet influence for good in the Huntly District.

New Agents.

We have welcomed into the ranks of the Honorary Home Missionaries, Waka Kukutai and Henare Kapa.

Ordination of Rev. Rangī Rogers.

The ordination at last Conference of Mr. Rogers has brought much satisfaction to our Mission. We are glad to learn of two or three other fine young men whose thoughts are turning towards the ministry.

European Missionary.

During the year the Rev. H. A. Darvill has made extensive tours of large sections of the Maori Mission, in company with the Maori circuit ministers. He has been developing contacts with workers in sectional Conferences, and with your in Bible Class Camps.

Maori Workers' Conference.

The large and representative Maori Workers' Conference held at Auckland in February proved of great inspiration to those able to attend. The fact that so many were able to visit the sessions and public functions of our Church Conference also meant a great deal to them.

Retiring Fund for Maori Ordained Ministers.

At the request of the men concerned, the matter is being discussed in consultation with the Connexional Secretary. It is hoped that a satisfactory scheme may be shortly submitted to Conference for approval and adoption.

Maori Centres.

Our existing Maori Centres at Auckland and Hamilton continue to provide splendid facilities for service to Maori Youth in particular. After the common present-day delays in the matter of permits, the Women's Rest-room and Deaconess Centre in Kawa Kawa is on the point of being commenced. The major amount of the funds required for the erection of this building was provided from a special objective fund of the M.W.M.U.

Schools.

The influence of Wesley College, Paerata, and Kurahuna and Rangiata Schools, is being steadily maintained, and we value highly their services for the education of a few of our Maori Youth.

Appreciation of Financial Assistance.

We desire to record our very sincere appreciation of the special help being given to our work by the M.W.M.U. and by the Sunday School and Bible Class members under the Youth Department Missionary Scheme. Our Staff is numerically very much stronger than it would be if it not for this continued help.

Conclusion.

The many difficulties associated with adjustments to these modern days, call for a patient, prayerful interest on the part of all who are desiring the real advancement of our Maori people. Remember us in your prayers.

E. T. OLDS, Chairman of the Board.

E. TE TUHI, Senior Maori Superintendent.

GEO. I. LAURENSEN, General Superintendent.

CONSTITUTION OF THE MAORI SECTION OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN NEW ZEALAND.

1. Name: The name shall be called "National Council of Churches (Maori Section) and in Maori "Te Kaunihera Whakawhanaunga I Nga Hahi Karaitiana."

2. Aims: These shall be in general the same as those laid down in the Constitution of the National Council of Churches; in particular the following:—

(i) To maintain relations with the ecumenical movement in New Zealand and through the world, and also to encourage Christian fellowship with the corresponding churches and councils among the Polynesian peoples.

- (ii) To promote co-operation and to study existing differences in such a spirit that the underlying unity may become clearer.
- (iii) To facilitate common action on all matters where there is agreement or the possibility of agreement.
- (iv) To arrange commissions as may be necessary, to study matters concerning Faith and Order, and Life and Work, on specific subjects as occasion may require.
- (v) To arrange occasional conferences in the form of open forums with leaders of other Maori religious bodies to seek measures of common action on urgent social problems.

3. Membership of the Maori Section.

(i) The Maori Section shall be composed of the Maori membership of those Churches which are affiliated with the National Council of Churches.

(ii) Any other Christian body shall be admitted to membership in the Section by resolution of the National Council, after a report and recommendation from the Executive of the Maori Section.

4. Annual Meeting of the Maori Section.

(i) The Maori Section shall hold an annual meeting in the month of June, at which attendance shall be open to any member of an affiliated Church.

(ii) Unless otherwise decided the annual meeting shall be held on traditional Maori lines, in rotation, twice in every four years, within the area principally occupied by the Church of the Province of N.Z., and once each in the areas occupied by the Methodist and the Presbyterian Churches.

(iii) The Annual Meeting shall receive a report from the Executive.

(iv) The Annual Meeting may make recommendations which shall be forwarded, with the comments of the Executive of the Maori Section, to the Annual Meeting of the National Council of Churches.

5. Executive. The Executive shall consist of the following:—

(i) (a) Seven persons representing the Church of the Province of N.Z., who shall be the Bishop of Aotea-roa, or someone appointed in his place by the Primate of New Zealand, two appointed by the Diocese of Auckland, two by the Diocese of Waiapu, and one each by the dioceses of Waikato and Wellington. (b) Four persons representing the Methodist Church of N.Z. and appointed by it. (c) Three persons representing the Presbyterian Church of N.Z. and appointed by it.

(ii) Any other body admitted to the Maori Section shall have representation on the Executive, as decided by the National Council of Churches.

(iii) Seven persons shall form a quorum.

6. Officers.

(i) The Officers of the Maori Section shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman and a Secretary-Treasurer.

(ii) These officers shall be appointed by the Executive at the time of the annual meeting of the Maori Section, and shall hold office for one year from the conclusion of the Annual Meeting until the conclusion of the annual meeting next following.

(iii) The first appointment of officers shall be made at the first meeting of the Executive held after the adoption of this Constitution by the National Council of Churches, this first meeting being called together by the Rev. G. I. Laurenson.

(iv) The Chairman shall not hold office for more than two years in succession. He shall be eligible for re-election again after the lapse of one year.

7. Connection with the National Council of Churches in N.Z.

(i) The Chairman of the Executive or his nominee shall have a seat on the National Council of Churches without vote.

(ii) The Churches shall be asked, in making their appointments each year to the National Council of Churches, to give due regard to the appointment of persons competent to represent Maori opinion.

(iii) The Executive shall each year present a report of its activities to the National Council, and also the recommendations, with its own comments, of the Annual Meeting of the Maori Section.

8. Finance.

(i) Provision for the expenses of the Maori Section shall be made by a grant of £75 from the affiliated Churches in the following proportions:—Anglican Church £35, Methodist Church £20, Presbyterian Church £20.

(ii) Any other body admitted to membership of the Maori Section shall make an annual grant as fixed by the National Council of Churches.

9. Amendments to the Constitution.

(This clause to follow the lines of the corresponding clause in the Constitution of the National Council of Churches.)

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

2. That the constitution of the proposed Maori sub-section of the National Council of Churches be adopted.

3. That the Methodist Representatives of the Maori sub-section of the National Council of Churches be the Revs. G. I. Laurenson, Eruera Te Tuhi, H. Darvill, and Sister Heeni Wharemaru.

4. That the three Maori members to represent the Church at the Conference on Faith and Order be the Revs. E. Te Tuhi, R. Rogers and M. Winiata.

5. That the Rev. H. A. Darvill be designated as European Missionary in Maori Work for a further term of 3 years as from 1948.

B.—“RANGIATEA” MAORI GIRLS’ SCHOOL.

Since the last report to Conference the Board of Governors has met again at New Plymouth on the 24th August, 1946.

Chairman.

Mr. A. Eaton Hurley was re-appointed Chairman.

Obituary.

The Board has lost the services of a very valuable member in the death of the late Jacob Leslie Mander who represented the Grey Institute Trust on the Board.

Mr. Mander during his tenure of office had given valuable service and had taken a keen personal interest in the work of the Board.

Building Plans.

The Board is now concentrating on plans for the buildings and the greater part of the time available at New Plymouth was taken up with inspection of the site and discussion of the draft plans produced by the Board's Architect, Mr. Graham B. Harvey.

This scheme envisages a centre block including on the ground floor class rooms and on the upper floor a principal's flat and sick bay. To the west of this block following the contour of the hill will be set the first three cottages which it is intended to erect in the initial stages to accommodate 30 girls, 10 in each cottage.

There is provision also ultimately for a staff cottage and farm manager's cottage, the latter building being placed well away from the school buildings on the road frontage at the north end of the property.

The scheme for development as previously reported to Conference is for an immediate school of 30 girls and finally 60 girls.

The estimated cost of the immediate work, which is a bare minimum, together with the equipment of the building, will be roughly £30,000. The Board has in hand at the present time £13,727/3/4, with a prospect of perhaps another £2000 from the Centennial Fund.

Finance.

The Board is of the opinion that Church schools are not justified unless they are built to undertake teaching work which the Government is not doing.

We cannot hope to compete with the Government in available funds for education, hence our view that we must either undertake work other than Government work, or do the work better. We feel that there is no justification for the Church embarking upon education on any other terms. It is for this reason, amongst others, that the cottage plan has been adopted, as it is felt that by this method emphasis will be placed upon the development of the family unit.

The incorporation of a Chapel must be deferred for a considerable time on account of lack of finance.

It is important to draw the attention of Synod and Conference to the wide margin that exists between our actual resources and the estimated cost. It should be pointed out that when the Centennial Fund was established some eight years ago, its objective was £20,000 as far as the Rangiatea College is concerned. It would appear, therefore, that the objective will not be reached.

In the intervening years, the cost of construction has risen to such an extent that the Board is satisfied that it cannot establish a workable unit for a minimum of 30 girls under £30,000, in addition to the cost of the land; the latter having already been safeguarded.

The teaching staff will involve a minimum of three teachers whose joint salaries would amount to approximately £1,200.

With the payment of Family Benefits and the possibility of board allowance, the Board confidently anticipates a much larger annual revenue than was previously thought possible, but even so the Board feels that it is ill advised to borrow except within a very limited margin for capital expenditure, because the setting aside of revenue for interest and capital repayments would thereby seriously diminish revenue which should be allocated for maintenance and running expenses.

The Board therefore feels it necessary to draw the attention of Conference to the totally inadequate reserves which it has available, even for the very limited immediate objective.

It appears to be clear that our original intention of laying the foundation stone in 1947 cannot materialise, and that date must be put forward at least one year.

Present Establishment.

The School Committee operating the existing Rangiatea Maori Girls' School in the original Mission House find the conditions in the old building there very unsatisfactory. There is need for improvements and renovation of the building. This renders all the more urgent the completion of plans and the furthering of the new college scheme as soon as possible.

Curriculum and Staffing.

The Board intends to accept Maori girls from between the ages of 11 and 18, with a standard of entry of Form II pass, with, however, the reservation that they may accept a minority of girls in that age group who may not have reached Form II pass standard. The school certificate course will be the basis of the educational training, with, of course, special emphasis upon religious teaching. A Committee of the Board is working now on a detailed curriculum.

The Board has determined upon the necessity for a married man as Principal of the College, and the two other teachers should be a certified woman teacher and a person qualified in teaching cooking, who would also act as the cook of the establishment.

The carrying out of the cottage plan system will undoubtedly involve additional supervisory staff, and at the present moment the Board is considering ways and means of retaining the cottage unit system with a reasonable staff.

A further meeting of the Board will be held on the 30th November for further consideration of the plan of buildings and staffing which had to be deferred from the meeting of the 24th August.

Annual Grants.

The Board has asked the contributing bodies, The Wellington Religious and Educational Endowment Trust Board, The Grey Institute, and the Kai Iwi Trust, to increase their contributions to £600 and £100 and £100 respectively.

Representative on Board.

The Board has resolved to recommend Conference to re-appoint Miss Lorna Hodder as a member of the Board for the ensuing year.

(Signed) A. E. HURLEY, Chairman.

Wellington, October, 1946.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT.

Throughout the year the interim school has been fulfilling a need in our Maori work. Unfortunately it is only touching the fringe of the Maori educational problem as there are so many Maori girls seeking post-primary education and our accommodation is so limited.

The resignation of Sister Ada Lee at the close of 1945 brought a real staffing difficulty. Mrs. Noel Ashworth relieved as teacher for one month, followed by Mrs. J. Woodley, until the present certificated teacher, Miss J. Rogers, was appointed. It was necessary also to appoint a Sub-Matron, Mrs. M. Vaughan, to assist in the hostel duties.

There have been twelve pupils in residence throughout the year. The ages have been from eleven to sixteen years, and standards covered were Std. IV. to Form V. One pupil gained the Primary School Leaving Certificate.

In an endeavour to bring the standard of the school work up to that of the Primary State School, twenty hours a week are now spent on class subjects. Every effort is being made to equip the classrooms suitably.

Two concerts were given by the girls to raise funds for the school library and sports equipment.

Six of the girls have joined a local Girl Guide Company and have passed their Tenderfoot examination.

Two pupils have been attending evening classes at the Technical College and another two have been taking Red Cross lectures.

At present there is a great opportunity for the Church to come in on Maori education with a definite policy—let us take up the challenge that is presented to us.

(Signed) E. B. MARRIOTT, Principal.

RESOLUTIONS.

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

2. That Conference record its appreciation of the work of the Principal and her assistants, and of the Board of Governors in both the administration of the College and the Christian influence it is exerting on the Maori community.

3. That the Board of Governors for 1947 be: Revs. J. H. Allen, G. I. Laurenson, F. J. Parker, E. Te Tuhi, R. P. Rakena; Messrs. A. Eaton Hurley, T. M. Pacey, N. R. Seddon, F. Penn, M. S. Hughson, W. P. Griffith, Huna Tamaka Awarua; Mrs. W. H. Auburn; Misses L. Burton and L. Hodder.

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

A.—AUCKLAND METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION.

ANNUAL REPORT, YEAR ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER, 1946.

The housing shortage, the mounting population of the metropolitan area, the larger number of elderly people who need care and attention, as well as the increased domestic problems, have added their quota to the demands made upon the time and resources of our skeleton staff. The Mission continues to represent the Church in a varied programme of spiritual and social enterprise.

New Building Fund.

We are grateful to all who have brought the total of promises to £43,000 of which amount we have received and invested the sum of £37,400. Part of the residue outstanding will be paid when the building is commenced, and the balance is coming in as promised. We are grateful to state that all the promises have been fulfilled, and there is every indication that all the money will come to hand. A further £7,000 in donations is needed for our objective to be reached.

Health Camp and Rest Home.

Two hundred and forty children have received treatment during the year, most of them for a period of six weeks. In conjunction with the Auckland Health Camp Council, children are selected from the schools by the Health Department. Some of the children have increased 10 lbs. in weight during the six weeks. In order that the

education of the children may be continued, two teachers have been appointed by the Education Department. As a measure of co-operation in a work of national importance this arrangement will continue until such time as the permanent Health Camp at Pakuranga is completed.

A group of mothers and elderly ladies from the city area have also benefited by a change of air and scenery, and youth groups have been built up in Christian citizenship. The necessary painting has now been carried out, the grounds cleared and cultivated, a playing area is being levelled, and a further 1,000 trees added to the plantation. The dormitory which is now being used as a school room has recently been erected at a cost of £1,500. We are grateful to the Matron, Sister Dorothy White, and efficient staff for another year of consecrated service.

Astley House.

Of recent months we have heard much about "Honouring Age." In this direction "Astley House" is one medium through which practical work is being accomplished. To meet the increasing need for accommodation plans have been prepared which provide for a total of 60 persons including staff. The estimated cost of the lounge, four wings, including single as well as double rooms, is £20,000. It is so planned that the buildings may be erected in four stages. As a preliminary to these extensions, the present kitchen has been enlarged and modernised and further storage and vegetable accommodation has been provided at an approximate cost of £500. We are indebted to Miss B. Cutforth and Mrs. L. Dick for their devoted and gracious service.

Youth Work.

The morning worship opens with combined Sunday School and Church, after which the children retire for their lessons. The experiment has resulted in a marked increase in attendance. The Scouts, Guides, Brownies, Cubs, Combined Club, etc., are all helping to shape the destiny of our young people. Hikes, Retreats, Sunday Teas, and Choral work all give added interest. A good number have been received into Church membership.

Goodwill Industries and Social Services.

The Goodwill centre continues to meet the need of a proportion of folk who desire "Not Charity, but a Chance." The Superintendent represents you on the Society for the Protection of Women and Children, The Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society, and other Committees for the community welfare. Many hours have been spent in dealing with those who have been without homes, old people, and the problems which follow the aftermath of war. The total amount expended in Social Services amounts to £7,527/5/10.

Franklin Road Branch.

A morning service is held at 11 a.m. The Ladies' Guild is particularly active. The Trustees are making it possible to station a "Sister to the people" in the Freeman's Bay area. Time will be concentrated on the youth of the district, and this phase should provide a feeding ground for the Church in general.

Sister's Work.

We record our grateful thanks to "Sister" Ruth Bennett for her ungrudging and consecrated service. Her tact and zeal have commended her to all to whom she has ministered. There is much need for women of this calibre in our ranks, and it is hoped that some provision will be made whereby those not desiring to pledge themselves

for six years may serve the Church in the time at their disposal. We also place on record our thanks to Mrs. Davis for her consecrated work in visiting the sick in their homes and in hospital.

Sunday Services.

Both morning and evening services have shown an increased attendance. A strong evangelistic note is sounded and spiritual values are given priority. The Rev. H. J. Odell has given much needed relief to the Missioner. A social hour at the close of the evening services provides added fellowship and opportunity for personal contact with the outsider. Rev. Arthur Mitchell at the age of 84 continues his ministry in providing soloists and presenting slides at the evening services.

Social Centre.

The District Youth Council's experiment whereby people may gather for lunch between 12 and 2 p.m. to talk over things of mutual interest, has met a real need, and has emphasised the necessity of providing for such a centre in the city area. The provision of a cafeteria and games-room has shown the need for a centre whereby young people may gather and increase the wider fellowship of the Church. It is also a point of contact for many who are lonely and who need fellowship. Thanks are due to all who have made the centre worthwhile, and especially to the untiring efforts of Sister Ruth Bennett and Mr. Bruce Gordon, Chairman of the Committee.

Institutional Necessities.

Our present position does not justify running ahead of our resources, nevertheless we present to you the need for providing a home for elderly men who are deprived of the fellowship and comfort such a home would give. The need for providing Hostels both for young men and young women is still of paramount necessity, and it is hoped that means will be forthcoming whereby these young people may be kept within the Christian influence.

Staffing.

In order to follow up, consolidate and extend the work of the Mission, it is imperative that as soon as circumstances permit another agent be appointed. We look forward to the day when both the man and the money will be forthcoming. Situated in the centre of the city, and covering the Freeman's Bay area, there is also need for two deaconesses.

Property Matters, Finance and Legacies.

The Health Camp, Astley House and the Parsonage properties are all in first-rate order. We expend the minimum amount on the upkeep of Airedale Street properties. Until the erection of the new building, lack of space necessitates the erection of a temporary office. There are no debts on the Church or institutional work. A legacy of £100 has been received from the estate of the late Miss Ellen Russell.

General.

The Mt. Eden gaol is regularly visited and worship conducted chiefly by the Rev. E. B. Chambers. The Ladies' Guild and Women's Fellowship continue their work of ministry and fellowship. 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 and Ladies' Guild and Health Camp Committee, and a large band of voluntary workers. We register our

thanks to Mrs. N. Gallavin for faithful service in the Goodwill Store, and to Miss E. Holst for effective service in the office. To the Office-bearers, Youth Workers, Choirmaster, Choir, Organist, Chairman of the District, ministers and laymen, the Board of Management expresses its sincere appreciation.

We trust that the present policy of "venturing with prudence" and of consolidating as we grow, will commend itself to all, and inspire further gifts and legacies which will help us to maintain and extend our work.

Our last word is one of grateful thanks to all who have, both by their prayers and gifts and unstinted voluntary service, expressed their confidence in the work, thus enabling the Mission to continue its religious and social service.

A. EVERIL ORR, Superintendent.

W. WOOD,

F. M. SOUSTER, Circuit Stewards. .

J. TYLER, Sec. and Treasurer of Board of Trustees.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

2. Board of Management for 1947: The Superintendent, Superintendent H.M. Department, Chairman of District, Revs. Dr. Ranston, E. W. Hames, A. J. Seamer, Arthur Mitchell, L. R. M. Gilmore, Wesley Parker, Mesdames T. Clark, L. Verry, M. Spurge, Miss E. Booth, Messrs. J. Tyler, A. Williams, J. Trenwith, L. J. Moore, E. J. Hutson, F. Penn, D. Astley, C. K. Wigglesworth, R. Garlick, L. Simpson, L. T. Hayman, together with Circuit Officials, Representatives and Trustees of the Mission Properties.

3. That Conference record its appreciation of the work of the Superintendent of the Mission, Rev. A. E. Orr, for his past year's work, and the success of the financial appeal for new buildings, and of the work of Mr. J. Tyler as Treasurer.

4. That Conference record its appreciation of the manner in which the Franklin Road Trustees and congregation have completed the sale and distribution of the proceeds from the sale of the Church and Sunday School.

B.—DUNEDIN METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION.

ANNUAL REPORT, 1946.

Without publicity or ostentation the executive boards of the Mission have steadily pursued thoughtfully-planned objectives with a measure of success. There has been no major move. A pleasing feature is the acknowledgment of the work of the Mission reflected in public support and confidence. The Sunday services, week-night meetings, the spiritual and social ministries, and the varied youth activities have challenged available resources and demanded consecrated hearts and minds. God-gifted and God-fearing men and women have given much thought, time and energy to all branches of the work and responded to its many claims. Some of the key-men and women of the Mission ceaselessly strive to strengthen foundations, plan objectives, initiate movements, the wisdom of which only the future will reveal and acclaim.

Staff.

The officers recommend to Conference the appointment this year of a second married minister. This appointment calls for thoughtful consideration. The nature of the work demands a man of evangelical ability and vision, humbly dependent upon God. Conference is also asked to appoint a probationer and a deaconess.

Spiritual Work.

Some departments of the Mission are comparatively strong, others lamentably weak, mainly owing to shortage of staff. Continuous effective pastoral work is beyond the ability of one man. During the past year hundreds of churchless people have looked to the Mission for spiritual guidance and material assistance. Even members of other denominations have sought its message. The numberless details, constant unexpected calls, daily routine, expansion policy, engage the staff day and night. The Superintendent shares the confidence of very many people in the city who have come with domestic problems, mental complexes and personal needs.

Proposed Youth and Social Service Centre.

The present buildings provide few facilities for specialised youth work. The officials have in view the erection of a Youth and Social Service Centre. During the year a plan of campaign was considered and a fund established. It may be many years before the objective materialises, but the officers have decided that this is to be the next major move of the Mission.

Young People's Work.

Probably the strongest and most representative Local Youth Council in the Dominion controls the youth programme of the Mission. Every month each section of the work is reviewed, policies determined and movements initiated, while routine work in all its implications and aspects receives thoughtful consideration. In this connection the secretarial work of Miss McCrone is worthy of mention, as also the service rendered by Mr. H. C. Vince as Sunday School Superintendent, and Mr. L. P. Schroeder. It will be of interest to Conference to know that altogether we have 300 young people who weekly meet in clubs and groups.

Eventide Settlement.

The Eventide Settlement for aged women is almost complete. During the year there has been considerable activity in connection with the Settlement—a private hospital has been erected at a cost of £9,000, a caretaker's cottage cost £2,300, and at present a Nurses' Home costing £15,000 is being built. This is to be called the "William Ready Nurses' Home," and will contain sixteen bedrooms, rest rooms, kitchen and dining rooms, baths and showers. It is hoped to open the home in a few weeks. The grounds have received attention and some parts of the main home re-furnished. There are 100 aged women in residence, and a staff of 40. The Government is subsidising 48 patients from the Social Security Fund. The Homes, which have cost £120,000, are now self-supporting. The debt on the whole venture is £8,000.

General.

The buildings in town are in fair order. The Trustees have decided to reconstruct the roof of the theatre, and this may be done during the year. The Mission is well supported by all sections of the community. The officials rejoice in the work that has been accomplished and look forward to another year of service and progress.

L. B. NEALE, Superintendent.

D. MELVILLE,

J. HEATHERINGTON, Circuit Stewards.

H. H. JOHNSON, Sec. and Treas. of the Trust.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference expresses appreciation of the work of Rev. L. B. Neale and his officials.

QUESTION XLVII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference with regard to the training of Deaconesses?

ANNUAL REPORT, 1946.

This year seven young women are in training and good reports have been received of their work both in studies and in the various city circuits. The Committee is grateful to the following lecturers for their willing help—Revs. A. H. Fowles, E. Drake, J. B. Dawson, H. W. Payne, and R. G. Bell. The students have also continued their training in practical work as in nursing, Bible-in-Schools, Sunday School work, and in visitation.

Completion of House Training.

Next year Miss M. Taylor will go to the Central Mission, Dunedin, for her Probationary year. Misses M. Dickie, D. Lye, and J. Simkin will be appointed to work among the Maori people.

New Students.

Six young ladies are taking the examination for entrance into Deaconess House in 1947. This is most encouraging and augurs well for the future.

Superintendent.

Miss Purdie has completed a very difficult year, made difficult largely through domestic staffing problems—and she has done a fine piece of work with credit to herself. She has at much personal sacrifice stayed on as Superintendent until a new appointment could be made. She leaves at the end of this year with the good wishes of the Committee.

New Superintendent.

The Committee has appointed Mrs. E. A. Linyard, M.A., of Hastings, as Lady Superintendent of Deaconess House, as from February 1st, 1947. We commend her to the whole Church as she enters upon her responsible task.

School for Christian Workers.

This matter has been constantly under review and the Committee is submitting a report to Conference.

Finance.

This is dealt with under a special report.

Personal.

During the year the Committee has lost the services of a loyal and efficient member in the person of the late M. A. Rugby Pratt. The Committee also received the resignation of the Rev. A. N. Scotter, who has rendered faithful service during the last six years, first as Treasurer and later as Secretary. The Rev. J. M. Blight was appointed in his place.

The Committee desires to record its appreciation of the services of its officers for the year. The Committee for 1947 will be nominated to Conference.

A. M. COSTAIN, Chairman.
J. M. BLIGHT, Secretary.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

The finances of the Deaconess Institution have caused the Committee no small amount of concern. Unlike other Institutions connected with our Church, we have no large Trusts to assist us, and no bequests to tide over our monetary difficulties.

Throughout the years sixty-six young women have passed through the House and fifty-five have been dedicated to the work of Deaconesses, but in spite of that fact the Church as a whole has not given financial assistance commensurate with the contribution that the Institution has provided.

Except for the last few years no tutor has ever received any remuneration for his work. Practically speaking no charge has been made on the finances of the Institution for the lectures that have been delivered.

The Home Mission Board, the Foreign Mission Board, the Fire Insurance Fund and the Contingent Fund, have been regular givers to the Institution. Nor is the Committee unmindful of the valuable assistance given by the M.W.M.U., Lady Associates, and latterly the Guilds of the Dominion.

The time has come for the whole Church to be seized of the utmost importance of the work and of the need to put the Institution on a sound financial basis, so as to give it its rightful place in the institutional life of the Church.

The cost of training each Deaconess student is £85 per annum. Added to this the high cost of living has made the running of the Institution so much more expensive.

The architect's estimate of urgent and necessary repairs is £700.

Following is the budget for 1947.

EXPENDITURE.

	£
Superintendent's Salary	234
Staff Wages	440
Housekeeping Costs	1,000
Renewals	70
Repairs to Property	80
Rates, General and Water	80
Insurances: Property and Employer's Liability	30
Interest	18
Telephone, Stationery, Stamps, etc.	17
Uniforms and Tuition Fees	85
Depreciation on Buildings and Furnishings	100
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	£2,154

INCOME.

	£
House—18 Students at £65	1,170
Rent	130
Donations	75
Conference Grants, as per 1945—	
H.M. Board	£100
F.M. Board	50
Fire Insurance Board	30
Contingent Fund	125
	<hr/> 305
	1,680
Deficit	<hr/> 474
	<hr/> £2,154

The above Budget estimates a deficit of £474, and this amount will need to be provided by the Church.

The present condition of the buildings calls for urgent and necessary repairs and for this work the architect's estimate is £700. This has, of course, to be provided along with the above deficit.

RESOLUTIONS.

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

2. That the Conference refers to the Deaconess Committee for favourable consideration the placing on Probation of Miss Ruth Bennett and Miss Kathleen Heath as from the beginning of the present Connexional year.

3. That the Deaconess Convention have representation at Conference, and that the Law Book Revision Committee be asked to prepare the necessary formula for presentation to Conference.

4. That Conference express its grateful thanks to Miss Purdie for her work as Superintendent. At some personal sacrifice she has continued in the position, and has seen the institution through some of the difficult war years.

5. That, with the following alterations, and referred to the Law Revision Committee, the Rules and Regulations (Minutes 1946, pp. 154-158) be adopted:

31. Add "by the Circuit, Board or Committee employing her."

40. Delete the words "in the June Quarter," and insert after the word "held," "immediately preceding the annual Church Conference."

6. That Conference express appreciation of the work of Rev. A. N. Scotter, B.A., as Secretary and Treasurer.

7. That the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund be asked to consider the possibility of increasing its grant

8. (a) That in order to meet the immediate urgent needs of Deaconess House, the following grants be authorised:—

H.M. Department—£150 ordinary; £50 special.

F.M. Department—£50 ordinary; £50 special.

Fire Insurance Fund—£50 ordinary; £50 special.

Contingent Fund—£125 ordinary; £125 special.

(b) That Conference sanction an immediate appeal being made to the membership of the Church for £1000, the appeal to be carried through by the Deaconess Committee.

(c) That Conference appoint a special Committee to investigate the matter of the status and training of our Deaconesses, and the future policy of our Church in relation to the Deaconess Institution, and that this Committee report to Synods 1947 and Conference 1948.

Members of the Deaconess Committee, together with the President of the Conference, Revs. W. A. Burley, W. T. Blight, E. W. Hames, A. H. Scrivin, G. I. Laurenson, E. C. Leadley, J. D. Grocott, A. K. Petch, M. A. McDowell, L. R. M. Gilmore, L. B. Neale, A. E. Orr; Sisters Rita Snowden, Ivy Jones; Messrs. G. S. Gapper, W. E. Burley, C. R. Edmond, and N. R. Seddon. Convener: Rev. J. M. Blight.

9. Deaconess Committee:

The Chairman of the District, Connexional Secretary, Superintendent Ministers of the Durham St., Christchurch East, St. Albans, Cambridge Terrace, Woolston and Riccarton Circuits; Revs. E. Drake, A. N. Scotter; Sister Mabel Morley; Mesdames R. Dudley, A. A. Sandford, S. H. Provost, A. Allen, F. Crespín, J. E. Purchase, E. A. Costain; Messrs. E. H. Andrews, J. E. Purchase, W. C. Francis, A. A. Harrow, H. W. Armitage; with Mrs. H. E. Lamb and Mr. C. A. Newman as Honorary Members.

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-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT, 1946.

33rd ANNUAL REPORT.

Surveying the past year we acknowledge with gratitude to God His guidance and blessing in the sacred task of caring for children bereft of parents or of a home. Through many problems and times of difficulty we have been sure of His unfailing love and mercy.

Our family of 74 boys and girls is a great responsibility and an important work is being done in this corner of God's Kingdom. Under our guidance these young lives are developing physically, mentally and spiritually.

Staff.

Miss G. Benton, L.R.S.M., Matron at "Epsom," and Miss P. Grove, Matron at "Wesley," are splendid Christian women who are giving of their best in consecrated service for the children. Miss Grove came to us in June with a good record, having been Sub-Matron at Wesley College, Paerata, for many years. She has already worked wonders at "Wesley," and we are grateful for the quality of service she is rendering. Our two Sub-Matrons are Methodist Young Women. Miss Warren comes to us from our Dominion Road Church and Miss Ching from Nelson.

The staffing of our Homes has been our greatest problem. For months we have been carrying on with a skeleton staff and it seemed as though we would have to reduce the number of children or the willing few would break down. It is our hope that in the future this work may appeal to our young Methodist women as a real piece of

Missionary work. At the present time we are glad to report that both Homes are fully staffed. We attribute this to the fact that the Board has made a generous increase in salaries.

Maintenance of Homes.

The bequests received during the year total £494/7/3. We also acknowledge and thank those of our Church members who are regular donors. The Treasurers report a total income from Churches and Young People's Organisations of £929/1/1, which again shows a decrease on the previous year.

Street Day Appeal.

From this source the Board received the sum of £887/10/-, an increase on the previous year of £95/10/-. The Auckland Orphanages' United Council is rendering valuable help to the different Denominational Homes in the Province, and we record our gratitude for the money and clothing received through this Council.

City Collector.

Through the services of Mr. J. H. Whitburn we have received donations in cash £104/13/6, and goods valued at £61/18/8.

After six years of war and the difficulty of purchasing equipment we have had to replace two stoves, furniture, mattresses, blankets, washing machines, linen, crockery, tools, and cooking utensils. During this and the coming year we will have to face a heavy outlay to replace what in normal times would have been spread over a number of years.

Admissions and Withdrawals.

During the year 25 children were admitted and 22 withdrawn. On September 30th we had 39 boys at "Wesley" and at "Epsom" there were 28 in the Junior House and 7 girls in the Hostel.

Health.

The usual epidemics of measles, mumps and chicken-pox have not passed us by, but the general health of the children has been good. Our Hon. Doctors have been most attentive, giving their time to inoculate the children against diphtheria and whooping-cough. All the children except one were able to have some period of holiday during the Christmas vacation. We are deeply indebted to the folk who gave the children seaside and country holidays.

Maintenance of Children.

This year we have collected £2530/12/9 maintenance. Included in this is the Universal Family Benefit from April 1st, 1946, of which £397/1/6 has been transferred to the Matrons toward the clothing and incidental expenses of those children for whom maintenance is already paid by parents. For quite a large number of children all that is received toward their entire maintenance is this benefit of 10/- per week.

Building Project.

The Board regrets that it is unable to report any favourable scheme for the new building at Mt. Roskill. The Committee is in touch with the Controller and is fully alive to any possibility of getting on with the scheme.

Appreciation and thanks.

The thanks of the Board are offered to all those who have taken a practical interest in the children by giving them outings, treats and gifts, and remembering birthdays, and for the faithful service rendered by the Ladies' Committee and those who have knitted and mended garments. We would especially mention Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Caughey, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Faulkner, Miss Harbutt, and Mr. G. W. Turley.

The Board also records thanks and appreciation to the following: The Hon. Medical Officers, Drs. Rule and Alan Knight, Messrs. C. Martyn & Sons, Opticians, Mr. K. W. White, Chemist, Auckland Brush Co. for brooms, National Brush Co. for brooms, Mr. H. S. Saunderson for plywood and globes, Mr. L. S. Dearing, butcher, the Ladies' Guilds and Churches for Harvest Festival gifts, Childswear Ltd. and Mt. Eden Happiness Club for clothing, Government Research Farm for vegetables, Kempthorne Prosser & Co. for medical supplies. Dominion Brace Co. Ltd., Friendly Road, and Rotary Club, for treats and parties, Henderson friends (Mrs. Freeman, Messrs. Pratt and Wright) for large gifts of fruit.

"He who invests in the future of the child invests in golden security."

Signed on behalf of the Board,

E. T. OLDS, Chairman.

IVY H. JONES, Secretary-Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS.

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

2. That the Board be as follows:—

Life Members: Mrs. W. R. Emerson and Mr. W. Astley. Chairman: Rev. E. T. Olds. Secretary-Treasurer: Sister Ivy Jones. Revs. E. W. Hames, W. Walker, Walter Parker, A. E. Orr, J. C. Draper, and Wesley Parker; Mesdames A. H. White, T. Clark, A. L. Caughey, C. J. Burton, C. K. Wigglesworth, K. J. Rosser, W. H. Faulkner; Misses C. E. Wagstaff and A. E. Rogers; Messrs. J. E. Astley, F. Penn, A. Williams, 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, F. C. Matthews, and the Chairman and Secretary of the South Auckland District.

B.—MASTERTON METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME.

Report of the Management Committee, for the Year Ended
30th September, 1946.

Children.

At the beginning of the year there were forty children in residence—admissions numbered seven and removals eight, leaving thirty-nine children under our care on 30/9/46. School reports indicate that all children are making good progress—while June Hayward was Dux of the Masterton Methodist Sunday School for 1945 and Nester Henwood secured that honour for 1946. Three of the children are in employment and for the present remain in the Home.

Staff.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Bateup, as Master and Matron, with Miss M. Potter and Miss C. Fell as assistants, continue to care for the children in the Home. The Committee takes pleasure in extending to its staff warmest appreciation of their work during another year.

Repairs and Renewals.

During the year it has been possible to replace worn out beds with seven new ones—thirty-four dining room chairs have been purchased and a large cupboard built. To facilitate the work of the Home an electric ironer has been purchased and has proved of great assistance to the staff. Major renewals and maintenance work still remain to be completed, and will be proceeded with as circumstances permit.

Committee.

Mrs. F. C. Daniell withdrew from the Committee during the year. New members are Mrs. G. F. Whitlock and Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Shoosmith.

Bequests.

During the year the Committee has received advice of sums of money from three bequests.

Finance.

Receipts from Circuits reached the substantial total of £520, and maintenance fees amounted to £926. As indicated, repairs and renewals necessitated an increased grant from the Wellington Board. Staff salaries have been increased during the year.

Thanks.

The Committee records its appreciation of the widespread help and kindnesses received from many friends of the Home and the children in the Circuits and Sunday schools throughout the Home district.

The thanks of the Committee is extended to all those who received our children into their homes during the holiday periods.

The ready co-operation of the Wellington Board is much appreciated.

Board for 1947.

Mr. J. H. Conly (Chairman), Mr. W. R. Nicol (Secretary-Manager and Treasurer), Mr. W. H. J. Watson (Asst. Secretary), Dr. N. H. Prior, Rev. G. H. Goodman, Mesdames J. Elliott, G. H. Goodman, G. F. Whitlock, and C. D. Shoosmith; Misses M. Burton, L. Cocker and R. Elliott; Messrs. G. F. Whitlock, D. A. Barnes, F. E. Wells, A. H. Daniell, and C. D. Shoosmith.

For the Committee,

W. R. NICOL, Secretary-Manager.

G. F. WHITLOCK, Chairman.

RESOLUTION.

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

C.—SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME.

32nd ANNUAL REPORT, 1946.

With hearts full of gratitude to God for His guidance and help, we present our 32nd Annual Report of our Work in the South Island Methodist Children's Home.

Many have been the problems confronted and the difficulties to be overcome, and those responsible for the care of our large family, both Board members and staff, look back over the past year with a very real knowledge that the Father has very richly blessed what we have sought to do for His little ones.

The Home. 85 children have been under our care during the period under review, 10 have been at work, 10 at Secondary School, 57 at Primary School, and 8 under school age.

The Health of the Children. With such a large company living together, it is inevitable that we should have our share of sickness, and there have been occasions when the time and strength of the Matron and Staff have been heavily taxed. Nevertheless we are thankful that there have been very few cases of serious illness and a happy freedom from epidemics. Our most sincere thanks are due to Dr. S. C. Peddie, our Honorary Physician whose interest in, and care for our sick bairns has done much to make the way easier.

So many children who come to us are retarded and in poor health, that considerable part of our work among them at the beginning is concerned with their physical welfare. This often throws a heavy burden on Miss Barclay, but their improvement as they settle down to a well-ordered life with good meals and adequate rest, is more than a reward for the time and thought spent on them.

School Life. Educational problems have to be faced in many cases and we would take this opportunity of expressing our keen appreciation of the help and co-operation which is so gladly given at all times by the Headmasters and Staffs of the Waimairi Primary School, the Papanui Technical College, and also those in charge of the Christchurch Vocational Guidance Centre. Without the help of these good friends our work would be considerably heavier.

And so to Work. The Board recognises that its duty towards the boys and girls under its care does not cease until each individual child has reached the stage when he or she is capable of assuming the full responsibilities of living.

With this end always in view, the greatest care is taken, not only in the choice of employment to which the children go, but in the finding of suitable homes in which they shall live. Much difficulty has been found in placing working boys in a Christian environment and the help of our Church people is most earnestly solicited in this direction.

As children leave school and go into employment, every effort is made to keep them in touch with the Church, and with the friendly oversight of the Superintendent and Miss Barclay, encouragement is given them to save and to use their money wisely.

The Part Played by the Church. The association of our children with the life and work of the Church is a close one and we owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to a host of voluntary workers who assist us through Bible Classes, Sunday School, Girls' Life Brigade, Boy Scouts and Clubs. In addition to our many friends in Papanui, we would express our appreciation to the staff of the St. Albans Sunday School and the members and helpers of the Christchurch District Youth Council who give so freely of their time and thought to the work of the Kingdom among our children.

Holiday Joys. The abundant happiness that is evident on the faces of the boys and girls as they return from Summer holidays spent with new-found friends, is sufficient proof of the tremendous value of such an experience. To our many generous-hearted friends—near home and distant—who offer hospitality in this way, we give our most grateful thanks. Last Summer twelve of our primary school boys enjoyed to the full the facilities offered by the Y.M.C.A. Camp at Wainui.

Our Lady Helpers. Human standards of measurement would be quite inadequate to assess the value of the contribution made to the work of the Home year by year by the Ladies' House Committee under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Pratt. To these kind helpers, and to those from the city and suburban Guilds who render such notable service in the sewing room week by week, we say "Thank you."

And Those Who Help in Other Ways. For over thirty years our work has been maintained through the love and goodwill in the hearts of hosts of men and women, and we give thanks for financial help—so badly needed in these days of high costs—and for those many gifts of eggs, jam, produce and clothing that help so much to keep costs within control. We are not unmindful of all these things.

Finance. The past year has brought a considerable financial burden to the Board in the form of increased maintenance and essential service costs. In spite of every effort to limit expenditure, we have to report a deficit of £1168/7/8 on the year's working.

Combined Orphanages Appeal. The Fifteenth Combined Orphanages Appeal representing the Anglican, Methodist, and Presbyterian Churches of Christchurch eclipsed all records, and we express our keen appreciation of the splendid work done by the Committee, Bible Class members, and all those who helped to make such a success of the undertaking. Our share this year was £839—a very substantial aid to our funds.

Staff. In common with many other institutions in the Dominion, staffing problems continue to give us much concern. Despite all our efforts to secure adequate help, there have been times during the year when we have been in a most serious position. At the moment, through the help of two of our senior girls, things are a little easier. To Miss Barclay and her team of helpers the Board expresses its most sincere gratitude.

"In Memoriam." The past year has brought to our Home a very heavy burden of sorrow in the passing of the Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt and Mrs. C. W. Barrell, both for many years members of the Board and deeply interested in the welfare of the children. To their dear ones who are left, we offer our most sincere sympathy.

And in Conclusion. It would be impossible in the small compass of such a report as this to do more than touch the fringe of all the things about which we would like to speak. The work we seek to do, under the guidance of God, among the little people committed to our care, is fraught with many difficulties, but the sunshine breaks through the clouds, and as we look back on the twelve months that have passed, we give thanks and unite our voices with those who, in every generation have said "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

A. M. COSTAIN, Chairman.
GEO. H. COLEY, Superintendent.

RESOLUTIONS.

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

2. **Board of Management:** Revs. A. M. Costain (Chairman), H. L. Fiebig, R. Dudley, E. Drake, A. N. Scotter, Superintendents of Papanui, St. Albans, Christchurch East, Cambridge Terrace and Woolston Circuits, Messrs. L. J. Dale, H. de R. Flesher, A. A. Harrow, H. J. S. Harrington, C. L. Palmer, F. A. Sheat, W. S. Worner; Mesdames M. A. R. Pratt, W. Cock, R. A. Marsh, M. Opie, H. Queree, and Miss Horrell.

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS.

1. That Conference expresses appreciation of the fine work of the staff in each Home.

2. That Conference requests Ministers on suitable occasions to bring before their congregations the opportunities for service available for women in our Children's Homes.

3. That Conference request the three Orphanages Boards to collaborate in bringing their claims before the Church and general public by means of pamphlets suitably Methodist, and by advertising in such periodicals as the "Law Journal." It further requests that special attention be given to bringing the claims of the Orphanages before the Public Trust Office, Trustee Companies, and Legal Firms.

QUESTION XLIX.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Connexional Literature?

(A)—METHODIST TIMES COMMITTEE.

REPORT FOR 1946.

Circulation: It is gratifying to report that the number of subscribers at date is the highest on record. Since May of this year 263 new names have been recorded. While we can never rest content with our work in this sphere, it is well to note that statistics indicate that our circulation compares more than favourably with that of other Churches on a membership pro rata basis.

Editorship: This year the Rev. H. E. Bellhouse lays down his pen as Editor after almost 11 years' service. During that long period he has maintained the paper at a high level of excellence. A journal such as ours must be sufficiently broad in its outlook and varied in its content as to meet the needs of the Church as a whole and not of one section of it only. Under the direction of Mr. Bellhouse this has been done, the steadily increasing circulation being the best testimony to that fact. A suitable resolution concerning his record of distinctive service will be presented to Conference.

Associate Editor: During the period for which the Rev. H. S. Kings has occupied this position he has revealed his capacity for the task which has been carried out in a thorough and eminently satisfactory manner.

Appreciation is expressed of the manner in which those responsible for the various sections of the paper have contributed to its witness and usefulness; also of the continued activity of Circuit agents which is demonstrated in the mounting number of subscribers.

Editor for 1947: The Conference of 1946 instructed the Methodist Times Committee to submit to the following Synods and Conference recommendations in respect to the Editorship for 1947.

Several names were before the Committee which finally decided to make only one nomination—that of the Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D. It does so for the following reasons:—

(a) Mr. Blight is endowed with strong intellectual powers and is able to express himself with a lucidity that makes a strong appeal.

(b) Not only is he a scholar of no mean order; but also he has kept himself abreast of modern thought and has a strong grasp of contemporary situations, religious, social, and international.

(c) He is a man of rich spiritual experience and of sound judgment. His sympathies do not run in a narrow channel, but are broad enough to express themselves through our Church Journal in a way that will evoke a wide response.

(d) He is steeped in Methodism and out of his knowledge and experience gained through thirty years of effective service to the Church is able to give a strong and wise lead in all matters affecting the life of our Church and its witness in the community.

In view of the proposals respecting the appointment of an Editor-Manager in due course, it is recommended that the appointment of the Rev. W. T. Blight as Editor be for one year, commencing April, 1947.

Committee for 1947. The following are nominated:—The Connexional Secretary, Revs. E. Drake, R. Dudley, L. C. Horwood, A. J. Johnston, and A. O. Harris; Messrs. E. H. Andrews, H. de R. Flesher, D. McHarg, and H. W. Beaumont.

E. H. ANDREWS, Chairman.

H. L. FIEBIG, Business Manager.

RESOLUTIONS.

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

2. That the Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D., be appointed Editor for one year, commencing April, 1947, and that the Rev. H. S. Kings be thanked for his services as Associate-Editor and be re-appointed.

3. That Conference record its deep appreciation of the outstanding service rendered to the Church by the Rev. H. E. Bellhouse as Editor of the "Methodist Times" during the last eleven years.

Bringing to the task his richly furnished mind, he has steadily maintained the paper at a high literary and spiritual level throughout that period.

Conference rejoices that this signal service crowns a Ministry noted for its impact upon the life of our Church, and that Mr. Bellhouse retires from office with our Connexional journal recording the highest circulation in its history.

(B)—METHODIST BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS.

REPORT TO CONFERENCE.

The Methodist Board of Publications report on its work throughout the year 1946 as follows:—

The Board and its Committees have held numerous meetings, and given much thought and prayer to the duties allotted to them.

1. **Approving Manuscripts for Publications.** It has approved the publication of "Homes for All," and "God and the Family," both by Rev. C. T. Symons, M.A., B.D., published by the Youth Board with the co-operation of the Spiritual Advance Committee; "Temperance Hot-Points," by Rev. C. T. Symons, M.A., B.D., published by the Youth Board; "Methodist Maori Missions," by Rev. G. I. Laurenson, published by the Wesley Historical Society (N.Z.); and "What—No Religion?" by Rev. Dr. H. Ranston, M.A., published by the Spiritual Advance Committee.

2. **General Matters.** Considerable thought has been given to the drafting of a suitable constitution for the Board. Ways and means of financing the Board's activities have also been considered.

3. **Publications.** It is the opinion of the Board that an intensive policy of publications is urgently required. Tracts and booklets of many kinds are needed by our people. Plans for a comprehensive policy in this connection are being worked out, and will be carried through as soon as the necessary finance is available.

The Board draws the attention of all Synods to the experience of our **Victorian and Tasmanian Conference**, where in three years, a vigorous and influential publishing department has come into existence, and is carrying through a very fruitful work. This shows us what can be done—even though there were many difficulties consequent upon the war. Such an example should encourage us to go forward.

4. **Epworth Bookroom (N.Z.) and Trading Departments.** The Board considers that with the development of its work, and in order to ensure an outlet and distributing medium for its publications, negotiations should be commenced for the transfer of such Trade Departments to the Board of Publications.

5. **"Methodist Times" Editor-Manager Policy.** Means of implementing the decisions of last Conference have been investigated, and recommendations are accordingly made. It is proposed to advertise for an Editor-Manager (or Director of Publications as it is intended to designate him or her) who shall regard such a position as a call from God for specialised service. It is required that the appointee have a rich Christian experience, and a sound knowledge of our New Zealand Methodism. Ministers and laymen will be eligible for consideration. The duties of the appointee shall include the inauguration and carrying through of a vigorous policy of tracts and booklets publication as well as attending to the duties associated with the "Methodist Times."

The Board would stress the fact that it expects the new "Methodist Times" to be self-supporting. To secure this, a campaign to increase the number of subscribers to 7000 (present number is about 3600) is contemplated; and also it is planned to secure advertising at rates which will assist to this end. Advice and assistance from advertising firms assure us that the amount of advertising required should be forthcoming, and that the proposed rates are competitive with rates charged by other similar journals. One firm has offered to secure the advertising for us. Estimates which follow are based on a written quotation for printing given in July, 1946. It is proposed to charge two-thirds of the salary and office charges of the Director to the "Methodist Times," and the remaining third to the "General A/c."

The Board would stress the fact that the following improvements and advantages would be a feature of the new "Methodist Times."

- (a) It will have thirty-six pages in all (including covers), size 10½ins. x 8ins., as against the present sixteen pages, size 14½ins. x 10½ins.
- (b) The new size will make the magazine more convenient for reading and posting.
- (c) The cover will be of heavy art finish paper, printed two-colour, with pleasing appearance, and such as enables blocks to be reproduced to advantage.

- (d) With its more colourful appearance it will have an immediate appeal that will assist to increase its circulation.
- (e) As the Editor will have this as a main contribution that he (or she) makes to the life of the Church, owing to at least two-thirds of his or her time being devoted to it, the contents of the paper should maintain a consistently high standard.
- (f) After allowing for advertising, there will be thirty per cent. more space in which to display the type. Consequently it is proposed to use a larger and more easily read type than is being used at present.
- (g) The "Methodist Times" will be self-supporting, whereas even with grants from Connexional funds, and only a part-time Editor (with a very small honorarium), the present "Methodist Times" does not always pay its way. Thus grants now going to the "Methodist Times" would be able to be diverted to help publish tracts and booklets.

The Board would summarise by stating that the paper would have as its main purpose, the use of the printed word for the evangelising of the people, and the furtherance and development of the work of our Methodist Church.

Estimates.

The following figures are to show that the paper can be self-supporting. These figures have been closely scrutinised by several Auckland businessmen and advertising specialists, and are a reliable basis for discussion. These figures are based on quotations at July, 1946.

For a Circulation of 4000 Copies.

Expenses:	£	s.	d.
Printing (written quotation)	1,550	0	0
Blocks and Art (estimate)	150	0	0
Postages	207	10	0
Publishing (written quotation)	120	0	0
Office Rent £104, Typist £200, General £86. Total			
£390. Two-thirds is	260	0	0
Salary Editor-Manager, £600. Two-thirds is	400	0	0
Contingencies	100	0	0
Excess Income over Expenditure	803	0	0
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	£3,590	0	0
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Income:	£	s.	d.
4000 Subscriptions at 8/- less 5% Commission	1,520	0	0
Advertising £2550, less 20% Commission	2,040	0	0
Interest on Capital "M.T." A/c.	30	0	0
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	£3,590	0	0
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For Circulation of 7000 Copies.

Expenses:	£	s.	d.
Printing (written quotation)	2,187	0	0
Blocks and Art (estimate)	150	0	0
Postages	355	0	0
Publishing (written quotation) £175. Say	200	0	0
Office Rent £104, Typist £200, General £86. Total			
£390. Two-thirds is	260	0	0
Stipend Editor-Manager £600. Two-thirds is	400	0	0
Contingencies	100	0	0
Excess Income over Expenditure	1,078	0	0
	<hr/> £4,730	0	0

Income:	£	s.	d.
7000 Subscriptions at 8/-, less 5% commission £140, is	2,660	0	0
Advertising as estimated by reputable advertising agents, £2550, less 20% Commission, is	2,040	0	0
Interest on "M.T." Capital A/c. is	30	0	0
	<hr/> £4,730	0	0

In Conclusion we would remind the Church of the great opportunities that to-day confront us in the realm of publications. The public to-day is a reading public. We appeal to the whole Church for that vision and faith which is prepared to grasp opportunities, and thus advance the cause of Jesus Christ and His Church.

D. E. PARTON, Chairman.

H. C. MATTHEWS, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That Conference adopt the Report on the basis of the estimate for 4,000 copies.

2. That the Editor-Manager of the "Methodist Times" be appointed at the next Conference.

3. That the position of Editor-Manager be advertised, and thereafter one or more nominations be made to Synods 1947 and Conference. The nomination may be minister, layman or laywoman.

4. That the Board arrange the date at which the Editor-Manager commence his duties; and that the new "Methodist Times" commence publication as soon as possible after such appointment, all details to be in the hands of the Board.

5. That the Editor-Manager be designated "Director of Publications."

6. That details of distribution, securing advertisements, etc., be in the hands of the Board.

7. That the first appointment of Director of Publications be for a term of three (3) years, thereafter paragraph No. 8 of the Constitution to apply.

8. That a Correspondent be appointed in each Synodal District in order to keep the Editor informed of events of interest in that District.

9. That each Circuit appoint a Publications Secretary who shall act as agent for all the Board's publications, enrol subscribers for the "Methodist Times," and collect subscriptions. Where possible such a person shall be a member of the Quarterly Meeting.

10. That the Board be authorised to issue an attractive handbill advertising the new paper, and that this be widely distributed.

11. That the Board be authorised to print 7,000 copies for the first three months.

12. That the subscription rate for the new "Methodist Times" be 8/- per annum post free; single copies 4d. post free.

13. That Conference strongly commends the proposal for the early implementation of a policy of issuing tracts and booklets on topics of interest.

14. That the Board be authorised to have two separate accounts; one to be the "Methodist Times A/c." and the other to be the "General A/c."

15. That the transfer of the present "Methodist Times" Capital assets be authorised; such to be kept in the "Methodist Times A/c." and to be used exclusively for the "Methodist Times."

16. That authority be given the Board eventually to raise a Capital Fund of at least £5000 for the General A/c.

17. That an appeal for £750 for the General A/c. for current expenditure for immediately implementing intensive publications activities, be authorised.

18. That existing grants made from Connexional funds for the present "Methodist Times" be voted by Conference to the General A/c. of the Board; and that an appeal be made to Connexional Boards Funds and Church Trusts.

9. That the matter of negotiations with the Home Mission Department and with other Boards having Trading Departments be referred back to the Publications Board for further consideration.

20. That the matter of the management and distribution of the new paper in the initial stages be decided by the "Methodist Times" Committee and the Publications Board in collaboration.

2. That the following Constitution be received and referred to the Law Revision Committee:—

LAW BOOK, PART VII., SECTION VI.

Paragraph ? The Methodist Board of Publications.

1. The title shall be the Methodist Connexional Board of Publications.

2. The objects and powers of the Board shall be:—

(a) To foster all possible means of propagating the message of the Christian Faith, and giving publicity to the work of the Methodist Church of New Zealand by—

(1) Printing and/or publishing, and/or selling periodicals, books, booklets, and pamphlets;

(2) Using posters, press, screen, radio, and such other acceptable means of publicity as may from time to time develop and become available.

- (b) To publish and trade in books, pamphlets and other printed matter; to encourage the writing of suitable new publications; to act as approving authority in respect to all manuscripts submitted for publication in the name of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, or any of its Institutions; and generally to take such steps as may be necessary to carry out the objects set out in this sub-clause.
- (c) To co-ordinate, in consultation with other Boards of the Conference, the publication of all Church periodicals, with a view to preventing overlapping, and to ensure harmony with the general purpose of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.
- (d) To co-operate with the Departments of the Methodist Church for the production of publications which aim at the more effective promotion of their special work.
- (e) The Board shall have power to delegate certain of its activities to Connexional Departments or Boards.
- (f) The Board shall be empowered to set up necessary Committees to carry out its work.

3. The Board of Publications shall be appointed annually by Conference and shall work under its direction.

4. The appointment of a Director of Publications shall be made by Conference on the nomination of the Board, provided always that Synods and Conference have the right to submit further nominations. The Director is thus a Conference appointment.

5. The Board of Publications shall consist of:—

- (a) The President of Conference, The Director of Publications, The Chairman of the District in which the Board is situated, The General Superintendent of Home Missions, The General Secretary of Foreign Missions, The Senior Youth Director, The Connexional Secretary, The Principal of the Theological College, Five (5) Ministers other than the above, of whom at least three (3) shall be in active work, and ten (10) Lay Representatives.
- (b) Its Officers shall be elected annually as follows:—Chairman, Secretary-Convener, a Ministerial and a Lay Treasurer; such Officers being appointed by Conference on the nomination of the Board.

6. The Board shall have power to fill any vacancy in its officers which may occur during the Connexional year.

7. The Board shall forward a report annually to the Synods and the Conference; and shall nominate, for the consideration of Conference, the members and officers of the Board for the ensuing year.

8. The Director of Publications.

- (a) If a Minister, the Director shall, after his first term of office, be appointed for a term of six (6) years if it is the wish of the Conference to continue him in office.
- (b) If a layman or laywoman, the term of appointment and the time for reviewing it shall be decided at the time of the first appointment.

9. The duties of the Director of Publications shall be:—

- (a) To act as chief Executive Officer of the Board.
- (b) To undertake the responsibilities of Editor-Manager of the "Methodist Times."

- (c) To act as co-ordinating link with other Connexional Boards which produce their own publications.
- (d) To manage the affairs of the Board as outlined by the Board of Publications and approved by the Conference.

10. If a layman is appointed as Director of Publications, he shall be a member of the Synod in his district, and have a seat in Conference; but his vote at Conference shall be subject to the provisions of the Law Book, page 174, para. 240 (1).

If the Director of Publications is a Minister, the Lay Treasurer of the Board shall be ex-officio, a member of the District Synod and Conference.

- 11. The finances of the Board.
- (a) The funds of the Board shall consist of
 - (1) The revenue from the sale of publications, and other approved sources.
 - (2) A "Working Capital" Fund to support all the activities of the Board.
 - (3) Subsidies from Connexional Funds for which the Board seeks the approval of Conference, such subsidies to be proposed in consultation with the Treasurers of the funds concerned.
- (b) An annual statement of Income and Expenditure for the past year shall be prepared by the Treasurers of the Board for submission to Synods and Conference.
- (c) Grants may be made with the approval of Conference from the funds of the Board to subsidise the approved publications of other Departments.
- (d) The finance of the "Methodist Times," while part of the total funds of the Board, shall be kept in a separate account, to be known as the "Methodist Times" Account.
- (e) A reasonable proportion of the salary and other charges associated with the office of Director of Publications shall be a charge upon the "Methodist Times" Account; the remainder of the salary and other charges shall be a charge upon the general funds of the Board.

QUESTION L.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference concerning Military and Naval Chaplaincy Affairs?

REPORT OF SENIOR CHAPLAIN.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

Since last Conference Chaplain J. Willoughby has returned from Overseas Service and has been released for Church Work. This leaves at the moment, the Rev. W. Rowe, on Air Force Station in New Zealand, and the Rev. Harris Whitfield with the Occupation Forces in Japan.

Chaplain Rowe desires to return to Church Work as at 31st March, and advice just to hand from Headquarters says that he is to be replaced by a Methodist Chaplain. Chaplain Rowe is completing four and a-half years of service in New Zealand and Fiji, and he has done an excellent piece of work in both spheres.

Chaplain Whitfield, Headquarters just now advise, will be returning about July, and he also will need to be replaced. In both these cases it was hoped that there would be no need for replacement, but the most recent developments call for these appointments.

As this official word comes just on the eve of Conference, it is not possible to consult the District Advisory Boards, and the matter must be left in the hands of Conference.

There is still no advice of the policy of the Government as to Territorial Training or Camps. Headquarters advise the possibility of an early return to the three-district Advisory Board control on a similar basis to pre-war control.

In the official list of Chaplains who have seen Active Service during the war period, printed in the last Minutes of Conference, the names of the Revs. J. Dennis and A. T. Kent were inadvertently omitted and should be added to that list.

I regret that ill-health has caused me to "go slow" over the latter period of the year, and although health is returning, and I can do my full Ministerial work, my medical adviser will not permit any extra duties whatsoever. As I relinquish Chaplaincy work I feel it has been my privilege to represent my Church as Senior Chaplain during the greater part of the war period, and though it has represented a great amount of extra work and worry, one felt it an added call to serve. When the Chaplain's Dominion Advisory Council was formed, governing the Chaplains of all the Denominations in New Zealand, I was called to the position of chief executive officer of that body and later to the Chairmanship of the Council. This has meant that our Methodist Church throughout the war period had, at least, the very fullest consideration in matters of appointments, etc. As I now resign from the Council I desire to record the brotherly, cordial and generous treatment which I have ever received from this Interdenominational Council, as well as the courtesy and helpfulness of the Army and Air Headquarters staff.

(Sgd.) FREDERICK J. PARKER.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.
2. That the resignation of the Rev. F. J. Parker, as Senior Chaplain, be received with regret, and that he be thanked for his services.
3. That the Rev. V. R. Jamieson, M.B.E., be appointed Senior Chaplain.
4. That the names of the Revs. J. Dennis and A. T. Kent, omitted in the 1946 Minutes, be added to the names of the List of Chaplains who have served at Home or Overseas.
5. That Messrs. A. J. Johnson and P. E. Pattrick be thanked for their services as Treasurers and be re-appointed.
6. That in all Churches at least one retiring collection be taken during the year for the Chaplaincy Fund.
7. That the Rev. W. S. Dawson, B.A., replace the Rev. Harris Whitfield as Chaplain to the "J" Force, and that the Rev. R. Day replace the Rev. W. Rowe as Air Force Chaplain in N.Z.
8. That the Revs. L. Greenslade and R. Thornley be appointed as Naval Chaplains for Dunedin and Bluff respectively.

9. Chaplains' Advisory Committees, 1947:

NORTHERN DISTRICT—Revs. J. C. Draper, Wesley Parker, B. M. Chrystall, W. Walker, H. Whitfield, Messrs. C. K. Wigglesworth, W. H. Elliott, R. Garlick, L. A. Scrivin. Convener: J. C. Draper.

CENTRAL DISTRICT—Revs. W. A. Burley, W. H. Greenslade, V. R. Jamieson (Senior Chaplain), J. D. McArthur, H. S. Kings, Messrs. T. M. Pacey, R. Hardie Boys, A. A. Johnston, E. W. A. Kellow, P. E. Patrick, S. Roberts, and H. J. Steptoe.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT—Revs. A. M. Costain, V. R. Jamieson, L. C. Horwood, A. Witheford (Convener), H. L. Fiebig; Messrs. A. Dingwall, H. Francis, L. Burton, and H. Smith.

QUESTION LI.—What is the Report of the Custodian on Early Church Records, Libraries, and Museums?

A.—THE CONNEXIONAL OFFICE.

During the year the following have been lodged for safe keeping:

N.Z. Centennial Methodist Thanksgiving Fund Minute Book, 1939-1946. Rev. A. J. Johnston.

Centennial Thanksgiving Fund: North Canterbury District Records. Mr. W. Charles Francis.

Enlarged Photograph of early Wellington. Mr. P. Denton.

Local Preachers' Association Records. Mr. A. E. Lawry.

Inglewood 70th Church Anniversary Brochure. Rev. J. C. R. Ashworth.

Woolston Church Trust Minute Books. Mr. A. Falkingham.

Presidential Albums, 1914-1940. Rev. W. T. Blight.

Carterton Church 75th Anniversary Brochure. Rev. R. Grice.

Serving Bowl of Communion Set once used in Leek Circuit, Staffordshire. Mr. W. Heath.

H. L. FIEBIG, Custodian.

B.—WESLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY. N.Z. BRANCH.

The passing of our President, Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt, F.R. Hist. S., during the year has been a big loss to the Society. The continued illhealth of Dr. Laws has also been a distinct loss to the standing committee, as his interest in the meetings has also hitherto proved a stimulating factor. Last Conference saw a well attended Annual Meeting at Trinity College Library, several new members were enrolled at the meeting, and a very healthy interest was evinced in the activities of the Society. Two brochures have been issued under the auspices of the Society, dealing with "Karori Methodism" and with "Maori Mission Yesterday and To-day." Others are being prepared. We would welcome from circuits news of forthcoming celebrations of Anniversaries, of considerable historic interest with a view to co-operation in the publication of historical records. We hope before long to be able to publish brief records of the histories of the smaller Methodist bodies which became part of our united Methodism.

E. W. HAMES, Chairman of Standing Committee.

G. I. LAURENSEN, Interim Secretary.

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 gifts and records during the year.

QUESTION LII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on Matters Previously Remitted to Synods for Committees to Report?

I.—CHURCH UNION.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1946.

Since our last report the Committee has suffered a severe blow in the death of Rev. M. A. Rugby Pratt. It was he who prepared the resolution at the Conference of 1940 which began the negotiations with the other two Churches. From the very first he was an active member and took a leading part in all committee meetings, missing only one meeting when, through serious illness, he was unable to travel. The Combined Committee, too, has also lost a valued leader in the late Rev. J. Thomson Macky, whose wise chairmanship was of great service to the cause of Union.

The Combined Committee took steps with a view to further co-operation in Theological Training, Youth Work, Publicity, and Women's Work. Already meetings have been held in connection with our Women's Work, where representatives of the three Churches conferred on method and organisation.

The three Conveners have visited as many centres as possible and have met the office-bearers of the three Churches in combined meetings. The purpose was to explain the Proposed Basis and to discuss with the officials any point that needed elucidation. This has been achieved with good results so far as can be judged. In every case good attendances have been registered, and the lucid exposition of the Basis given by Rev. J. M. Bates has done much to make the proposals better known and understood. No doubt misunderstandings have been removed, and misgiving allayed. These have been revealed by the questions asked of the conveners. Meetings have been held in Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, Dunedin, Oamaru, and Whangarei. Only the lack of time has prevented visits to other centres, but it is hoped to continue them in 1947.

Already applications have been received from at least three important towns. The Committee desires that those responsible will spare no effort to ensure a fully representative meeting, so as to make it worth the trouble and expense involved.

The most outstanding event of the year has been the action of the Presbyterian Assembly in approving the Basis of Union by an overwhelming vote. This is a definite committal as far as the Supreme Court of this Church is concerned. Congregations will be reached as far as possible during 1947 and 1948 by members of the Presbyterian Committee. In the latter year a vote will be taken in Presbyterian congregations. On that vote much will depend. Rev. C. O. Hailwood, who was accompanied by Mr. C. E. Taylor, ably represented our Church at the Church Union Session of the Assembly. His address greatly impressed those present. The Committee expresses its appreciation of Mr. Hailwood's service to the cause of Union.

Your Committee considers the time has now come for the Conference to vote on the adoption of the Basis of Union.. A very great deal of time has been spent in negotiations and discussions to prepare it. The Basis is an outline dealing with those matters where it might be expected we should have difficulty in reaching agreement. Minor details may be altered but in principle the Basis represents what the doctrine and polity of the United Church will be.

When the Conference approves the Basis then the way will be open for its submission to the Quarterly Meetings. The Committee considers that we must act similarly to the Presbyterians and the Congregationalists and make sure the Quarterly Meetings are informed of the purpose of the Basis. To this end the Committee will make arrangements so that every Quarterly Meeting will be visited by one of its members before the final vote is taken.

The success of the Union Church at Raglan and the moves towards local union in other parts of the Dominion, give encouragement to the hope that the union of the three negotiating Churches is practicable. The Committee hopes this local movement will spread in the coming year, for in no better way can we prepare for ultimate union.

The Editor of the "Methodist Times" has been generous in giving the Committee space for many articles on the subject. It is hoped that in 1947 Church Union will be kept to the fore in all our publications.

The Recommendations of the Committee are set out below.

W. T. BLIGHT (President of the Conference), Chairman.
W. A. BURLEY, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference approve the Basis of Union as an outline of the doctrine and polity on which we can unite with the Presbyterian and Congregational Churches, and submits it to the Quarterly Meetings for June, 1948, for approval.
3. That arrangements be made by the Committee for the exposition of the Basis so that every Quarterly Meeting will be visited by a Committee member to explain and discuss the Basis before the vote is taken.
4. That this Conference records its deep sense of loss in the death of the Rev. J. T. V. Steele, who from the inception of the negotiations for Church Union has been a strong advocate of this cause, and has rendered yeoman service on the Combined Committee. The Conference tenders to the Presbyterian Church and to Mrs. Steele its profound sympathy in the loss they have sustained.
5. **Mutual Eligibility of Membership:** Communicant membership in any of the negotiating Churches shall be recognised as sufficient for clear transfer into full membership in any other of the three Churches. On presentation of the removal certificate, it shall be noted that the said member came as a member in full standing in the former Church. This fact is also to be noted on the removal certificate to be provided on removal from the said district. Upon receipt of such removal certificate, and the admission of the bearer into membership, acknowledgment shall be sent by the receiving Minister to the Minister in the previous district.

6. That the Committee for 1947 be the President, Ex-President, Vice-President, Ex-Vice-President, and Secretary of Conference, Chairmen of Districts, Revs. A. H. Scrivin, E. W. Hames, G. I. Laurenson, E. Te Tuhi, C. O. Hailwood, R. Dudley, B. M. Chrystall, J. D. Grotcott, W. R. Laws, A. K. Petch, and C. T. Symons; Mrs. M. Nicolson; Miss A. C. Tocker; Messrs. H. de R. Flesher, T. M. Pacey, J. E. Purchase, N. R. Seddon, C. E. Taylor, W. J. Court, C. R. Edmond, M. Hughson, P. Rushton, and S. E. Chappell. Convener: Rev. W. A. Burley.

II.—WOMEN AND THE MINISTRY.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Two meetings have been held in Auckland, and a few of the corresponding members have forwarded suggestions, some of a far-reaching nature.

Amongst most members of the Committee, the opinion is strongly held that the question is inseparable from a thorough consideration and revision of our whole system of Deaconess Training; while one corresponding lady member takes the opposite course, affirming that "the day of Deaconesses is over," and that the question of Women and the Ministry must be faced squarely and courageously as a paramount issue involving the whole organization and set-up of the wider Ministry.

The Committee fully approves the principle of equality both in training and status. At the Representative Session of the last British Conference, the following resolution, moved by Dr. Howard, was passed unanimously:—

"That the Committee be asked to consider the enlargement of the sphere of service of members of the Wesley Deaconess Order, and of Women Missionaries Overseas, so that those who attain a standard equivalent to that of candidates for Ordination, should receive Presbyters' Orders to administer the Sacrament as well as preach the Word of God. These women ministers, if Deaconesses, would be subject to the discipline and direction of the Department of Women's Ministry now known as the Wesley Deaconess Order, and if Women Missionaries, to the discipline and direction of the Overseas Missions Committee."

The Committee is strongly inclined to the view that adequate ministerial training for women could best be provided at Auckland by an extension of the facilities at Trinity College, the only practical alternative being a revision of the administrative and teaching facilities at Deaconess House. The Committee therefore urges Synods and Conference to consider frankly this issue so that a sound and attractive basis of Ministerial Training for women may be established.

E. T. OLDS, Chairman.

WESLEY PARKER, Convener.

Supplementary Report.

The Committee has met and considered the reports from Synods and makes the following recommendations:—

1. Believing that there are spheres of service for women in the ordained ranks of the Ministry, we invite Conference to declare its readiness to accept women into the Ordained Ministry.

2. As a Committee we feel that the main, but not the only avenue of approach to the Ordained Ministry, should be through the Deaconess Order, and further, we desire to see the status of the Deaconess Order greatly enhanced.

3. That if the above principles are accepted by the Conference, the Committee would be pleased to be re-appointed and make the effectuating recommendations to Synods and Conference.

WESLEY PARKER, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Reports be received and adopted.
2. That the Committee continue its work, giving consideration to the following matters:—
 - (a) In consultation with the Deaconess Committee, keeping under constant review our system of Deaconess Training and formulating policies and plans for advance.
 - (b) Keeping Conference informed of developments overseas in relation to Women Ministers, and as soon as practicable submitting definite plans to Conference.

III.—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENTIAL RULINGS ON PEACE AND WAR MANIFESTO.

1946 Minutes, page 198.

The Committee set up to investigate the Presidential Rulings on the Manifesto on Peace and War, submits the following conclusions:—

(1) The Manifesto was drawn up during the Conference of 1940 and was accepted by the Conference. It was a declaration of the mind of the Church in the serious international crisis which had arisen when war broke out in 1939. The Manifesto expressed its distress at the outbreak of war, and urged Methodists to help bring about peace again. It further declared the loyalty of the Church to the British Crown and Commonwealth. It stated that the Methodist Church was unwarrantably associated with certain pacifist propaganda, but it asked that conscientious objectors should have their religious convictions respected and safeguarded, while it urged that they should render some form of alternative service.

The Manifesto also took note of the serious position which had arisen in the Church through the use of its pulpits to advocate, on the one hand, that men should join the Forces, and on the other hand, that men should refuse all forms of war service. The Manifesto therefore counselled moderation and restraint in preaching, and appealed to all our people to observe the duty of Christian love and fellowship, so as to hold the Church together in unity.

(2) But the Manifesto went further. It "directed that our pulpits and Church organisations should not be used as recruiting agencies, nor for propaganda encouraging young men to refuse war service." In so doing, the Manifesto laid a duty upon all the ministers of the Church.

(3) It is a cause for profound thanksgiving that the spirit and intent of the Manifesto were widely and faithfully observed. As a result, the crisis which threatened the Church was averted. Amid divergent opinions the unity and the fellowship of the Church were maintained.

(4) Presidential Rulings were sought as to whether the Manifesto was to be regarded as one of the laws of the Church and as to whether it infringed upon the rights and privileges of the ministry. Having been sustained by the Conference, these rulings became part of the law of the Church. Their purport was that while the crisis outside and inside the Church lasted, the Manifesto laid a restraint upon the ministers in their pulpit utterances. In this sense it was clearly a part of our discipline.

(5) A ruling was subsequently given as to whether Conference acted within its rights and in accordance with the Law in ceasing to recognise one of its ministers as a minister of the Methodist Church. The President ruled and Conference sustained the ruling that the Conference was within its rights.

(6) With the passing of the international crisis and the return of peace the need for the Manifesto has passed. It has fulfilled its purpose and is recorded in the Minutes as the way in which the Spirit of God led the Conference in an hour of peril.

(7) The larger question of the Historic Rights of the Ministry has been dealt with by a Committee whose report was adopted by the Conference of 1946. The Manifesto is no longer needed but the concluding section of that Report, quoted below, sets forth the position of our Church.

"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." (See 1946 Minutes, page 185.)

W. T. BLIGHT, Convener.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report be received and adopted.

(4) PEACE THANKSGIVING FUND COMMITTEE.

A.—INTERIM REPORT.

The Christchurch Committee, charged with the responsibility of preparing and launching this appeal, is united in its determination to do everything possible to make the appeal one hundred per cent. successful.

At its first meeting the committee agreed on the question of the scope of the appeal and the following resolution defines the committee's interpretation of the desire of last Conference:—

"That as the Centennial Fund has catered for local objectives, the scope of this Appeal be for definite extension work in New Housing Areas, which is beyond the means and responsibility of the local circuits."

Two sub-committees have been appointed, one to deal with the preparation of Publicity material and the other to investigate the method of organising the appeal.

The Publicity Committee is at present seeking suitable poster designs and written material for leaflets and folders.

The Organisation Committee desires to obtain the services of suitable Organisers and is hoping that at least some of this work will be undertaken by laymen.

The committee has agreed that the appeal should be made from the 1st April, 1947, to 30th September, 1947, and therefore considers that three full-time national Organisers will be necessary, two for the North Island and one for the South. In view of this decision the committee will be asking Conference for right-of-way with the appeal over this period.

It is the committee's intention that the Appeal be officially launched at the 1947 Conference in Wellington, and if it receives the support which we believe it will at Conference its success throughout the Connexion will be assured.

In respect to oversight of the Appeal in districts, we have written to all Chairmen asking them to ascertain if District Executives would be willing to undertake this work and in areas where there is no District Executive we have asked the Chairman to set up a District Committee, and for the Executive or Committee to forward a nomination for position of District Organiser.

The Committee feels sure that Districts will co-operate by the appointment of enthusiastic organisers whose assistance will be vital in the attainment of the objective.

A full report will be made to Conference by the Committee, which now makes the following recommendations:—

1. That the Appeal be launched at Conference 1947.
2. That the Campaign extend from 1st April, 1947, to 30th September, 1947.

A. A. DINGWALL, Chairman.
R. G. PEARCE, Secretary.

B.—REPORT TO CONFERENCE.

The Committee reports that it has met subsequent to Synods, has given very careful consideration to the various Synodal recommendations received, and presents the following report and recommendations:—

1. **Aims and Objective.**—The aims and objective are as stated in Minutes of Conference 1946, page 189, paragraphs 1 and 2.

2. **Publicity.**—The Committee learns with gratitude of the mounting interest throughout the Connexion in the forthcoming appeal. We are reminded of the Prophet Nehemiah, rebuilding the wall, finding that "the people had a mind to work." Having a mind to give the successful attainment of our objective is assured.

An attractive coloured symbolic poster is ready for distribution. We ask for full co-operation in effective display of these posters and other publicity.

A "second line" in publicity is also prepared which will state the aim and purpose of the appeal in detail.

3. **Organisation.**—The general pattern of the organisation will be:—

- (a) Three national full-time organisers.
- (b) An organiser for each Synodal District.
- (c) Suitable organiser appointed by each quarterly meeting.

It appears that the Connexion favours a short and intensive campaign and we recommend accordingly.

A. A. DINGWALL (Chairman).
R. G. PEARCE (Secretary).

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Reports be received and adopted.
2. That the objective be the raising of a sum of £50,000 for the following purposes:—

(a) The purchase of sites and the erection of Church Buildings and Parsonages 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.

(c) That as the Centennial Fund has catered for local objectives, the scope of this appeal be for definite extension work in New Housing Areas, which is beyond the means and responsibility of the local circuits.

3. That the Campaign extend from 1st April, 1947, to 31st December, 1947, and that the actual appeal be confined as far as possible to the six months period, 1st April to 30th September, 1947.

4. That three national organisers be appointed for a period of six months at a remuneration of £300 each for the six months, with reasonable allowance for travelling expenses, and that where an organiser is prepared to use his own car, the car allowance shall be at Conference approved rates.

That two of the national organisers cover the North Island and one the South Island.

NORTH ISLAND Mr. H. M. Patrick & Rev. E. O. Blamires.

SOUTH ISLAND Mr. G. S. Gapper.

5. That the District Organisers be:—

Auckland District—Mr. W. E. Burley.

South Auckland District—Mr. P. Rushton.

Taranaki-Wanganui District—

Hawkes-Bay-Manawatu District—Mr. C. Woodfield and Mr. J. H. Oldham.

Wellington District—Mr. J. Raine and Rev. G. Goodman.

Nelson District—Rev. C. Blair.

North Canterbury District—Mr. A. A. Dingwall.

South Canterbury District—Mr. P. G. Woodnorth.

Otago-Southland—To be appointed by District Executive.

6. That the Treasurer be: Mr. F. S. Allott, M.Com., A.P.A.N.Z., 166 Manchester Street, Christchurch.

7. That the Committee for 1947 be:—Revs. A. M. Costain, H. L. Fiebig, R. Dudley, A. J. Johnston, E. S. Hoddinott, A. R. Witheford, Messrs. A. A. Dingwall, J. D. Gray, F. S. Allott, D. McHarg, F. G. Colechin, B. A. Caygill, R. J. Leathwick, H. de R. Flesher, W. C. Francis, L. G. K. Steven, R. G. Pearce, and W. F. Stock.

8. That the thanks of Conference be extended to Mr. A. A. Dingwall (Chairman), and the Committee for their work in inaugurating the Appeal.

V.—CENTRAL STIPEND FUND, ETC.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

Central Stipend Fund.

At the request of the previous Conference, the Committee reported fully to the 1945 Conference (see 1945 Minutes, page 158) on the broad principle of a Central Stipend Fund. Because of pressure of other business, consideration of the report was crowded out of both the 1945 and 1946 Conferences, and the latter Conference resolved that the matter be referred back to the Committee for report to next Synods and Conference. (1946 Minutes, page 179.)

The Committee has reconsidered its 1945 Report, and, as a result, now re-submits such report without amendment. All but two of the 1944 Synods generally approved the recommendations then made. The two dissenting Synods considered that a detailed scheme of operation should be submitted before the Church Courts should express themselves on the principle of a Central Stipend Fund. The Committee does not support this view. It fully recognises that practical considerations may render such a fund unworkable. On the other hand, the preparation of a detailed scheme of operation is going to involve much study and investigation by the Committee and will require the co-operation of Connexional officers and Committees controlling other Funds. The Committee is firm in its belief that Conference should first express itself on the broad principle of the proposal as outlined in the 1945 Report. It is felt that the preparation of a detailed scheme would be so much wasted effort if it were later found that there was no real support throughout the Connexion for the principle behind so fundamental a change.

The Committee therefore re-submits the recommendations made to the 1945 Conference as follows:—

- (1) That Conference be asked to express its approval of the broad principle of the establishment of a Central Stipend Fund, based on the considerations outlined in the 1945 Report.
- (2) That, if the principle is approved, the Committee be requested to prepare a detailed scheme for submission to Synods and Conference with a view to its being sent down to Quarterly Meetings for their consideration.

Travelling Allowances.

Also in its 1945 Report, the Committee made certain recommendations as to minimum travelling allowances to be paid to Ministers and Home Missionaries using their own cars for circuit work. These recommendations were approved by the 1945 Conference but, unfortunately they were omitted from the Minutes. They were, however, later circulated to Ministers and Circuit Stewards by the Secretary of Conference.

Arising out of representations he had received, the President recently requested the Committee to reconsider the minimum scale of allowances in the light of increased running costs. In its review of the position, the Committee recognised that the motor-car supply situation is such that Ministers cannot obtain or afford the purchase of new cars with the result that they are faced with heavy maintenance costs on ageing vehicles, in addition to heavy depreciation.

Further, it was recognised that conditions vary throughout the Connexion to such an extent that it is very difficult to suggest a scale which would meet all cases. It is accordingly recommended that the scale at present in use by the Public Service be adopted as the minimum and that in country Circuits where unsealed roads have to be used, an additional allowance be made. The Public Service scale, now recommended as a minimum, is as under:—

Miles per Annum.	Small Car. Up to and including 9.5 h.p.	Medium Car. 9.6 to 14.5 h.p. inclusive.	Large Car. 14.6 h.p. and over.
Up to 1000	.... 5½d.	6½d.	6½d.
1001—2000	.... 5 d.	5½d.	6½d.
2001—3000	.... 4½d.	5 d.	5½d.
3001—4000	.... 4 d.	4½d.	5½d.
4001—5000	.... 3½d.	4½d.	5 d.
5000 and over	.... 3½d.	4 d.	4½d.

There is evidence that some Ministers and Home Missionaries are being called upon to use their personal resources to cover essential circuit travelling while, on the other hand, it has been suggested that the use of cars, in some cases, can hardly be classified as essential. The Committee draws attention to two of the Resolutions of the 1945 Conference as under:—

“That at the beginning of each connexional year, the Minister and Circuit officials confer with a view to arranging a satisfactory travelling allowance for the ensuing year.”

“That there be added to the Questions of the June Quarterly Meeting the following: ‘Have adequate arrangements for travelling been made with the Ministers and Home Missionaries of the Circuit?’”

It is urged that these Resolutions be implemented in a spirit of realism and understanding by all Circuits.

The Committee regrets that the motor car supply position continues to be such that it is not yet possible to formulate a scheme for assisting ministers to acquire suitable cars under easier financial conditions.

W. A. BURLEY, Chairman.

T. M. PACEY, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the section of the Report on Travelling Allowances be adopted.

2. That the section on Central Stipend Fund be referred to next Synods and Conference.

VI. (A)—CENTRAL FINANCE COMMITTEE.

This committee met twice during the year, once to amend the District Allocations and once to deal with an appeal by a Circuit against its levy.

Conference, 1946, increased the total levy by £750 to £6660 as follows:—

Removal expenses	....	....	....	....	£1,590
Contingent Fund	....	....	....	....	3,320
Children's Fund	....	....	....	....	1,750
					<hr/> £6,660 <hr/>

The District quotas have been fixed as follows:—

Auckland	....	....	....	....	....	£1,482
South Auckland	....	....	....	....	....	816
Taranaki-Wanganui	....	....	....	....	....	499
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	....	....	....	....	....	519
Wellington	....	....	....	....	....	904
Nelson	....	....	....	....	....	384
North Canterbury	....	....	....	....	....	1,013
South Canterbury	....	....	....	....	....	342
Otago-Southland	....	....	....	....	....	701
						<hr/> £6,660 <hr/>

There has been only one appeal during the year, and the decision of the District Committee was upheld.

H. de R. FLESHER, Convener.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report be received and adopted.

VI. (B)—REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

(1946 Mins., p. 179.)

Conference directed the Committee to consider the whole question of the basis of Connexional Charges, the relation to the existing Funds, and any possible modifications after the present five-year period has elapsed (1948).

The Committee had before it facts submitted by the convener of the Central Finance Committee in regard to the working of the new scheme during the past 4 years. His report revealed that during that period only 10 appeals had been lodged. It was evident that in some cases Circuits had not been fully informed by the District Committee as to the method of computing the charges, and where full information had been given the explanations were received as satisfactory. Reviewing the period as a whole the Committee is fully satisfied that the new scheme has more than justified itself in spreading the responsibility more equitably among our Circuits and members. It must be borne in mind that during this period there has been a sharp rise in costs which has affected particularly the Contingent and Removal Expenses Funds. Under the old system this increase would have borne very heavily upon smaller Circuits.

In regard to the relation of the scheme to the Funds concerned, it was revealed that difficulty had been experienced by one only, namely the Removal Expenses Fund, the Committee of which at first considered the five-year period was too long for its particular purposes. Further consideration of the facts has led that Committee to believe that in the light of past experience it can satisfactorily meet the situation in the future.

Recommendations are made in respect to several minor alterations in the wording of the regulations contained in the Minutes of Conference, 1942, pp. 167-168. The Central Committee has been requested to give effect to the regulation dealing with District Quotas. In the judgment of the Committee the present scheme is operating successfully and no modification is called for.

A. M. COSTAIN, Chairman.

H. L. FIEBIG, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

2. That the Regulations (Mins. of Conf., 1942, pp. 167-168) be amended as follows:—

(1) (a) 1. Amend: "inquire of the treasurers of the Contingent, Removal Expenses, and Children's Funds what their financial needs will be for the ensuing five (5) years." (Note: The Supernumerary Fund is on a flat rate of £15 per year for each minister and probationer.)

(2). (a) 2. Add: "in the light of the five considerations set forth in D (1)."

(3) (e) Amend: "That unless otherwise determined by Conference, District Quotas," etc.

District Finance Committees:

AUCKLAND—District Chairman and Financial Secretary (Convener); Messrs. F. Perry, L. E. Rhodes, and A. Turner.

SOUTH AUCKLAND—District Chairman (Convener); Rev. A. R. Penn; Messrs. W. B. L. Williams, H. Wood, P. Rushton.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI—District Chairman (Convener); one to be appointed; Messrs. W. H. C. Clemon, T. P. Hughson, Jr., L. M. Moss.

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU—District Chairman (Convener); Rev. L. A. G. Brooks; Messrs. H. Bycroft, A. H. Fisher, Jr., A. Carthew.

WELLINGTON—District Chairman; Rev. J. D. McArthur; Messrs. A. J. Johnston, T. M. Pacey, N. R. Seddon (Convener).

NELSON—District Chairman (Convener); Committee to be appointed.

NORTH CANTERBURY—District Chairman (Convener); Rev. J. M. Blight; Messrs. E. R. Caygill, C. H. Perkins, M. Hosking.

SOUTH CANTERBURY—District Chairman (Convener); Committee to be appointed.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND—District Chairman, Financial Secretary (Convener); Messrs. G. S. Gapper, J. McIndoe, A. L. Stanton.

VII.—CONNEXIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

Report to Conference, 1947.

The Committee had two matters remitted to it for consideration from the last Conference and reports as follows:—

1. Consideration of Report, Mins. Conf. 1946, pp. 179ff.

The Committee is in communication with the Boards and the Committees detailed in Resolution 2 of the above report, but to date has not collected sufficient information and data from them to bring down a report for the consideration of Conference. It therefore asks that it be given permission to continue its investigations.

2. Prince Albert College, Mins. Conf. 1946, Res. 3, p. 101.

The Committee has been in communication with the Prince Albert College Board of Trustees concerning the sale of that portion of the land at present leased to the Salvation Army; and further concerning the possibility of funds from the Board being available for educational purposes in the future, and reports:—

(a) No further negotiations have taken place with the Salvation Army regarding the sale of that portion of land which is leased by them. The Board advises that it has purchased the shop portion of the property which necessitated the obtaining of £20,000 for the purpose. It is hoped to liquidate this debt within 12 years, by which time the lease of that portion occupied by the Salvation Army will have expired, and it will then be necessary to pay them two thirds of the value of the improvements on the property, less the sum of £5000. The Trustees are using all the surplus income from the property to reduce the debt of £20,000.

(b) It appears that no funds will be available from the Prince Albert College Board of Trustees until approximately 1960.

W. E. BURLEY, Chairman.

B. M. CHRYSTALL, Convener.

RESOLUTION.

That the Committee be reappointed with power to add to its numbers and given permission to pursue its investigations.

QUESTION LIH.—Who are the Members of the Committee of Privileges?

(See Law Book, pp. 97, 98.)

The President, Vice-President, Secretary of Conference, Revs. W. A. Burley, W. W. H. Greenslade, 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, Secretary of Conference, Convener.

Committee of Exigency to be the Wellington members of the above Committee.

QUESTION LIV.—Who are the Members of the District Executive Committees?

AUCKLAND.—Chairman of the District, Revs. E. W. Hames, Walter Parker, Wesley Parker, J. C. Draper, A. E. Orr, A. E. Waite, L. R. M. Gilmore, Harris Whitfield, F. J. Handy; Messrs. J. Tyler, T. L. Hames, C. K. Wigglesworth, W. E. Burley, L. T. Hayman, A. E. Freeman, S. E. Chappell, J. Stanton, R. Thomas, and representative D.Y.C.

Northland Sub-District.—Revs. G. E. Brown (Chairman), P. I. Cooke, H. Moore, G. R. Thompson, J. H. Thompson, R. Alexander, D. G. Sherson, R. Rogers, Missioner R. Groves, E. D. Grounds, A. F. Attwood, L. Shapcott; Messrs. W. J. Court, N. Slade, F. N. Simkin, R. C. Williams, A. Cameron, H. Neal, E. A. Fenwick, G. Pearson.

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. B. L. Williams, W. B. Young, P. Rushton, A. Bettany, C. Raynor, J. R. Cullen, W. B. Clark, and J. T. Johnson.

WELLINGTON.—The Chairman of the District, Revs. J. D. McArthur, J. D. Grocott, L. J. Mitchell, H. White, C. T. Symons, C. E. Dickens, C. P. Lucas, C. H. Bell, W. H. Greenslade, and H. W. Payne; Mesdames W. B. Scott, H. W. Smith, Miss M. Canning; Messrs. T. M. Pacey, S. W. Roberts, N. Smith, N. R. Seddon, P. Clark, T. W. Treen, D. Payne. Rev. C. E. Dickens (Convener).

NORTH CANTERBURY.—The Chairman of the District and the Connexional Secretary, the Superintendents of city circuits, and Rev. E. Drake, Messrs. W. C. Francis, S. D. McHarg, H. de R. Fleisher, S. Sayers, J. E. Purchase, H. B. Moore, F. Turnpenny, T. Walker, C. W. Barrell, B. Caygill, and the D.Y.C. Secretary. Con-
vener: Rev. J. M. Blight.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—

QUESTION LV.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting the Laws and Regulations of the Church, including the Rulings of the President during the year?

LAW BOOK REVISION COMMITTEE.

(1)—REPORT, 1946.

The Christchurch members of the Committee have met regularly during the year and good progress has been made.

The revision of parts I-VI of the Law Book has been almost completed.

The Committee has considered the Presidential Ruling Minutes, 1945, pages 192/193, and is of the opinion that no changes are necessary in the existing laws.

Various matters remitted to the Committee have been considered and the Committee's recommendations and report thereon are as follows:—

(1) Resolutions on Public Questions—Minutes, 1946, page 93.

The Committee has been directed to consider a proposal that 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 (1946 Conf. Minutes, p. 93).

The present practice is that the Annual Report of the Public Questions Committee is printed in the Synod Agenda together with "the Resolutions" which that Committee suggests should be adopted by Conference. Such "Resolutions" follow the report.

The term "resolutions" in this case is wrongly used. Such so-called "resolutions" are really Recommendations and should be so called. In the Conference Agenda the report and Committee's resolutions are followed by recommendations of the Synods firstly on the report and secondly on "the Resolutions" submitted by the Committee.

We are of the opinion that any Committee's report should be printed as submitted by it. The report of the Public Questions Committee, like others, deals with many matters. It does not submit "resolutions" on all matters dealt with in its report. Much of the matter in the report is for information only. It is the practice of both Synods and Conference to receive a report before discussing it. No Synod can alter a Committee's report though it may recommend alterations. It is felt that to interpolate "resolutions" in the report would result in confusion. Any person who carefully studies a report would have no difficulty in considering any "resolution" arising out of it. Consequently we do not recommend that "the resolutions" be incorporated in the report itself.

We therefore recommend that no change should be made in the arrangement of the report, etc., in the Synod Agenda except that the so-called "Resolutions" should be "Recommendations."

With regard to the Conference Agenda we recommend

- (1) That the Committee's report be printed as is now the custom.
- (2) That there should follow any recommendations of Synods on the report as a whole.
- (3) That finally there appear each specific recommendation of the Committee followed by the findings of the Synods thereon.
- (4) For the sake of clarity the findings of Synod shall be indented.

In the Minutes of Conference the report shall appear as a whole followed by the Resolutions of Conference.

(2) **Rights of the Ministry**—Minutes, 1946, page 186.

The Committee was directed to consider whether a *nota bene* should be added to par. 149 of the Law Book to the effect that Conference should exercise powers of suspension in the light of par. 137 (Minutes, 1946, page 186). Conference, 1946, amended par. 137 to provide that Conference may suspend any of its Ministers.

This Committee is of the opinion that several paragraphs, namely, pars. 137/138 and 149 need clarification, and it accordingly recommends the alterations hereinafter set out. If these recommendations are approved there will be no need for the addition of a *nota bene* to par. 149. The Committee recommends

(a) That Resolution 2 on page 186, Minutes, 1946, be rescinded.

(b) That paragraphs 137/138 and 149 be amended and that an additional paragraph, 148a, be added, as follows:—

par. 137: A Minister or Probationer under suspension shall not exercise any Ministerial function nor take part in the business of any Church Court.

par. 138: be amended to read—Whilst any Minister or Probationer is under suspension until the ensuing Conference, the Conference shall provide for his maintenance.

par. 148a: The Conference shall receive all reports and consider any appeals from lower Courts dealing with the conduct or continued fitness for the work or the doctrinal faithfulness of Ministers or Probationers under its jurisdiction, and may itself institute any such inquiry and shall inquire into any case of suspension; but all such matters shall first be referred to the Complaints and Appeals Committee for consideration and report.

par. 149: be amended to read as follows: The Conference may suspend or expel any of its Ministers or Probationers for any cause which to it may seem fit or necessary.

par. 149a: Any Minister or Probationer so suspended shall not exercise any Ministerial functions nor take part in the business of any Church Court without the permission of Conference, and shall have no claim upon the Conference for financial support during the period of suspension unless Conference otherwise determine.

par. 149b: Every person so expelled shall cease to be a Minister or Probationer of the Church.

(3) **Ordained Status and Mr. E. M. Marshall**—Minutes, 1946, page 192.

The Committee is directed to consider the question of giving ordained status to Mr. E. M. Marshall—1946 Minutes, page 192.

Conference may, under exceptional circumstances, admit any person who accepts the doctrines and discipline of the Church, provided that two-thirds of those present at the Conference and voting on the question vote for his admission (Law Book, par. 81).

Generally a person has to undergo an approved course of study and preparation. In any given case Conference may waive certain of its normal requirements.

A Minister thus admitted into full Connexion shall be ordained according to the form authorised by the Conference (par. 78).

The basic fact of Ordination is set forth in the first question asked of Candidates for Ordination in the prescribed form of service, which reads:—"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?"

It is an accepted fact that Ordination is for a life's task and in no case can it be regarded as a temporary expedient. An ordained Minister is at the general disposal of the Conference even although he may be appointed to a sphere of service other than what is understood by our Church as Circuit work.

Conference would not, however, recognise any person as approved for Ordination who could not testify to having a definite call from God to the vocation of the Ministry.

In this case, in the judgment of the Committee, the initiative should be taken by Mr. Marshall by making application if he so desires to the Conference for admission as a Minister of the Church and for Ordination.

(4) Business of Synods and Conference—Minutes, 1946, page 196.

In the course of its revision of the parts relating to Synods and Conference the Committee has harmonised the questions detailing the business of such.

Some consideration has been given to the question of Home Mission Station representation in Conference and the further representation of Home Missionaries in Conference, but the Committee is not yet in a position to submit a report.

It is recommended that the Committee for 1947 be Revs. H. L. Fiebig 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.

That the Report be received and adopted.

(II.)—PRESIDENTIAL RULING.

**Powers of Trustees in respect of allowing
Dancing on Church Property.**

Question: May Trustees allow groups outside the Church to conduct in our halls socials at which dancing is allowed?

Answer: The Conference Resolutions on Dancing make it clear that Trustees are authorised to permit dancing being included in the social programmes of Church Societies, and that all function which provide for dancing shall be regarded as Church functions only.

That being so Church Trustees have no authority to allow any property to be used in this way for outside parties.

And I do so rule.

W. T. BLIGHT.

RESOLUTION.

That the above ruling be sustained.

QUESTION LVI.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on other Questions?

I.—ECUMENICAL COMMITTEE.

ANNUAL REPORT.

ANNUAL REPORT, 1946.

The Ecumenical Committee is steadily adjusting itself to the manifold duties that have fallen upon it since its evolution from the Faith and Order Committee.

World Council of Churches.

The Provisional Committee met in Geneva during February, 1946, and set in motion the arrangements for a World Conference in 1948. This world assembly plans to take in the full collaboration of national movements everywhere. Ninety-three communions from thirty-three countries have already affiliated with the World Council, and steps have been taken for the affiliation of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

The final organisation of the World Council will take place at the above Conference at which provision is being made for 450 delegates. The theme for discussion at the Conference will be "The Order of God and the present Disorder of Man."

A pleasing feature of the February meeting was the welcome given to the new German Evangelical Council.

The N.Z. National Council of Churches.

The fifth annual meeting of the N.C.C. was held in Wellington on July 17th; there were 23 representatives of eight Churches present. The Council felt that behind everything was a sense of the urgency of the times, and the great need that the Church should face it.

A plan was approved for a Maori Section of the Council. It proposes an annual meeting held on traditional Maori lines and open to any Maori who is a member of one of the Churches in the N.C.C. Its Executive to consist of 14 persons drawn from the three Maori Churches affiliated with the N.C.C.

The question of Churches in the new housing areas was discussed, and the Council decided to put before the Churches a new venture in charity and unity.

Regret was expressed at the Government's omission of the Churches in its regional planning Councils, and it was decided to call the Government's attention to the fact with a view to its correction.

An important event in the history of the Christian Church in this country was the Conference on Christian Order held in Christchurch from August 28th to September 4th, 1945, the first National Conference of the N.C.C. A strong Continuation Committee was set up before the Conference ended.

The four Specialist Groups at work on the subjects (which arose out of the Christchurch Conference), (1) The Pacific, (2) World Community, (3) Land and Rural Conditions, (4) Industry and Commerce, have been asked to link up their work with the N.C.C.

Fifteen groups, so far, are engaged on the study of the Christian Doctrines of Grace; the Church; the Ministry; and the Sacraments. The Preparatory Commission in 1947 will gather up the findings of these Groups and plan for the National Conference.

Faith and Order Movement.

The Faith and Order Continuation Committee held in Geneva, February last, was the first international meeting since 1939. With deep regret it reported the loss by death of more than twenty of its prominent leaders, including the Archbishop of Canterbury and Dr. Wiseman, an esteemed leader in British Methodism. Some others of the Continental Churches have not yet been heard of.

The three Commissions on "The Church," "Ways of Worship," and "Inter-communion," were reconstructed on an international basis and, with material collected during the war years, they will now be able to proceed with the preparation of their reports.

The Committee sent on the following Resolution to the Provisional Committee of the World Council of Churches, "That in view of the desirability of securing participation by Churches not otherwise included (e.g. Churches of Asia, Africa, the Pacific and Latin America) the Executive Committee of Faith and Order recommends that the World Council Provisional Committee should add to itself up to six members, to be nominated by the Life and Work and the Faith and Order members, respectively, of the Committee of Fourteen."

It was agreed that a meeting of the whole Continuation Committee should be held in Clarens, Switzerland, in 1947.

International Missionary Council.

The Council has issued a "General Report" of its operations during the war years of 1939-1945. These war years were a period of severe testing and heavy responsibility for the leaders of the I.M.C. Dr. Mott's retirement from the chairmanship, and that of Dr. Warnshuis, and the death of Dr. Paton, were severe blows to the Movement. Those who remained, however, carried on in deep consciousness of the high traditions left to them, and of the importance of the divine cause in which they were engaged, finding, in spite of the handicaps, as a visiting missionary remarked, that "The spirit of Tambaram still lives."

Amongst the matters of post-war importance is the possibility of establishing a Far Eastern Office of the Council. There had been some pre-war informal discussions of the possibility of a Far Eastern Office being set up, under the joint auspices of the proposed World Council of Churches and the I.M.C.

Much thought is being given to the development and use of Christian literature in the post-war plans that are being made to meet the revolutionary situations that confront the Churches, and particularly the I.M.C. to-day.

Another matter of importance is the need for international co-operation in dealing with the problems arising from relations of Missions with Governments, and the safeguarding of freedom of conscience and of religious worship and practice.

There are tremendous tasks, concludes the report, but with God's help we must face them and get them done.

Ourselves.

The Committee wishes to place upon record its regret at the departure of Bishop Barbe-Holland, who has been a tower of strength to the N.C.C.

An enquiry from the N.C.C. as to whether the Methodist Church would agree to the former appointing the delegates to the World Council of Churches Conference of 1948 is being referred to the proper authorities.

Reports from four Districts have been received concerning participation in the N.C.C. studies. The Dunedin report is particularly good.

FRED GREENWOOD, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

2. That the name of the Rev. G. I. Laurenson be forwarded to the N.C.C. for consideration as the N.Z. Representative to the World Council of Churches Conference in 1948.

3. N.C.C. Council:

(a) That the Revs. W. T. Blight, W. A. Burley, H. L. Fiebig, and Raymond Dudley be re-appointed representatives of the Methodist Church on the N.C.C. Council.

(b) That the eight (8) Methodists required for representation at the N.C.C. Conference of 1947 be Revs. W. G. Slade, E. W. Hames, W. R. Laws, R. Thornley, G. I. Laurenson, C. T. Symons, J. D. Grocott, and C. O. Hailwood.

4. That the usual grant of £5 be made to the Ecumenical Movement.

5. That a grant of £26 be made to the National Council of Churches.

6. That the Ecumenical Committee be: Revs. W. A. Burley, W. H. Greenslade, C. T. Symons, J. L. Mitchell, C. E. Dickens, C. P. Lucas, J. D. Grocott (Convener).

7. That the Rev. W. Greenwood be heartily thanked for his services to the Movement over a long period of years.

8. That Conference requests the President of the Conference to attend if possible the Methodist Ecumenical Conference, to be held in Springfield, Massachusetts, U.S.A., from September 24th to October 1st, 1947, and authorises the President, the Vice-President, the Ex-President, the Ex-Vice-President, and the Connexional Secretary to investigate means whereby the President and other representatives including at least one layman may attend the Conference.

II.—THE ORDER OF CONFERENCE BUSINESS.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

(1946 Minutes, p. 197.)

The Committee met twice during the year and gave full consideration to the matters remitted to it. It also submitted its tentative findings to Chairmen of Districts and others for their opinion and criticism before submitting the following report and recommendations.

The Order of Conference Business.

The Committee was unanimous that the business of Conference should be arranged in such a manner as (a) to make the best use of the time available for Conference sessions, (b) to observe such decorum as befits the principal court of a large religious body, and

(c) to recognize the spiritual value of Conference as a source of inspiration, encouragement, and fellowship for its members, and, through them, of the whole Church. Concern was expressed that certain practices had grown up in conflict with these high ideals, and the following proposals have been put forward unanimously in the hope that they will be commendable to all and that all Conference members will co-operate to make them effective in raising the standard of efficiency and inspiration.

1. That the Standing Orders of Conference be amended by the addition of clauses providing

(a) That all speakers in Conference debates shall be required to occupy the tribune except where a question is asked.

(b) That the hours of session for Conference be as follows:— 9 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.; 10.45 a.m. to 12.15 p.m.; 1.45 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.; 7.30 p.m. to time of adjournment; unless the Conference itself shall otherwise determine.

2. That Conference resolve that no committees shall meet during the hours of session, with the exception of the Stationing Committee, but that all committee work shall be conducted after the rising of the Conference at 3.30 p.m.

3. That the President and Secretary appoint the additional members of the General Purposes Committee, so that it may meet at 3.30 p.m. on the opening day of Conference.

4. That the Conference Arrangements Committee be requested to arrange for the installation of an electric bell in the Church precincts, to be rung 5 minutes before the opening of every session, so that every member of Conference may be seated before the President occupies the Chair.

5. That committee conveners and heads of departments introducing reports be requested to speak mainly to recommendations submitted rather than to the substance of the reports.

6. That arrangements be made for duplicating and circulating copies of the recommendations of the Committees of Details and other Conference Committees.

7. That there be only one sponsor in each case to introduce the President, Vice-President and the Secretary.

8. That the Secretary of Conference be requested to detail the periods to be devoted to the various matters on the Conference Agenda, and that the time-table be adhered to strictly.

The First November Conference.

The matter of changing over the Conference from February to November was approached from the standpoint of the earliest convenient date for the new scheme to come into operation, and at first discussion revolved around the possibility of holding two Conferences in 1947. It was pointed out, however, that this would have the following drawbacks:—

(a) For Ministers and Circuits where changes of appointment occur it would be a hopelessly broken year, with consequent disadvantages to the Church life.

(b) That an inadequate period would elapse between the publication of the Minutes and the printing of the Agenda of the following Conference for the resolutions of the Conference to be given effect to.

(N.B.: The Minutes of Conference are now published at the end of March or beginning of April, and the Synod Reports would need to go to press early in August for a November Conference.)

(c) That an unwarranted duplication of expenses would fall on the Contingent Fund, which would have to bear the heavy charges of two Conferences within the same calendar year.

These considerations directed the attention of the Committee to the alternative of extending the time between the next two Conferences so that the first November Conference would be held in 1948, with none in the preceding February, and the following recommendations were unanimously adopted:—

1. That no Conference be held in February, 1948, but that the interim between Conferences be extended until November, 1948.

(N.B.—If this Conference be held in Dunedin, that in November, 1949, be held in Christchurch, and the 1950 Conference be held in Auckland, it would provide for the alternation of Conferences required for biennial meetings of the Church Council—see 1946 Minutes, p. 56.)

2. That an Executive Committee of Conference be appointed to meet in February, 1948, in Wellington (similar to the Emergency Executive held in 1944), to deal with business arising under Questions II. to XXIII., and XXVIII., such committee to comprise the President, the Secretary, the ex-President, the Vice-President, and the ex-Vice-President of Conference, the Connexional Secretary, the Secretary of the Board of Examiners, the Chairmen of Districts, the Principal of the Theological College, the Superintendent of Home Missions, the General Secretary of Foreign Missions, the Senior Youth Director, three additional Ministers elected by Conference from the Circuit Ministers, together with 18 lay representatives elected by District Synods in the following proportions: Auckland and North Canterbury Districts, 3 representatives each; Nelson and South Canterbury, 1 representative each; other Districts, 2 representatives each; the Vice-President, the ex-Vice-President, and the Treasurer of the Contingent Fund to be ex-officio representatives of their respective Districts.

3. That the travelling expenses of members of the Executive Committee shall be a charge on the Contingent Fund.

4. That District Synods meet in November, 1947, to transact necessary business and to give special consideration to Church Extension and development, and other matters remitted by Conference.

5. That the Examination dates be adjusted in harmony with the above proposals.

6. That the Officers of the Conference continue in office from February, 1947, to November, 1948.

W. T. BLIGHT, President of the Conference.

W. G. SLADE, Secretary of the Conference.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report on the Order of Conference Business be received and adopted.

2. (a) That in view of the fact that the Report concerning holding Conference in November could not be submitted to Synods of 1946, the matter of implementing the change-over of Conference from February to November be referred to a Special Committee for further consideration and report to next Synods and Conference.

(b) Personnel of Committee to be the same as that to consider Church Union. Convener: Secretary of Conference.

(c) That the Committee meet in Wellington on Tuesday, June 17th, 1947.

(d) That the thanks of the Conference be accorded the Committee for its work.

(3)—REPORT OF RADIO COMMITTEE.

The Committee has supplied "The Methodist Times" with regular lists of those appointed to broadcast both Sunday and week-day devotional services. Local committees are reminded that no changes can be published unless the information is in the hands of the Convener at least three weeks ahead. Again we wish to stress the desirability of the committees concerned exercising some discrimination regarding those appointed to broadcast. Valuable guidance in this matter has been given by the C.R.A.C., and copies of these principles should be in the possession of members.

Much information has been obtained from our Church in Australia, but the position there is very different from that here in N.Z. There our Church has its own Station; here we must broadcast over the Government Station. All that the C.R.A.C. can do is to offer suggestions to the Director, who, it may be said, is very sympathetic to the Committee. The question of the appointment of a Religious Director of Broadcasting is still under consideration.

The Dominion Committee strongly urges that in the four main centres, District Committees be set up; to meet during the year, and to consider how more effective use may be made by our Church in this method of 'communicating' our message.

J. D. McARTHUR, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A., be the Methodist representative of the C.R.A.C.
3. That the Wellington District Executive act as the Dominion Committee. Radio Committee Convener: Rev. J. D. McArthur.

(4)—ACTIVITIES OF THE RELIGIOUS FILM SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND.

We are glad to report that progress is being achieved by the Society in several ways. First: The Incorporation of the Society, which was held up for some time awaiting the decision of the Church of England and later by the Registrar, has at last been accepted by the Registrar. Secondly: The authorities of the 16 m.m. Religious Film Industries of Gt. Britain have at last taken heed of the desperate situation in New Zealand and have agreed to alleviate same by the forwarding of new film at an early date. Some is already in preparation for us. Thirdly: We have secured direct from America supplies of Religious film strips, and beautiful Kodachrome 2 x 2 film slides. It is likely that the agency for the latter will be granted to the Society.

Fourthly: The Society has been very active in hiring out the stock of sound film so kindly donated to it by Educational Sound Films, Ltd., and also purchased from Australia. During the past 12 months it has hired out 450 reels of film (each reel representing 12 minutes or 400ft.). Fifthly: It is in close touch with the Secretary of the Austra-

lian Religious Film Society who has just completed a world tour in the interests of religious film and also in touch with Mr. Arthur Rank of England, Religious Films Ltd., England, the Christian Film Development Council, England, the Religious Film Society of America, and also other film producers.

The prospects of good supplies of Religious film in the near future are very bright.

Regarding Machines: While it is not our intention at present to import machines for distribution, we are willing to assist in the procuring of 16 m.m. machines, sound or silent, and film strip projectors, and to give advice upon same.

At the present time the Society has a credit balance of £615. Those interested will readily agree that this sum is not sufficient if the Society is to be enabled to make available a good selection of Religious films, therefore the financial support of denominations, corporate bodies and individuals is solicited.

W. E. ARCHER, Secretary.

Religious Film Society of New Zealand.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report be received.

(5)—CHURCH COUNCIL.

The Council met in terms of the resolution of last Conference and the following recommendations were adopted by the Conference:—

1. Definition of Membership.

(a) That the attention of our people be drawn to our laws governing Church membership in order that these may be more faithfully adhered to.

(b) That the following Committee review our form of Covenant Service and report concerning same, and also the most appropriate time of the year at which the service should be observed: President and Secretary of Conference; Revs. E. T. Olds, E. W. Hames, W. Walker, W. T. Blight, W. A. Burley, and R. Thornley. Convener: E. W. Hames.

2. Building of Parsonages.

That the attention of all Districts be drawn to the urgent need of procuring Parsonages in Circuits where unmarried men are at present appointed, in order that provision may be made for a mature and experienced ministry.

3. Raising our Standards of Churchmanship.

That in view of the growing secularism of life the Church, as the focus of a Living Fellowship in the purpose of God, be recalled to a sense of its Divine Mission in winning men and women to a personal obligation to Jesus Christ. To this end it is urged:

(a) That our Church Courts organise Circuit activities so as to enable Ministers to concentrate on their work of Personal Evangelism.

(b) That in order to achieve this more effectively the laymen be requested to assume, where possible, responsibilities of organisation at present being borne by the Minister, thus recognising the responsibility of all Church Members for the vital life and effective work of the Church as God's instrument for the bringing of the Gospel to the whole Community.

(c) That the Minister and Laymen be urged to cultivate a spirit of Christian Fellowship among the members and adherents, thereby creating an atmosphere of redemptive friendship which was in past generations actualised in the Class Meeting.

(d) That the attention of our people be drawn to the necessity of loyalty to worship and the regular participation in the Holy Communion.

(e) That this resolution be brought before the Ladies' Meetings by Ministers as soon as possible after Conference.

4. District Boundaries.

That the Home Mission Department define, as early in the year as possible, the boundaries of the Synod areas of the Dominion and having done that, the Districts be requested, through the District Executive and Synods, to define the boundaries of each Circuit and Home Mission Station, so that every place in the Dominion comes within the boundaries of some such Circuit or Home Mission Station.

5. Powers of Trustees.

Conference directs the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee to examine the powers of Trustees and if necessary bring to the Conference recommendations for enabling legislation to be secured whereby when, in the opinion of the District Executive, and the Conference building has served its purpose, Conference may direct that such a cause be closed and the assets used largely or wholly in Church extension work.

6. Powers and Constitution of Council.

That the Powers and Constitution of the Church Council be reviewed by the Law Book Revision Committee.

7. Personnel of Council.

That with the addition of the Convener of the Church Welfare Committee, the Council be as at present constituted (see 1946 Minutes, p. 56).

8. That the Welfare of the Church Committee submit to next Conference a suggested agenda for future meetings of the Council, such agenda to state the order in which major policy matters of the Church should be considered.

9. That the Council meet in 1948 prior to Conference.

(6)—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 (Convener), Revs. A. M. Costain, A. N. Scotter, E. Drake, H. J. Odell and V. R. Jamieson, Messrs. G. S. Gapper, J. E. Purchase, W. C. Francis, H. de R. Flesher, J. H. Blackwell, J. W. Hillary, and the President's Legal Adviser.

QUESTION LVII.—When and Where shall the next Conference be held?

IN DURHAM ST. CHURCH, CHRISTCHURCH,
On THURSDAY, 19th FEBRUARY, 1948, at 7.30 p.m.

LOYAL ADDRESS TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.
TO HIS EXCELLENCY LIEUTENANT-GENERAL SIR BERNARD
FREYBERG, V.C., K.C.B., K.B.E., C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Dominion of
New Zealand and its Dependencies.

May it please Your Excellency,

The Methodist Church of New Zealand, which includes in its fellowship a large proportion of Maori people and many inhabitants of the British Western Solomon Islands, desires us to tender to you and to Her Excellency, Lady Freyberg, its cordial greetings to you as you assume your high office.

We desire to assure you of our continued loyalty to the Throne and person of His Most Gracious Majesty King George VI. We thank God that our beloved Sovereign and her Majesty Queen Elizabeth have ever set before their people lofty moral and spiritual ideals and a noble example of courage and devotion to duty.

We tender to your Excellency our felicitations upon your appointment as Representative of His Majesty King George. We rejoice that this Dominion has the privilege of the service of one of her sons whose contributions to the wellbeing of the Empire have been so widely acclaimed. We are confident that the mark of your wise influence will be so impressed upon the public life of our land as to ensure for you the esteem and goodwill of its people.

We pray that the Divine blessing may rest upon your Excellency and Lady Freyberg during your term of office, and that under your guidance and example, our country may continue to advance alike in material, moral and spiritual strength.

Signed on behalf of the Conference,

WILLIAM T. BLIGHT, President.
JAMES TYLER, Vice-President.
WILLIAM G. SLADE, Secretary.

Date: 1/9/46.

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.
Wellington	1947	William G. Slade, M.A.	Gordon S. Gapper	Herbert L. Fiebig, B.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>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> " Scott, 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 (Sup.)</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. (Sup.)</p> <p> " McBean, Angus (Sup.)</p> <p>1905—Copeland, Fred. (Sup.)</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 (Sup.)</p> <p>1908—Jordan, Chas. B., M.A., B.D.
 (Hons.), F.R.E.S. (Sup.)</p> <p> " Martin, J. Frederick (Sup.)</p> <p> " Speer, William H. (Sup.)</p> <p> " Tinsley, Robt. B.</p> <p>1909—Cotton, 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. (Sup.)</p> <p>1911—Enticott, Walter J.</p> <p> " Fowles, Albert H. (Sup.)</p> <p> " Hopper, Arthur (Sup.)</p> <p> " Neale, Leslie B., B.A., F.R.G.S.</p> <p> " Richards, H. Leslie</p> <p> " Rowe, William</p> |
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- 1912—Hinton, George B.
" Lawrence, Frederick B.
" Scrivin, Arthur H.
" Walker, William (Sup.)
- 1913—Bensley, Arthur A.
" Peat, Harold T.
- 1914—Burnet, Oswald
" Werren, Samuel J.
- 1915—Cooke, Percy I.
" Olds, E. Thomas
" Odell, Henry J.
" Slade, William G., M.A.
- 1916—Brown, George E.
" Fordyce, Robert E.
" Harkness, Edwin S. (Sup.)
" Kendon, Charles H.
" Metcalfe, John R.
" Sage, Ernest E.
- 1917—Blight, William T., B.A., B.D.
" Chambers, Ernest B.
" Dennis, John
" Nelson, John R. (Sup.)
" Parker, Fredk. J.
- 1918—Costain, Alfred M., Dip.Soc.Sc.
" Neal, Wallace S.
" Parker, James W.
" Skuse, Thomas
- 1919—Ford, Herbert
" Gatman, William (Sup.)
" Jefferson, Alfred E.
- 1920—Orchard, Hector C. (Sup.)
" Pickering, William B.
- 1921—Benny, Henry
- 1922—Allen, J. Henry
" Brooks, Leslie A. G.
" Jack, J. Francis
- 1923—Blakemore, Albert (Sup.)
" Hames, Eric W., M.A.
" Spencer, Herbert
- 1924—Ayrton, Moses (Sup.)
" Bailey, John H.
" Bateup, Frank
" Brown, Hubert G.
" Fiebig, Herbert L., B.A.
" Kings, Harry S.
" McGregor, Robert
" Taylor, Cecil R.
- 1925—Peterson, Gordon R. H.
- 1926—Hall, James H.
" Harris, G. Raymond
" Voyce, Arthur H.
- 1927—Larsen, Norman P.
" Laurensen, George I.
" Penn, Athol R.
" Raynor, Ivo M.
" Silvester, A. Wharton E.
" Utting, Harry V.
- 1928—Grocott, John D., B.A.
" Hailwood, Charlie O.
" Handy, Francis J.
- 1929—Dickens, Charles E.
" Horwood, Leonard C.
" Kent, Arthur T.
" Parker, Walter
- 1930—Blight, J. Montgomery
" Draper, Joseph C.
" Leadley, E. Clarence
" McDowell, Matthew A.
" Parker, Wesley, M.A.
" Symons, Clifford T., M.A., B.D.
- 1931—Carr, Thomas H.
" Carr, W. E. Allon
" Dudley, Raymond, M.A.
" F.R.E.S.
" Greenslade, William W. H.
" Moore, William E.
" Parker, Gordon, M.A.
" Payne, Herbert W.
" Williams, David O., M.A., LittD
- 1932—Day, Reginald
" Hickman, D. J. Donald
" Jamieson, V. Roy, M.B.E.
" Jenkin, William C.
" Williamson, Ivan S.
- 1933—Chrystall, Bernard, M., B.A.
" Daglish, J. Ainsley
" Mitchell, John L.
" Orr, A. Everil
" Patchett, Ralph E.
" Waite, Alfred, E.
- 1934—Goodman, George H.
" Johnston, Andrew, J.
" Matthews, Howard C., B.A.

CHRONOLOGICAL LIST—*continued*

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| <p>1935—Duder, Clifford L.
 „ Hanna, L. Gordon
 „ Luxton, Clarence T. J.
 „ Mills, William A.
 „ Thornley, Robert, M.A., Dip.
 Soc.Sc.
 „ Witheford, Arthur R., B.A.</p> <p>1936—Hopper, H. Ian K., B.A.
 „ Tasker, Bert. M., B.A., Dip.
 Soc. Sc.
 „ Willoughby, James S.</p> <p>1937—Churchill, John
 „ Francis, William R., B.A.
 „ Mayson, Robert W., B.A.
 „ Norwell, Leslie T.</p> <p>1938—Harkness, Howard E., M.A.
 „ Hoddinott, Ernest S.
 „ Laws, William R., M.A.
 „ Petch, Ashleigh K., B.A.
 „ Silvester, John, M.A.
 „ Whitfield, Harris</p> <p>1939—Cochrane, Herbert A.
 „ Grice, Reginald
 „ Hayman, Leslie A. D. B.Sc.
 (Agric.)
 „ Lucas, Campbell P., L.Th.
 „ Oldfield, Charles B.
 „ Waite, J. Stanley
 „ Watson, John K., M.C., B.A.</p> <p>1940—Dawson, John B., B.A.
 „ Dixon, Haddon C., M.A.
 „ Gilmore, Leslie R. M., B.A.
 „ Greenslade, Lawrence
 „ Jones, Alan O.
 „ Winiata, Maharaia, M.A., Dip.
 Ed.</p> | <p>1941—Bell, Charles H.
 „ Brown, Harold K.
 „ Burley, Harold W., M.M.
 „ Darvill, Harold A.
 „ Thomas, Gordon V., B.A.
 „ Woolford, Henry J., B.A.</p> <p>1942—Clement Robert F., B.A.
 „ Collins Alan F.
 „ Ivory, Arthur H. LLB., B.Com.
 „ Lewis, John J., M.A., B.D.
 „ Morrison William J., B.A.
 „ Willing Leonard V.
 „ Williams, J. C. Aldwyn</p> <p>1943—Brown, Clifford G.
 „ Cramond, George W.
 „ Dawson, W. Selwyn, B.A.
 „ Falkingham, Wilfred E.
 „ Grounds, Edmund D.
 „ Jolly, Albert
 „ Prosser, Frederick O.</p> <p>1944—Allen, Robert H., B.A.
 „ Bell, R. Graham, B.A.
 „ Bycroft, Leslie F.
 „ Chambers, Wesley A.</p> <p>1945—Green, Warren
 „ Gregory, William H.
 „ Shapcott, Len
 „ Dorrian, A. Peter
 „ Parker, Francis H.
 „ Riseley, Benjamin H.
 „ Sherson, Donald G., B.A.</p> <p>1946—Haylock, Donald
 „ McDonald, D. I. Alister
 „ Moore, Harry
 „ Olds, Norman W.
 „ Shepherd, Trevor</p> <p>1947—Attwood, A. Francis
 „ Clements, Leslie C.
 „ Divers, W. Lloyd
 „ Hall, Allen H., B.A.
 „ Woodfield, Owen T.</p> |
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NATIVE MINISTERS.

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| <p>1911—Te Tuhi, Eruera
 1914—Rakena, Rakena P.
 1920—Tauroa, Matarae
 1931—Havea, Paul
 1933—Kera, Nathan</p> | <p>1933—Sotutu, Uziah
 1941—Kukutai, Ngatete K.
 1942—Piani, Timothy
 „ Rogers, Ranginohoora</p> |
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AN ALPHABETICAL LIST OF THE MINISTERS and PROBATIONERS

in connection with the
METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

1. The figures in the first column mark the year in which each Minister entered on his work; those in the second column the year of Annual 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	.... 3	Allen, J. Henry 92 Liardet St., New Plymouth	.... 44
1944	.... 2	Allen, Robert H., B.A., 17 Abbott St., Ngāio, Wel.	72
1947	.... 1	Attwood, A. Francis, Kaikohe	.... 21
1906	.... S	Avery, William W., 58 Elizabeth St., Timaru, Canterbury (1946)	.... 109
1924	.... S	Ayrton, Moses, 32 Vervier St., Karori, Wellington, W.3 (1945)	.... 68
1924	.... 1	Bailey, John H., 68 Firth St., Hamilton East	.... 32
1901	.... S	Bailey, Samuel, 254 The Parade, Island Bay, Wel- lington (1942)	.... 70
1924	.... 3	Bateup, Frank, Willowby R.M.D., Ashburton	.... 114
1941	.... 3	Bell, Charles H., 39 Strathaven St., Miramar, Wel- lington, E.4	.... 70
1944	.... 2	Bell, R. Graham, B.A., 19 Exeter St., Lyttelton	.... 98
1894	.... S	Bellhouse, Harold E., 12 Ranui Road, Remuera, Auckland, S.E. 2 (1934)	.... 3
1921	.... 2	Benny, Henry, Hassard St., Manaia, Taranaki	.... 49
1913	.... 6	Bensley, Arthur A., Devonport St., Tauranga	.... 37
1907	.... S	Blair, Charles, "Noeldene," Main Rd., Stoke, Nel- son (1947)	.... 81
1923	.... S	Blakemore, Alfred, Glenfield Rd., Birkenhead, Auckland, N.5 (1946)	.... 7
1900	.... S	Blamires, E. Percy, c/o Mr. W. R. Tuck, Grey Buildings, Court House Lane, Auckland, C.1	.... 6
1904	.... S	Blamires, Ernest O., Beerehaven Road, Seatoun, Wellington, E.5 (1946)	.... 67
1896	.... S	Blamires, Henry L., 23 Aikman's Rd., St. Albans, Christchurch, N.W.1 (1930)	.... 89
1930	.... 3	Blight, J. Montgomery, 15 Nelson St., Riccarton, Christchurch, W.1	.... 95
1917	.... 3	Blight, William T., B.A., B.D., 75 Havelock Street, Ashburton	.... 113

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit
1922	.... 3	Brooks, Leslie A. G., 111 Wood St., Palmerston North	63
1943	.... 1	Brown, Clifford G., Otorohanga	41
1916	.... 8	Brown, George E., 149 Kamo Rd., Whangarei	17
1941	.... 1	Brown, Harold K., 138 Somme Parade, Aramoho, Wanganui	52
1924	.... 1	Brown, Hubert G., Pah Road, Motueka	83
1941	.... 1	Burley, Harold W., M.M., c/o. 149 Tennyson St., Dunedin	116
1910	.... 6	Burley, William A., M.A., 18 Matai Rd., Hataitai, Wellington, E.2	70
1914	.... 2	Burnet, Oswald, Coronation Street, Waimate	110
1944	.... 2	Bycroft, Leslie F., Taihape	54
1931	.... 4	Carr, Thomas H., 45 Haupapa St., Rotorua	36
1931	.... 3	Carr, W. E. Allon, Thames St., Morrinsville	44
1917	....	Chambers, Ernest B., Howick, Auckland	3
1944	.... 2	Chambers, Wesley A., 128 Wills St., Ashburton	113
1933	.... 2	Chrystall, Bernard M., B.A., 28 Mt. Albert Rd., Auckland, S.W.2	H.M.
	.... 1	Churchill, John, Methodist Mission, Tonga	
1887	.... S	Clement, George, Sandringham St., St. Clair, Dunedin, S.1 (1923)	116
1942	.... 2	Clement, Robert F., B.A., 60 Norton Park Ave., Lower Hutt	72
1947	.... 1	Clements, Leslie C., Ford St., Opotiki	39
1902	.... S	Coatsworth, Thomas, Robinson St., Foxton (1945)	84
1939	.... 5	Cochrane, Herbert A., 17 Church St., Devonport, Auckland, N.1	5
1942	.... 2	Collins, Alan F., Taitua St., Taumarunui	43
1915	.... 3	Cooke, Percy I., Normanby St., Dargaville	15
1905	.... S	Copeland, Fred, 103 Alexander Cres., Hastings (1947)	56
1918	.... 7	Costain, Alfred M., 162 King St., Rangiora	103
1909	.... 10	Cottom, Harry, Springston R.D., Canterbury	99
1943	.... 1	Cramond, George W., Queen St., Waiuku	12
1933	.... 1	Dalglish, J. Ainsley, Arney St., Paeroa	26
1941	.... 3	Darvill, Harold A., Box 400, Hamilton	H.M.
1940	.... 2	Dawson, John B., B.A., 269 Shirley Rd., Ch'ch.	90
1943	.... 1	Dawson, W. Selwyn, B.A., C.F., c/o. 351 Palmerston Rd., Gisborne	57
1932	.... 1	Day, Reginald, C.F., c/o. Methodist Parsonage, Regent St., Waihi	27
1917	.... 2	Dennis, John, 179 Regan St., Stratford	16
1929	.... 5	Dickens, Charles E., 3 Rossmoor Crescent, Wellington, N.1	68
1947	.... 1	Divers, W. Lloyd, Upper Hutt	73
1940	.... 2	Dixon, Haddon C., M.A., West Coast Rd., Glen Eden, Auckland	4
1944	.... 1	Dorrian, A. Peter, N.E. Valley, Dunedin	118
1893	.... S	Drake, Edward, 100 Chapter St., St. Albans, Christchurch (1936)	96
1930	.... 2	Draper, Joseph C., 17 Pukehana Ave., Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3	3
1935	.... 4	Duder, Clifford L., 46 Brighton St., Roslyn, Dunedin	123
1898	.... S	Dudley, Ben, F.R.A.S., 149 Rose St., Christchurch, S.W.1 (1938)	89

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit
1931	.... 9	Dudley, Raymond, M.A., F.R.E.S., 54 Chester St., W., Christchurch, C.1	.... 89
1901	.... S	Eaton, Clarence, 222 Talbot St., Geraldine (1945)	112
1911	.... 1	Enticott, Walter J., Woodend, Nth. Canterbury	.... 104
1943	.... 1	Falkingham, Wilfred E., 3 Delta St., Roslyn, Dun- edin	.... 117
1901	.... S	Featherston, Jacob, 442 Cashel St., Christchurch E.1. (1931)	.... 90
1924	.... 2	Fiebig, Herbert L., B.A., P.O. Box 931, Ch'ch.	.... C.S.
1919	.... 1	Ford, Herbert, 112 Derby Street, Westport	.... 86
1916	.... 5	Fordyce, Robert E., 12 Domett Street, Opunake	.... 50
1911	.... S	Fowles, Albert H., 18 Lionel St., Avonside, Christ- church, N.E.1 (1941)	.... 90
1937	.... 1	Francis, William R., B.A., 8 Madeira Steps, Napier	.... 55
1919	.... S	Gatman, William, Castor Bay, Auckland (1947)	.... 6
1940	.... 1	Gilmore, Leslie R. M., 1 Tennyson Ave., Takapuna, Auckland	.... 6
1897	.... 46	Goldie, John F., Solomon Islands	.... [5]
1934	.... 5	Goodman, George H., 48 Lincoln Rd., Masterton	.... 77
1945	.... 3	Green, Warren, Post Office, Huntley	.... 33
1940	.... 2	Greenslade, Lawrence, 136 Signal Hill Rd., Opoho, Dunedin, N.1.	.... 116
1931	.... 1	Greenslade, William W. H., 38 McFarlane St., Wellington, E.1	.... 67
1897	.... S	Greenwood, Fred, 37 Charlotte Avenue, Brooklyn, Wellington, S.W.1 (1934)	.... 67
1945	.... 1	Gregory, William H., Bell St., Featherston	.... 75
1939	.... 5	Grice, Reginald, 304 High St., Carterton	.... 76
1888	.... S	Grigg, William, 88 Cranford St., St. Albans, Christchurch, N.1. (1932)	.... 89
1928	.... 3	Grocott, John D., B.A., 235 Karori Rd., Wellington, W.3	.... 68
1943	.... 1	Grounds, Edmund D., Te Reinga St., Kaitaia, Nth. Auckland	.... 22
1928	.... 2	Hailwood, Charlie O., 78 West St., Feilding	.... 65
1947	.... 1	Hall, Allen H., B.A., Methodist Missions, New Georgia, British Solomon Islands	.... [5]
1926	.... 1	Hall, James H., Wesley St., Pukekohe	.... 11
1923	.... 9	Hames, Eric W., M.A., "Richmond House," Trinity College, Grafton, Auckland, C.3	.... Th.C.
1928	.... 1	Handy, Francis J., 11 Horopito St., Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.1.	.... 1
1935	.... 5	Hanna, L. Gordon, 8 King Edward St., Eltham	.... 47
1921	.... S	Harkness, Edwin S., 14 Atanga Ave., Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.1 (1947)	.... 3
1938	.... 1	Harkness, Howard E., M.A., 88 Linwood Ave., Christchurch, E.1	.... 90
1910	.... 1	Harris, Archer O., 237 Salisbury St., Ch'ch., C.1	.... 91
1926	.... 2	Harris, G. Raymond, 801E Queen St., Hastings	.... 56
1900	.... S	Haslam, Jonathan H., "Flaxmere," Willowbridge R.D., South Canterbury (1940)	.... 110
1946	.... 2	Haylock, Donald, 1683 Gt. North Rd., Avondale, Auckland, S.W.3	.... 4
1939	....	Hayman, Leslie A. D., B.Sc. Agr., Waimate	.... 110
1932	.... 2	Hickman, D. J. Donald, 52 Queen's Drive, Mussel- burgh, Dunedin, S.2	.... 120

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit
1912	.... 3	Hinton, George B., 53 Fuller St., Kaiapoi	.... 101
1938	.... 2	Hoddinott, Ernest S., 38 Cranford St., St. Albans, Christchurch, N.1	.... 96
1911	.... S	Hopper, Arthur, 416 Massey Rd., Hastings (1935)	.... 56
1936	.... 1	Hopper, H. Ian K., B.A., Eden St., Oamaru	.... 115
1929	.... 2	Horwood, Leonard C., 336 Selwyn St., Addington, Christchurch, S.W.1	.... 94
1900	.... S	Hunt, George P., 116 Peary Rd., Mt. Eden, Auckland (1940)	.... 1
1942	.... 1	Ivory, Arthur H., LL.B., B.Com., 95 Fitzroy St., Kew, Dunedin, S.W.1	.... 121
1922	.... 3	Jack, J. Francis, 524 Church St., Palmerston Nth.	.... 62
1930	.... S	James, Benjamin J., 22 Winton St., St. Albans, Christchurch, N.1. (1940)	.... 89
1932	.... 1	Jamieson, V. Roy, M.B.E., 170- Fitzgerald Ave., Christchurch, C.1	.... 90
1919	.... 1	Jefferson, Alfred E., 12 Poronui St., Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.1.	.... 3
1932	.... 2	Jenkin, William C., Picton	.... 84
1934	.... 2	Johnston, Andrew J., 67 Brougham St., Sydenham, Christchurch, S.1.	.... 93
1943	.... 1	Jolly, Albert, Bank St., Te Awamutu	.... 40
1940	.... 1	Jones, Alan O., 71 High Street, Blenheim	.... 84
1908	.... S	Jordan, Charles B., M.A., B.D., F.R.E.S Maitland Ave., Stoke, Nelson (1947)	.... 81
1899	.... S	Keall, R. Purcell, 22 Trinity Ave., Lower Hutt (1940)	.... 72
1916	.... 3	Kendon, Charles H., Tancred Street, Hokitika	.... 88
1929	.... 4	Kent, Arthur T., Box 40, Raglan	.... 31
1924	.... 2	Kings, Harry S., 112 Cambridge St., Levin	.... 79
1927	.... 1	Larsen, Norman P., 60 Lawrence St., Mornington, Dunedin, W.1	.... 122
1927	.... 9	Laurenson, Geo. I., 11 Kakariki Ave., Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.1	.... H.M.
1912	.... 1	Lawrence, Frederick B., 64 Albert St., Pahiatua	.... 61
1887	.... S	Laws, Charles H., B.A., D.D., Foundation Fellow of Trinity College, 4 Tahuri Rd., Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3 (1931)	.... 3
1938	.... 1	Laws, William R., M.A., 216 Earn St., Invercargill	.... 128
1930	.... 2	Leadley, E. Clarence, 77 Grey St. East, Onehunga, Auckland, S.E.5	.... 8
1900	.... S	Leadley, Frank E., 26 Arthur Street, Onehunga, Auckland, S.E.5 (1940)	.... 8
1942	.... 2	Lewis, John J., M.A., B.D., 127 Johnson St., Milton	.... 125
1903	.... S	Liddell, Ralph J., 108 Peary Rd., Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.2 (1942)	.... 1
1900	.... S	Liversedge, Arthur, 76 Halton St., Papanui, Christchurch, N.W.2 (1940)	.... 96
1939	.... 5	Lucas, Campbell P., L.Th., 39 Washington Ave., Brooklyn, Wellington, S.W.1	.... 67
1935	.... 9	Luxton, Clarence T. J., Methodist Mission, Buka Passage, Terr. of New Guinea, Solomon Is.	.... [8]
1908	.... S	Martin, J. Frederick, 32 Karaka St., Castlecliff, Wanganui (1944)	.... 53
1934	.... 1	Matthews, Howard C., B.A., 18 London St., Hamilton	.... 31

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit
1937	.... 1	Mayson, Robert W., B.A., 156 Matson's Rd., Papanui, Christchurch, N.W.2	.... 97
1909	.... 6	McArthur, John D., 24 Colombo St., Wellington, S.1	.... 69
1904	.... S	McBean, Angus, 106 Grey St., Ashburton (1942)	.... 113
1946	.... 2	McDonald, D. I. Alister, Marchant St., Putaruru	.... 35
1930	.... 2	McDowell, Matthew A., 142 North St., Timaru	.... 108
1924	.... 12	McGregor, Robert, School Rd., Greendale Canthy.	.... 105
1916	.... 28	Metcalfe, John R., Methodist Mission, New Georgia, Solomon Islands	.... [7]
1905	.... S	Metson, Basil, 26 Ashley St., Rangiora (1945)	.... 103
1935	.... 2	Mills, William A., Matai St., Maeroa, Hamilton	.... 31
1890	.... S	Mitchell, Arthur, 40 Mt. Albert Rd., Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2 (1930)	.... 4
1933	.... 3	Mitchell, John L., 1 Knights Road, Lower Hutt	.... 72
1946	.... 2	Moore, Harry, Ruawai, North Auckland	.... 16
1931	.... 1	Moore, William E., 19 Ensor's Rd., Opawa, Christchurch, E.E.1	.... 92
1942	.... 4	Morrison, William J., Porirua, Wellington	.... 71
1918	.... 1	Neal, Wallace S., Regent Street, Waihi	.... 27
1911	.... 17	Neale, Leslie B., B.A., F.R.G.S., 56 Royal Terrace, Dunedin, C.2	.... 118
1917	.... S	Nelson, John R., Putiki Bay, Waiheke Island, Auckland (1946)	.... 3
1875	.... S	<u>Nixon, John</u> , Eliot St., New Plymouth (1907)	.... 44
1937	.... 2	Norwell, Leslie T., Oxford	.... 106
1915	.... 1	Odell, Henry J., 3 Repton St., St. Albans, Christchurch, N.W.1	.... 96
1939	.... 2	Oldfield, Charles B., 77 Grey St., Woodville	.... 60
1910	.... 1	Olds, Charles H., B.A., 43 Queen St. Cambridge	.... 30
1914	.... 13	Olds, E. Thomas, 10 Hopetoun St., Auckland, C.2	.... 1
1946	.... 2	Olds, Norman W., 68 Station St., Papatoetoe	.... 9
1888	.... S	Olphert, J., 39 View Rd., Mt. Eden, Auckland S.1 (1932)	.... 1
1920	.... S	Orchard, Hector C., c/o. 136 Surrey St., South Dunedin (1947)	.... 121
1933	.... 15	Orr, A. Everil, 10 Eden View Road, Sandringham, Auckland, S.W.1	.... 2
1902	.... S	Oxbrow, Walter J., 66 Elizabeth St., Rotorua (1938)	.... 36
1917	.... 3	Parker, Frederick J., 33 Wicksteed St., Wanganui	.... 51
1931	.... 3	Parker, Gordon, M.A., c/o. 14 St. Vincent Ave., Remuera, Auckland, S.E.2	.... 3
1918	.... 2	Parker, James W., County Rd., Tor Bay, Takapuna, Auckland	.... 6
1929	.... 6	Parker, Walter, 994 New North Rd., Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W. 2	.... 4
1930	.... 3	Parker, Wesley, M.A., 14 St. Vincent Avenue, Remuera, Auckland, S.E.2	.... 3
1902	.... S	Patchett, Ernest D., 32 Arthur St., Ponsonby, Auckland, W.2 (1945)	.... 1
1933	.... 3	Patchett, Ralph E., Queen St., Richmond	.... 82
1931	.... 1	Payne, Herbert W., 37 Nelson St., Petone	.... 74
1913	.... 3	Peat, Harold T., 7 Banff Ave., Epsom, Auck., S.E.3	.... 3
1927	.... 2	Penn, Athol R., Church St., Te Aroha	.... 28
1938	.... 1	Petch, Ashleigh K., B.A., 320 Hardy St., Nelson	.... 81
1925	.... 2	Peterson, Gordon R. H., 107 Glenfield Road, Birkenhead	.... 7

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit
1920	.... 5	Pickering, William B., Kirk St., Otaki	.... 80
1943	.... 3	Prosser, Frederick O., 46 Radley St., Christchurch	.... 92
1897	.... S	Pybus, T. Arthur, De Lacy St., Dunedin (1939)	.... 119
1901	.... S	Ranston, Harry, M.A., Litt.D., Fellow Trinity College, 34 Alexis Avenue, Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2 (1941)	.... 4
1927	.... 3	Raynor, Ivo M., 9 Paynter's Ave., Plymouth	.... 44
1911	.... 5	Richards, H. Leslie, Selwyn St., Leeston	.... 100
1910	.... 5	Richards, James, 98 North St., Timaru	.... 107
1905	.... S	Richards, Raymond, 317 Park St., New Brighton, Christchurch (1942)	.... 90
1906	.... S	Roberts, Charles M., 286 South Rd., New Plymouth, (1944)	.... 44
1911	.... 1	Rowe, William, 38 Sealey St., Thames	.... 24
1906	.... S	Ryan, Henry, 8 Burns Rd., Napier (1943)	.... 55
1916	.... 3	Sage, Ernest E., 22 Union St., New Brighton, Ch.	.... 90
1900	.... S	Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A., 9 Elmwood Rd., Fendalton, Christchurch, N.W.1 (1940)	.... 89
1912	.... 15	Scrivin, Arthur H., Probert Chambers, Queen St., Auckland, C.1 (Private Address: 16 Atherton Road, Epsom, S.E.3)	.... F.M.
1903	.... S	Seamer, Arthur J., Box 400, Hamilton (1939)	.... 31
1945	.... 3	Shapcott, Len, Kaeo, North Auckland	.... 19
1910	.... S	Sharp, Harold A., 192 Strickland St., Sydenham, Christchurch (1947)	.... 93
1946	.... 2	Shepherd, Trevor, Solomon Islands	.... 54
1944	.... 3	Sherson, Donald G., B.A., P.O. Box 21, Rawene, North Auckland	.... 23
1927	.... 13	Silvester, A. Wharton E., Vonunu, Vella Lavella, British Solomon Islands	.... [6]
1938	.... 2	Silvester, John, M.A., Franklin St., Greymouth	.... 87
1891	.... S	Sinclair, William A., 16 Empire Rd., Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3 (1933)	.... 3
1918	.... 4	Skuse, Thomas, 230 High Street, Dannevirke	.... 59
1915	.... 5	Slade, William G., M.A., 149 Tennyson St., Dunedin, C.2	.... 116
1892	.... S	Smith, G. Knowles, Main St., Greytown, Wairarapa, (1940)	.... 75
1908	.... S	Speer, William H., Whakaue St., Rotorua (1937)	.... 36
1923	.... 3	Spencer, Herbert, Sanson, Manawatu	.... 66
1930	.... 9	Symons, Clifford T., M.A., B.D., 137 Coromandel St., Wellington, S.2	.... Y.P.
1936	.... 3	Tasker, Bert M., B.A., 351 Palmerston St., Gisborne	.... 57
1924	.... 1	Taylor, Cecil R., Ashhurst, Manawatu	.... 64
1941	.... 3	Thomas, Gordon V., B.A., 27 Cambria Ave., Mt. Roskill, Auckland, S.2	.... 1
1946	.... 2	Thompson, George R., Port Albert, Wellsford R.D., North Auckland	.... 20
1935	.... 3	Thornley, Robert, M.A., "Homewood," Chapman St., Invercargill	.... 127
1908	.... 2	Tinsley, Robert B., 35 Wood St., Papakura, Auckland	.... 10
1927	.... 2	Utting, Harry V., Mowatt St., Waitara	.... 45

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit
1894	.... S	Vealie, Thomas W., 35 Cudby St., Lower Hutt	72
1926	.... 22	Voyce, Arthur H., Bougainville, Terr. of New Guinea	[8]
1933	.... 3	Waite, Alfred E., 64 Station Rd., Otahuhu, Auckland, S.E.7	9
1939	.... 1	Waite, J. Stanley, 5 William St., Gore	129
1912	.... S	Walker, William, 54 St. John's Rd., Remuera, Auckland (1945)	3
1939	.... 2	Watson, John K., B.A., c/o. High Commissioner for N.Z., 35 The Strand, London	Y.P.
1914	.... 5	Werren, Samuel J., Wesley House, 19 Regent St., Hawera	48
1906	.... 3	White, Hedley, Porirua Rd., Johnsonville	71
1938	.... 1	Whitfield, Harris, 32 Arthur St., Ponsonby, Auckland, W.2	1
1931	.... 1	Williams, David O., M.A., Litt.D., "Leigh House," Trinity College, Grafton Rd., Auckland, C.3	Th.C.
1943	.... 3	Williams, J. C., Aldwyn, Roxburgh	126
1932	.... 3	Williamson, Ivan S., Matamata	34
1942	.... 2	Willing, Leonard V., Stanley St., Eketahuna	78
1936	.... 1	Willoughby, James, 80 Wesley St., Dunedin, S.1	119
1899	.... S	Wills, William, 2 Seacliffe Ave., Takapuna, Auckland, N.2 (1939)	6
1940	.... 6	Winiata, Maharaia, M.A., Dip.Ed., Wesley College, Paerata	1
1935	.... 2	Witthford, Arthur R., B.A., 107 Dyers Pass Rd., Cashmere Hills, Christchurch	89
1947	Woodfield, Owen T., c/o. 18 Matai Rd., Hataitai, Wellington, E.2	70
1941 3	Woolford, J. Henry, B.A., Birkett St., Temuka	111

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1914 4	Rakena, Rakena P., Waihi Rd., Hawera	[4]
1920 5	Tauroa, Matarae, Tuakau	[1]
1911 11	Te Tuhi, Eruera, 519 Mt. Albert Rd., Auckland, S.1	[1]
1942	.... 4	Rogers, Rangihooora, Waima, Hokianga	[1]
1937	.... 10	Afu, John, New Georgia, Solomon Islands	[5]
1931	.... 16	Havea, Paul, Marovo, Solomon Islands	[5]
1933	.... 14	Kera, Nathan, New Georgia, Solomon Islands	[5]
1933	.... 14	Sotutu, Uziah, Buka, Bougainville, Mandated Territory of New Guinea	[8]
1941	.... 7	Kukutai, Ngatete Kerei, Te Kuiti	[3]

YOUTH DIRECTORS.

1939—	Bate, Arthur E., 24 Linwood Ave., Mt. Albert, S.W.2	.... Y.P.
1947—	Hartley, E. Jean, B.A., Christchurch	.... Y.P.

HOME MISSIONARIES.

	Years
1904—C. Aker (Retired), 4 London St., Dannevirke	.... 2
1907—S. Keen (Retired), Kirk Street, Otaki	.... 9
1909—C. W. Brown (Retired), 33 Sainsbury Rd., Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2	.... 9
1909—T. W. Featherstone (Retired), 2 Roy Ter., New Plymouth	10
1910—C. Duncan (Retired), 24 Marunui Rd., Pt. Chevalier, Akld.	8
1913—J. Common (Retired), Bristol St., Levin	.... 12

	Years
1917—A. L. Witheford (Retired), Claudelands, Hamilton	13
1919—J. W. Bayliss (Retired), 16 Richmond Ave., Northcote, Auckland, N.4	9
1919—J. Belshaw (Retired), 20 Douglas Ave., Mt. Albert, Akld.	16
1922—H. Ashworth (Retired), South Rd., New Plymouth	11
1922—C. Robinson, Wellington Rd., Marton	3
1924—R. T. Alexander, Paparoa	2
1924—W. H. Wilson (Retired), 19 Rangitoto Tce., Takapuna, Auckland, N.2	9
1925—W. J. Henderson, Greenmeadows, Napier	1
1925—H. J. Malcolm (Retired), 31 St. John St., Ch'ch., N.W.2.	7
1926—W. Sussex (Retired), Bayswater, Auckland	9
1928—R. Coombridge, Silverdale	2
1930—J. C. R. Ashworth, c/o P.O. Box 23, W. Auckland	1
1934—R. C. Patchett, Te Kuiti	1
1937—N. R. Hooper, Cromwell	1
1938—H. M. Brasell, Scotia Street, Port Chalmers	3
1939—K. A. Robinson, Otautau, Southland	3
1939—H. R. Wright, Paraparaumu, Wellington	5
1940—W. J. Bryant, Waipawa	1
1941—L. E. G. Sharp, Kohukohu, North Auckland	1
1941—T. Steele, Balclutha	5
1941—J. H. Thompson, Warkworth	1
1943—J. F. Amos, Ngaruawahia, Waikato	2
1943—E. J. Carter, Mosgiel	2
1943—A. Currie, Okato, Taranaki	3
1945—J. M. Daley, B.A., Ohoka	1
1946—W. E. Sleep (Retired), 313 High St., Dannevirke	2

HOME MISSIONARY PROBATIONERS

1944—C. E. Roke (Leave of Absence), Matakana	2
1946—O. L. Christian, Coromandel	2
1946—G. T. Gilbert, Kawhia, King Country	2
1946—R. C. Groves, Hikurangi, North Auckland	2
1946—A. W. McKay, Halcombe	2
1946—H. W. Toothill, Waikouaiti, Otago	2
1946—I. J. Clucas, Frankton Junction	2
1946—W. A. Bridge, 22 Mersey St., Ireland Bay, Wellington	1
1947—D. Armstrong, Bombay	1
1947—A. J. Handyside, Ngatea	1
1947—J. McMorran, Kaukapakapa	1
1947—L. D. Woolf, Edendale	1
1947—A. W. R. Mead, St. Clair, Dunedin	1
1947—F. J. Climo, Whakatane	1

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Francis H. Parker, non-resident Student of Trinity College, 10 New Bond St., Kingsland, Auckland.
 Ben H. Riseley, non-resident Student of Trinity College, 7 Smaile St., Pt. Chevalier, Auckland.
 H. Thornley, Nelson South.
 G. R. Rotherham, Russell, Bay of Islands.
 F. E. Trim, Shiel St., Reefton.
 W. F. Ford, non-resident Student Trinity College, 19 Scholefield St., Grey Lynn, Auckland.
 J. Caldwell, Wairoa, H.B.

MAORI HOME MISSIONARIES.

	Years
1920—Te Aho-o-te-Rangi Pihama, P.O. Box 400, Hamilton	18
1922—Te Hira Ratete, Punakitere, Hokianga, Nth. Auckland	20
1930—Wetini Hotu, Hangatiki, King Country	18
1930—Paahi Moke, 37 Breakwater Rd., New Plymouth	4
1930—Rangiira Tumahuki, Whenuakura Pa, Taranaki	18
1932—Rameka Eru, Te Karae, Hokianga	15
1932—Tuteao Manihera, Ngaruawahia Pa	7
1932—Paikea H. Toka, Hakanoa St., Grey Lynn, Auckland	4
1934—Huru Wiperi, c/o. P.O. Box 400, Hamilton	2
1934—Wiremu Wi Hongi, Kaikohe, North Auckland	12
1934—John Nicholls, Te Kuiti	14
1934—Poo Kingi, Whatawhata, Waikato	14
1934—Heemi Rihimona, P.O. Box 400, Hamilton	7
1935—Honehone Kereopa, Raglan	13
1935—Hoani Tonga, Otewa, Otorohanga	1
1936—Paoa Rakena, Mangamuka, Hokianga	12
1936—Ngaweke Tuhimata, Tuakau	2
1937—Te Paki Kinita, Marakopa, King Country	8
1937—Roi Moke, P.O. Box 400, Hamilton	6
1938—Paraire Paraone Kena, Pouto, Kaipara Heads	10
1938—Piripi Livingstone, Pokere, Bay of Islands	10
1938—Wiremu Paki Ihaka, Dargaville	10
1939—John Harris, Matakana, North Auckland	9
1939—Nehana Pu, Whananaki, North Auckland	9
1940—Wiremu Tonga, Aramiro P.O., Waitetuna, Waikato	8
1941—Wiremu Kamana, Marokopa R.M.D., King Country	7
1941—Wene Herangi, Te Manaia, King Country	7
1942—Raniera Poihipi Tokoroa, Ngaruawahia	2
1942—Tawai Te Riri Kawiti, Waiomio, Bay of Islands	6
1943—Ngakao Rapana, Owairaka, via Te Awamutu	5
1943—Heemi Winiata, Whirinaki, Hokianga	4
1944—Te Urunga Pura Wetene, Kawhia, King Country	4
1944—Paki Manga, c/o. Dairy Factory, Otorohanga	4
1944—Rangi, Katipa, Hiona Pa, Ngutunui P.O., King Country	4
1945—Tame Ponui, c/o. Box 400, Hamilton	3
1946—Waaka Simon Rewa, 128 Dominion Rd., Auckland	2
1946—Waiwera Rangawhenua, Maketu Pa, Kawhia, King Country	2
1946—Tumu Te Huia, Makomako, via Kawhia	2
1946—Waka, Kukutai, Te Kohanga, Waikato	2
1946—Henare Kepa, Rangitane, Kaipara Heads	2

MISSIONARY SISTERS.

- Sister Eleanor Dobby, Main North Rd., Styx, Christchurch.
Sister Nicholls, Matai St., Te Kuiti.
Sister Rita Snowden, 24 Empire Rd., Auckland, S.E.3.
Sister Hobbs, P.O. Box 400, Hamilton.
Sister Ivy Jones, Box 23W, Auckland.
Sister Netta Gittos, c/o. 8 Airedale St., Auckland.
Sister Olive Bott, Taheka, Hokianga.
Sister Madeline Holland, Ratana Pa, Wanganui.
Sister Heeni Wharemaru, Box 400, Hamilton.
Sister Evelyn Marriott, Rangiatea Maori Girls' School, New Plymouth.
Sister Dorothy Pointon, Taheke, Hokianga.
Sister Joyce Webber, 8 Airedale St., Auckland.
Sister Nance Davidson, 8 Airedale St., Auckland, C.1.
Sister Anne Wilson, c/o. 57 Victoria St., Hawera.
Sister Ruth Hilder, c/o. Post Office, Kawakawa.
Sister Jean Miller, Box 400, Hamilton.
Sister May Viney, 142 North St., Timaru.
Sister Lina Jones, Methodist Mission, New Georgia, British Solomon Islands.
Sister Grace McDonald, Methodist Mission, Choiseul, British Solomon Islands.
Sister Ada Lee, Methodist Mission, South Bougainville, Terr. of New Guinea.
Sister Effie Harkness, Methodist Mission, New Georgia, British Solomon Islands.
Sister Merle Farland, c/o. Box 23, W. Auckland.
Sister Joy Whitehouse, Methodist Mission, Vella Lavella, British Solomon Islands.
Sister Winifred Poole, Methodist Mission, Buka Passage, Terr. of New Guinea.
Sister Merle Carter, Methodist Mission, Teop, Buka Passage, Terr. of New Guinea.
Sister Lucy Money, Methodist Mission, New Georgia, British Solomon Islands.
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Probationer Daphne Lye, Box 400, Hamilton.
Probationer Jean Simpkin, c/o. P.O., Dargaville.

Methodist Church of New Zealand

In Memoriam

MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS

Who have laboured in New Zealand and were still in the Methodist Ministry at the date of their death.

The following list of our honoured dead has been compiled by direction of the Conference. In some particulars it is incomplete. Information concerning any errors or omissions should be sent to the Rev. H. L. Fiebig, P.O. Box, 931, Christchurch, C.I., New Zealand.

Name of Minister	Birthplace	Year of Birth	Entered the Ministry	Date of Death	Place of Burial
Abernethy, Christopher	Shetland Islands	1845	1879	29th April, 1927	Christchurch
Aldred, John	Suffolk, England	1818	1839	14th January, 1894	Christchurch
Allen, Alexander	Christchurch, N.Z.	1884	1910	8th May, 1918	France
Alley, Donald C.	Clinton	1906	1932	—June, 1942	Lost at Sea
Armitage, John	Leeds, England	1834	1875	29th April, 1881	Drowned in <i>Tararua</i>
Ashcroft, Arthur	Lancashire, England	1869	1895	15th December, 1943	Palmerston North
Barley, Charles E.	Fincham, England	1851	1874	5th October, 1888	Hawera
Bathey, Percy	Yorkshire, England	1886	1913	12th July, 1923	New Plymouth
Baumber, William	Lincolnshire, England	1852	1876	8th September, 1932	Christchurch
Bavin, Rainsford	Lincolnshire, England	1845	1866	2nd August, 1905	Gore Hill, N.S.W.
Baxter, Matthew				1st May, 1893	
Beck, William Henry	Sussex, England	1837	1869	20th November, 1922	Blenheim
Beecroft, Charles E.	Lowestoft, Suffolk	1844	1870	17th November, 1913	Auckland
Benning, Job	Wednesbury, England	1858	1905	22nd November, 1915	Waikouaiti
Berry, Joseph	Preston, England	1846	1865	9th July, 1907	Payneham, S. Aust.
Best, Edward	Newry, Ireland	1824	1848	18th November, 1900	Auckland
Binet, Vincent Le C.	Channel Islands	1883	1914	10th January, 1943	Auckland
Blight, Joseph	Clare, South Australia	1858	1887	24th October, 1933	Auckland
Bond, George	Durham, England	1848	1871	6th November, 1931	Auckland
Bowie, William S.	Scarsdale, Victoria	1865	1896	19th December, 1914	Victoria

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Brooke, Thomas G.	Berkshire, England	1849	1880	31st August, 1931	Auckland
Buddle, Thomas	Durham, England	1812	1835	26th June, 1883	Auckland
Bull, Henry	London, England	1843	1868	1st August, 1919	Christchurch
Buller, James	Cornwall, England	1812	1837	6th November, 1884	Christchurch
Bumby, John Hewgill	Thirsk, England	1808	1829	26th June, 1840.	Dr'wed, Hauraki Gulf
Bunn, Robert S.	Dublin, Ireland	1835	1860	22nd June, 1907	Sydney, N.S.W.
Buttle, George	Yorkshire, England	1810	1838	10th July, 1874	Auckland
Buttle, Joseph Newman	Waipa, N.Z.	1850	1878	23rd December, 1914	Christchurch
Cannell, William	Manchester, England	1836	1861	8th September, 1921	New Plymouth
Carr, Thomas Goodwill	Eastwood, Notts, England	1846	1871	2nd August, 1935	Auckland
Chappell, Albert B., M.A.	Southsea, England	1872	1896	28th August, 1942	Auckland
Chapman, John G.	London, England	1865	1889	30th December, 1925	Wellington
Clark, James R.	Maysbury, Bucks, England	1854	1906	1st August, 1928	Christchurch
Clover, James	Suffolk, England	1850	1874	7th December, 1919	Hamilton
Cocker, James	Derbyshire, England	1862	1890	6th March, 1935	Masterton
Cook, George S.	Braidwood, N.S.W.	1864	1901	23rd February, 1945	Otaki
Cossum, Percy J.	Kent, England	1869	1897	9th September, 1933	Wellington
Creed, Charles	Somerset, England	1812	1837	18th February, 1879	Rookwood, N.S.W.
Crump, John	Kingsland, Herefordshire, Eng.	1828	1857	28th May, 1912	Stoke, Nelson
Daniel, Herbert	London, England	1881	1906	21st February, 1939	Matamata
Dawson, John	Keighly, Yorkshire, England	1859	1888	13th September, 1925	Wellington
Dawson, William	Northumberland, England	1865	1894	24th July, 1906	Christchurch
Dean, William John	Hereford, England	1826	1854	9th September, 1905	Wellington
Dellow, John	Kent, England	1851	1879	21st November, 1897	Woodend
Dewsbury, Henry R.	Alloa, Scotland	1849	1871	8th June, 1926	Auckland
Dukes, John	Staffordshire, England	1845	1880	16th August, 1919	Manurewa, Auckland
Dumbell, John	Isle of Man	1830	1852	28th September, 1923	Wellington
Eketone, Hare	Kawhia	1828	1857	1862	Mokau
Ellis, Henry	Bundoran, Ireland	1828	1877	17th June, 1879	Woodend
Emmitt, Ernest S., M.C.	Hull, England	1879	1903	4th June, 1944	Auckland
Evans, Matthew Joseph	Thames, New Zealand	1882	1912	3rd May, 1920	Auckland
Fairclough, Paul W.	South Australia	1852	1874	17th April, 1917	Christchurch

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Fee, Thomas	County Down, Ireland	1850	1876	18th April, 1940	Christchurch
Fellows, Samuel B.	Derbyshire, England	1858	1888	21st October, 1933	Mt. Barker, W. Aust.
Fletcher, Joseph Horner	St. Vincent, West Indies	1823	1847	30th June, 1890	Rookwood, N.S.W.
Fletcher, William, B.A.	Granada, West Indies	1829	1856	20th June, 1881	Rookwood, N.S.W.
Foston, Charles A.	Lincolnshire	1870	1914	4th June, 1944	Levin
Frost, George	Suffolk, England	1866	1893	29th March, 1944	Auckland
Garland, Charles H.	London, England	1857	1881	4th November, 1918	Auckland
Garlick, Samuel J.	Greenwich, England	1848	1876	27th August, 1917	Wellington
Ginger, Barton H.	Watford, England	1861	1885	27th January, 1914	Hutt
Gittos, William	Durham, England	1829	1856	26th May, 1916	Auckland
Gordon, Aldwyn Remington, M.A.	St. Leonards, New Zealand	1890	1915	26th August, 1918	France
Gosnell, Robert B.	Sydney, N.S.W.	1882	1912	20th August, 1944	Ashburton
Gray, Joseph H.	Cornwall, England	1841	1878	3rd January, 1902	Greymouth
Greenslade, William	Nelson, New Zealand	1875	1900	19th August, 1931	Christchurch
Griffin, Cornelius	Oldbury, England	1851	1876	18th June, 1929	Auckland
Griffin, John Wesley	Ireland	1853	1894	6th January, 1932	Auckland
Griffin, Thomas N.	Whitehaven, England	1853	1880	20th August, 1924	Christchurch
Griffith, Samuel	London, England	1859	1882	19th December, 1937	Auckland
Guy, James	Kent, England	1855	1875	6th March, 1934	Christchurch
Haddon, Robert Tahupotiki	Taranaki	1866	1900	5th November, 1936	Normanby
Hammond, Thomas Godfrey	Richmond, Nelson	1846	1874	15th December, 1926	Putaruru
Hana, Piripi	Wellington	..	1856	1857	Auckland
Harding, Arthur	Ludlow, Shropshire	1861	1887	25th November, 1938	Lower Hutt
Harding, Isaac	Wanstron, England	1815	1836	17th July, 1897	Toowong, Queensland
Harper, George S.	Yorkshire, England	1840	1864	24th September, 1911	Palmerston North
Harris, Francis Thomas	Christchurch	1888	1914	19th April, 1933	Christchurch
Harris, John	Cornwall, England	1874	1905	27th August, 1936	Christchurch
Harris, Walter	Warwickshire, England	1848	1872	9th March, 1926	Christchurch
Harrison, Colin C.	Allendale, England	1867	1893	22nd November, 1943	Wellington
Henderson, Samuel	Armagh, Ireland	1865	1894	28th April, 1942	New Plymouth
Heretini, Te Tuhi	Whirinaki	1857	1896	9th October, 1933	
Hobbs, John	Kent, England	1800	1824	24th June, 1883	Auckland

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Hosking, James Alfred	Coromandel, New Zealand	1872	1896	1st October, 1924	Auckland
Hounsell, George	Sussex, England	..	1879	3rd March, 1906	Gisborne, N.Z.
Hudson, Lewis			1879	13th April, 1922	Auckland
Innes, Jonathan	Newcastle-on-Tyne, England	1809	1845	6th May, 1864	Nelson, N.Z.
Ironside, Samuel	Sheffield, England	1814	1837	24th April, 1897	Hobart, Tasmania
Isitt, Frank Whitmore	Bedford, England	1846	1870	11th November, 1916	Dunedin
Jones, Peter W.	Cheshire, England	1846	1876	2nd December, 1929	Feilding
Jones, T. Francis	South Wales	1853	1882	16th May, 1943	Auckland
Jory, John D.	Cornwall, England	1846	1874	16th June, 1935	Auckland
Joughin, Thomas A.	Isle of Man	1863	1887	10th January, 1942	Auckland
Kakuere, Hori	Mangere	1863	1911	21st August, 1938	Pukekohe
Keall, William	Holbeach, Lincolnshire, Eng.	1838	1869	31st August, 1906	Palmerston North
Keast, W. H.				1880	Christchurch
Kirk, William	Owston, Lincolnshire, Eng.	1825	1846	19th May, 1915	Wellington
Knight, Percy N., B.A.	Norwook, Australia	1867	1889	16th August, 1944	Auckland
Kuri, Te Hori	Hokianga	1828	1879	6th May, 1891	Hokianga
Law, John	Lancashire, England	1841	1868	1st August, 1908	Auckland
Lawry, Albert Charles	Auckland, New Zealand	1862	1885	21st June, 1940	Christchurch
Lawry, Henry Hassall	New South Wales	1821	1845	8th May, 1906	Auckland
Lawry, Samuel	Cornwall, England	1854	1877	26th July, 1933	Christchurch
Lawry, Walter	Cornwall, England	1793	1817	30th March, 1859	Parramatta, N.S.W.
Laycock, William	Lancashire, England	1858	1884	13th November, 1927	Christchurch
Lee, William	Yorkshire, England	1841	1864	12th November, 1925	Auckland
Leigh, Samuel	Milton, England	1788	1812	2nd May, 1852	Reading, England
Lewis, John James	Abergavenny, Wales	1844	1870	12th June, 1931	Auckland
Lochore, John Alexander	Westland, New Zealand	1869	1895	2nd June, 1931	Dunedin
Long, Joseph	Carlisle, England	1818	1843	24th February, 1892	Auckland
Luke, James Henry	St. Just, Cornwall, England	1860	1881	22nd November, 1884	Wellington
Luxford, John A., C.M.G.	Hutt, New Zealand	1854	1876	28th January, 1921	Auckland
Lyth, Richard Burdsall, M.R.C.S.	Yorkshire, England	1810	1836	27th February, 1887	York, England
Macfarlane, Samuel	Liverpool, England	1828	1852	25th June, 1898	Christchurch
Mann, George Henry	Yorkshire, England	1868	1894	26th October, 1918	Gore

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Marshall, George T.	Warwickshire, England	1853	1883	2nd August, 1938	Auckland
Marten, William Benjamin	Essex, England	1847	1871	15th February, 1907	Hutt
Mather, Joseph John	Leeds, England	1854	1883	8th November, 1921	Auckland
McNicoll, David	Liverpool, England	1843	1868	8th June, 1925	Auckland
Mercer, Victor Stanley	Adelaide, S.A.	1888	1920	7th December, 1923	Bluff
Morley, William, D.D.	Notts, England	1842	1863	24th May, 1926	Kew, Victoria
Murray, Daniel J.	Cambridge, England	1851	1875	27th Sept., 1928	Auckland
Murray, Richard James	London, England	1862	1896	26th March, 1928	Rookwood, N.S.W.
Nielsen, Edward	Norway	1842	1877	12th June, 1894	Palmerston North
Ngaropi, Hamiora	Waikato	1809	1856	1887	Whatawhata
Newbold, Thomas Walter	Auckland	1862	1886	19th October, 1930	Dunedin
Oliver, William C.	Sutherlandshire, Scotland	1842	1867	14th April, 1922	Christchurch
Orchard, John	Devonshire, England	1838	1861	6th January, 1907	Christchurch, N.Z.
Paris, Percy R.	Dunedin, N.Z.	1882	1906	29th March, 1942	Wellington
Parsons, John Ernest	Birmingham, England	1885	1912	8th April, 1932	Palmerston North
Parsonson, William George	Lerwick, Shetland Islands	1854	1881	8th September, 1903	Christchurch
Patene, Wiremu	Waikato	1810	1859	December, 1884	Karakariki
Paul, Hauraki	Orakei		1882	1910	Kaipara
Pendray, John J.	Camborne, Cornwall, England	1845	1870	2nd July, 1914	Taumarunui
Penney, Charles	Camborne, Cornwall, England	1851	1875	17th March, 1917	Reefton
Peryman, Samuel H. D.	Tai Tapu, N.Z.	1867	1892	16th August, 1945	Wellington
Peters, Alfred	Truro, Cornwall, England	1850	1877	8th November, 1939	Christchurch
Pewa, Wiremu Warena	Waima	1852	1879	31st July, 1907	Waikato
Pinfold, James Thomas, D.D.	Manchester, England	1855	1881	30th July, 1933	Wellington
Potter, William Smith	London, England	1854	1876	30th January, 1929	Auckland
Prior, Samuel F.	Bedford, England	1851	1875	1919	Masterton, N.Z.
Purchon, Samuel R.	Leeds, England	1851	1875	24th January, 1878	Motueka
Raine, Robert	Durham, England	1868	1892	17th March, 1942	Wellington
Rakena, Piripi			1882	25th March, 1934	Mangamuka
Rands, Frederick	Methven, New Zealand	1883	1908	14th February, 1919	Germany
Ratou, W. Te Kote Te	Wairarapa	1820	1859	4th May, 1895	Lower Wairarapa
Read, Frederick T.	Sleaford, Lincolnshire, Eng.	1867	1889	29th July, 1937	Christchurch

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Reader, Amos	Northamptonshire, England	1875	1901	20th June, 1926	Dargaville
Ready, William	London, England	1860	1885	7th September, 1927	Auckland
Redstone, Harry B.	Tavistock, Devon, England	1836	1862	20th September, 1914	Wellington
Reed, Alexander John	Middlesex, England	1879	1904	5th May, 1912	Te Aroha
Reid, Alexander	Edinburgh, Scotland	1821	1848	25th August, 1891	Auckland
Richards, Thomas R.	Australia	1867	1895	9th January, 1944	Wellington
Richardson, John B.	Nottingham, England	1840	1864	29th April, 1881	Drowned in <i>Tararua</i>
Rigg, Charles W.			1850	July, 1883	
Rishworth, John S.	Bingley, Yorkshire, England	1835	1864	21st October, 1918	Auckland
Rothwell, Benjamin Francis	Wexford, Ireland	1860	1885	11th September, 1924	Hamilton
Rowse, William	Cornwall, England	1835	1858	15th July, 1899	Greytown
Ryan, Lawrence J.	Island of Jersey		1893	4th January, 1902	Cromwell
Schnackenberg, Cort Henry	Hanover	1812	1853	10th August, 1880	Auckland
Scott, William Bramwell	Thames, New Zealand	1873	1907	13th March, 1935	Wellington
Serpell, Samuel J.	Victoria, Australia		1884	9th July, 1918	Thames
Sharp, Joseph	Maidstone, Kent, England	1849	1871	15th August, 1916	Auckland
Shaw, Joseph T.	Yorkshire, England	1826	1859	13th February, 1894	Hawthorn, Victoria
Simmonds, Joseph H.	Nelson	1845	1869	30th June, 1936	Auckland
Skevington, John	Nottingham, England	1814	1839	21st September, 1845	Auckland
Slade, William	Staffordshire, England	1859	1881	20th April, 1916	Onehunga
Smalley, Joseph S.	London, England	1845	1868	26th April, 1921	London
Smith, John	Prince Edward Island	1835	1862	19th August, 1926	Auckland
Southern, John	Oldham, England	1874	1899	23rd December, 1933	Christchurch
Spence, George W. J.	Dromore, Ireland	1852	1879	20th May, 1917	Auckland
Standage, Charles Henry	Campbell Town, Tasmania	1847	1875	8th June, 1936	Dunedin
Stannard, George	Yorkshire, England	1803	1844	8th December, 1888	Wanganui
Stockwell, George F.	Leicestershire, England	1876	1904	20th December, 1945	Auckland
Suckling, Joseph B.	Chelmsford, England	1880	1909	7th December, 1918	Nadroga, Fiji
Taylor, Robert	Rochdale, Lancashire, England	1839	1866	28th May, 1918	Auckland
Thomas, James	Hobart, Tasmania	1846	1871	14th May, 1926	Melbourne, Victoria
Thomas, Thomas E., M.A.	Auburn, S.A.	1851	1876	6th March, 1909	Christchurch
Thomas, William George	Milford Haven, South Wales	1843	1868	2nd December, 1909	Auckland

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Tinsley, William	Hertfordshire, England	1848	1869	22nd August, 1913	Levin
Trestrail, Thomas	Penwortham, S.A.	1859	1887	18th March, 1920	Woodville, S. Aust.
Turner, Nathaniel	Wednesbury, England	1793	1821	5th December, 1864	Toowong, Queensland
Turner, Nicholas	Kent, England	1863	1909	19th February, 1930	Christchurch
Waiti, Hoani	Kaipara	1820	1860	1879	Kaipara
Waiti, Karawini	Kaipara	1851	1878	25th May, 1878	Auckland
Waiti, Martini L.	Kaipara	1860	1880	1887	Kaipara
Wallis, James	Blackwell, England	1809	1833	5th July, 1895	Auckland
Wallis, James W.	Waingarua (Raglan)	1842	1864	2nd August, 1877	Auckland
Wallis, T. Jackson	Raglan, N.Z.	1863	1885	25th December, 1943	Christchurch
Ward, Charles Ebenezer	New Plymouth, New Zealand	1846	1870	24th August, 1935	Christchurch
Ward, Josiah	New Plymouth, New Zealand	1848	1872	19th September, 1926	Wellington
Ward, Robert,	Sporle, Norfolk, England	1816	1835	13th October, 1876	Wellington
Warihi, Heteraka	Te Kuiti	1826	1865	10th July, 1898	Blenheim
Warren, John	Norfolk, England	1814	1836	23rd November, 1883	Auckland
Watkin, James	Manchester, England	1805	1830	14th May, 1886	Rookwood, N.S.W.
Watkin, William James	Tonga	1833	1857	28th September, 1909	Auckland
Whewell, John	Hadfield, England	1825	1854	11th December, 1886	Remuera
Whiteley, John	Nottinghamshire, England	1806	1832	13th February, 1869	New Plymouth
Whittaker, J. D.	Lancashire, England	1822	1845	3rd October, 1862	Wellington
Wilcox, Davis Pou	Hokianga		1911	January, 1937	Waikare
Williams, William James	Redruth, Cornwall, England	1847	1870	11th May, 1936	Auckland
Wills, Peter	Staffordshire, England	1853	1879	29th September, 1884	Springston
Woodward, C. William	Auckland	1868	1890	27th September, 1901	At Sea.
Woolloxall, Thomas R. B.	Liverpool, England	1873	1901	29th January, 1946	Auckland
Woon, William	Cornwall, England	1804	1830	22nd September, 1858	Wanganui
Worboys, John Wesley	London, England	1843	1874	10th July, 1908	Wellington
Worker, William	Cornwall, England	1817	1841	2nd February, 1900	Wellsford
Wrigley, James	Yorkshire, England	1857	1887	3rd June, 1937	Auckland

APPENDIX

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION.
Statement of Receipts and Expenses for Year Ending December 31st, 1946.
General Account.

RECEIPTS				EXPENDITURE			
			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
To Balance .. .. .	..	..	18 18 1	Duplicating and Distributing Reports and			
Interest on Govt. Stock .. ..	..	..	20 19 10	Circulars .. .. .	..	..	10 5 0
Interest on P.O.S.B. Account ..	..	..	1 4 8	Stationery, Postages, Advertising ..	..	..	8 8 8
Book Orders .. .. .	..	..	2 10 9	Printing New Rules .. .. .	..	..	9 13 6
				Wreaths .. .. .	..	..	1 16 0
				Epworth Press .. .. .	..	..	2 13 3
				Incorporation Expenses .. .. .	..	..	1 1 1
				Presentation Books .. .. .	..	..	2 3 6
				Refund on Books .. .. .	..	..	0 14 7
				Bank Charges and Sundries .. ..	..	..	1 15 0
				Credit Balance .. .. .	..	..	5 2 9
			<u>£43 13 4</u>				<u>£43 13 4</u>

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

Benevolent Fund Account.

RECEIPTS				EXPENDITURE			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Balance	.. .. .	138	1 11	Donation	.. .. .	10	0 0
Interest on Govt. Stock	.. .. .	23	19 10	Credit Balance	.. .. .	156	17 5
Interest on P.O.S.B. Account	.. .. .	4	15 8				
		<u>£166</u>	<u>17 5</u>			<u>£166</u>	<u>17 5</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1946.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Outstanding Cheques	.. .. .	11	15 4	Balances in P.O.S.B. Accounts—			
Balance	.. .. .	1662	0 2	General Account	.. .. .	39	13 3
				Benevolent Fund	.. .. .	113	13 6
				Balance in National Bank	.. .. .	20	8 9
				Investments in Govt. Stock—			
				General Account	.. .. .	700	0 0
				Benevolent Fund	.. .. .	800	0 0
		<u>£1,673</u>	<u>15 6</u>			<u>£1,673</u>	<u>15 6</u>

Audited and found correct.

S. E. CHAPPELL, Treasurer.

P. DELLOW, Auditor.

26th January, 1947.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND—YOUTH DEPARTMENT.

Statement of Income and Expenditure for the Year Ended 30th September, 1946.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Directors' Salaries	875	6	0	By Circuit Contributions	1789	11	8
" House Allowances	366	13	4	Connexional Fire Insurance Fund ..	50	0	0
" Connexional Charges	130	0	1	Youth Workers Convention—Surplus ..	3	6	6
" Travelling Expenses	210	17	10	Interest—P.O.S.B.	16	4	8
			1582 17 3	Conference Youth Demonstrations ..	24	0	3
Youth Office Net Cost (Adminis- tration less Trading Profit) ..			357 11 3	Excess Expenditure over Income Trans- ferred to Accumulated Fund ..	519	5	9
District Youth Council Expenses ..			53 10 0				
Grant to Youth Dept. Trust ..			53 0 0				
Supplies Correspondence S.S.— Less Contributions Received ..			32 2 6				
Youth Workers Convention— Equalisation Grant			3 3 5				
General Expenses			71 3 6				
Depreciation—Films, Projector and Camera			124 12 8				
Preliminary Expenses "Christian Education"			18 19 8				
Loss on "M.Y. News"			105 8 7				
			<u>£2,402 8 10</u>				<u>£2,402 8 10</u>

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Loans Account as at 30th September, 1946.

H. L. FIEBIG }
H. de R. FLESHER } Treasurers.
Christchurch, 8th October, 1946.

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, 1946.

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LIABILITIES					ASSETS				
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
Accumulated Funds	18,900	0	0		Outstanding Loans	17,642	17	0	
Capital Account—					less Working Expenses £921 19 11				
Thomas Emsly Bequest £1500					less Interest	16	18	1	
H. Herbert Wake Bequest 50							938	18	0
David Graham Bequest 50									16,703 19 0
Wm. H. Duke Bequest 100					Deposits—				
Samuel Lawry Bequest 50					Supernumerary Fund	712	6	1	
Geo. Winstone Bequest 1000					P.O. Savings Bank	4102	7	2	
Thomas Fee Bequest 50									4814 13 3
Donation—					Balance at Bank of N.Z.				681 7 9
Mrs. E. M. Winstone					Trust Account invested for Sites				
Blackwell .. 500					Fund				800 0 0
	3300	0	0		Deposit—Supernumerary Fund ..				70 10 6
				22,200 0 0	Church Sites Fund—				
Trust Accounts (Properties Sold)				870 10 6	North Canterbury E.P. Board				
Church Sites Fund—					Debentures				800 0 0
As at 30th Sept., 1945 ..	425	18	11		Deposit : P.O. Savings Bank ..	910	15	4	
Trust Properties for Investment	800	0	0		Supernumerary Fund	200	1	11	
									1110 17 3
	1225	18	11		Balance at Bank of N.Z.				62 7 0
Increase for 1946	747	5	4						
				1973 4 3					

Administration—

Working Expenses Trust A/c.	300	0	0
Reserve Appropriation Account			
30/9/46	255	11	0
Rents Received, less Rates paid			
on Church Sites	1	7	9
	254	3	3
Plus Transfer from Revenue A/c.	1	2	6
	255	5	9
	£25,599	0	6

Administration—

North Canterbury E.P. Board			
Debentures	200	0	0
Balance at Bank of N.Z. ..	355	5	9
	£25,599	0	6

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, 1946.

H. L. FIEBIG }
 H. de R. FLESHER } Treasurers.
 Christchurch, 8th October, 1946.

Audited and found correct.
 R. H. SHERRIS, A.I.L.A., A.C.S.N.Z. }
 H. F. ARNOLD, A.R.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

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

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year Ending 31st October, 1946.

RECEIPTS			EXPENDITURE			
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.	£ s. d.
1945, Oct 31st—			1946, Oct. 31st—			
To Balance at credit Bank of New Zealand	1096	2 0	By General Expenses—			
Balance at Credit Post Office Savings Bank	804	12 6	Repairs, Maintenance and			
1946, Oct. 31st—			Renovations	872	12 3	
To Rent and Interest Collected	4612	8 10	Rates	741	6 11	
Emsly Trust Receipts	85	10 0	Insurance Premiums	219	19 2	
			Interest	1593	0 0	
			Land Tax	70	17 0	
			Audit Fee	8	8 0	
			Secretary's Salary	50	0 0	
			Commission on Rents, In-			
			terest, etc. Collected ..	114	16 11	
			Sundries and Legal Expenses	132	19 5	
						3803 19 8
			Emsly Trust—Disbursements			85 10 0
			Auckland Sinking Funds Com-			
			missioners on A/c. Mortgage			1000 0 0
			Theological College Trustees			100 0 0
			Deposit in P.O. Savings Bank			323 4 1
			Balance at Credit Bank of N.Z.			1285 19 7
						£6,598 13 4
	£6,598	13 4				

Examined and found correct.

J. A. GENTLES, F.P.A.N.Z.

LEONARD KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z.

} Auditors.

Auckland, 28th November, 1946.

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, 1946.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Repairs, Maintenance and Renovations :									
No. 1 Block	254	9	9						
No. 2 Block	22	16	6						
No. 3 Block	168	2	10						
Cottages	64	9	1						
				509	18	2			
Probert Chambers :									
Caretaker	178	12	6						
Electric Power Board	17	16	1						
Lift Maintenance	29	9	0						
Repairs and Maintenance	140	16	6						
				362	14	1			
							872	12	3
Insurance Premiums :							219	19	2
Rates :							741	6	11
Interest :									
Auckland Sinking Funds Commrs.				1507	10	0			
Emsly Trust				85	10	0			
							1593	0	0
Sundries :									
Audit Fee	8	8	0						
Land Tax	70	17	0						
Bank Charge	0	10	0						
Sundries and Legal Charges	132	9	5						
Secretary's Salary	50	0	0						
Commission on Rents and Interest Collected	114	16	11						
							377	1	4
							£3,803	19	8

Revenue Account for the Year Ending 31st October, 1946.

					£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1945, Oct. 31st—										
To	Balance	..	..	..	203	2	6			
1946, Oct. 31st—										
To	Rents Accrued	..	..	..	4600	7	11			
	Interest Accrued	..	..	..	9	10	0			
By	Rents Received	..	..	..				4584	7	3
	Interest Received	..	..	..				9	10	0
	Balance	..	..	..				219	3	2
					£4,813	0	5	£4,813	0	5

JAS. TYLER, Chairman.

F. A. CLAYTON, Secretary.

Examined and found correct.

J. A. GENTLES, F.P.A.N.Z. }
LEONARD KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

Auckland, 28th November, 1946.

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

Balance Sheet as at 31st, October, 1946.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
		£	s. d.		£	s. d.	£ s. d.
Capital Account—				Freehold Properties—			
Balance as at 31st October, 1946	..	36,565	4 6	Great North Road	..	55,220 7 3	
Income Account—				Queen Street	..	24,312 5 0	
Balance as at 31st October, 1946	..	9843	16 0				79,532 12 3
Auckland Sinking Fund Commissioners—				Balance of Purchase—			
Balance of Loan	.. ..	33,000	0 0	Avondale Property	..		200 0 0
Emsly Trust Deposit Account—				Post Office Savings Bank—			
At Call	.. ..	1900	0 0	Deposit	..		323 4 1
Emsly Trust—				Bank of New Zealand—			
Balance as at 31st October, 1946	..	32	15 5	Current Account	..		1285 19 7
		£81,341	15 11				£81,341 15 11
Memo : Liability—Rates for year ending							
31st May, 1947	.. ..	£855	5 7				

We have examined the Books and Accounts of the Probert Trust Board for the year ended 31st October, 1946 and certify that all our requirements as Auditors have been complied with. We report that the foregoing Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a correct view of the Board's position on the 31st October, 1946 as shown by the Books.

J. A. GENTLES, F.P.A.N.Z.
LEONARD KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z. } Auditors.
Auckland, 28th November, 1946,

JAS. TYLER, Chairman.
F. A. CLAYTON, Secretary.

PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUST.

Statement of Income and Expenditure for 6 Months to 31st March, 1947.

INCOME				EXPENDITURE			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Balance 1st October, 1945 ..	..	421	2 8	Land Tax ..	..	50	13 0
Bank Interest ..	..	3	13 8	Loan Pitt Street Trustees ..	..	400	0 0
Rent—Newcomb Ltd. ..	..	348	0 0	Valuation Fee ..	..	68	15 6
Interest—Pitt Street Trustees ..	..	84	6 6	Commission ..	..	8	14 0
				Balance ..	..	329	0 4
		£857	2 10			£857	2 10

Statement of Purchase from Neville Newcomb Limited.

	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Purchase Price			24,000	0 0	Mortgage—Bank of New Zealand ..	20,000	0 0
Interest from 10/4/46 to 13/9/46	410	4 8			Pitt Street Trustees—Loans Refunded ..	3500	0 0
Adjustments—					" " Interest ..	70	0 0
Rates to 31st May, 1947 ..	856	7 0			Rents Received—10th April to 30th Sept.	1880	16 1
Land Tax	115	9 10			Balance	447	7 9
Repairs and Maintenance ..	17	6 7					
Insurance	113	18 9					
Stamp Duty, Legal Expenses, etc.	384	17 0					
			1898	3 10			
			£25,898	3 10		£25,898	3 10

E. T. OLDS, Chairman.

P. DELLOW, Secretary.

JAMES AND MARTHA TROUNSON BENEVOLENT FUND TRUST BOARD.

Income and Expenditure Account for Year Ending 31st October, 1946.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Stamps and Bank Charges	2	10	0	By Interest Inscribed Stock	328	2	10
Secretary's Salary	25	0	0	Interest Auckland Savings Bank ..	4	3	6
Office Rent	5	0	0	Transfer to Auckland Savings Bank ..	150	0	0
Grants			32 10 0				
Transfer—Auckland Savings Bank			232 7 6				
Excess Income over Expenditure			150 0 0				
			67 8 10				
			<u>£482 6 4</u>				<u>£482 6 4</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31st October, 1946.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Trust Fund Account	11,400	0	0	N.Z. Govt. Ins. Stock $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ 1960	5755	0	0
Income Account	531	1	8	N.Z. Govt. Ins. Stock. $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ 1951	5645	0	0
				Cash Balances at Bank—			
				Auckland Savings Bank ..	321	5	4
				Bank of New Zealand ..	209	16	4
						531	1 8
			<u>£11,931 1 8</u>				<u>£11,931 1 8</u>

10th January, 1947.

Audited and found correct.

JOHN E. ASTLEY.

THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS.

Revenue Account for the Year Ended 31st December, 1946.

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THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS.

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1946.

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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, 1946, 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, 1946.

Wellington, 23rd January, 1947.

G. T. WITHERS, A.R.A.N.Z., Auditor.

EMSLY TRUST BOARD.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year Ending 31st October, 1946.

RECEIPTS				EXPENDITURE			
1945, Oct. 31st—			£ s. d.	1946, Oct. 31st—			£ s. d.
To Balance .. .. .	..	..	32 15 5	By Theological College .. .. .	..	..	85 10 0
1946, 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.

1946, Oct. 31st—			£ s. d.	1946, Oct. 31st—			£ s. d.
To Capital .. .. .	..	..	1900 0 0	By Deposit at call with Probert Trust Board			1900 0 0
			<u>£1,900 0 0</u>				<u>£1,900 0 0</u>

Audited and found correct.

T. L. HAMES, Auditor.

Auckland, 28th November, 1946.

JAS. TYLER, Treasurer.

GREY INSTITUTE TRUST.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 30th September, 1946.

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Balance 1/10/45	..	..	..	98	9 10	By Land Tax	.. .. 47 14 7
Rents	..	..	638 6 0			Rates	.. .. 7 1 10
Noting Fees	..	..	5 5 0			Insurances	.. .. 3 3 0
Rates	..	..	1 14 6			Audit Fees	.. .. 2 2 0
				645	5 6	Salary	.. .. 50 0 0
						Remittances to H.M. Dept.	.. 260 0 0
						Final Repayment advance from	
						Rangiatea Maori College Trust	100 0 0
						Grant for Revision of Maori Bible	5 5 0
						Bursaries to Rangiatea Maori	
						Girls' School	.. .. 60 0 0
						Maintenance of Trust Property	93 10 2
						Legal Expenses	.. .. 11 0 6
						Postages	.. .. 1 10 0
						Printing	.. .. 0 15 0
						Bank Charges	.. .. 0 10 0
						Sundries	.. .. 2 0 0
							644 12 1
						Balance Bank of New South Wales	99 3 3
							£743 15 4
				£743	15 4		

WILLIAM P. OKEY, Secretary.

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 30th September, 1946. 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, 24th December, 1946.

VAL. DUFF, Public Accountant and Auditor.

Cash Statement to 30th September, 1946.

					£	s.	d.						£	s.	d.										
Balance	..	..	..	..	50	4	4	January—													
January—Rent	..	..	..	..	155	10	3	Remit Treasurer	..	..	..	100	0	0				
July—Rent	..	..	..	..	155	10	3	National Savings Account	..	..	..	100	0	0				
								August—																	
								Maori Bible Translation Fund	..	..	..	30	0	0								
								Rangiatea College Fund	..	..	..	40	0	0								
								Treasurer	..	..	..	50	0	0								
								Land Tax	..	..	..	7	14	7								
								Bank Charge	..	..	..	0	10	0								
								Bank Interest	..	..	..	0	2	0								
								Disbursement	..	..	..	3	3	0								
								Balance	..	..	..	29	15	3								
								<hr/>																	
								£361	4	10						£361	4	10							
								<hr/>													<hr/>				
Balance	£29	15	3																		

Audited and found correct.

W. J. ROBINSON, Auditor.

17th February, 1947.

MARTIN BROTHERS MEMORIAL REST HOME TRUST.

Statement for Year Ending 31st October, 1946.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Rent to Date of Sale				67	10	0
Bank Interest No. 1 Account ..				6	3	8
Bank Interest No. 2 Account ..				5	1	2
P.O.S.B. Interest				2	11	0
Debenture Interest				4	5	0
Government Stock				3	15	0
Proceeds Sale of Mountain Road Property				2608	16	2
				<hr/>		
				2698	2	0
Agent's Collecting Fee	3	7	6			
Insurance	2	17	0			
Land Tax	2	5	10			
				<hr/>	8	10
					4	
				<hr/>	2689	11
					8	
Bank Account No. 1 31/10/45 ..	263	0	8			
Bank Account No. 2 31/10/45 ..	203	4	8			
P.O.S.B. Account 31/10/45 ..	145	19	6			
Debenture	100	0	0			
War Loan Government Stock ..	150	0	0			
Cash on Hand	9	14	0			
				<hr/>	871	18
					10	
				<hr/>	£3,561	10
					6	

Present Investments—

Bank Account No. 1 31/10/46 ..	399	4	4			
Bank Account No. 2	295	3	0			
P.O.S.B.	2617	3	2			
Debenture	100	0	0			
War Loan	150	0	0			
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					£3,561	10
					6	

Audited and found correct.

7th December, 1946.

T. L. HAMES.

METHODIST (N.I.) REST HOUSE TRUST BOARD.

Statement of Account as at 30th September, 1946.

	£	s.	d.
Cr. Balance in Auckland Savings Bank Account			
brought forward from last Account ..	462	0	5
1 Year's Interest to 31/3/46		8	15
			0
Cr. Balance as per Bank Certificate ..	£470	15	5

J. E. NICHOLSON, Secretary.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND.

Revenue Account for Year Ended 31st October, 1946.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Re-Insurance				824	14	6	
Office Expenses—							
Authorised Appropriation	410	0	0				
Stationery and General Exps.	67	19	2				
				477	19	2	
Fire Losses	3632	12	8				
Less Re-Insurance Cover ..	3485	3	8				
				147	9	0	
Investment Contingency Res.				100	0	0	
Balance to P. & L. Apprn. A/c.				2255	8	8	
				£3,805	11	4	

By Levies and Premiums			2216	6	4
Mortgage Interest			87	3	3
Mortgage Interest Accrued			9	16	8
Debenture Interest			1079	7	1
Debenture Interest Accrued			395	2	11
Interest on Deposits			17	15	1
			£3,805	11	4

H. L. FIEBIG }
E. R. CAYGILL } Treasurers.

E. H. SMITH
H. F. ARNOLD, A.R.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

Christchurch, 11th November 1946.

METHODIST CHURCH CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND.

Balance Sheet as at 31st October, 1946.

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Balance from Revenue Account	2255	8	8		
	2327	16	10		
Less Fire Loss Reserve A/c. . .	1000	0	0		
				1327	16 10
Levies Prepaid				172	1 7
Re-Insurance Provision A/c. ..				351	3 6
Fire Loss Claim Unpaid ..				500	0 0
	£42,456	12	3		
					£42,456 12 3

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and attached Revenue Account and have compared them with the books of the Fund and certify to the correctness of the same. We have had all securities produced to us except those held by the Solicitors of the Fund or deposited with the Bank of New Zealand, whose certificates have been accepted by us. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the fund as at 31st October, 1946.

H. L. FIEBIG }
E. R. CAYGILL } Treasurers

E. H. SMITH }
H. F. ARNOLD, A.R.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

Christchurch, 11th November, 1946.

METHODIST CONNEXIONAL SECRETARYSHIP FUND.
Statement of Receipts and Payments, 31st December, 1946.

RECEIPTS				EXPENDITURE			
To Appropriations—		£	s. d.	By	£	s. d.	£ s. d.
Church Building and Loan Fund	£235			Balance carried forward	..		19 7 9
Connexional Fire Insurance Fund	410			Stipend .. ..	..	431 5 0	
Supernumerary and Allied Funds	540			House Allowance .. ..	..	175 0 0	
"Methodist Times" Fund	175						606 5 0
Contingent Fund	195			Connexional Charges .. ..	..		65 17 0
South Island Orphanage	70			Clerks' Salaries .. ..	..		767 14 10
		1625	0 0	Office Rent .. ..	..	150 0 0	
Registration Fees (per Authorised Representative)		33	7 6	Less Lettings .. ..	..	29 0 0	
							121 0 0
				Telephone and P.O. Box .. ..	..	25 10 3	
				Bank Charges .. ..	..	0 10 0	
							26 0 3
				Stationery and General Exps... ..	..	41 15 6	
				Less Contras .. ..	..	7 9 9	
							34 5 9
				Balance—			
				Supernumerary Fund .. ..	..	15 0 0	
				Bank of N.Z. .. ..	..	2 16 11	
							17 16 11
							£1,658 7 6
		£1,658	7 6				

H. L. FIEBIG }
J. E. PURCHASE } Treasurers.

Christchurch, 20th December, 1946.

Audited and found correct.

E. H. SMITH, Auditor.

TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.
Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year ended 31st October, 1946.

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
Balance, 1st Novembsr, 1945	..	..	287 14 2	House and Service	..	..	1404 15 9
Probert Trust ..	..	..	100 0 0	Stipends ..	..	..	500 0 0
Contingent Fund ..	..	..	890 0 0	Tutors' Fees ..	..	..	210 0 0
Emsly Trust ..	..	..	85 10 0	Connexional Charges ..	..	..	95 0 0
Hostel Fees ..	..	..	962 12 0	Bursaries ..	..	..	92 0 0
Collegiate Church ..	..	..	68 13 9	Rates ..	..	..	337 16 10
Students' Contributions ..	..	..	5 0 0	Telephones ..	..	..	33 0 0
College Sunday ..	..	..	84 13 4	Furnishings ..	..	..	44 13 2
Rents ..	..	..	1466 10 0	Repairs ..	..	..	51 16 4
Est. S. J. Ambury ..	..	..	10 16 2	Insurance ..	..	..	71 15 3
				Rent Board Room ..	..	..	25 2 0
				University Fees ..	..	..	59 0 6
				Printing, Postages and Stationery ..	..	..	82 1 1
				Sundries and Travelling Expenses ..	..	..	56 7 7
				Petty Cash ..	..	..	35 0 0
				Legal Expenses ..	..	..	8 8 0
				Advertising ..	..	..	8 0 0
				University Chaplaincy Fund ..	..	..	15 0 0
				Transferred to Rehabilitation Fund ..	..	..	600 0 0
				Balance, 31st October, 1946 ..	..	..	231 12 11
			<u>£3,961 9 5</u>				<u>£3,961 9 5</u>

FRANK M. WINSTONE, Hon. Treasurer.

We have examined the Books and Vouchers of the Methodist Theological College, and compared same with Bank Statements and we are of the opinion that they give a true and correct statement as at 31st October, 1946.

R. B. VERRY, A.R.A.N.Z.
R. LOVIE, Dip. Bkg.

TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

Balance Sheet, 31st October, 1946.

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LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
Capital	56,700 0 0	Freehold Land	8550 0 0
Rehabilitation Fund	2,933 18 4	College Buildings	35,000 0 0
New Organ Fund .. ..	..	..	531 12 3	Collegiate Church and Sunday School ..	..	..	3000 0 0
General Account .. ..	..	..	231 12 11	Furniture and Fittings .. ..	..	..	4950 0 0
				Contents Library and Records Room ..	..	..	4000 0 0
				Church Organ .. ..	..	..	1200 0 0
				Bank of New Zealand Current Account ..	..	..	231 12 11
				Shares (South British Insurance Co.) ..	..	..	300 0 0
				Deposits—			
				Auckland Savings Bank .. ..	..	..	630 12 11
				National War Savings .. ..	..	..	2534 17 8
			<u>£60,397 3 6</u>				<u>£60,397 3 6</u>

METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE—STUDENTS' LIBRARY FUND.
Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 30th September, 1946.

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Balance .. .. .	..	78	15 2	By Books and Periodicals .. .. .	..	25	14 4
National Savings Investment Interest ..	..	24	0 0	Balance .. .. .	..	78	17 2
Auckland Savings Bank Interest ..	..	1	16 4				
		<u>£104</u>	<u>11 6</u>			<u>£104</u>	<u>11 6</u>

Capital Account

	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Capital	800	0 0	National Savings Investment Account ..	800	0 0
	<u>£800</u>	<u>0 0</u>		<u>£800</u>	<u>0 0</u>

Audited and found correct.

P. DELLOW
 J. R. BLAYNEY } Joint Auditors.

E. W. HAMES
 F. E. SUTHERLAND } Joint Treasurers.

TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.
REHABILITATION FUND.

	£	s.	d.
Bank Balance 1st November, 1945 ..	3899	18	9
Add Amount Transferred from General Account	600	0	0
Bank Interest	73	5	0
	4573	3	9
Sundry Rehabilitation Payments	1639	5	5
Bank Balance 31st October, 1946 ..	£2,933	18	4

FRANK M. WINSTONE }
F. E. SUTHERLAND } Hon. Treasurers.

NEW ORGAN FUND.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Fund as at 1st November, 1945 ..				512	8	4
Add Interest	4	18	11			
Dividends	18	0	0			
				22	18	11
				535	7	3
Less Repairs				3	15	0
Fund as at 31st October, 1946 ..				£531	12	3

FRANK M. WINSTONE, Hon. Treasurer.

TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

PROPOSED BUDGET.

For the Year Ended 31st March, 1948.

INCOME

				£	s.	d.
Probert Trust Board	..	..	..	250	0	0
Emsly Trust	..	..	..	96	0	0
Contingent Fund	..	..	..	740	0	0
Connexional Fire Insurance Fund	..	..	..	150	0	0
Home Missions	..	..	..	100	0	0
Foreign Missions	..	..	..	50	0	0
College Sunday	..	..	..	100	0	0
Collegiate Church	..	..	..	60	0	0
Congregational Church	..	..	..	50	0	0
Students' Contributions	..	..	..	50	0	0
Hostel Fees	..	..	..	2800	0	0
Estimated Deficiency	..	..	..	250	0	0
				<hr/>		
				£4,696	0	0

EXPENDITURE

				£	s.	d.
House and Service	..	..	..	2700	0	0
Stipends and Allowances	..	..	..	980	0	0
Tutors' Fees	..	..	..	120	0	0
Connexional Charges	..	..	..	100	0	0
Bursaries	..	..	..	128	0	0
Rates	..	..	..	225	0	0
Insurance	..	..	..	72	0	0
Telephones	..	..	..	33	0	0
University Fees	..	..	..	100	0	0
Furnishings	..	..	..	50	0	0
Repairs	..	..	..	100	0	0
Printing, Postages and Stationery	..	..	..	50	0	0
Advertising Church Services	..	..	..	8	0	0
Chaplaincy Fund	5	0	0
Rent Board Room	25	0	0
				<hr/>		
				£4,696	0	0

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1946.

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Motor Vehicles—			
Paerata	460	5	0
Wellington Park	241	0	0
	701	5	0
Less Depreciation	214	5	0
		487	0 0
Furniture and Equipment—			
College	2111	16	3
Preparatory School	709	6	11
	2821	3	2
Less Depreciation	232	7	2
		2588	16 0
Stock on Hand at Valuation—			
Live Stock—Paerata	2708	8	6
Live Stock—Wellington Park	177	0	0
Produce and Sundry Stocks	1107	0	5
		3992	8 11
Loans—			
On Mortgage (Plus Interest)	9070	1	1
At Call (Plus Interest) ..	4551	13	4
Under Debenture (Marua Estate Ltd.)	605	17	6
		14,227	11 11
National Savings Investment A/c.	1068	19	1
N.Z. Govt. Stock 4%, 1954-58	2000	0	0
N.Z. Govt. Stock 3%, 1953-56	1000	0	0
N.Z. Govt. Nat. Savings Bonds	20	0	0
		4088	19 1
Shares—			
Frank M. Winstone (Merchants) Ltd. (1000 Shares of £1 each fully paid)	1000	0	0
New Remuera-Panmure Land Co. Ltd. (600 Shares of £1 each paid to 12/6	450	0	0
Marua Estate Ltd. (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 17/6 at valuation) ..	43	15	0
		1672	7 11

Sundry Debtors—			
Under Sale and Purchase Agreement (Plus Accrued Int.)	883	12	1
For Rents	184	1	9
For Fees	317	17	8
For Sundries	2105	2	8
	3490	14	2
Less Reserve for Bad Debts	70	0	0
			3420 14 2
Payments in Advance ..			361 13 9
Bank and Cash Balances—			
Auckland Savings Bank (plus Interest)	403	6	8
Post Office Savings Bank (plus Interest)	2014	3	4
Cash in Hand	4	8	5
			2421 18 5
	£139,367	13	11
			£139,367 13 11

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, 1946, 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, 28th January, 1947.

HUTCHISON, ELLIFFE & CAMERON, Auditors,

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.

College Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1946.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Advertising				79	19	5	By College Fees	8269	19	11
Bad Debts Written Off ..				11	8	7	Piano Fees	7	10	0
Beneficiary Work—							Rent	57	17	6
European	102	0	0				Workings Loss Transferred to Income and			
Maori	774	0	0				Expenditure Account	960	13	11
				876	0	0				
Depreciation				231	16	3				
Fuel and Light				369	18	4				
Garden Expenses				21	7	6				
Insurance				67	14	8				
Poultry Expenses				31	16	2				
Prizes				16	11	7				
Provisions—										
Bread	485	7	2							
Dairy Produce	328	13	9							
Groceries	627	7	1							
Meat	590	13	9							
Sundries	272	9	9							
				2304	11	6				
Repairs and Maintenance ..				794	2	2				
Salaries				2357	11	5				
Sports				3	13	7				
Stationery and Books				84	17	3				
Sundries				390	1	5				
Wages				1650	12	11				
Woodwork & Laboratory Exps.				3	18	7				
				£9,296	1	4				
								£9,296	1	4

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.

Farm Working Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1946.

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BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ended the 31st December, 1946.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Loss on College	960	13	11	By Rents Received	2193	16	7
Loss on Preparatory School	168	8	3	Interest	765	6	8
Loss on Farm—Paerata	242	16	6	Profit on Farm—Wellington Park ..	807	5	4
General Expenses	724	16	9				
Excess of Income over Expenditure							
Transferred to Capital Account ..	1669	13	2				
	<u>£3,766</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>		<u>£3,766</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>

Rent Received Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1946.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance Transferred to Income and Expenditure Account	2193	16	7	By Rents Received from—			
				Waikowhai Property	1217	18	3
				Grafton Road Property	975	18	4
	<u>£2,193</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>7</u>		<u>£2,193</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>7</u>

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.
Interest Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1946.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Interest on Overdraft	0	3	9	By Interest from—			
Interest on Scholarship Funds Deposited ..	59	15	8	Paerata Property	264	18	11
Balance Transferred to Income and Ex- penditure Account	765	6	8	Harding Estate	217	8	8
				Loan at Call—Pitt Street Methodist Church Trustees	96	13	4
				Post Office Savings Bank	42	10	0
				Mount Albert Estate	35	0	6
				National Savings Investment Account ..	31	9	1
				N.Z. Government—3rd Liberty Loan ..	30	0	0
				Auckland Savings Bank	10	0	0
				Kawhia Property	3	10	7
				Dividend—New Remuera-Panmure Land Co.	93	15	0
	£825	6	1		£825	6	1

General Expenses Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1946.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Salary	350	0	0	By Balance Transferred to Income and Ex- penditure Account	724	16	9
Rates	112	12	11				
Legal and Collection Expenses	107	16	5				
Donation to Maori Bible Revision Fund ..	50	0	0				
Office Expenses	32	0	3				
Audit Fee	31	10	0				
Printing and Stationery	25	11	0				
Rent—Board Room	9	12	0				
Repairs and Maintenance	5	10	0				
Insurance	0	4	2				
	£724	16	9		£724	16	9

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.
Preparatory School Account for the Year Ended 31st December, 1946.

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	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Provisions	585	5	10	By School Fees	1864	18	3
Salaries	494	3	2	Piano Fees	3	7	6
Wages	309	14	1	Stationery	1	0	10
Repairs and Maintenance	208	9	2	Working Loss Transferred to Income and			
Sundries	152	4	5	Expenditure Account	168	8	3
Depreciation	109	10	11				
Fuel and Light	94	2	6				
Beneficiary Work	45	0	0				
Insurance	23	4	11				
Advertising	13	12	0				
Sports	2	1	7				
Laboratory Expenses.. .. .	0	6	3				
	£2,037	14	10		£2,037	14	10

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.

Wellington Park Farm Working Account for the Year Ended 31st December, 1946.

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	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Wages	534	13	9	By Scoria Royalties (half of total received)	1007	12	4
Rates	102	17	6	Rent Received	486	16	8
Depreciation	72	2	9	Sale of Produce	160	4	7
Repairs and Maintenance	77	7	3	Dairy Receipts	63	1	6
Motor Expenses	47	15	6	Sale of Timber	27	10	0
Loss on Livestock	32	17	1	Profit on Poultry	13	9	8
Power and Light	30	1	0				
Seeds and Manure	21	1	4				
Insurance	20	8	7				
Stock Expenses	7	15	6				
Sundry Expenses	4	9	2				
Net Profit to Income and Expenditure A.c.	807	5	4				
	£1,758	14	9		£1,758	14	9

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1946.

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SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1946.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£ s. d.
Accumulated Funds as per							
Revenue Account				Investments : Mortgages ..	71,761	2 6	
				Debentures ..	55,353	4 9	
Deposit Accounts—							127,114 7 3
Allied Funds	28,340	7 0		<i>less</i> Investment Fluctuation and			
Connexional Funds ..	2,363	18 4		Doubtful Debts Res. 1866	3 9		
				<i>plus</i> further provision	100 0 0		
Freeholds—					1966	3 9	
Rates Accrued	407	10 8		<i>less</i> Adjustment			
Lift Maintenance Accrued ..	5	16 8		(Deb. Premium)	75 15 0		
							1890 8 9
General Treasurers, Melbourne							125,223 18 6
				Freehold Properties—			
				Epworth Chambers ..	48,602	5 11	
				<i>less</i> Reserve Dep. 6000	0 0		
				<i>plus</i> further Res. 500	0 0		
					6500	0 0	
							42,102 5 11
				Deposit P.O. Savings Bank ..			4566 8 10
				Balance at Bank of N.Z. ..			3917 8 0
				Interest : Mortgage Due ..	32	0 0	
				Mortgages Accrued ..	535	4 7	
				Debentures Accrued ..	609	10 11	
							1176 15 6
				Circuit Levies : Arrears ..	112	1 1	
				Accrued ..	411	6 0	
							523 7 1

Personal Subscriptions :						
Arrears .. ..	..	..	552	10	3	
Interest Due .. ..	..	..	101	11	5	
						654 1 8
Freehold Properties :						
Rent Due .. ..	..	..	207	14	2	
Rent Accrued .. ..	..	..	116	10	8	
						324 4 10
Properties in Possession ..			6259	0	0	
,, ,, Rents due ..			53	18	9	
						6312 18 9
Mortgagors Stock and Farm						
Working Accounts ..						334 6 5
			£185,135	15	6	£185,135 15 6

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, 1946.

G. S. SALTER
H. L. FIEBIG

} 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, 18th December, 1946.

SUPERNUMERARY FUND—BENEVOLENT BRANCH.

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1946.

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EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Grants	49	1	8	By Balance as at 30th Nov., 1945			497 11 8
Exchange on Annuities ..	10	0	0	Donations—			
				Fire Insurance Fund ..	30	0	0
Authorised Appropriation ..	5	0	0	Special	11	14	1
Stationery and General Expenses	1	2	0				41 14 1
				Interest			65 8 6
Balances—Super. Fund Deposit							
			6 2 0				
			539 10 7				
			<u>£604 14 3</u>				<u>£604 14 3</u>

SUPERNUMERARY FUND—BENEVOLENT BRANCH.

Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1946.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
Capital Account..	..	..	1400 0 0	Plampin Bequest—			
Balance Revenue Account	..	..	539 10 7	Debentures ..	..	..	1000 0 0
				Penrose Bequest—			
				Capital Account Deposit Super. Fund	..	..	300 0 0
				Debentures ..	..	..	100 0 0
				Revenue Account—			
				Deposit Supernumerary Fund	..	..	539 10 7
			<u>£1,939 10 7</u>				<u>£1,939 10 7</u>

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Revenue Account and have compared them with the books of the Fund and we certify to their correctness. We have had the securities produced to us, and in our opinion the Statements are properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct position of the Fund as at 30th November, 1946.

G. S. SALTER }
H. L. FIEBIG } 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, 18th December, 1946.

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Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1946.

We have examined the Balance-Sheet and Revenue Account of the Above 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, 1946.

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, 18th December, 1946.

HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND.
Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1946.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Retiring Allowances		856	15 0	By Balance as at 30/11/45 ....	..	16,794	1 10
Reserve Account		84	11 11	Personal Contributions .. ..	..	667	4 3
Balance as at 30/11/46		17,429	17 1	Fire Insurance Fund Subsidy ..	..	328	0 0
				Interest .. ..	..	581	17 11
		<u>£18,371</u>	<u>4 0</u>			<u>£18,371</u>	<u>4 0</u>

Reserve Account.

		£	s. d.	£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Interest to Deposit Accounts ..		581	17 11	By Balance as at 30/11/45 .. ..	..	6	7 9		
Debenture Premium		12	0 0	Contributors' Account .. ..	..	84	11 11		
Office Expenses—				Interest—Supernumerary Fund and					
Authorized Appropriation ..	80	0 0		Debentures .. ..	..	609	19 11		
Stationery & General Exps. ..	14	0 1							
			94 0 1						
Balance as at 30/11/46			13 1 7						
			<u>£700 19 7</u>				<u>£700 19 7</u>		

HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND.
Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1946.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
Personal Accounts	..	..	17,429 17 1	Debentures	..	..	9383 7 7
Reserve Account	..	..	13 1 7	Debenture Interest Accrued	..	..	45 2 1
Subsidy Suspense Account	..	..	38 10 0	Deposit—Supernumerary Fund	..	..	8052 19 0
			<u>£17,481 8 8</u>				<u>£17,481 8 8</u>

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Revenue Account and have compared them with the Books of the Fund. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 30th November, 1946.

G. S. SALTER }
H. L. FIEBIG } 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, 18th December, 1946.

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1946.

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Reserve Account.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Interest to Deposit Accounts ..			194 0 1	By Balance as at 30/11/45 ..			351 0 1
Office Expenses—				Interest—Supernumerary Fund ..			236 17 0
Authorised Appropriation ..	40	0	0	Contributors' Account ..			58 17 7
Stationery and General Exps.	14	1	9				
			<hr/> 54 1 9 <hr/>				
Balance as at 30/11/46 ..			398 12 10				
			<hr/> <u>£646 14 8</u>				<hr/> <u>£646 14 8</u>

METHODIST HOME MISSIONARIES' RETIRING FUND.

Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1946.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Personal Accounts	..	..		5356	3 8	Debentures	.. .. 3771 6 8
Reserve Fund	..	..		398	12 10	Debenture Interest Accrued	.. .. 19 19 7
Accumulated Funds—						Deposit—Supernumerary Fund	.. .. 2148 5 3
Centenary Gift	..	..	100 0 0				
Inscribed Stock Profits	..	..	44 15 0				
Special Donations	..	..	40 0 0				
				184	15 0		
				£5,939	11 6		£5,939 11 6

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, 1946.

G. S. SALTER }
H. L. FIEBIG } 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, 18th December, 1946.

METHODIST DEACONESS' RETIRING FUND.

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1946.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Retiring Allowances .. ..	..	1368	14 5	By Balance as at 30/11/45 ..	..	8166	15 6
Balance as at 30/11/46 .. ..	..	7656	3 11	Contributions—			
				Personal .. ..	..	248	0 0
				Circuit .. ..	..	88	10 0
				H.M. Board .. ..	..	123	0 0
				F.M. Board .. ..	..	130	0 0
							589 10 0
				Interest .. ..	..	268	12 10
		£9,024	18 4			£9,024	18 4

Reserve Account.

	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Interest to Deposit Accounts ..	..	268	12 10	By Balance as at 30/11/45 ..	..	242	19 2
Office Expenses—				Interest—Supernumerary Fund			
Authorised Appropriation ..	40	0 0		and Debentures .. ..	..	421	3 9
Stationery and General Exps.	12	11 6					
			52 11 6				
Debenture Premiums .. ..	..	15	12 6				
Balance as at 30/11/46 .. ..	..	327	6 1				
		£664	2 11			£664	2 11

METHODIST DEACONESS' RETIRING FUND.

Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1946.

LIABILITIES					ASSETS				
	£	s.	d.				£	s.	d.
Personal Accounts				7656	3	11			
Capital Account 30/11/45 ..	1577	10	7				4240	17	11
N.Z. Centennial Thanksgiving Fund	1000	0	0					30	12
M.W.M.U.	65	10	0					19	10
Special Donations	1	0	0						
				2644	0	7			
Reserve Fund				327	6	1			
				£10,627	10	7			
							£10,627	10	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, 1946.

G. S. SALTER }
H. L. FIEBIG } 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, 18th December, 1946.

For the Year Ending 31st December, 1946.

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Audited and found correct,
 ERNEST HOBBS }
 J. M. DALE } Auditors.

METHODIST CONFERENCE CONTINGENT FUND.
Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year Ended 31st December, 1946.

		RECEIPTS					
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To	Balance—1st January	..			1286	8	8
	Current Levies—Districts :						
	Auckland	..	725	0 0			
	South Auckland..	..	407	0 0			
	Taranaki-Wanganui	..	248	0 0			
	Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	..	254	5 0			
	Wellington	..	442	10 0			
	Nelson ..	..	191	0 0			
	North Canterbury	..	505	0 0			
	South Canterbury	..	167	15 0			
	Otago-Southland	..	343	5 0			
					3283	15	0
	Synod Collections :						
	Auckland	..	7	8 5			
	South Auckland..	..	13	13 9			
	Taranaki-Wanganui	..	7	4 9			
	Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	..	14	1 6			
	Wellington	..	11	14 1			
	Nelson ..	..	6	0 0			
	North Canterbury	..	6	3 11			
	South Canterbury	..	8	6 1			
	Otago-Southland	..	6	7 0			
					80	19	6
	Sales :						
	Agenda	..	25	2 0			
	Minutes	..	31	2 3			
	Law Books, etc.	..	15	0 0			
	Refund..	..	3	9 9			
	Donation for Conference	..					
	Seal ..	..	1	0 0			
					75	14	0

		EXPENDITURE					
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By	Cost of Auckland Conference :						
	(a) Travelling—						
	Equalisation Fund	..	315	0 0			
	Official Representatives	..	145	19 1			
					460	19	1
	(b) Printing :						
	Agenda	..	196	3 6			
	Minutes	..	215	18 10			
	Other ..	..	21	7 0			
	Stationery	..	23	6 10			
	Postages, Telegrams and						
	Sundry	..	15	6 9			
					472	2	11
	District Expenses, Chairman's						
	Travelling and other :						
	Auckland	..	62	6 2			
	South Auckland	..	45	3 3			
	Taranaki-Wanganui	..	35	17 4			
	Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	..	19	17 6			
	Wellington	..	28	10 10			
	Nelson	..	28	0 0			
	North Canterbury	..	35	15 1			
	South Canterbury	..	14	17 10			
	Otago-Southland	..	45	17 0			
					316	5	0
	Synod Expenses :						
	Auckland	..	52	15 0			
	South Auckland	..	66	9 3			
	Taranaki-Wanganui	..	26	19 4			
	Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	..	28	18 0			
	Wellington	..	28	14 5			
	Nelson	..	30	0 0			

North Canterbury ..	..	17	2	11	
South Canterbury ..	..	8	14	9	
Otago-Southland ..	..	50	0	3	
					309 13 11

Ministerial Supply :

South Auckland ..	..	3	5	0	
Wellington ..	..	1	7	6	
Nelson ..	..	39	0	0	
North Canterbury ..	..	9	0	0	
					52 12 6

Connexional Payments :

President's Travelling ..	..	80	16	0	
Postages, etc. ..	..	15	4	0	
Supply ..	..	1	13	9	
Honorarium ..	..	25	0	0	
Printing ..	..	141	1	0	
Examination Committee Exps.	..	49	1	11	
Connexional Committee ..	..	68	11	2	
Advance—Peace Thanksgiving					
Fund .. ..	..	20	0	0	
					401 7 10

Grants :

Theological College ..	..	740	0	0	
Connexional Sec. Dept. ..	..	195	0	0	
Deaconess Fund ..	..	125	0	0	
N.Z. Council of Churches ..	..	26	0	0	
Inter Church Committee Exps.	..	18	0	0	
Faith and Order ..	..	11	5	2	
"Methodist Times" Editorial	..	56	16	5	
"Methodist Times" Special ..	..	75	0	0	
Spiritual Advance Committee	..	25	0	0	
Assistance .. ..	..	14	6	11	
					1286 8 6

Hon. Treasurers :

Bank Charges, Exchange, etc.	..	3	9	9	
Postages, Stationery, etc. ..	..	6	3	5	
					9 13 2

Balances Due by Districts :

Auckland .. ..	..	—
South Auckland ..	..	20 5 7
Taranaki-Wanganui ..	..	1 5 10
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ..	..	10 11 0
Wellington .. ..	..	40 0 0
Nelson .. ..	..	—
North Canterbury ..	..	54 14 3
South Canterbury ..	..	33 4 9
Otago-Southland ..	..	12 15 10

Total Balances held by or due to

Chairman .. ..	..	172 17 3
Bank of N.Z. Auckland Current		
Account .. ..	..	1244 17 0
		<hr/> 1417 14 3
		<hr/> £4,726 17 2

 £4,726 17 2

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, 1946.

J. H. BLACKWELL }
 W. WALKER } Hon. Treasurers.

WILSON, ROFE & CO.,
 I. J. WILSON, B.Com., F.P.A.N.Z., Hon. Auditor.

Christchurch, 1st February, 1947,

REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND.

Cash Statement Year Ending 31st December, 1946.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Cash in Hand 1/1/46	578	10	3	Removal Expenses Paid	1423	13	10
Circuit Levies Paid	1340	0	0	General Expenses	7	10	4
Interest Earned	12	3	5	Cash in Hand as per Balance Sheet ..	606	2	4
Refund Removal Expenses	106	12	10				
	<u>£2,037</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>		<u>£2,037</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>

Revenue Account Year Ending 31st December, 1946.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Removal Expenses	1317	1	0	Circuit Levies	1465	0	0
General Expenses	7	10	4	Interest Earned	12	3	5
Transfer to Capital Account	152	12	1				
	<u>£1,477</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>		<u>£1,477</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1946.

		£ s. d.				£ s. d.
Accumulated Fund 1/1/46 ..	..	855 0 8	Outstanding Levies ..	..	..	401 10 5
Transfer from Revenue Account ..	..	152 12 1	Cash in Hand—			
			P.O.S.B. ..	..	£581 1 1	
			Bank N.Z. ..	..	25 1 3	
						<u>606 2 4</u>
		<u>£1,007 12 9</u>				<u>£1,007 12 9</u>

H. W. ARMITAGE, A.R.A. (N.Z.), A.I.A. (N.Z.).

C. R. TAYLOR }
H. CHAPMAN } Treasurers.

METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONS SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND.
Income and Expenditure Account for Year Ended 3rd December, 1946.

To Solomon Islands Expenses—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Missionaries' Stipends & Allowances	2327	5	9			
Sisters' Stipends & Allowances	347	0	0			
Nurses' Stipends & Medical Exps.	770	7	8			
Sister Poole's Post Grad. Course, on Account	50	0	0			
Fares and Freights	1116	16	5			
Customs and other Charges	850	15	0			
Native Agents' Stipends—						
On A/c arrears war years	£3416	0	8			
For 1946	2347	0	0			
			5763	0	8	
Native Fares and Expenses	66	19	10			
Boats and Travelling	432	15	10			
Educational	553	17	7			
Properties and Furnishing	436	6	1			
Sundry Expenses	72	13	0			
Rehabilitation	1557	13	8			
			14,345	11	6	
Less provision for Native stipends made previously	£3416	0	8			
Less Trans. from—						
Medical Fund	770	7	8			
Rehabilitation	1557	13	8			
			5744	2	0	
			8601	9	6	

INCOME	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Solomon Islands Contributions—						
Roviana Circuit	404	6	0			
Choiseul Circuit	387	10	9			
Vella Lavella	171	0	0			
Bougainville	250	0	0			
Sale of Hymn Books	125	0	0			
			1337	16	9	
By New Zealand Contributions—						
General Fund:						
1945 (late)	£838	6	7			
1946	£10,794	11	11			
			11,632	18	6	
Women's Auxiliaries	1657	10	0			
Native Teachers	128	7	6			
Orphans	52	5	0			
Interest General Account	1059	9	8			
Medical Fund, including interest	1224	16	11			
			15,755	7	7	
Interest Boat Insur. Fund			130	2	10	
Rehabilitation Fund:						
Legacies	2471	12	7			
Women's Auxiliary	95	1	6			
Lotu Church	156	0	0			
Interest	1642	19	3			
Donations	483	2	0			
Claims paid by Australian War Damage Commission	6447	4	10			
			11,296	0	2	

To New Zealand Working Expenses—

General Secretary :

Salary	350	0	0
House Allowance	75	0	0
Hospitality	50	0	0
Travelling	110	2	0
Treasurer's Expenses	59	10	0
Connexional Charges	55	15	0
Deputations and Travelling	80	17	9
Postages and Exchange	172	0	11
Printing Annual Report	120	17	6
Office Rent and Telephones	136	6	0
Printing and Stationery	123	0	9
Office Assistance	259	9	4
"Methodist Times"	10	0	0
Audit Fee	15	15	0
Sundry Expenses	29	6	3

1648 0 6

Miscellaneous Payments—

Deaconess Institution	25	0	0
Interest Paid	26	15	0
Loss on Publications	83	15	5
"Orphaned" Missions	100	0	0
National Missionary Council	48	0	0

283 10 5

Balance late D. C. Alley's

Stipend and Allowances years

1942-1945

353 3 3

Depr. Atherton Rd. Property ..

70 0 0

Inscribed Stock written down

to par

112 9 9

Brokerage

64 6 0

Leper Fund

85 2 1

Don Alley Memorial Fund ..

2448 14 5

Transfers Special Funds.

Medical Fund to cover Med. Exps.	770	7	8
Leper Fund ..	85	2	1
Boat Insurance Fund—			
Interest ..	£130	2	10
Transfer for Year	64	4	8
	194	7	6
Don Alley Memorial ..	2448	14	5
Rehabilitation Fund per contra	11,296	0	2
Rehabilitation Fund Transfer			
from Medical Fund ..	454	9	3
	15,249	1	1
Balance for Year, Transferred			
to Rehabilitation Account ..	4671	3	4
	£31,053	3	10

£31,053 3 10

SUMMARY OF REHABILITATION FUND.

Receipts :	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1942				152	5	0
1943				18,790	13	7
1944				18,147	7	10
1945				26,006	2	5
1946				16,643	1	9
Total Receipts				£79,739	10	7
Less Payments :						
1943	4386	3	0			
1944	246	1	6			
1946	1779	2	8			
				6411	7	2
Balance in hand at 31/12/46 ..				£73,328	3	5

METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND.
Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1946 (Excluding Solomon Island Properties).

LIABILITIES				ASSETS					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Solomon Islands District—				Solomon Islands District—					
Circuit Balances	7086	9	0	Cash on hand	586	12	7		
Personal Balances	652	5	11	Government Deposit ..	200	0	0		
Sundry Creditors	633	10	0	Sundry Debtors	1990	16	5		
Auckland Draft not presented	932	0	0	Stock on hand	5364	19	9		
Balance due on Goods from War				<i>Roviana</i> (on A/c. 3232 3 0					
Realisation Commission ..	979	16	0	less trans. Boat					
				Rep. Account) 2718 13 6					
			10,284 0 11			513 9 6			
Sydney Balance			1485 4 8				8655 18 3		
Loans			400 0 0	Islands District Balance ..			1930 19 4		
Income for Special Purposes ..			109 0 8	Tongan and Samoan Balances			340 4 9		
Estate of late D. C. Alley ..			353 3 3	Medical Fund Assets—					
Special Funds—				Col. Sugar Co. Shares ..	500	0	0		
Medical Fund			33,581 3 6	N.Z. Govt. Stock 3% ..	4321	5	0		
Medical Fund for support of				" " " 3½% ..	3595	0	0		
Medical Orderly			530 9 8	" " " 4% ..	7390	0	0		
Special Leper Fund:				National Savings Investment	1063	10	6		
Balance, 1945	5718	16	7	National Savings Certificate	1	4	0		
Added during 1946	85	2	1	Nelson City Debentures ..	5200	0	0		
			5803 18 8	Wellington City Debentures	4300	0	0		
Boat Insurance Fund:				Auck. Gas Co. Shares ..	1466	10	0		
Balance 1945	3236	14	4	Auck. Gas. Co. Debentures ..	3309	10	0		
Added during 1946	150	0	0	Loan Pitt Street, Trustees	2000	0	0		
			3386 14 4	P.O. Savings Bank ..	434	4	0		
Boat Replacement Fund:							33,581 3 6		
Balance, 1945	2718	13	6	Boat Insurance Fund Assets—					
Applied as part payment				N.Z. Govt. Stock 3% ..	991	5	0		
<i>Roviana</i>	2718	13	6	" " " 3½% ..	350	0	0		
				" " " 4% ..	1598	0	0		

Don Alley Memorial Fund ..	2448	14	5
Atherton Road Property Res.	717	17	8
Rehabilitation Fund ..	73,328	3	5
Working Capital ..	23,763	14	10
Add legacy and Cap. accretion	257	10	0
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	24,021	4	10

P.O. Savings Bank ..	447	9	4
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	3386	14	4
Rehabilitation Fund Assets—			
N.Z. Govt. Stock $2\frac{1}{2}\%$..	34,770	16	0
" " " 3% ..	24,970	19	4
" " " 4% ..	3810	0	0
" " " $3\frac{1}{2}\%$..	200	0	0
Auckland City Debentures ..	1000	0	0
National Savings Investment	7186	0	6
National Savings Certificate	665	18	3
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	72,603	14	1

Working Capital Fund Assets—			
Auckland City Debentures ..	200	0	0
Mount Eden Debentures ..	1500	0	0
N.Z. Farmers Shares ..	7	10	0
Mortgage ..	1450	0	0
N.Z. Govt. Stock $2\frac{1}{2}\%$..	1203	10	0
" " " 3% ..	12,903	3	9
" " " $3\frac{1}{2}\%$..	3740	0	0
" " " 4% ..	700	0	0
National Savings Investment	2086	0	6
National Savings Certificate	115	9	6
Auckland Savings Bank ..	77	10	1
P.O. Savings Bank ..	38	1	0
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	24,021	4	10
General Secretary's Residence ..	1195	0	0
Less Depreciation ..	70	0	0
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	1125	0	0

	Less Loan	160 0 0	
	N.Z. Inscribed Stock ..		965 0 0
	Auckland City Debentures ..		2405 0 0
	Cash at Bankers, Auckland and Sydney		1100 0 0
			7459 16 11
<u>£156,449 16 0</u>			<u>£156,449 16 0</u>

AUDITORS' REPORT.—We hereby certify that we have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Methodist Foreign Missionary Society of New Zealand, and that in our 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, 1946, as shown by the books of the Society. 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. It has not been possible to reconcile Solomon Island figures with the Society's books because of lack of information from the Islands.

Auckland,
12th February, 1947.

pp. MACKY & FREAR,
JOHN G. FREAR, A.P.A.N.Z., A.A.I.S., Auditor.

"Kurahuna" Funds	686	10	8			
"Kurahuna" Emergency	25	0	0			
"Kurahuna" Debenture Interest	20	3	10			
				731	14	6
Medical Fund	..	..	..	145	2	10
Gleanings	..	..	..	406	1	2
Sale of Used Stamps	..	..	..	617	13	7
Special Objective (Sisters' Salaries)	..	..	..	837	0	10
Solomon Island Sisters' Rehabilitation	..	..	..	95	1	6
Nursing Sister for Teop	£13	9	6			
Interest	..	7	14	6		
				21	4	0
Solomon Island Girls' School	..	..	..	164	4	6
Leprosarium	..	..	..	37	18	1
Deaconess Retiring Fund	..	..	..	65	10	0
Deaconess House	..	..	..	35	17	0
Maintain Doctor (£10/10/-, Int. £3)	..	..	..	13	10	0
Solomon Island Gift Boxes	..	..	..	330	3	9
Rev. Don Alley Memorial	£80	13	3			
Children's Education	10	13	4			
				91	6	7
Maori Welfare Centres	..	..	..	20	17	6
Home and Maori Missions	..	..	..	4	7	6
Legacies	..	..	..	99	1	8
Other Objects	..	..	..	51	14	7
				7031	19	3
Transfers—						
From Fixed Deposit Somerville						
Legacy	..	..	..	20	0	0
Manawatu Overpaid	..	..	..	0	17	0
Home Mission Capital	..	..	..	145	10	6
"Kurahuna" Repairs and Replacements from P.O.S.B.	..	..	..	54	14	3
				221	1	9

Deaconess House £34/16/-, Subscription, £1/1/-	..	..	35	17	0
Deaconess Retiring Fund	..	..	65	10	0
Solomon Islands Girls' School	..	..	164	4	6
Maori Welfare Centres	..	..	20	17	6
Home and Maori Missions	..	..	4	7	6
Maori Youth Extension Work	..	..	4	18	6
Home Sisters	..	..	12	10	0
Interest on Fixed Deposit	..	..	1	15	1
Sister Lina Jones for Kindergarten Work	..	..	5	0	0
Equipment for Entertainment at "Kurahuna"	..	..	5	0	0
Sewing Machine, Sister May Viney	..	..	5	0	0
Children's Work in Solomon Islands	..	..	6	13	7
Solomon Island Sisters' Christmas Gift Boxes	..	..	500	0	0
Medical Fund	..	..	160	0	0
Northland Centre at Kawa Kawa—					
Special Objective 1945	£804	9	6		
Mrs. Patchett Legacy	150	0	0		
Home Mission Capital	145	10	6		
			1100	0	0
			3330	2	6
Transfer Repairs and Replacements to N.B.	..	..	54	14	3
Refund to Manawatu	..	..	0	17	0
			55	11	3
Somerville Legacy to "Kurahuna" Committee	..	..	20	0	0
Credit Balances in Bank—					
Sisters' Salaries and Executive Fund	1683	10	3
Sisters' Salaries Reserve Fund	49	18	1
"Kurahuna" Funds	329	0	0

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METHODIST WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF NEW ZEALAND.

Balance Sheet as at 31st August, 1946.

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LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Sisters' Salaries and Executive Fund	1683	10	3	Credit Balances in Bank, 31/8/46—			
Sisters' Salaries Reserve Fund ..	635	18	1	General Account			6607 2 7
"Kurahuna" Funds	329	0	0	"Kurahuna" Emergency ..	2152	4	3
Legacies	509	1	8	"Kurahuna" Depreciation ..	610	17	5
Special Objective (Sisters' Salaries)	837	0	10	"Kurahuna" Repairs and Replacements	25	2	5
Stamp Fund	617	13	7				2788 4 1
Medical Fund	672	16	3	"Kurahuna" Treasurer's Cash Account			214 9 4
Gleanings	406	1	2	Deposits General Purposes Trust			
Solomon Island Sisters' Christmas Gift Boxes	601	6	2	Board—			
Nursing Sister for Teop	930	13	4	Solomon Islands Girls' School ..	2850	14	7
Equipment for Maori Youth Extension Work	132	7	11	"Kurahuna" Capital Fund ..	1528	8	0
Home Sisters	13	0	0	Doctors' Fund Investment Account	103	0	0
Pennies for Children's Work ..	2	12	7				4482 2 7
				Fixed Deposit, National Bank of New Zealand Ltd.			80 0 0
				Solomon Islands Capital Fund ..	319	15	2
"Kurahuna" Emergency	2152	4	3	Home Mission Capital Fund ..	40	10	7
"Kurahuna" Depreciation	610	17	5				360 5 9
"Kurahuna" Repairs and Replacements	25	2	5	Advance to Smethurst Estate—			
				Sisters' Salaries Reserve Fund ..	586	0	0
				Nursing Sister for Teop ..	177	19	3
							763 19 3
Somerville ("Kurahuna" Committee)				Drainage Board Debentures at par			500 0 0
Legacy Fund				"Kurahuna" Maori Girls' School—			
"Kurahuna" Capital Fund				Property	1603	18	0
Solomon Island Girls' School ..				Less Depreciation	23	6	0
Solomon Islands Capital Fund ..							
Solomon Islands Doctor Fund ..	103	0	0				1580 12 0
Home Mission Capital Fund ..							

"Kurahuna" Treasurer's Maintenance Account	214 9 4	Furniture	240 0 0
Excess of Assets over Liabilities ..	2370 12 0	Section in Auckland, $\frac{1}{4}$ acre ..	1820 12 0
			50 0 0
	<u>£17,666 15 7</u>		<u>£17,666 15 7</u>

I have examined the books and vouchers of the Methodist Women's Missionary Union with the exception of those relating to the Accounts of the "Kurahuna" Maori Girls' School, for which a copy of the audited accounts has been submitted for my inspection.

Certificates relating to all Bank Balances and the Fixed Deposit Account have been produced to me and I have accepted the Certificate of Deposit with the Supernumerary Fund Board and the Certificate of the Secretary of the General Purposes Trust Board with reference to the custody of the Title Deeds of the "Kurahuna" Property, the Auckland Section, and the Drainage Board Debentures.

I certify that, in my opinion, the above Balance Sheet correctly presents the position of the Union's Funds, as shown by its books, at 31st August, 1946.

Wellington,

J. A. KELLOW, Hon. Auditor.

16th September, 1946,

RANGIATEA MAORI COLLEGE TRUST.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ending 31st August, 1946.

		RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
To Balance—		£	s. d.	£	s. d.			£	s. d.
P.O. Savings Bank 1/9/45				18	18 3	By Rates and Taxes ..		56	16 9
N.P. Savings Bank 1/9/45				81	12 9	Cleaning Trees ..		9	7 6
Bank of N.S.W. 1/9/45				492	6 9	Bank Fees ..		0	10 0
Interest P.O. Savings Bank		0	9 0			Audit Fee ..		1	1 0
Interest N.P. Savings Bank		2	0 6			Secretary ..		50	0 0
Grant from Wellington						Advertising ..		5	13 10
Methodist C. and E.						Furniture ..		24	5 0
Endowments £650 0 0						Telephone ..		7	10 0
less Exchange 0 16 3						Fuel ..		28	17 9
		649	3 9			Crocery, etc. ..		13	17 5
Grant from Kai Iwi Trust		40	0 0			Meat ..		58	6 6
Grant from Grey Institute						Linen, etc. ..		2	14 0
Trust ..		60	0 0			Floor Coverings ..		3	14 11
Interest on Debentures ..		4	5 0			Bread ..		35	1 3
Interest on Mortgage ..		11	17 6			Books and Stationery ..		20	14 7
Repayment of Loan (Grey Trust) ..		100	0 0			Milk ..		24	18 11
Rent College Property ..		109	0 0			Deaconess Retiring Fund ..		5	0 0
Fees from Rangiatea Maori Girls' School ..		239	5 5			Repairs and Renewals ..		16	7 6
Boarding Deductions School Staff ..		39	0 0			Staff Salaries ..		375	15 10
Centennial Thanksgiving Fund £12,255 5 10						Radio License Fee ..		1	5 0
Less Exchange 2 10 0						Groceries and Vegetables ..		150	4 8
		12,252	15 10			Lighting and Heating ..		23	5 0
				13,507	17 0	Petty Cash Allowance ..		43	0 0
						Sundry Accounts ..		3	1 1
						Labour ..		6	1 6
						Garments for Pupils ..		5	15 4
								973	4 7
						Bank of New South Wales Fixed Deposit ..		7000	0 0
						Balances—			
						P.O. Savings Bank ..		2019	7 3
						N.P. Savings Bank ..		933	13 3
						Bank of N.S.W. ..		3174	9 8
								6127	10 2
								£14,100	14 9
								£14,100	14 9

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PAYMENTS		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Furniture	24	5	0			
Crockery, etc.	13	17	5			
Telephone	7	10	0			
Fuel	28	17	9			
Meat .. .. .	.. .. .	58	6	6			
Linen .. .. .	.. .. .	2	14	0			
Keeping Accounts .. .. .	.. .. .	10	0	0			
Floor Coverings .. .. .	.. .. .	3	14	11			
Bread .. .. .	.. .. .	35	1	3			
Books and Stationery .. .. .	.. .. .	20	14	7			
Milk .. .. .	.. .. .	24	18	11			
Deaconess Fund .. .. .	.. .. .	5	0	0			
Repairs and Renewals .. .. .	.. .. .	16	7	6			
Staff Salaries .. .. .	.. .. .	375	15	10			
Radio License .. .. .	.. .. .	1	5	0			
Groceries and Vegetables .. .. .	.. .. .	150	4	8			
Lighting and Heating .. .. .	.. .. .	23	5	0			
Petty Cash .. .. .	.. .. .	43	0	0			
Sundries .. .. .	.. .. .	3	1	1			
Labour .. .. .	.. .. .	6	1	6			
Garments for Girls .. .. .	.. .. .	5	15	4			
Balance, being Excess of Income over Expenditure .. .. .	.. .. .				859	16	3
					167	12	11
					£1,027	9	2

RANGIATEA MAORI COLLEGE TRUST.

Balance Sheet as at 31st August, 1946.

LIABILITIES			ASSETS		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Sundry Creditors	63	16 5	Cash and Investments—		
Accumulated Funds—			Post Office Savings Bank ..	2019	7 3
Being Excess of Assets over Liabilities	18,930	17 0	New Plymouth Savings Bank ..	933	13 3
			Bank of New South Wales ..	3174	9 8
				6127	10 2
			Fixed Deposit, Bank of New South Wales	7000	0 0
			Bonds and Debenture	129	10 8
			Mortgage	500	0 0
			Fixed Assets—		
			Land: 50 acres 3r. 30p., Pt. Secs. 6 and 14		
			Grey District situated Main South Road,		
			New Plymouth, at cost	4523	15 3
			Development—Tree planting, fencing, etc.	263	2 11
			Furniture, Crockery, Tools, etc., less		
			Depreciation	334	4 5
			Sewing Machines, less Depreciation ..	29	0 0
			Piano, less Depreciation	64	10 0
			Radio Set—less Depreciation	23	0 0
				£18,994	13 5
	£18,994	13 5			

I have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Rangiatea Maori College Trust for the year ended 31st August, 1946 and have received all the information and explanations I have required. In my opinion, the above Balance Sheet exhibits a true and correct view of the state of the Trust's affairs as at the 31st August, 1946, according to the best of my information and the information supplied to me and as shown by the records.

W. P. OKEY, Secretary.

New Plymouth, 28th November, 1946,

F. V. MORINE, A.P.A.N.Z., Auditor.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ending 31st December, 1946:

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PAYMENTS		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By House Accounts	..	1045	0	8			
Renewals	..	6	15	0			
Repairs to Property	..	36	10	1			
Salaries and Wages	..	521	12	3			
					1609	18	0
Telephone	..	9	10	0			
Advertising	..	1	10	0			
Stamps, Stat., Bank Charges		12	18	10			
					23	18	10
Uniforms and Tuition Fees	..				32	6	1
Rates	..				71	7	11
Insurances	..	25	12	5			
Insurances, W. Comp.	..	1	14	0			
					27	6	5
Interest on Mortgage	..				25	10	0
Sister Lenna Fund Disbursement					2	0	5
Trainees' Allowances	..				105	0	0
Trainees' Bicycle Allowances	..				25	0	0
Sundry Expenses	..				4	18	6
Special Refurnishing	..				98	3	4
Mortgage, Repayment of Principal					150	0	0
Aga Cooker (Reduced)	..				60	0	0
Balances—							
Bank of New Zealand	..				306	0	9
Cash in Hand	..				12	0	0
P.O. Savings Bank	..				93	11	3
					£2,647	1	6

Balance Sheet as at 31st December., 1946.

A. M. COSTAIN, Chairman.
H. W. ARMITAGE, Treasurer.
J. M. BLIGHT, Secretary.

B. A. CAYGILL, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z.

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, 1946.

RECEIPTS		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1945, Oct. 1st—							
To Balance —Bank of New Zealand		1843	15	4			
1946, Sept. 30th—							
To Revenue —							
General Subscriptions :							
Sundries	100	14	6				
per Collector	104	13	6				
Churches—Collections & Subs.	888	2	6				
Sunday Schools & Y.P. Societies	40	18	7				
Auck. Orphanages United Council	887	10	0				
	2021	19	1				
Value of goods donated	61	18	8				
Maintenance	2199	3	3				
Interest and Dividends	1597	7	11				
Rent	20	0	0				
				5900	8	11	
To Capital —							
Bequests :							
S. J. Ambury Estate ..	5	8	2				
J. H. Hannan Estate ..	81	2	1				
Amy Hartley Estate ..	203	0	11				
A. C. Hook Estate ..	45	0	0				
Ellen Joll Estate ..	25	0	0				
J. C. M. Mallach Estate ..	15	5	9				
J. J. B. Veale Estate ..	20	2	4				
W. White Estate ..	99	8	0				
	494	7	3				
Fire Insurance re shed destroyed	50	0	0				
Bank of N.Z. Fixed Deposit ..	2000	0	0				
				2544	7	3	
				£10,288	11	6	

PAYMENTS		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1946, Sept. 30th—							
By Revenue —							
Wages and Commission	1957	18	9				
Groceries and Provisions	1440	18	5				
Repairs and Renewals	1424	11	7				
Laundry	93	6	2				
Drapery and Shoes ..	190	19	1				
Fuel and Light	226	11	1				
Farm and Garden ..	113	18	10				
Printing and Stationery	54	6	9				
Medical and Dental	26	16	5				
Telephones	31	6	1				
Travelling Expenses ..	55	18	1				
Stamps and Petty Cash	124	6	8				
Insurance	50	12	9				
Rent of Office and Board Room	52	15	0				
Rates on Properties ..	97	17	9				
Audit Fee	8	8	0				
Sundry Expenses ..	10	5	0				
Goods Donated and Used	61	18	8				
				6022	15	1	
By Capital —							
Furnishings	104	19	2				
Auckland Savings Bank	110	10	0				
National Savings Investment Account	2150	18	0				
				2366	7	2	
By Balance —							
Bank of New Zealand				1899	9	3	
				£10,288	11	6	

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th September, 1946.

1946, Sept. 30th—				1946, Sept. 30th			
To Payments as per above Statement				By Receipts as per above Statement			
Depreciation—Furnishings	..	..	£ 6022 15 1	Capital Account	..	..	£ 5900 8 11
Motor Van	..	..	67 6 8				212 2 8
			22 8 0				
			£6,112 11 7				£6,112 11 7

Balance Sheet as at 30th Sept, 1946.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
Endowment Legacies—				Properties—			
Eliza Gilmore Trust	..	..	£ 1000 0 0	Wesley Home—latest valuation	..	£ 3895 0 0	£ 3895 0 0
M. Caughey Preston	..	..	2000 0 0	Less shed destroyed by fire	..	50 0 0	
John Rendell	..	..	200 0 0	Epsom Home—latest valuation	..		3935 0 0
Capital as at 1st Oct., 1945	..	£ 48,703 11 6		Mt. Roskill—at cost	..		4730 0 0
Add Bequests	..	494 7 3					2978 15 8
		49,197 18 9		Shares—at par—			
Less Revenue Account	..	212 2 8	48,985 16 1	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	
							10,366 0 0
				Inscribed Stock and Local Body Debentures (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 Debentures—at cost	..		500 0 0
				Newmarket Borough Debs. at cost	..		500 0 0

Furnishings	..	..	..	569	5	6			
<i>Add New</i>	..	..	..	104	19	2			
							674	4	8
<i>Less Depreciation</i>	..	..	..	67	8	6			
									606 16 2
Motor Van	..	..	..	112	0	0			
<i>Less Depreciation</i>	..	..	..	22	8	0			
									89 12 0
Farm Stock	..	..	..						20 0 0
Bank Balances—									
Auckland Savings Bank	..						4512	10	0
Post Office Savings Bank	..						4000	0	0
National Savings Investment A/c.							3180	18	0
Bank of N.Z.—Current Account							1899	9	3
									£52,185 16 1
Trounson Bequest—with General Purposes									
Trust Board	..	..	..				510	0	0
John Sheat Bequest—with Public Trust	..						2556	6	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, 1946, as shown by the books of the Trust.

14th October, 1946.

A. R. W. GREGORY, F.P.A.N.Z., Public Accountant.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 30th September, 1946.

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PAYMENTS				£	s.	d.
By Salaries	792	8	7
Provisions	725	15	11
Clothing and Drapery	468	6	7
Fuel and Light .. .. .	..	..	..	154	19	4
Printing and Stationery .. .. .	..	..	..	23	19	8
Repairs and Renewals .. .. .	..	..	..	212	19	2
Dental and Medical .. .. .	..	..	£78 8 8			
Less Refunds .. .. .	..	..	18 0 0			
				60	8	8
Telephone Rentals .. .. .	..	..	..	13	10	0
Employer's Liability Insurance .. .. .	..	..	..	3	5	9
Bank Fees .. .. .	..	..	..	4	19	3
Advertising .. .. .	..	..	..	2	2	6
School Requisites .. .. .	..	..	..	27	5	10
Music and Dressmaking Fees .. .. .	..	..	..	14	10	0
Children's Holidays .. .. .	..	..	..	4	10	0
Newcombe Trust Prizes .. .. .	..	..	..	4	12	0
Electric Ironer .. .. .	..	..	..	29	10	0
Sundries .. .. .	..	..	..	6	0	0
Balance 30/9/46 .. .. .	..	..	..	60	0	11
				£2,609	4	2

METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME, MASTERTON.

Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1946.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
			£ s. d.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Sundry Creditors	..	..	145 3 1	Cash at Bank of N.Z.	..	111 14 7	
Newcombe Trust	..	..	7 10 6	Less Cheques Outstanding	..	51 13 8	
Children's Holiday Fund	..	..					60 0 11
Balance—being excess of assets over liabilities			45 10 4	Furnishings, etc.	..	124 0 0	
				Additions during year	..	29 10 0	
						153 10 0	
				Less Depreciation	..	15 7 0	
							138 3 0
			<u>£198 3 11</u>				<u>£198 3 11</u>

We certify that we have examined the books and vouchers of the Methodist Children's Home, Masterton, and are of the opinion that the foregoing Receipts and Payments Account and Balance Sheet are drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the Home's affairs at Masterton on 30th September, 1946.

Audited and found correct.

W. R. NICOL, Treasurer.

D. A. BARNES }
F. E. WELLS } Auditors.

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th September, 1946.

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E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z.,
Auditor.

Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1946.

LIABILITIES						ASSETS									
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
A. H. Fletcher Trust—								Home, Buildings and Grounds—							
Balance 30/9/1945 ..	..	349	7	6				Home and Outbuildings ..	..	18,562	2	6			
Plus Receipts ..	..	100	0	0				Less Depreciation ..	..	300	0	0			
													18,262	2	6
		449	7	6				Grounds ..	..				4363	1	7
Less Payments ..	..	349	7	6				Furnishings ..	..	567	6	0			
					100	0	0	Less Depreciation ..	..	60	0	0			
Cheer Fund—													507	6	0
Balance 30/9/1945 ..	..	0	10	5				Tennis Courts ..	..	54	0	0			
Balance per Revenue Account		0	3	6				Less Depreciation ..	..	18	0	0			
					0	6	11						36	0	0
Sports and Playground Equipment								Asphalting ..	..	115	0	0			
Fund—								Less Depreciation ..	..	30	0	0			
Balance 30/9/1945 ..	..	100	10	0									85	0	0
Balance per Revenue Account		19	14	6				Live Stock ..	..	36	11	8			
					120	4	6	Purchases ..	..	6	0	6			
Permanent Capital Account ..					10,062	11	9			42	12	2			
Accumulated Funds—								Less Depreciation ..	..	5	0	0			
Balance 30/9/1945 ..	..	16,110	12	2									37	12	2
Less Deficiency for year ..	..	1168	7	8				Implements and Tools ..	..	150	10	0			
					14,942	4	6	Purchases ..	..	8	0	0			
Sundry Creditors ..	..				334	2	2			158	10	0			
								Less Depreciation ..	..	20	0	0			
													138	10	0

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE INVESTMENT BOARD.

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th September, 1946.

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Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1946.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Investment Fluctuation Reserve	264	6	8	Mortgage Investments ..	2649	15	8
Plus Further Provision ..	50	0	0	Debentures and Govt. Stock ..	8715	10	1
			314 6 8	Secured Deposit Stock, N.Z. Farmers'	350	0	0
Capital Account	11,272	19	2				11,715 5 9
Plus A. Cowie Trust	100	0	0	Deposits—			
			11,372 19 2	Supernumerary Fund ..	212	16	5
Income Account	1144	6	10	Post Office Savings Bank ..	274	14	4
Plus Income 1945-1946 ..	429	10	8				487 10 9
			1573 17 6	Balance at Bank of New Zealand			1071 1 10
Mortgage Interest Prepaid ..			12 15 0				
			£13,273 18 4				£13,273 18 4

I have audited the accounts of the above Investment Board for the year ended 30th September, 1946, and in my opinion the above Balance Sheet and Income Account are properly drawn up to show a true and correct view of the affairs of the Board as shown by the Books. All my requirements as Auditor have been complied with.

Christchurch, 18th November, 1946.

E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z., Auditor.

"METHODIST TIMES."

Revenue Account for Year Ended 31st October, 194.

EXPENDITURE

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Printing and Publishing ..	1209	3	0			
Process Blocks ..	14	2	4			
Distribution Charges ..	192	16	8			
Exchanges ..	1	17	6			
				1417	19	6
Editors' Honoraria ..	90	0	0			
Editors' Incidental Expenses ..	11	16	5			
	101	16	5			
Less Refund from Contingent Fund	56	16	5			
				45	0	0
Office Expenses—						
Authorised Appropriation ..	175	0	0			
Stationery and General Expenses	57	15	1			
				232	15	1
Balance to Accumulated Funds ..				34	18	4
				£1,730	12	11

RECEIPTS

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Subscriptions ..	1369	5	6			
Less Agents' Commission ..	85	7	4			
				1283	18	2
Advertisements ..				193	11	6
Interest ..				28	3	3
Grants—						
Connexional Fire Insurance Fd.	150	0	0			
Contingent Fund ..	75	0	0			
				225	0	0

Audited and found correct.

H. L. FIEBIG }
ERNEST H. ANDREWS } Treasurers

E. H. SMITH }
H. F. ARNOLD, A.R.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

Christchurch, 18th November, 1946

"METHODIST TIMES."

Balance Sheet as at 31st October, 1946.

LIABILITIES						ASSETS					
			£	s.	d.				£	s.	d.
Unexpired Values—						Subscriptions Outstanding ..			288	9	0
Subscriptions ..	..	..	680	8	6	<i>Less</i> Prepaid ..	..	..	27	3	6
Advertisements ..	..	..	76	12	1				<hr/>		
					757 0 7				261	5	6
Contingent Reserve Account ..	..	..			500 0 0	<i>Less</i> Provision for Agents' Com-					
Suspense Account ..	..	..			2 12 9	mission ..	..	..	30	7	0
Accumulated Funds ..	..	..	597	16	0				<hr/>		
Transfer from Revenue Account ..	..	..	34	18	4					230	18 0
					632 14 4	Advertising Accounts Outstanding				29	6 6
						Deposits—					
						P.O. Savings Bank	1096	13	2
						Supernumerary Fund	253	0	6
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						Balance at Bank of N.Z.		1349	13 8
										282	9 6
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										£1,892	7 8
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										£1,892	7 8

Audited and found correct.

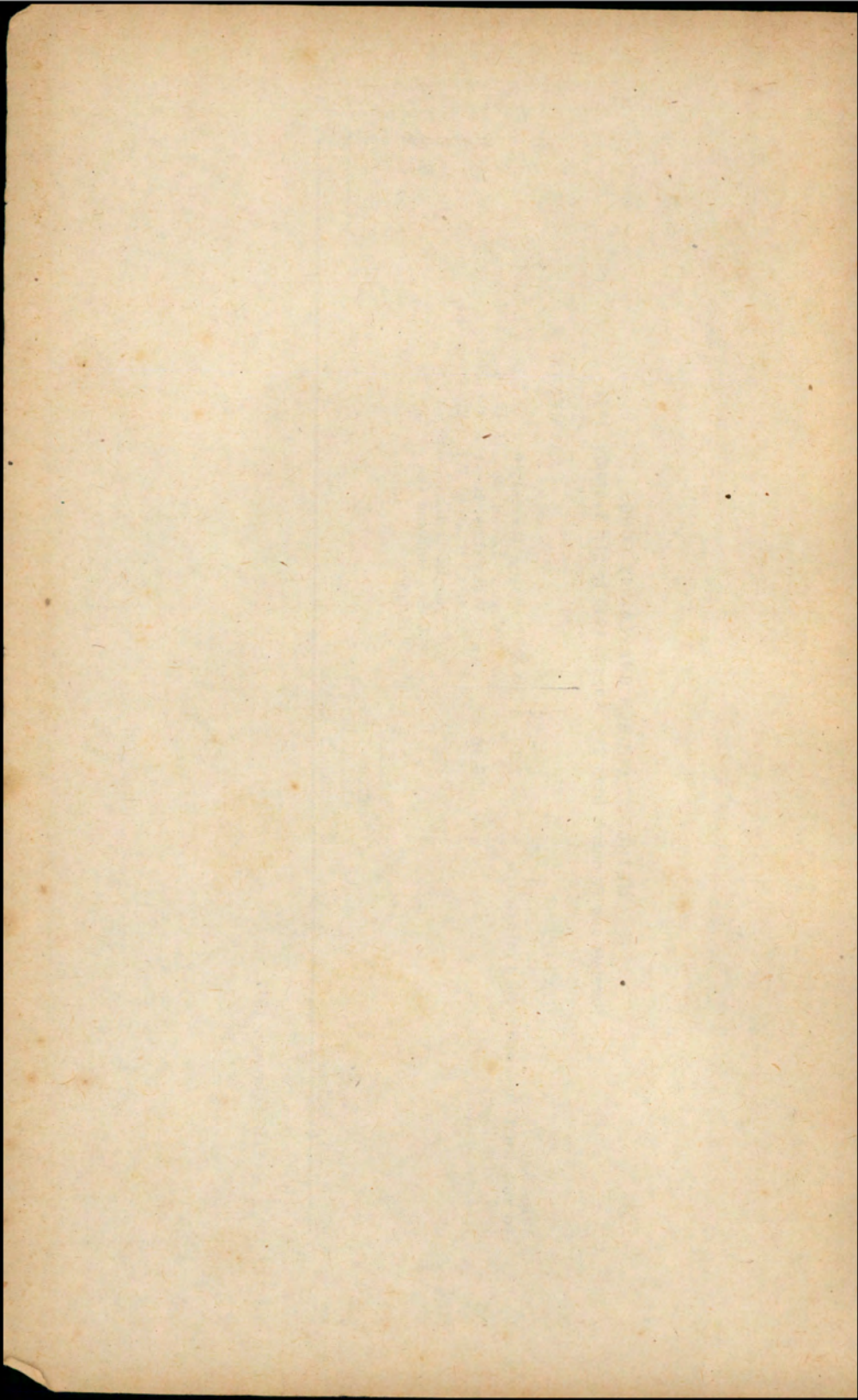
H. L. FIEBIG }
ERNEST H. ANDREWS } Treasurers

Christchurch, 18th November, 1946

E. H. SMITH
H. F. ARNOLD, A.R.A.N.Z. } Auditors.

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Wellington,
21st February, 1947.



Summary of GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1946.

CIRCUITS	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Church Membership														Stipends, etc.					State of Finances at 30th September						
									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	Annual Stipend (if 2 or more Ministers spe cify separately)	Bonus and/or Allowances (other than travelling) additional to Annual Stipend	Travelling (or Car) Allowance	Ownership of Car, Circuit M. Minister	Circuit		Trust Account Totals							
										New Members	Transfers from other Churches	By Death	Transfer to Other Circuits												Ceased to Attend	Cr. Balance	Dr. Balance	Total Credit Balances (excluding balances held for special purposes)	Total Debit Balances					
Auckland	97	99	51	35	53	16	..	165	5468	252	249	87	260	90	139	80	51			461	4951	10,904	5 0	50 0 0	1995	0 0	1134	6 4	433	3 9	2387	14 11	890	15 4
South Auckland ..	49	109	25	25	20	8	..	73	2954	99	214	32	148	45	80	78	16			293	2252	6655	0 0	88 10 0	944	10 0	793	10 0	278	4 8	937	5 6	439	4 11
Taranaki-Wanganui ..	47	33	22	19	15	6	1	54	2159	80	94	32	109	134	45	148	..			230	1554	4255	0 0	39 0 0	786	0 0	719	14 8	230	19 9	1601	5 8	641	9 1
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	38	19	16	16	14	4	..	63	2426	111	77	46	84	48	80	68	..			197	1854	4530	0 0	25 0 0	740	10 0	751	9 9	70	11 3	1734	5 0	1621	5 6
Wellington	41	21	26	18	27	3	1	73	2949	111	142	62	160	74	38	69	..			281	2391	6379	0 0	29 0 0	431	0 0	1271	0 1	199	6 0	7593	4 4	14	11 6
Nelson	29	27	17	12	9	1	..	45	1413	72	50	28	47	28	50	31	..			100	901	3019	0 0	37 10 0	316	0 0	168	17 1	78	8 8	1694	16 3	71	9 8
North Canterbury ..	65	17	38	28	37	1	2	77	3941	171	101	71	139	61	70	69	..			364	2882	7205	0 0	50 0 0	794	0 0	609	5 3	97	10 4	4183	6 8	253	8 11
South Canterbury ..	23	17	11	9	14	1	..	41	1487	67	29	21	46	21	21	13	..			82	1077	2758	0 0	..	335	0 0	337	0 11	54	15 9	271	10 6	179	0 4
Otago-Southland ..	49	18	26	26	18	8	..	53	2454	99	97	54	114	170	41	182	..			129	2121	6338	5 0	55 0 0	736	0 0	481	5 9	239	17 11	1319	15 9	1363	1 4
TOTALS, 1946 ..	438	360	232	188	207	48	4	644	25251	1062	963	433	1107	671	564	738	67			2137	19903	52,043	10 0	379 0 0	6278	0 0	6766	9 10	1682	18 1	21,723	4 7	5474	6 7
TOTALS, 1945 ..	441	369	227	188	207	50	5	663	25460	1095	691	378	913	360	555	449	126			2102	20324	49,083	0 0	300 17 0	6345	1 2	6484	0 7	1300	8 4	13,925	6 5	15,030	2 5
Increase .. ..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	272	55	194	311	9	289	..			35	..	2960	10 0	78 17 0	..	..	282	9 3	382	9 9	779	18 2	..	..
Decrease	3	9	..	..	..	2	1	19	209	33	..	..	..	..	..	59	..			421	..	..	..	67	1 2	..	..	..	..	..	..	9555	15 10	

Dominion Statistical Returns SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE CLASS

NAME OF DISTRICT	No. of Sun. Schools	CRADLE ROLL		SUNDAY SCHOOL										Other Y.P. Organisations		B.C. MEMBERSHIP										C.Y.M. (M) Pledged Members		Church Young People's Roll					Membership		No. of Baptisms during Year					
		No. on Roll	Recd. during year	No. NOW ON ROLL					AVERAGE ATTENDANCE							Y.W. CLASSES					Y.M. CLASSES					New Pledges	No. now on Roll	No. on Cradle Roll	No. on Primary Roll	No. on Junior Roll	No. on Youth Roll	Total	Youth Received during Year	No. of Youth Roll now Members						
				Beginners	Primary	Junior	Intermediate	Total	Beginners	Primary	Junior	Intermediate	Total	Men	Women	Membership					Av. Attendance	Membership														Av. Attendance				
																No. of Societies	Total Roll	No. of Bible Classes	Junior	Inter.		Senior	Leaders	Total	Junior												Inter.	Senior	Leaders	Total
Auckland	95	1305	327	1240	1043	1321	953	4557	803	690	908	636	3037	181	401	110	2299	120	277	126	92	53	548	375	282	92	166	50	590	437	85	147	1367	2164	1746	1339	6616	97	285	462
South Auckland	57	614	161	716	612	724	577	2629	458	382	502	391	1733	92	192	37	712	59	129	78	71	18	296	200	72	70	89	36	267	173	..	13	626	1328	1093	619	3666	62	157	250
Taranaki-Wanganui	44	593	217	421	352	514	401	1688	261	230	353	282	1126	61	151	28	511	40	101	46	30	15	192	143	82	36	22	19	159	107	7	27	580	800	762	537	2679	24	70	224
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	40	429	120	552	364	503	469	1888	351	232	343	322	1248	71	141	36	715	49	103	53	48	19	223	167	109	66	58	26	259	178	444	881	823	483	2631	50	97	171
Wellington	39	813	251	610	521	698	512	2341	389	338	484	361	1572	107	214	61	1245	82	152	90	94	29	365	246	165	125	104	44	438	280	13	149	850	1163	1048	1064	4125	59	147	251
Nelson	23	352	86	314	232	325	247	1118	176	147	212	181	716	37	105	15	295	24	53	23	31	8	115	88	39	18	30	10	97	66	1	18	317	229	369	96	1011	24	60	83
North Canterbury	52	894	245	736	550	829	670	2785	454	369	563	469	1855	119	289	37	1157	134	175	132	94	41	442	294	164	95	101	47	407	271	48	123	733	1064	978	879	3654	42	394	229
South Canterbury	14	176	63	176	149	205	214	744	110	103	149	145	507	37	74	21	319	28	61	27	38	14	140	85	39	28	22	12	101	60	22	49	189	267	311	330	1097	31	75	73
Otago-Southland	50	568	155	519	455	581	431	1986	339	321	417	312	1389	82	194	54	1054	66	129	71	67	24	291	197	113	57	60	27	257	184	6	7	568	910	836	637	2951	31	111	119
Dom. Stat. year endg. 30/9/46	414	5744	1625	5284	4278	5700	4474	19736	3341	2812	3931	3099	13183	787	1761	439	8707	602	1180	646	565	221	2612	1795	1065	587	652	271	2575	1756	182	533	5674	8806	7966	5984	28430	420	1396	1862
" " 30/9/45	423	5465	1617	5050	4188	5661	4600	19559	3282	2857	4023	3376	13538	684	1853	434	8792	562	1291	543	679	252	2765	1955	1061	649	542	251	2503	1741	320	430
Increase	279	8	234	90	39	..	177	59	103	..	5	..	40	..	103	4	..	110	20	72	15	..	533	5674	8806	7966	5984	28430	..	1396	1862
Decrease	9	186	45	92	277	355	..	92	..	85	..	111	..	114	31	153	160	..	62	138	10	

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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	By Death	Transfers to Other Circuits	Ceased to Attend							
Auckland Central ..	6	..	5	4	11	1	..	24	927	21	20	10	16	22	..	7				50	700
Central Mission ..	1	2	1	2	2	5	155	16	5	4	13	5	5	..	5			14	120
Auckland West ..	5	1	5	2	1	2	..	6	227	26	26	3	10	..	39	..			30	250	
Auckland East ..	9	..	7	5	11	..	..	18	804	30	30	16	24	25	..	5			32	674
Avondale ..	7	3	3	3	4	3	..	12	534	30	37	5	37	11	14	..			37	665	
Devonport ..	3	..	2	1	2	..	..	2	175	..	8	2	12	2	..	8			29	140
Takapuna ..	1	2	1	1	5	2	..	9	233	11	32	8	6	..	29	..	28		26	180	
Birkenhead ..	4	1	2	..	2	1	..	6	185	9	11	3	28	4	..	15	1		19	160	
Onehunga ..	5	..	2	1	2	..	..	7	221	14	14	4	9	8	7	..	4		17	250
Otahuhu ..	4	..	2	1	2	..	..	7	309	8	11	5	..	..	14	..	..		26	275
Papakura ..	3	2	2	1	1	..	..	3	138	..	1	3	12	..	..	14	..		12	97
Pukekohe ..	5	1	2	1	1	..	..	3	134	3	1	2	9	..	..	9	..		11	170
Waiuku ..	1	5	1	1	1	..	..	..	81	4	1	..	5	3	..	3	..		12	62
Mahurangi ..	2	8	..	1	1	..	..	4	75	..	4	4	4	1	..	5	..		6	90
Paparoa ..	4	4	1	1	..	1	..	5	74	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		7	24
Dargaville ..	4	7	2	1	1	..	..	7	197	8	11	2	2	2	13	..	..		30	120
Ruawai ..	2	2	1	1	1	..	..	3	101	9	2	..	11	1	..	1	..		9	100
Whangarei ..	4	5	2	1	1	..	..	12	208	16	14	4	20	1	5	..	13		35	140
Hikurangi ..	1	5	..	..	..	1	..	..	51	..	2	2	3	1	..	4	..		2	30
Whangaroa ..	2	7	1	1	1	..	..	..	37	4	1	3	5	..	..	3	..		5	60
Port Albert ..	6	4	3	1	1	..	..	3	111	14	3	..	9	3	5	..	..		14	125
Kawakawa-Kaikohē ..	2	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	63	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	..		..	40
Mangonui ..	4	4	..	..	1	..	..	5	59	3	3	1	6	..	..	1	..		15	54
Hokianga ..	2	6	2	1	1	..	..	3	39	..	5	1	5	..	..	1	..		1	83
Bombay-Tuakau ..	3	2	..	1	..	1	..	9	116	6	3	2	3	..	4	..	..		8	106
North Waitamata ..	3	13	1	2	..	2	..	4	95	4	..	2	6	..	..	4	..		6	125
Bay of Islands ..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	20	5	2	1	1	1	4	..	..		..	18
North Hokianga ..	3	10	2	1	..	1	..	3	99	10	2	..	12	..	..	..	..		8	93
TOTALS ..	97	99	51	35	53	16	..	165	5468	252	249	87	260	90	139	80	51			461	4951

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Thames ..	2	1	1	1	1	..	1	113	5	2	4	7	..	..	4	..	..	13 70
Hauraki Plains ..	2	4	..	..	1	..	1	62	1	1	1	9	2	..	10	..	..	7 58
Paeroa ..	1	1	1	1	..	..	3	51	..	1	..	4	2	..	5	..	..	.. 46
Waihi ..	1	3	1	1	1	..	4	90	3	10	2	5	..	6	..	..	..	.. 104
Te Aroha ..	4	1	3	1	1	..	5	229	3	5	2	15	2	..	11	..	..	14 200
Morrinsville ..	3	3	2	2	1	..	7	200	20	..	1	6	3	10	..	2	..	45 180
Cambridge ..	3	1	2	1	1	..	4	149	..	11	1	2	5	3	..	..	..	8 80
Hamilton ..	4	3	3	2	2	2	13	499	20	28	8	27	1	12	..	..	..	35 395
Hamilton East ..	3	4	2	1	1	..	7	191	..	6	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	22 180
Huntly ..	1	6	..	..	1	..	3	85	..	5	2	18	..	..	11	..	..	11 55
Matamata ..	3	4	1	1	1	..	5	164	6	4	1	5	..	4	..	..	..	11 150
Putaruru ..	1	5	1	1	1	..	1	61	5	7	1	2	..	9	..	..	..	6 45
Rotorua ..	2	5	2	1	3	..	1	133	5	10	3	4	2	6	..	2	..	14 100
Tauranga ..	2	12	1	2	1	..	6	250	..	7	1	2	2	2	..	12	..	19 200
Whakatane ..	2	2	1	1	..	1	2	87	..	5	..	8	..	..	3	..	..	13 40
Opotiki ..	2	1	2	1	..	1	..	48	8	..	..	4	..	4	..	..	..	5 50
Te Awamutu ..	2	8	1	1	1	..	4	143	2	9	2	7	9	..	7	..	..	16 120
Otorohanga ..	1	12	..	1	1	..	2	74	2	..	..	7	1	..	6	..	..	5 ..
Te Kuiti ..	1	6	1	1	1	..	..	52	..	2	1	3	3	..	5	..	..	18 29
Taumarunui ..	1	7	..	1	1	..	..	58	..	..	..	..	8	..	8	..	..	10 40
Raglan ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	47	4	4	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	.. ..
Ngaruawahia ..	3	2	..	1	..	1	1	44	10	4	..	..	..	14	..	..	..	4 40
Kawhia ..	1	8	..	1	1	..	..	45	..	2	..	..	5	..	3	..	..	5 10
Coromandel ..	1	4	..	1	1	..	2	31	5	1	..	2	..	4	..	..	..	12 60
Ohura ..	3	6	..	1	..	..	1	48	..	..	1	4	..	..	5	..	..	.. ..
TOTALS ..	49	109	25	25	20	8	73	2954	99	124	32	148	45	80	78	16	..	293 2252

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

New Plymouth ..	9	3	3	2	4	3	1	15	564	17	41	8	38	3	7	..	..	43 360
Waitara ..	3	2	2	1	1	..	4	92	..	6	2	3	..	1	..	..	..	35 120
Stratford ..	5	..	1	1	1	..	6	153	5	1	4	3	1	..	2	..	..	20 147
Eltham-Kaponga ..	2	6	2	1	1	..	3	150	5	7	..	2	..	10	..	..	..	14 40
Hawera ..	3	..	2	1	1	..	3	207	13	3	6	20	13	..	23	..	..	11 148
Manaia ..	2	2	1	1	1	..	3	77	3	4	1	..	..	6	..	..	..	3 50
Opunake ..	6	7	3	3	1	1	7	187	3	16	2	24	1	..	8	..	..	28 125
Wanganui ..	2	..	1	1	1	..	1	214	..	4	1	3	102	..	102	..	..	8 220
Wanganui North ..	3	..	3	2	1	..	6	162	4	2	4	5	10	..	13	..	..	13 100
Gonville ..	3	..	1	1	2	..	1	99	9	5	2	5	1	6	..	..	..	8 90
Taihape ..	1	5	1	..	1	..	1	42	5	2	1	2	..	4	..	..	..	6 25
Patea ..	2	2	..	1	..	..	1	33	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.. 24
Inglewood ..	2	4	1	1	..	1	1	93	12	2	..	4	3	7	..	..	..	38 65
Marton ..	1	2	1	1	..	1	1	64	4	1	1	..	..	4	..	..	..	3 40
Raetihi ..	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	22	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.. ..
Douglas ..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.. ..
TOTALS ..	47	33	22	19	15	6	54	2159	80	94	32	109	134	45	148	..	..	230 1554

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Napier ..	5	..	2	1	2	..	13	305	11	9	7	10	8	5	..	..	..	48 225
Hastings ..	1	2	2	1	2	..	9	305	..	9	4	6	..	2	..	..	..	26 225
Gisborne ..	3	..	1	1	1	..	2	221	24	11	2	1	1	20	..	..	..	18 155
Wairoa ..	1	3	..	..	..	..	1	31	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	9 45
Dannevirke ..	1	..	1	1	1	1	4	124	9	..	4	4	..	1	..	..	..	15 80
Woodville ..	1	2	..	1	1	..	1	99	..	1	..	5	..	..	4	..	..	6 94
Pahiatua ..	3	2	1	1	1	..	2	92	..	3	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	9 72
P.N., St. Paul's ..	1	1	1	1	1	..	11	229	13	16	2	7	2	18	..	..	..	20 160
P.N., Cuba Street ..	2	..	2	1	1	..	1	219	22	14	6	11	5	14	..	..	..	9 178
Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe ..	3	..	1	1	1	..	3	135	9	2	1	1	1	9	..	..	..	3 97
Feilding ..	6	3	3	2	1	1	6	323	9	1	6	21	25	..	42	..	..	10 236
Sanson-Rongotea ..	3	..	1	1	1	..	3	102	3	4	..	7	4	..	4	..	..	4 120
Waipawa-Waipukurau ..	2	3	..	1	..	1	2	56	9	4	2	2	..	9	..	..	..	10 57
Foxton-Shannon ..	2	1	1	1	1	..	4	66	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	6 40
Apiti ..	2	2	..	1	..	1	..	69	..	3	11	8	..	..	13	..	..	4 30
Norsewood ..	2	..	..	1	..	..	1	50	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	.. 40
TOTALS ..	38	19	16	16	14	4	63	2426	111	77	46	84	48	80	68	197 1854

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Wellington Central ..	3	1
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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	By Death	Transfers to Other Circuits	Ceased to Attend							
Auckland Central ..	6	..	5	4	11	1	..	24	927	21	20	10	16	22	..	7				50	700
Central Mission ..	1	2	1	2	2	5	155	16	5	4	13	5	5	..	5			14	120
Auckland West ..	5	1	5	2	1	2	..	6	227	26	26	3	10	..	39	..			30	250	
Auckland East ..	9	..	7	5	11	..	..	18	804	30	30	16	24	25	..	5			32	674
Avondale ..	7	3	3	3	4	3	..	12	534	30	37	5	37	11	14	..			37	665	
Devonport ..	3	..	2	1	2	..	..	2	175	..	8	2	12	2	..	8			29	140
Takapuna ..	1	2	1	1	5	2	..	9	233	11	32	8	6	..	29	..	28		26	180	
Birkenhead ..	4	1	2	..	2	1	..	6	185	9	11	3	28	4	..	15	1		19	160	
Onehunga ..	5	..	2	1	2	..	..	7	221	14	14	4	9	8	7	..	4		17	250
Otahuhu ..	4	..	2	1	2	..	..	7	309	8	11	5	..	..	14	..			26	275
Papakura ..	3	2	2	1	1	..	..	3	138	..	1	3	12	..	14	..			12	97
Pukekohe ..	5	1	2	1	1	..	..	3	134	3	1	2	9	..	9	..			11	170
Waiuku ..	1	5	1	1	1	..	..	..	81	4	1	..	5	3	..	3	..		12	62
Mahurangi ..	2	8	..	1	1	..	..	4	75	..	4	4	4	1	..	5	..		6	90
Paparoa ..	4	4	1	1	..	1	..	5	74	1	..	..	..	..	..	..			7	24
Dargaville ..	4	7	2	1	1	..	..	7	197	8	11	2	2	2	13	..	..		30	120
Ruawai ..	2	2	1	1	1	..	..	3	101	9	2	..	11	1	..	1	..		9	100
Whangarei ..	4	5	2	1	1	..	..	12	208	16	14	4	20	1	5	..	13		35	140
Hikurangi ..	1	5	..	..	..	1	..	..	51	..	2	2	3	1	..	4	..		2	30
Whangaroa ..	2	7	1	1	1	..	..	..	37	4	1	3	5	..	3	..			5	60
Port Albert ..	6	4	3	1	1	..	..	3	111	14	3	..	9	3	5	..			14	125
Kawakawa-Kaikohe ..	2	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	63	..	..	..	2	..	2	..			..	40
Mangonui ..	4	4	..	..	1	..	..	5	59	3	3	1	6	..	..	1	..		15	54
Hokianga ..	2	6	2	1	1	..	..	3	39	..	5	1	5	..	1	1	..		1	83
Bombay-Tuakau ..	3	2	..	1	..	1	..	9	116	6	3	2	3	..	4	..			8	106	
North Waitamata ..	3	13	1	2	..	2	..	4	95	4	..	2	6	..	4	..			6	125	
Bay of Islands ..	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	20	5	2	1	1	1	4	..			..	18
North Hokianga ..	3	10	2	1	..	1	..	3	99	10	2	..	12	..	..	..			8	93
TOTALS ..	97	99	51	35	53	16	..	165	5468	252	249	87	260	90	139	80	51			461	4951

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Thames ..	2	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	113	5	2	4	7	..	..	4	..	13	70
Hauraki Plains ..	2	4	..	..	1	..	..	1	62	1	1	1	9	2	..	10	..	7	58
Paeroa ..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	3	51	..	1	..	4	2	..	5	..	..	46
Waihi ..	1	3	1	1	1	..	..	4	90	3	10	2	5	..	6	..	..	..	104
Te Aroha ..	4	1	3	1	1	..	..	5	229	3	5	2	15	2	..	11	..	14	200
Morrinsville ..	3	3	2	2	1	..	..	7	200	20	..	1	6	3	10	..	2	45	180
Cambridge ..	3	1	2	1	1	..	..	4	149	..	11	1	2	5	3	..	..	8	80
Hamilton ..	4	3	3	2	2	2	..	13	499	20	28	8	27	1	12	..	..	35	395
Hamilton East ..	3	4	2	1	1	..	..	7	191	..	6	..	6	..	..	..	..	22	180
Huntly ..	1	6	..	..	1	..	..	3	85	..	5	2	18	..	..	11	..	11	55
Matamata ..	3	4	1	1	1	..	..	5	164	6	4	1	5	..	4	..	..	11	150
Putaruru ..	1	5	1	1	1	..	..	1	61	5	7	1	2	..	9	..	..	6	45
Rotorua ..	2	5	2	1	3	..	..	1	133	5	10	3	4	2	6	..	2	14	100
Tauranga ..	2	12	1	2	1	..	..	6	250	..	7	1	2	2	2	..	12	19	200
Whakatane ..	2	2	1	1	..	1	..	2	87	..	5	..	8	..	..	3	..	13	40
Opotiki ..	2	1	2	1	..	1	..	..	48	8	..	..	4	..	4	..	..	5	50
Te Awamutu ..	2	8	1	1	1	..	..	4	143	2	9	2	7	9	..	7	..	16	120
Otorohanga ..	1	12	..	1	1	..	..	2	74	2	..	..	7	1	..	6	..	5	..
Te Kuiti ..	1	6	1	1	..	1	..	..	52	..	2	1	3	3	..	5	..	18	29
Taumarunui ..	1	7	..	1	1	..	..	..	58	..	..	..	..	8	..	8	..	10	40
Raglan ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	47	4	4	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ngaruawahia ..	3	2	..	1	..	1	..	1	44	10	4	..	..	..	14	..	..	4	40
Kawhia ..	1	8	..	1	..	1	..	..	45	..	2	..	..	5	..	3	..	5	10
Coromandel ..	1	4	..	1	..	1	..	2	31	5	1	..	2	..	4	..	..	12	60
Ohura ..	3	6	..	1	..	..	..	1	48	..	..	1	4	..	..	5	..	..	..
TOTALS ..	49	109	25	25	20	8	..	73	2954	99	124	32	148	45	80	78	16	293	2252

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

New Plymouth ..	9	3	3	2	4	3	1	15	564	17	41	8	38	3	7	..	..	43	360
Waitara ..	3	2	1	1	1	..	..	4	92	..	6	2	3	1	1	..	..	35	120
Stratford ..	5	..	1	1	1	..	..	6	153	5	1	4	3	..	1	2	..	20	147
Eltham-Kaponga ..	2	6	2	1	1	..	..	3	150	5	7	..	2	..	10	..	..	14	40
Hawera ..	3	..	2	1	1	..	..	3	207	13	3	6	20	13	..	23	..	11	148
Mania ..	2	2	1	1	1	..	..	3	77	3	4	1	..	..	6	..	..	3	50
Opunake ..	6	7	3	3	1	1	..	7	187	3	16	2	24	1	..	8	..	28	125
Wanganui ..	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	214	..	4	1	3	102	..	108	..	8	220
Wanganui North ..	3	..	3	2	1	..	..	6	162	4	2	4	5	10	..	13	..	13	100
Gonville ..	3	..	1	1	2	..	..	1	99	9	5	2	5	1	6	..	..	8	90
Taihape ..	1	5	..	1	..	..	..	1	42	5	2	1	2	..	4	..	..	6	25
Patea ..	2	2	1	1	..	..	..	1	33	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24
Inglewood ..	2	4	1	1	..	1	..	1	93	12	2	..	4	3	7	..	..	38	65
Marton ..	1	2	1	1	..	1	..	1	64	4	1	1	..	..	4	..	..	3	40
Raetihi ..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	22	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Douglas ..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTALS ..	47	33	22	19	15	6	1	54	2159	80	94	32	109	134	45	148	..	230	1554

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Napier	5	..	2	1	2	..	..	13	305	11	9	7	10	8	5	..			48	225
Hastings	1	2	2	1	2	..	..	9	305	..	9	4	6	..	2	..			26	225
Gisborne	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	221	24	11	2	1	1	20	..			18	155
Wairoa	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	31	..	..	..	..	1	..	4			9	45
Dannevirke ..	1	..	1	1	1	1	..	4	124	9	..	4	4	..	1	..			15	80
Woodville	1	2	..	1	1	..	..	1	99	..	1	..	5	..	..	4			6	94
Pahiatua	3	2	1	1	1	..	..	2	92	..	3	1	1	1	..	..			9	72
P.N., St. Paul's ..	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	11	229	13	16	2	7	2	18	..			20	160
P.N., Cuba Street ..	2	..	2	1	1	..	..	1	219	22	14	6	11	5	14	..			9	178
Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	3	135	9	2	1	1	1	9	..			3	97
Feilding	6	3	3	2	1	1	..	6	323	9	1	6	21	25	..	42			10	236
Sanson-Rongotea ..	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	3	102	3	4	..	7	4	..	4			4	120
Waipawa-Waipukurau ..	2	3	..	1	..	1	..	2	56	9	4	2	2	..	9	..			10	57
Foxton-Shannon ..	2	1	1	1	1	..	..	4	66	2	..	..	..	..	2	..			6	40
Apiti	2	2	..	1	..	1	..	..	69	..	3	11	8	..	..	13			4	30
Norsewood	2	1	1	50	1			..	40
TOTALS ..	38	19	16	16	14	4	..	63	2426	111	77	46	84	48	80	68			197	1854

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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	
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Auckland Central ..	6	..	5	4	11	1	..	24	927	21	20	10	16	22	..	7				50	700	
Central Mission ..	1	2	1	2	2	5	155	16	5	4	13	5	5	..	5			14	120	
Auckland West ..	5	1	5	2	1	..	..	6	227	26	26	3	10	..	39	..				30	250
Auckland East ..	9	..	7	5	11	..	..	18	804	30	30	16	24	25	..	5				32	674
Avondale ..	7	3	3	3	4	3	..	12	534	30	37	5	37	11	14	..				37	665	
Devonport ..	3	..	2	1	2	..	..	2	175	..	8	2	12	2	..	8				29	140
Takapuna ..	1	2	1	1	5	2	..	9	233	11	32	8	6	..	29	..	28			26	180	
Birkenhead ..	4	1	2	..	2	1	..	6	185	9	11	3	28	4	..	15	1			19	160	
Onehunga ..	5	..	2	1	2	..	..	7	221	14	14	4	9	8	7	..	4			17	250
Otahuhu ..	4	..	2	1	2	..	..	7	309	8	11	5	..	..	14	..				26	275
Papakura ..	3	2	2	1	1	..	..	3	138	..	1	3	12	..	..	14	..			12	97
Pukekohe ..	5	1	2	1	1	..	..	3	134	3	1	2	9	..	..	9	..			11	170
Waiuku ..	1	5	1	1	1	..	..	..	81	4	1	..	5	3	..	3	..			12	62
Mahurangi ..	2	8	..	1	1	..	..	4	75	..	4	4	4	1	..	5	..			6	90
Paparoa ..	4	4	1	1	..	1	..	5	74	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..			7	24
Dargaville ..	4	7	2	1	1	..	..	7	197	8	11	2	2	2	13	..	..			30	120
Ruawai ..	2	2	1	1	1	..	..	3	101	9	2	..	11	1	..	1	..			9	100
Whangarei ..	4	5	2	1	1	..	..	12	208	16	14	4	20	1	5	..	13			35	140
Hikurangi ..	1	5	..	..	..	1	..	..	51	..	2	2	3	1	..	4	..			2	30
Whangaroa ..	2	7	1	1	1	..	..	..	37	4	1	3	5	..	..	3	..			5	60
Port Albert ..	6	4	3	1	1	..	..	3	111	14	3	..	9	3	5	..	..			14	125
Kawakawa-Kaikohē ..	2	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	63	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	..			..	40
Mangonui ..	4	4	..	..	1	..	..	5	59	3	3	1	6	..	..	1	..			15	54
Hokianga ..	2	6	2	1	1	..	..	3	39	..	5	1	5	..	..	1	..			1	83
Bombay-Tuakau ..	3	2	..	1	..	1	..	9	116	6	3	2	3	..	4	..	..			8	106
North Waiamata ..	3	13	1	2	..	2	..	4	95	4	..	2	6	..	..	4	..			6	125
Bay of Islands ..	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	20	5	2	1	1	1	4	..	..			..	18
North Hokianga ..	3	10	2	1	..	1	..	3	99	10	2	..	12	..	..	..	..			8	93
TOTALS ..	97	99	51	35	53	16	..	165	5468	252	249	87	260	90	139	80	51			461	4951	

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Thames ..	2	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	113	5	2	4	7	..	..	4	..	..	..	13	70
Hauraki Plains ..	2	4	..	..	1	..	..	1	62	1	1	1	9	2	..	10	..	..	..	7	58
Paeroa ..	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	3	51	..	1	..	4	2	..	5	..	..	..	..	46
Waihi ..	1	3	1	1	1	..	..	4	90	3	10	2	5	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	104
Te Aroha ..	4	1	3	1	1	..	..	5	229	3	5	2	15	2	..	11	..	..	..	14	200
Morrinsville ..	3	3	2	2	1	..	..	7	200	20	..	1	6	3	10	..	2	..	..	45	180
Cambridge ..	3	1	2	1	1	..	..	4	149	..	11	1	2	5	3	..	..	..	..	8	80
Hamilton ..	4	3	3	2	2	2	..	13	499	20	28	8	27	1	12	..	..	..	..	35	395
Hamilton East ..	3	4	2	1	1	..	..	7	191	..	6	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	22	180
Huntly ..	1	6	..	..	1	..	..	3	85	..	5	2	18	..	..	11	..	..	..	11	55
Matamata ..	3	4	1	1	1	..	..	5	164	6	4	1	5	..	4	..	..	..	..	11	150
Putaruru ..	1	5	1	1	1	..	..	1	61	5	7	1	2	..	9	..	..	..	..	6	45
Rotorua ..	2	5	2	1	3	..	..	1	133	5	10	3	4	2	6	..	2	..	..	14	100
Tauranga ..	2	12	1	2	1	..	..	6	250	..	7	1	2	2	2	..	12	..	..	19	200
Whakatane ..	2	2	1	1	..	1	..	2	87	..	5	..	8	..	..	3	..	..	..	13	40
Opotiki ..	2	1	2	1	..	1	..	..	48	8	..	..	4	..	4	..	..	..	..	5	50
Te Awamutu ..	2	8	1	1	1	..	..	4	143	2	9	2	7	9	..	7	..	..	..	16	120
Otorohanga ..	1	12	..	1	1	..	..	2	74	2	..	..	7	1	..	6	..	..	..	5	..
Te Kuiti ..	1	6	1	1	1	..	..	..	52	..	2	1	3	3	..	5	..	..	..	18	29
Taumarunui ..	1	7	..	1	..	..	..	..	58	..	..	..	..	8	..	8	..	..	..	10	40
Raglan ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	47	4	4	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ngaruawahia ..	3	2	..	1	..	1	..	1	44	10	4	..	..	..	14	..	..	..	..	4	40
Kawhia ..	1	8	..	1	..	1	..	..	45	..	2	..	..	5	..	3	..	..	..	5	10
Coromandel ..	1	4	..	1	..	1	..	2	31	5	1	..	2	..	4	..	..	..	..	12	60
Ohura ..	3	6	..	1	..	..	..	1	48	..	..	1	4	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..
TOTALS ..	49	109	25	25	20	8	..	73	2954	99	124	32	148	45	80	78	16	..	..	293	2252

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

New Plymouth ..	9	3	3	2	4	3	1	15	564	17	41	8	38	3	7	..	..	..	..	43	360
Waitara ..	3	2	1	1	1	..	..	4	92	..	6	2	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	35	120
Stratford ..	5	..	1	1	1	..	..	6	153	5	1	4	3	1	..	2	..	..	..	20	147
Eltham-Kaponga ..	2	6	2	1	1	..	..	3	150	5	7	..	2	..	10	..	..	..	..	14	40
Hawera ..	3	..	2	1	1	..	..	3	207	13	3	6	20	13	..	23	..	..	..	11	148
Manawatu ..	2	2	1	1	1	..	..	3	77	3	4	1	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	3	50
Opunake ..	6	7	3	3	1	1	..	7	187	3	16	2	24	1	..	8	..	..	..	28	125
Wanganui ..	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	214	..	4	1	3	102	..	102	..	..	..	8	220
Wanganui North ..	3	..	3	2	1	..	..	6	162	4	2	4	5	10	..	13	..	..	..	13	100
Gonville ..	3	..	1	1	2	..	..	1	99	9	5	2	5	1	6	..	..	..	..	8	90
Taihape ..	1	5	1	..	1	..	..	1	42	5	2	1	2	..	4	..	..	..	..	6	25
Patea ..	2	2	..	1	..	..	..	1	33	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24
Inglewood ..	2	4	1	1	..	1	..	1	93	12	2	..	4	3	7	..	..	..	..	38	65
Marton ..	1	2	1	1	..	1	..	1	64	4	1	1	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	3	40
Raetihi ..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	22	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Douglas ..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTALS ..	47	33	22	19	15	6	1	54	2159	80	94	32	109	134	45	148	..	..	..	230	1554

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Napier ..	5	..	2	1	2	..	..	13	305	11	9	7	10	8	5	..	..	..	..	48	225
Hastings ..	1	2	2	1	2	..	..	9	305	..	9	4	6	..	2	..	..	..	..	26	225
Gisborne ..	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	221	24	11	2	1	1	20	..	..	..	..	18	155
Wairoa ..	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	31	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	9	45
Dannevirke ..	1	..	1	1	1	1	..	4	124	9	..	4	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	15	80
Woodville ..	1	2	..	1	1	..	..	1	99	..	1	..	5	..	..	4	..	..	..	6	94

GENERAL FINANCIAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1946.
NELSON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Stipends, etc.					State of Finances at 30th September			
	Annual Stipend (if 2 or more Ministers specify separately)	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	
						Cr. Balance	Dr. Balance	Total Credit Cr. Balance (excluding balances held for special purposes)	Total Credit Balances
Nelson	£ (1) 325 (2) 234	£ ..	£ 10 4	M ..	£ s. d.	£ s. d. 8 8 8 ..	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d. 19 16 0 ..
Richmond	275	12½	45	M	0 0 3	..	..	16 19 0	18 10 0
Motueka	285	..	8	..	0 5 7	..	..	45 11 9	..
Blenheim	(1) 300 (2) 300	25	60	C M	13 0 1 ..	..	..	1131 14 7	..
Reefton	250	..	..	..	16 1 3	..	..	2 3 4	..
Westport	275	..	..	..	7 4 10	..	..	25 12 3	..
Greymouth	300	..	70	M	13 18 6	..	..	62 3 6	..
Hokitika	275	..	40	M	..	70 0 0	..	..	33 3 8
Wakefield-Dovedale ..	..	..	..	..	33 3 11	..	..	100 0 0	..
Murchison .. ..	..	..	..	..	6 0 0	..	..	125 6 1	..
Granity .. ..	..	..	..	..	20 10 0	..	..	185 5 9	..
Havelock .. ..	..	..	Westport Ct. 14 5 3	..	58 12 8	..	..	Incorporated	in Ct. Fund
TOTALS .. ..	..	..	..	..	168 17 1	78 8 8	1694 16 3	71 9 8	..

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

	£	£	£		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Durham Street	350	25	100	M	57 9 0	..	107 10 0	..
Christchurch East ..	300	..	..	M	..	..	..	..
..	325	..	10	M	13 2 7	..	535 10 10	25 15 5
..	300	..	10	M	..	..	..	..
..	300	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
..	300	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cambridge Terrace ..	300	..	36 13 4	M	46 3 4	..	117 6 9	..
Woolston	300	..	3	M	29 15 10	..	344 3 0	..
..	195	..	3	..	..	..	..	..
Sydenham	300	..	40	M	5 16 11	..	112 4 8	165 18 6
Addington	300	..	..	..	115 7 3	..	15 14 6	..
Riccarton	300	..	40	M	..	37 15 11	187 5 8	..
St. Albans	326	..	20	M	30 0 0	..	..	..
..	300	..	4	..	..	..	..	..
Papanui	300	..	20	M	41 15 3	..	101 10 4	15 8 7
Lyttelton	200	..	..	..	..	8 11 6	50 0 0	..
Springston	274	..	60	M	39 12 3	..	100 15 4	..
Leeston	300	..	70	M	15 14 5	..	201 10 5	..
Kaiapoi	275	..	25	M	46 1 9	..	..	18 11 3
Ohoka	275	..	80	M	36 4 2	..	1907 11 4	..
Rangiora	300	..	40	M	14 8 10	..	73 10 3	3 18 9
Woodend-Sefton	300	..	30	M	2 7 2	..	220 15 10	5 9 10
Greendale	275	25	64	M	37 10 8	..	31 3 3	..
Oxford	300	..	80	M	..	5 10 8	27 16 4	..
Tai Tapu	210	..	44	M	..	45 12 3	48 18 0	18 6 7
Hawarden .. ..	..	..	15	M	77 12 10	..	..	..
TOTALS	7205	50	794 13 4	..	609 5 3	97 10 4	4183 6 8	253 8 11

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

	£	£	£		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Timaru (Bank Street)	310	..	15	..	142 12 8	..	139 14 0	..
Timaru (Woodlands St.)	300	..	10	M	5 4 11	..	58 11 1	..
Timaru South	160	..	20	MC	..	1 2 6	40 16 9	..
Waimate	300	..	50	M	0 13 0	..	32 8 8	..
Temuka	300	..	Exs.	C	..	47 9 10	..	32 18 5
Geraldine	200	..	60	M	68 7 6	..	..	27 1 1
Ashburton	315	..	60	..	..	6 3 5	..	47 2 1
Willowby	198	..	Exs.	C	38 2 8	..	..	..
Oamaru	275	..	100	M	25 3 0	..	..	62 18 4
Rakaia-Methven ..	300	..	20	M	..	..	..	..
TOTALS	2758	..	..	..	337 0 11	54 15 9	271 10 6	179 0 4

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

	£	£	£		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Dunedin Central ..	325	..	12	M	..	53 15 0	305 14 9	26 17 1
..	300	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunedin Central Mission	400	..	100	M	39 5 3	..	..	665 16 0
..	220	..	5	..	..	..	..	..
Dunedin North ..	240	..	39	M	0 12 6	..	47 18 0	..
Cargill Road	275	..	65	M	14 4 2	..	7 9 2	..
..	195	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
St. Kilda	300	..	4	M	18 15 2	..	10 5 4	..
Caversham	300	..	12	..	83 11 0	..	179 5 3	..
Mornington	275	25	..	..	24 0 3	..	37 17 8	..
Roslyn	275	..	..	..	..	50 1 7	10 19 3	..
Port Chalmers ..	250	..	27	..	..	62 4 2	90 0 1	..
Milton	260	..	75	M	4 11 1	..	..	81 15 4
Roxburgh	235	..	50	M	17 0 1	..	9 14 8	..
Invercargill Central ..	300	30	50	M	2 6 2	..	..	110 14 5
Invercargill, St. Peter's	300	..	50	M	2 8 3	..	140 10 1	..
Gore	288½	..	40	M	35 13 4	..	..	477 18 6
Bluff	260	..	..	..	72 18 0	..	11 9 9	..
Waikouaiti-Palmerston	220	..	18	M	23 19 10	..	..	..
Mosgiel	230	..	..	..	43 6 6	..	60 1 3	..
Balclutha	210	..	24	M	9 1 11	..	181 4 11	..
Edendale	200	..	50	M	..	31 4 8	13 10 8	..
Lawrence	no agent	..	..	..	25 9 6	..	5 11 1	..
Cromwell	230	..	..	..	33 4 5	..	1 14 9	..
Otautau-Tuatapere ..	250	..	115	M	0 11 8	..	35 19 9	..
Nightcaps	no agent	..	..	..	..	42 12 6	7 3 7	..
Riverton	no agent	30 6 8	..	163 5 9	..
TOTALS	6338½	55	736	..	481 5 9	239 17 11	1319 15 9	1363 1 4

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