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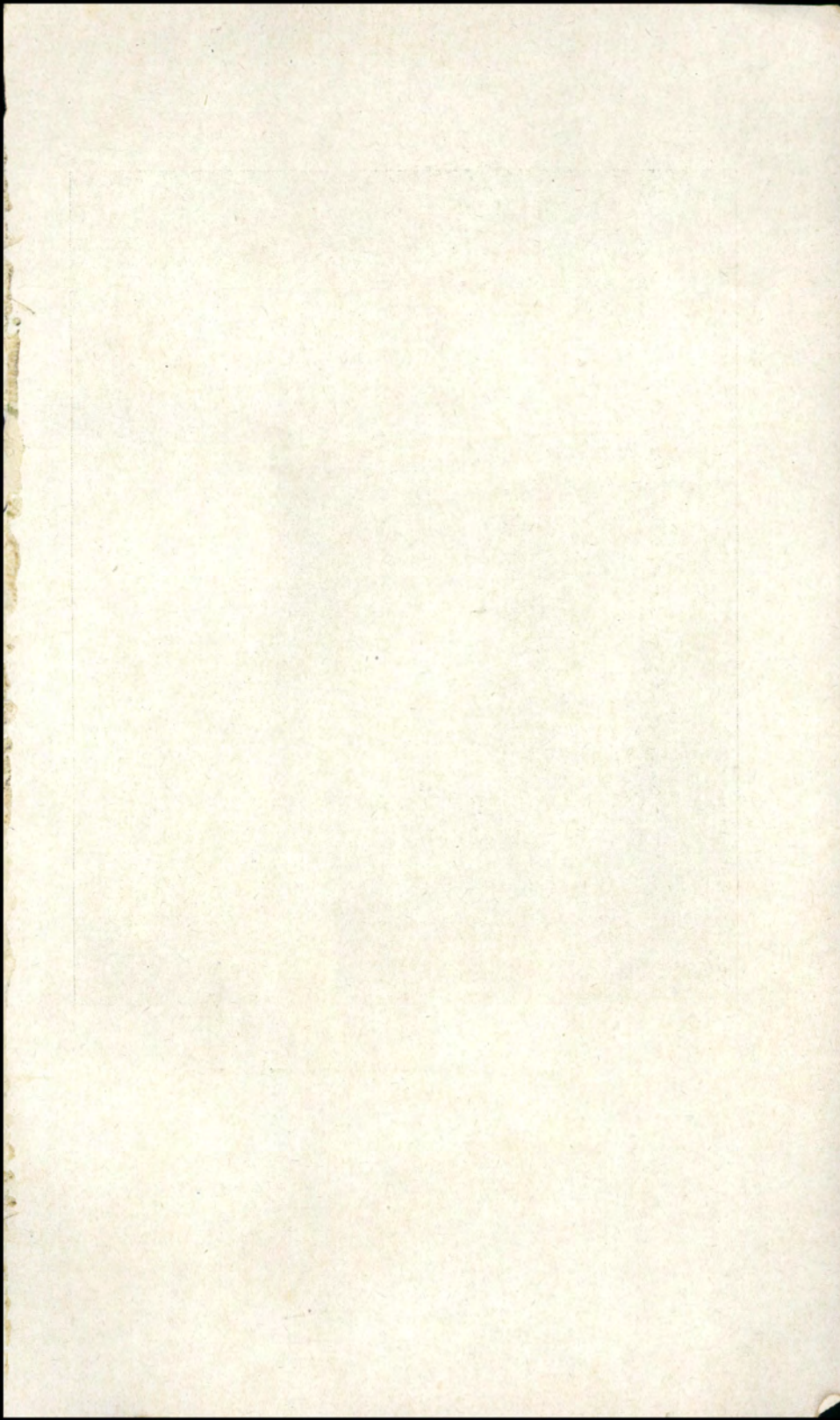
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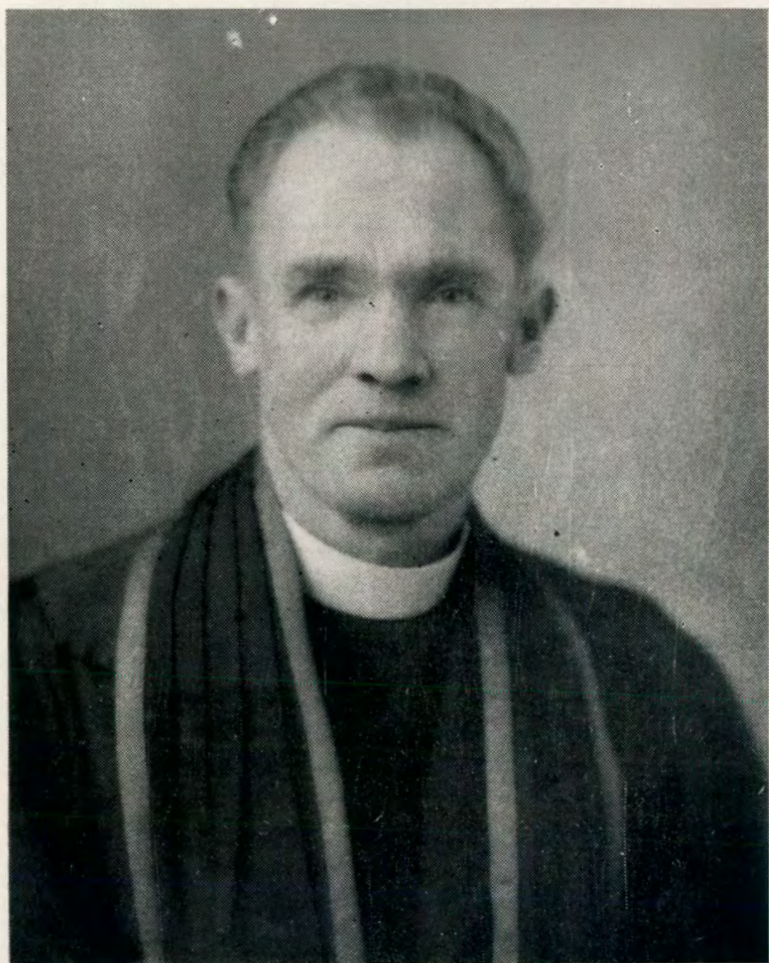
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"The Missions in Australia, Van Diemen's Land, the Friendly Islands and Feejee" were constituted by the British Conference of 1854 "a distinct Connexion, to be denominated 'The Australasian Wesleyan-Methodist Connexion,' with an Annual Conference,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

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

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

THE FIRST NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

of the Australasian Wesleyan Methodist Church was held in 1874.

THE TWENTY-FOURTH NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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

THE FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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.

THE FIRST CONFERENCE

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Mr. Harry H. Johnson was elected Vice-President, and was welcomed to that office.

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

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(The names of those not attending are marked with an asterisk)

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William W. H. Greenslade
William E. Moore
*Gordon Parker, M.A.
Herbert W. Payne
David O. Williams, M.A., Litt.D.
Reginald Day
D. J. Donald Hickman
V. Roy Jamieson, M.B.E.
*William C. Jenkin
*Ivan S. Williamson
Bernard M. Chrystall, B.A.
*J. Ainsley Daglish
*John L. Mitchell
*A. Everil Orr
Ralph E. Patchett
*Alfred E. Waite
George H. Goodman
Andrew J. Johnston
Howard C. Matthews, B.A.
Clifford L. Duder
L. Gordon Hanna
Clarence T. J. Luxton
*William A. Mills
Robert Thornley, M.A., Dip.Soc.Sc.
Arthur R. Witheford, B.A.
*H. Ian K. Hopper, B.A.
*Bert M. Tasker, B.A., Dip.Soc.Sc.
*James S. Willoughby
William R. Francis, B.A., B.D.
Robert W. Mayson, B.A.
- Leslie T. Norwell
Howard E. Harkness, M.A.
Ernest S. Hoddinott
*William R. Laws, M.A.
Ashleigh K. Petch, B.A.
*John Silvester, M.A.
*Harris Whitfield
Herbert A. Cochrane
Reginald Grice
*Leslie A. D. Hayman, B.Sc. (Agric.)
Campbell P. Lucas, L.Th.
Charles B. Oldfield
Frederick O. Prosser
J. Stanley Waite
John K. Watson, M.C., B.A.
John B. Dawson, B.A.
Haddon C. Dixon, M.A., B.D.
Leslie R. M. Gilmore, B.A.
Lawrence Greenslade
*Alan O. Jones
Charles H. Bell
Harold K. Brown
*Harold W. Burley, M.M.
Harold A. Darvill
Gordon V. Thomas, B.A.
J. Henry Woolford, M.A.
*Robert F. Clement, B.A.
Alan F. Collins
Arthur H. Ivory, LL.B., B.Com.
John J. Lewis, M.A., B.D.
William J. Morrison, M.A.
George R. Thompson
*Leonard V. Willing
*J. C. Aldwyn Williams
*Clifford G. Brown
*George W. Cramond
*W. Selwyn Dawson, B.A.
Wilfred E. Falkingham
*Edmund D. Grounds
*Albert Jolly
Robert H. Allen, B.A.
R. Graham Bell, M.A.
Leslie F. Byeroft
Wesley A. Chambers, B.A.
A. Peter Dorrian
Edward M. Marshall, B.A., Dip Ed.
Harry Moore
Donald G. Sherson, B.A.
- Maori Ministers—**
Eruera Te Tuhi
Rakena P. Rakena
Matarae Tauroa
Ngatete Kerei Kukutai
Ranginohoora Rogers

2.—LAY REPRESENTATIVES.

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Auckland Central	Mrs. S. E. Chappell
"	J. Steel
"	A. E. Freeman
"	Miss H. Marter
Auckland Central Mission	E. Halfpenny
Auckland East	....	....	....	D. E. Parton
"	....	....	....	Miss E. M. Rishworth
"	....	....	....	H. M. Patrick
Auckland (Avondale)	....	....	....	G. W. Turley
"	....	....	....	W. Woodhead
Auckland (Devonport)	....	....	....	Miss A. Drew
Auckland (Takapuna)	....	....	....	P. H. Cammell
Auckland (Birkenhead)	....	....	....	—
Onehunga	....	....	....	—
Otahuhu	....	....	....	—
Papakura	....	....	....	—
Pukekohe	....	....	....	—
Waiuku	....	....	....	Miss R. Oldfield
Mahurangi	....	....	....	—
Paparoa	....	....	....	—
Dargaville	....	....	....	F. Wordsworth
Ruawai	....	....	....	W. G. Simpkin
Whangarei	....	....	....	W. J. Court
Hikurangi	....	....	....	—
Whangaroa	....	....	....	—
Port Albert	....	....	....	H. Neal
Kawakawa-Kaikohe	....	....	....	Mrs. A. Clifford
Mangonui	....	....	....	J. T. Williams
Hokianga	....	....	....	E. D. Jones

South Auckland District.

Thames	....	....	....	—
Hauraki Plains	....	....	....	—
Paeroa	....	....	....	—
Waihi	....	....	....	J. B. Beeche
Te Aroha	....	....	....	W. Horn
Morrinsville	....	....	....	P. Rushton
Cambridge	....	....	....	W. R. Beer
Hamilton	....	....	....	H. Beebe
"	....	....	....	Mrs. H. Beebe
Hamilton (Raglan)	....	....	....	H. Peart
Hamilton East	....	....	....	W. Storry
Huntly	....	....	....	S. A. Clarke
Matamata	....	....	....	H. Thompson
Putaruru	....	....	....	Mrs. Marshall
Rotorua	....	....	....	—
Tauranga	....	....	....	Mrs. Bensley
Whakatane	....	....	....	—
Opotiki	....	....	....	—
Te Awamutu	—
Otorohanga	W. F. Walters
Te Kuiti	D. H. Payne
Taumarunui	L. C. Coulson

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New Plymouth	H. J. Craig
"	Sister Evelyn Marriott
Waitara	Mrs. A. Crow
Stratford	J. McAllister
Eltham-Kaponga	....	....	....	....	K. F. Andrews
Hawera	....	....	....	....	G. H. Tozer
Manaia	....	....	....	....	H. J. Berry
Opunake	....	....	....	....	H. J. Donald
Wanganui	....	....	....	....	—
Wanganui North	....	....	....	....	G. Doughty
Gonville	....	....	....	....	E. L. F. Buxton
Marton	....	....	....	....	—
Taihape	....	....	....	....	C. E. Darvill

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District.

Napier	....	....	....	....	L. A. Davis
Hastings	....	....	....	....	J. P. Boyd
Gisborne	....	....	....	....	C. Weakley
Wairoa	....	....	....	....	—
Dannevirke	....	....	....	....	—
Woodville	....	....	....	....	—
Pahiatua	....	....	....	....	J. J. Boagey
Palmerston North (St. Paul's)	....	....	....	....	C. V. Woodfield
Palmerston North (Cuba Street)	....	....	....	....	F. Collis
Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe	....	....	....	....	—
Feilding	....	....	....	....	W. G. Kilford
Sanson-Rongotea	....	....	....	....	H. Cule

Wellington District.

Wellington Central	H. J. Steptoe
"	....	....	....	....	P. E. Pattrick
Wellington West	....	....	....	....	—
"	—
Wellington South	....	....	....	....	H. W. Smith
Wellington East	....	....	....	....	C. G. Lovatt
"	....	....	....	....	D. Tayler
Johnsonville-Ngaio	....	....	....	....	J. Belton
"	....	....	....	....	Mrs. M. Browne
Hutt	....	....	....	....	Miss A. Johnston
"	....	....	....	....	E. G. Heggie
Petone	....	....	....	....	—
Greytown-Featherston	....	....	....	....	—
Carterton	....	....	....	....	K. Ordish
Masterton	....	....	....	....	E. M. Hodder
Eketahuna	....	....	....	....	—
Levin	....	....	....	....	Mrs. Moxham
Otaki	....	....	....	....	B. W. Bird
Upper Hutt	....	....	....	....	—

Nelson District.

Nelson	H. J. Savage
Richmond	....	....	....	....	Mrs. E. Lewis
Motueka	....	....	....	....	L. Cowin
Blenheim	S. Harris
"	E. G. Pike
Reefton	E. T. Baird
Westport	P. L. Tregurtha
Greymouth	—
Hokitika	—

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Christchurch (Durham Street)	E. D. Sincock
"	H. Thompson
Christchurch East	J. Buxton
"	....	J. Walls
"	....	H. J. S. Harrington
"	....	B. A. Undrill
Christchurch (Cambridge Terrace)	....	A. A. Dingwall
Christchurch (Woolston)	....	W. F. Stock
"	....	H. L. Newton
Christchurch (Sydenham)	....	S. H. Maddren
Christchurch (Addington)	....	F. G. Turnpenny
Christchurch (Riccarton)	....	—
Christchurch (St. Albans)	....	P. A. Le Brun
"	....	Mrs. Fraser
Christchurch (Papanui)	....	H. J. Walsh
Lyttelton	....	W. T. Lindsay
Springston	....	H. W. Peryman
Leeston	....	J. Legg
Kaiapoi	....	W. Keatley
Ohoka	....	F. A. Sheat
Rangiora	....	H. A. Bennett
Woodend-Sefton	....	Mrs. P. Robinson
Greendale	....	E. Early
Oxford	....	O. M. Olds

South Canterbury District.

Timaru (Banks Street)	....	H. Smith
Timaru (Woodland Street)	....	Miss K. Brown
Timaru South	....	—
Waimate	....	A. A. McKenzie
Temuka	....	L. Stone
Geraldine	....	—
Ashburton	....	T. Wakelin
Willowby	....	G. H. B. Lill
Oamaru	....	Mrs. G. Bird

Otago-Southland District.

Dunedin Central	....	J. R. K. Roxburgh
"	....	A. W. Barnes
Dunedin Central Mission	....	Mrs. W. Coulter
"	....	H. H. Johnson
Dunedin North	....	E. Hepplethwaite
Dunedin (Cargill Road)	....	J. T. Barclay
Dunedin (St. Kilda)	....	J. J. Kernohan
Dunedin (Caversham)	....	P. Nixon
Dunedin (Mornington)	....	—
Dunedin (Roslyn)	....	Miss E. C. Purdie
Port Chalmers	....	—
Milton	....	Mrs. J. Bowie
Roxburgh	....	T. P. Michelle
Invercargill (Central)	....	Mrs. R. M. Stead
Invercargill (St. Peter's)	—
Gore	—

(c) Representatives of Departments, Committees and Funds—

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"	"	"	F. Penn
"	"	"	Miss E. M. Pearce
Home Missionaries' Representatives	R. Coombridge
"	"	"	C. Robinson
Foreign Mission Department	T. L. Hames
Youth Department	Mrs. E. Masters
"	"	"	H. A. Penny
"	"	"	Miss P. Yearbury
"	"	"	Miss E. J. Hartley
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Contingent Fund	—
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Fire Insurance Fund	E. R. Caygill
Children's Fund	E. W. A. Kellow
Wesley Training College	J. Tyler
Removal Expenses Fund	H. Chapman
Deaconess Institution	—
Methodist Women's Missionary Union	Mrs. M. E. Virtue
Local Preachers' Association	J. F. Roberts
Methodist Men's Fellowship	G. H. Coley
Rangiatea College	A. Eaton Hurley

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South Auckland	—
Taranaki-Wanganui	—
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	—
Wellington	—
Nelson	H. Oldham
North Canterbury	....	....	....	J. W. Hillary
South Canterbury	....	....	....	P. Woodnorth
Otago-Southland	....	....	....	J. McIndoe

Maori Missions.

Taranaki	....	....	....	Paahi Moke
Waikato	....	....	....	Sister Heeni Wharemaru
Auckland	....	....	....	Te Hira Ratete
Maniapoto	....	....	....	Sister E. Dobby

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

Robert H. Allen, B.A.
R. Graham Bell, M.A.
Leslie F. Bycroft
Wesley A. Chambers, B.A.
A. Peter Dorrian
Donald G. Sherson, B.A.

Who have travelled four years:
Also Harry Moore
Edward M. Marshall, B.A., Dip.Ed.

Question III.—What Preachers remain on Probation?

Warren Green
William H. Gregory
I. C. E. Ramage, M.A. (see Question V.)
Len Shapcott
Maharaia Winiata, M.A., Dip.Ed. (without Pastoral Charge)

Who have travelled three years.
Donald Haylock
D. I. Alister McDonald
Norman W. Olds
Edmond S. Stewart (see Question V.)
Trevor Shepherd

Who have travelled two years.
A. Francis Attwood
Leslie C. Clements
W. Lloyd Divers
Allen H. Hall, B.A.
Francis H. Parker
Benjamin H. Riseley
Owen T. Woodfield (see Question VI.)
Who have travelled one year.

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

Henry D. Besant (see Question VI.).
Wilf G. Eisner
Basil J. Hilder
Geoffrey E. Hill (see Question VI.)
Charles H. Raynor (see Question VI.)
Kenneth A. Robinson
Harry W. Toothill (see Question VI.)

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

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

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

George G. Armstrong
Henry D. Besant (see Question IV.).
Amos W. Burrough
Ivan J. Clucas
Geoffrey T. Gilbert
Robert C. Groves
Geoffrey E. Hill (see Question IV.)
Phillip D. Ramsay
Charles H. Raynor (see Question IV.).
Peter A. Stead
Harry W. Toothill (see Question IV.).
Owen T. Woodfield (see Question III.).

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

QUESTION VIII.—Who remain as Native Ministers on Probation?
Timothy Piani
Who has travelled seven years

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

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

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

W. A. Bridge
Second Year—
D. Armstrong
F. J. Climo
A. J. Handyside
J. McMorran

Third year—
O. L. Christian
A. W. McKay

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

John Nixon
Angus McBean
Ben Dudley

Home Missionaries—

C. Duncan
Wiremu Wihongi
Rangiira Tumahuki
Te Paki Kinita
Ngakao Rapana

JOHN NIXON.

The Rev. John Nixon has left behind a record that is probably unique in the history of New Zealand Methodism. At the time of passing he was ninety-five years of age, and has been over seventy years in the Ministry. Born in Scotland he came to New Zealand early in life and was received on probation by the Primitive Methodist Church in 1875. He read widely, was blessed with a retentive memory, and soon became known as a forceful and attractive preacher, exercising an uplifting influence in the various circuits where he laboured.

Through the years John Nixon proved to be a man of kindly spirit and broad sympathies, which qualities were blended in him with a great sense of humour. He was a good pastor and a faithful Minister of the Word. He commended the Gospel he preached, he served his generation, and he died triumphant in the Faith on 2nd March, 1947.

ANGUS McBEAN.

Born at Ballarat, Victoria, in 1876, Angus McBean received his early religious training in the Roman Catholic Church. Becoming interested in Methodism he joined the Church in membership and became a Local Preacher at the age of 20. He came to New Zealand in the year 1900 and after spending a year as a Home Missionary was received as a Candidate for the Ministry. He was a man of winsome personality and rare social gifts, and was endowed with a rich fund of wit and humour. In all his circuits he left a record of faithful service as a pastor, preacher, administrator, and friend, and many were brought into the Kingdom through his ministry in which Mrs. McBean shared fully by her spirit of loyalty and devotion.

The Conference honoured him by electing him Chairman of the South Canterbury District for five years and President of the Conference for the year 1939. He became a Supernumerary in 1942, and was called to Higher Service on May 4th, 1947.

BEN DUDLEY, F.R.A.S.

Ben Dudley was born in London in 1873. He commenced his Church work in England, and proceeded in 1898 to New Zealand and became known as a faithful Minister of the Gospel in many circuits, finding in Mrs. Dudley one who devotedly upheld him in all good works.

He served on the Board of Examiners, lectured at Deaconess House, and in his early years was secretary to the Primitive Methodist Conference. In 1913 he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society.

Behind Mr. Dudley's quiet, unobtrusive manner, lay a deep fund of knowledge acquired from his interest in astronomy, music, literature and other studies. Thus, aided by his sincerity of purpose and faithfulness as a pastor, he was able to bring to his pulpit and platform that which made a happy blending of his intellectual and spiritual interests.

Retiring in 1938, he was called to Higher Service on 1st January, 1948.

CHARLES DUNCAN.

Charles Duncan was born on September 28th, 1879, at Dunedin. In 1910 he felt the call to the full time work of a Home Missionary. In all his appointments he proved an able preacher and faithful pastor. A special feature of his work was his untiring labours among the young people.

Owing to a serious breakdown in health he was forced to retire in 1940 after a fine record of 30 years' devoted service in the interests of the Church.

By his preaching, personal example, and pastoral work he earned for himself the tribute of being recognised as "a good man." He helped many, and made for himself a place in the hearts of his people, and passed to his reward on 25th June, 1947.

WIREMU WIHONGI.

Wiremu Wihongi was formerly a member of the Mormon movement, but later joined the Methodist Church—qualifying in 1931 for the status of an honorary Home Missionary. He was a man zealous for the welfare of his people—a true spiritual leader capable of transmitting his own spiritual personality to those with whom he came in contact. A figure loved by his Maori people of the Ngapuhi tribe and highly respected by the Pakeha people of all districts in which he worked in the Master's name.

RANGIIRA TUMAHUKI.

For many years prior to his being granted the status of an honorary Home Missionary in 1930, Rangiira Tumahuki had been recognised as a local preacher with rare ability. For seventeen years he served our people in the Taranaki District with the fullest satisfaction.

He was a cultured Maori gentleman, a great orator, with a dignified personality and a marked influence for good among his people.

Above everything else, however, he was recognised by many people for his sincerity, loyalty and fearlessness in the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

TE PAKI KINITA.

Te Paki Kinita, of the Arawa Tribe, but who had connections with the West Coast peoples, was accepted as a Home Missionary in 1937 and appointed to the Southern Kawhia district. Though severely handicapped by injuries received in the First World War, he rendered faithful and effective service until his health forced him into retirement in 1944.

NGAKAO RAPANA.

Ngakao Rapana, an elderly chief of the Ngati Raukawa Tribe, and a local preacher of long standing, was appointed as honorary Home Missionary in 1943 to minister to his own people in the Te Awamutu district. As a father amongst them his influence was always helpful, and he will be greatly missed.

QUESTION XIII.—What Ministers continue to be Supernumeraries?

George Clement	Harry Ranston, M.A., Litt.D
Arthur Mitchell	Albert H. Fowles
Charles H. Laws, B.A., D.D.	Samuel Bailey
Henry L. Blamires	Raymond Richards
Jacob Featherston	Ralph J. Liddell
William Grigg	E. Percy Blamires
John Olphert	Henry Ryan
William A. Sinclair	J. Frederick Martin
Thomas W. Vealie	Clarence Eaton
Fred. Greenwood	Thomas Coatsworth
Arthur Hopper	Ernest D. Patchett
Edward Drake	Basil Metson
Harold E. Bellhouse	Moses Ayrton
T. Arthur Pybus	Charles M. Roberts
William Wills	William Walker
Walter J. Oxbrow	Ernest O. Blamires
Arthur J. Seamer	William W. Avery
William H. Speer	John R. Nelson
G. Knowles Smith	Fred Copeland.
R. Purcell Keall	Charles Blair.
Jonathan H. Haslam	Charles B. Jordan, M.A., B.D.
George P. Hunt	(Hons.), F.R.E.S.
Frank E. Leadley	Harold A. Sharp.
Arthur Liversedge	Edwin S. Harkness.
Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.	William Gatman.
Benjamin J. James	Hector C. Orchard.
	Albert Blakemore.

QUESTION XIV.—What Ministers now become Supernumeraries?

Hedley White	Herbert Ford
Walter J. Enticott	William B. Pickering
H. Leslie Richards	Frederick O. Prosser

HEDLEY WHITE.

Hedley White was born at Silchester, England, in 1883. After coming to New Zealand he was accepted as a Probationer in the Primitive Methodist Church, and was subsequently ordained in 1910. He has laboured in several Circuits ably seconded by Mrs. White, who, despite a grievous handicap of persistent ill-health, has won for herself a very high place in the affections of all who know her. Mr. White has been active in sport, and prominent in both the Prohibition cause and Bible-in-Schools work. Acceptable pulpit ministrations, sympathetic pastoral work, and capable administration have marked his work in all his appointments. He steps out of the active work with the high esteem of all his brethren, and followed by their earnest hope that a long and peaceful retirement may be assured to them both.

WALTER JAMES ENTICOTT.

Walter James Enticott was born in London in 1880. In early manhood he emigrated to South Africa, where he served the Methodist Church on the Mission field. Coming later to New Zealand he offered for the Ministry, and was appointed to the New Guinea District. For health reasons he had to return to the Home work. His

ministry has been chiefly exercised in country circuits, where he successfully undertook development work in more than one area, establishing causes and organising the building of new Churches. He has commended himself to his congregations as a thoughtful evangelical preacher, a good administrator, and, being possessed of mechanical ability, his people have frequently benefited from his skill in that direction. In the circuits in which he has travelled his friends remember him as a faithful minister of the Lord Jesus Christ and their good wishes are extended to him on his retirement from the active ministry.

HORACE LESLIE RICHARDS.

Horace Leslie Richards was born in Moonta, South Australia, in 1883, and by trade was a mechanical machinist. Coming to New Zealand he entered our Ministry in 1911. He retires with the regard and confidence of his brethren and the grateful memories of many people to whom he has ministered. He always brought to Synods and Conferences the benefit of a trained mind, clear and concise speaking, and his kindly humour has eased many difficult situations.

In his work in the ministry he has always had the support of a faithful and devoted wife; and the good wishes of the whole Church go with them in the days of retirement.

HERBERT FORD.

Herbert Ford was born at Warrington, England, in 1882, Responding to a call for helpers from our Church in Australia he engaged in preaching there for some considerable time. Coming to New Zealand he spent several years in our Home Mission work and was later accepted as a Candidate and ordained in 1923. He has always striven to place first and foremost the claims of Christ, His Church, and His Kingdom, labouring with zeal, fidelity, cheerfulness, and a keen sense of humour.

Next to his devotion to our Church, the Scout movement has successfully enlisted his enthusiasm, while he was ever a zealous worker in the cause of Prohibition.

Mrs. Ford, whose health has been by no means robust, has done all in her power to advance the interests of true Methodism, especially with the youth of our Church, and has frequently proved an acceptable pulpit supply.

Brother Ford retires with the esteem and good wishes of all who have been associated with him in the work of Christ, His Church and His Kingdom.

WILLIAM BENJAMIN PICKERING.

William B. Pickering was born at Wednesbury, Staffordshire, England, in 1881. He was nurtured in a Christian home, and at the early age of 17 began to preach and was nominated as a Candidate for the Primitive Methodist Ministry. In 1909 he came to New Zealand and became an active member of the Cambridge Terrace Church in Christchurch. In 1916 he entered the Home Mission work and after four years' service he came on to Probation and was ordained in 1924. In all his circuits he has left behind him a record of devoted pastoral work, unflagging energy and deep piety. He has sought to extend the work of the Church wherever possible and has given much time to Institutions, Camps, and Young People.

In 1942, Mrs. Pickering, who had been a diligent and much loved helper in the work of the Church, passed away and the loss was very great.

He leaves the ranks of the active Ministry carrying the esteem of his brethren and the gratitude of the Church.

FREDERICK OLIVER PROSSER.

Frederick Oliver Prosser was born at Blaenavon, South Wales, in 1883. Cradled in Primitive Methodism, he became a Local Preacher in 1908. After coming to New Zealand he entered our Home Mission work in 1926, and laboured with conspicuous success at Riverton, Island Bay, and Geraldine.

In 1942, the Conference honoured his faithful service by ordaining him and appointing him as Superintendent of the Woolston Circuit. Illhealth has marred his latter years, but his genial personality, quiet sincerity and deep spirituality have endeared him to his congregations. Mrs. Prosser has been a great help in every way and both have given special service to Worship by their music. Mr. Prosser has held important Executive positions in the Independent Labour Party in England. While in Wellington he served on the Dominion Council of the Bible Class Union, and for many years was President of the Home Missionaries' Association. As Mr. Prosser seeks retirement we pray for him and his wife many years of usefulness in the Church they love.

QUESTION XV.—What Supernumeraries return to Regular Work?
None.

QUESTION XVI.—What Home Missionaries are to be—
(a) Retained on the Retired List?

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

(b) Placed on Retired List?

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

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

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

Harold T. Peat
James W. Parker
Gordon Parker, M.A. (who is permitted to visit England)
Maharaia Winiata, M.A. (staff Wesley College)
Alfred E. Waite
Ivan S. Williamson
Harold W. Burley, M.M.

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

Trevor Shepherd

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

John Churchill (from Tongan Conference)
Clifford T. Symons, M.A., B.D. (to South Australian 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?

None.

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

BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

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(A) EXAMINERS FOR PROBATIONERS.

Hebrew—3rd year: Rev. C. B. Jordan, M.A., B.D.

Hebrew—1st and 2nd years: Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A.

Greek, N.T.—1st year: Rev. R. W. Mayson, B.A.

2nd year: Rev. R. Dudley, M.A.

3rd year: Rev. W. Parker, M.A.

English Bible (O.T.)—1st year: Rev. V. R. Jamieson, M.B.E.

2nd year: Rev. N. P. Larsen.

3rd year: Rev. W. Rowe.

English Bible (N.T.)—1st year: Rev. B. Metson.

2nd year: Rev. E. Drake.

3rd year—Rev. A. H. Fowles.

Theology—1st year: Rev. J. D. Grocott, B.A.

2nd year: Rev. R. Thornley, M.A., Dip.Soc.Sc.

3rd year: Rev. W. R. Francis, B.A., B.D.

Wesley's Sermons—Rev. E. E. Sage.

Methodism—Rev. L. R. M. Gilmore, B.A.

Religious Education—Rev. J. B. Dawson, B.A.

Religion and Psychology—Rev. D. O. Williams, M.A., Litt.D.

Social Ethics—Rev. O. Burnet.

Comparative Religion—Rev. L. B. Neale, B.A.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Tutors in Theology.

1st Year	Rev. H. C. Dixon, M.A., B.D.
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2nd Year	Rev. W. W. H. Greenslade
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3rd Year	Rev. B. M. Tasker, B.A.
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Tutors in Greek.

1st Year	Rev. R. E. Patchett
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2nd Year	Rev. H. E. Harkness, M.A.
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3rd Year	Rev. J. J. Lewis, M.A., B.D.
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(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) Religious Education	....	....	....	Rev. M. A. McDowell
(d) 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. F. J. Handy

(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. A. T. Kent.

(G) Examiners for Deaconesses.

Theology	....	....	....	Rev. J. M. Blight
Church History	....	....	....	Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A.
Old Testament	....	....	....	Rev. G. Hanna
New Testament	....	....	....	Rev. C. H. Bell
English	....	....	....	Rev. J. J. Lewis, M.A., B.D.
Psychology	....	....	....	Rev. R. G. Bell, M.A.
Homiletics	....	....	....	Rev. A. Kent

(1) COURSE OF STUDY FOR PROBATIONERS.

1. Either—A. Hebrew Old Testament.

- 1st year, as for N.Z. B.D. Stage I, Paper A, but including only the first of the two set passages and no unseen translation.
- 2nd year, as B.D. Stage I., Paper A, but no unseen translation.
- 3rd year, as B.D. Stage II, Paper A, but no unseen translation.

OR—B. English Old Testament.

- 1st year: Deuteronomy (Cambridge Bible) and I. and II Samuel (Century Bible).
- 2nd year: Isaiah—(2 vols.) (Cambridge Bible.)
- 3rd year: Ezekiel (Cambridge Bible).

2. Either—A. Greek New Testament.

- 1st year: As for N.Z. B.D. Stage I, Paper A, first set passage only, but no unseens and no re-translation.
- 2nd year: As B.D. Stage I, Paper A, but no unseens.
- 3rd year: As B.D. Stage I, Paper A, but no unseens but a greater emphasis on exegesis.

OR—B. English New Testament.

- 1st year: St. John's Gospel (Reith 2 vols.), and/or Wm. Temple's "Readings in St. John."
- 2nd year: Romans. C. H. Dodd (Moffatt Comm.)
- 3rd year: Hebrews. Peake (Century Bible).

3. THEOLOGY A.

As for B.D. Stage II., Paper A, with the addition of the word "systematic"—viz: "A branch of Biblical, Historical, and Systematic Theology"; with reading as follows:—

- 1st year: God, Man, Sin. "The Christian Idea of God"—H. M. Hughes (Duckworth), "Christian Doctrine of Man," H. Wheeler Robinson: "Christian Estimate of Man" Cave (Duckworth), "God and the World" Farmer (Nisbit), "Christian Doctrine," J. S. Whale. (Use relevant parts for each series.)

- 2nd year: The Person and Work of Christ. "The Person of Jesus Christ"—Mackintosh, Books 1 and 3 only; "Doctrine of Work of Christ"—Cave (London Theol. Lib.); "The Person of Christ"—Cave (Duckworth), "Jesus and His Sacrifice"—V. Taylor (Macmillan).

- 3rd Year: The Holy Spirit, Church, Ministry and Sacraments, Last Things.

"The Holy Spirit in the N.T." Swete; "Christian Experience of the Holy Spirit," Wheeler Robinson; "Jesus and His Church," W. N. Flew, "The Evangelical Church Catholic"—P. C. Simpson; "The Christian Sacraments," O. C. Quick; "World to Come and Final Destiny"—Leckie; "The Life Everlasting"—J. Baillie.

AND B. WESLEY'S SERMONS (with Lawson's Notes). Each series to be co-ordinated with A above.

- 1st year: Salvation by Faith; The Way to the Kingdom; The New Birth; On Sin in Believers; Repentance of Believers; The Lord our Righteousness; The Almost Christian.

- 2nd year: Justification by Faith. Original Sin. The Scripture Way of Salvation; Scriptural Christianity. The Witness of the Spirit 1 and 2; The First Fruits of the Spirit. The Spirit of Bondage and of Adoption.

- 3rd year: The Witness of our own Spirit. The Means of Grace; Marks of the New Birth; The Great Privilege of Those that are born of God; The Nature of Enthusiasm; The Catholic Spirit; Christian Perfection, the Use of Money.

4. GENERAL.

1st year: Methodism. "Wesley and his Century"—Fitchett; "The Evangelical Revival and Christian Reunion"—A. W. Harrison; "England, Before and After Wesley"—Bready.

2nd year: One of the following:—

- (1) Religion and Psychology, as for B.D. (N.Z.) Theology I., Stage I., A and B, one paper only), "Introduction to Psychology of Religion," Thouless; "The New Psychology and Religious Experience"—T. H. Hughes.
- (2) Social Ethics, "Christian Ideal for Human Society"—Garvie, "The Relevance of Christianity," Barry.
- (3) Comparative Religion (as for B.D. Theology II, paper b), "Comparative Religion—Bouquet (Penguin); "The Dawn of Religion"—E. S. Waterhouse.
- (4) Religious Education. "Church, Community and State in relation to Education" (Oxford Conference—Ailen & Unwin); "Religion and the Growing Mind" (Yeaxlee).
- (5) Maori Language (for 2 years).

3rd year: One of the subjects for the second year not already taken, or taken to a further stage.

THESIS:

Ministers shall be encouraged to produce and present a thesis of not less than 10,000 words, within two years after their reception into Full Connexion, on some subject of theological or religious character, approved by the Secretary of the Board of Examiners, who shall, on its completion, submit it to a panel of judges. A system of honours for those producing such theses will be followed, and a precis of suitable theses will be published in the "Methodist Times."

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 third 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.
9. Book List. Every Probationer shall forward to his Chairman, not later than October 15, a Book List as specified for 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 Primer (N.T) and "Preparation for Christ in
the O.T" (Welch).
2. Bible Knowledge II: A detailed Knowledge of the following books of the
Bible:—I and II Kings, Hosea, Malachi, Luke, Acts of the Apostles,
Galatians. (No questions on Introduction to be set).

3. Theology.—Text Book : Christian Foundations, Maldwyn Hughes (English Edition).
The New Catechism of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, with Hunter's Lesson Helps on the New Catechism.

N.B.—Candidates are required by Conference to read carefully Wesley's Forty-four Sermons and Notes on the New Testament; but questions on these will not be included in the Candidates' written examination.

SECTION B.

1. English—(a) Grammar and Composition, Olifant's "Matriculation and General English Course," (Gregg Publishing Company). (b) An essay on some familiar subject to be named by the Examiner. (A guide to the principles of Essay writing will be found in "English for Pleasure and Profit," Clark's College).
2. Greek.—The Elements of New Testament Greek (Nunn), p.p. 1-50: (Exercises—Greek into English).
N.B.—The Conference urges all Candidates to take Greek.
3. Geography.—Whitcombe's Intermediate Geography.
4. History and Current Events.—History of England, 1714-1921. (Warner and Martin, Part III); and a knowledge of current events, questions on which to comprise one-fourth of the paper.
5. Book-keeping—Whitcombe's Practical Book-keeping, Chaps. 1-11.

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

V.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR NATIVE CANDIDATES.

SECTION A.

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

SECTION B.

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

VI.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR HOME MISSIONARIES.

FIRST YEAR.

1. English—"A First Modern English Course" (J. Stanley Jones). Part 1, Chs. 1-6.
2. Theology.—New Catechism of Wesleyan-Methodist Church with Hunter's "Lesson Helps on the New Catechism."
3. Bible Knowledge.—Adam Welch's "The Preparation for Christ in the Old Testament."
4. Homiletics—Manual for Preachers (W. T. Blight, B.A. B.D.)

SECOND YEAR.

1. English—"A First Modern English Course" (J. Stanley Jones). Part 1, Chs. 7-12.
2. Theology.—Hunter's "What a Christian Believes, and Why." (First half to p. 152).
3. Bible Knowledge.—J. S. Stewart's "The Life and Teaching of Jesus Christ." (First half to p. 105).
4. Homiletics—A Primer of Homiletics (Edwards)
5. Church History.—Cowan's "Landmarks of Church History." (Guild Text Books).

THIRD YEAR.

1. English—"A First Modern English Course" (J. Stanley Jones). Part 2, Chs. 1-6.
2. Theology.—Hunter's "What a Christian Believes, and Why." (Second half (p. 153 to end)).
3. Bible Knowledge.—J. S. Stewart's "The Life and Teaching of Jesus Christ." (second half, p. 106 to end).
4. Homiletics.—Local Preachers' Course (Whittome), Chaps. 1-10.

FOURTH YEAR.

1. English—"A First Modern English Course" (J. Stanley Jones). Part 2 Chs. 7-11.
2. Theology.—Maldwyn Hughes' "Christian Foundations." (Revised Edition), omitting small print on pages 38-45, 95-99, 119-122, 139-140, 165-167, 180-186.
3. Bible Knowledge.—The New Testament, its Writers and their Messages. (C. F. Hunter), Chap. 9-14.
4. Homiletics.—Whittome's "Local Preachers' Efficiency Course." Chap. 11-20
5. Church History.—Workman's "Methodism" (Cambridge Manuals).

VII.—COURSE OF STUDIES—DEACONESSSES.

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION.

Theology—"The Faith," F. A. Farley—with the New Catechism.

Bible Knowledge—2 papers.

(a) General Knowledge of the Old Testament with detailed knowledge of 1 and 2 Kings, Amos and Hosea.

(b) General Knowledge of the New Testament with detailed knowledge of Matthew and The Acts of the Apostles.

English—Caddick's English Course for Junior and Middle Forms; a set book, "A Tale of Two Cities"; an essay on a selected subject.

STUDENTS. FIRST YEAR.

Theology—"What a Christian Believes, and Why" (Hunter), p.p. 1-152.

Church History—"A First Church History" (Vera Walker), S.C.M., p.p. 1-136.

Old Testament—"The Old Testament Writers and their Messages" (Healing). First Half.

New Testament—"The New Testament Writers and their Messages" (Hunter). p.p. 1-110.

English—"English for Pleasure" (Strong); "Short History of English Literature" (Evans); Lectures and Selected Works.

Elocution and Voice Production—"Speak Out" (Watson), and Lectures.

Psychology—"Basic Psychology" (J. S. Ross).

SECOND YEAR.

- Theology—"What a Christian Believes, and Why" (Hunter), p.p. 153-309.
Church History—"A First Church History" (Vera Walker), S.C.M., p.p. 137-264.
Old Testament—"The Old Testament Writers and their Messages" (Healing). The Second Half.
New Testament—"The New Testament Writers and their Messages" (Hunter). p.p. 111-303.
English—"English for Pleasure" (Strong); "Short History of English Literature" (Evans); Lectures and Selected Works.
Homiletics—Edwards "Primer of Homiletics"; Lectures.
Psychology—"Basic Psychology" (J. S. Ross).

VIII.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR LOCAL PREACHERS.

(Two Hour Papers)

1. General Bible Knowledge. Text Books. Old Testament. Welsh's "Preparation for Christ in the O.T."
New Testament: Maclear's Primer.
Theology—"What a Christian Believes and Why"—Hunter.
3. Homiletics—"A Primer of Homiletics"—Edwards.

DATE OF EXAMINATIONS.

Examinations for 1948 shall commence on the following dates:—

Probationers: Tuesday, July 13th and Tuesday, December 7th.

Candidates for the Ministry: Tuesday, August 17th.

Home Missionary Probationers: Tuesday, December 7th.

Deaconess Entrance: Tuesday, September 7th.

Local Preachers: (1) The first weeks of June and of December.

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

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

N.B.—In addition to the Written Examinations, 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 congratulations be extended to the President, Rev. W. G. Slade, M.A., on the honour bestowed on him by the Victoria University College (Canada) in the bestowal of the Degree of Doctor of Divinity, and that it be printed in the Minutes.

(2) That congratulations be extended to the following: Revs. W. R. Francis, B.A. (B.D.) (London), H. C. Dixon, M.A. (B.D.) (N.Z.), R. G. Bell (M.A.), W. Chambers (B.A.), J. H. Woolford (M.A.), Students I. C. E. Ramage, (M.A.), A. R. G. Nuttall (B.A.), and that these degrees be printed in the Minutes.

(3) That students conduct Trial Services in their first and third years only.

(4) That probationers conduct Trial Services in their first and third years only.

(5) That the Trinity College Board of Studies (in consultation with the Secretary of the Board of Examiners) be authorised to act for the Church in nominating students for scholarships at Dickinson College and at Drew University, and in the framing of regulations connected therewith in consultation with the President of Drew University.

(6) That each probationer shall present an Annual Book List of at least twelve books (apart from text books), six to be specified in a reading course.

(7) That the theology examination paper be taken in two sections, A and B, the "B" section (Wesley's Sermons) to be a separate paper for which two hours shall be allowed.

(8) That the Oral Examiners for 1949 be:

(a) February: Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A.

(b) November: Rev. W. R. Francis, B.A., B.D.

(9) That the Secretary, Rev. G. R. Harris, be thanked for his services and re-appointed.

Length of Probation

(Special Report by Board of Studies).

This matter was referred to the Board of Studies by the Conference of 1947.

Probation as a method of testing and training prior to ordination to the ministry has been used in Methodism from the beginning, ante-dating the establishment of theological colleges by many years. The system has amply proved its value, especially when properly carried out by placing young men under the oversight of experienced ministers. The low rate of stipend and the postponement of marriage are justifiable only because the Probation period is part of a minister's training.

With the development and consolidation of the training given at the Theological College, we consider that some modification of the normal four-year Probation rule may be made without injury to the standard of the ministry. We consider also that where married candidates are accepted for part-time training, the practical experience gained in Home Mission work and while Student Pastors should be taken into account.

A careful examination of the lists shows that if the Recommendations are adopted as below, they will not affect the number of single Probationers available for service in New Zealand until 1950 (then affecting only one man, and two in 1951), while by that date there will be a plentiful supply of single men coming from the College. A change can be made now with a minimum of dislocation.

E. W. HAMES, Chairman.

D. O. WILLIAMS, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

(1) That the report be received and adopted.

(2) That normally the total years spent in College and on Probation shall be six.

(3) That normally in the case of married candidates for the Ministry who enter from Home Mission work, the total years spent in College and on Probation shall be five.

(4) That in the case of a candidate holding a Bachelor's Degree or its equivalent at the time of his entry into College, the total of years spent in College and on Probation may be reduced to five on the recommendation of the Board of Studies.

(5) That in lieu of requiring a thesis in the final year of Probation, every Minister shall be expected to present a thesis within two years following his ordination.

(6) That these recommendations apply to candidates received in 1943 and thereafter.

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

AUCKLAND.

That the following Committee investigate the possibility of the formation of a new Synodal District in Northland and report to Synod in 1949:—Revs. E. W. Hames, G. I. Laurenson, J. C. Draper, L. R. M. Gilmore (Convener), P. I. Cooke, G. E. Brown, Messrs. C. K. Wigglesworth, L. T. Hayman, H. M. Patrick, H. Neal, R. C. Williams, W. J. Court.

WELLINGTON.

Hutt: That the amalgamation of the Hutt Circuits be not proceeded with.

NELSON.

(1) **Blenheim—Havelock:** That the Havelock Home-Mission Station be incorporated in the Blenheim Circuit, the staffing to be two ordained Ministers and one Home Missionary.

(2) **Richmond—Wakefield-Dovedale:** That the Wakefield-Dovedale Home Mission Station be included in the Richmond Circuit. Staffing to be one ordained Minister and a Probationer.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.

Western-Southland: That Western-Southland and Nightcaps-Ohai Home Mission Stations be amalgamated and be called the Western-Southland Circuit, staffing to be a Minister and a single Home Missionary (who shall reside at Ohai), with a suitable grant.

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

SOUTH AUCKLAND.

Ohura: That Ohura become a Circuit with first priority for a Probationary appointment.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.

Gonville: That a married Probationer be appointed with a suitable grant.

WELLINGTON.

Wellington Central: That the staffing be two ordained Ministers and a Deaconess.

NELSON.

(1) **Richmond:** That the staffing be an ordained Minister and a Probationer.

(2) **Blenheim:** That the staffing be two ordained Ministers and a Home Missionary.

NORTH CANTERBURY.

(1) **Woolston:** That the staffing be two ordained ministers and a Probationer.

(2) **Oxford:** That the staffing be one ordained Minister.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.

Timaru: That the Committee, consisting of the District Chairman, Superintendents of Banks Street and Woodlands Street Circuits, with two laymen from each Timaru Circuit, continue its investigations respecting the staffing and boundaries of the three Timaru Circuits. Convener: Rev. M. A. McDowell.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.

Dunedin North: That the staffing be one ordained Minister with a suitable grant.

Invercargill Central: That the staffing be one ordained Minister and a Deaconess.

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

SOUTH AUCKLAND.

Morrinsville: That the staffing be an ordained Minister and a Probationer at Waitoa.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.

Wanganui North: That the staffing be an ordained Minister and a Home Missionary.

WELLINGTON.

(1) **Hutt:** That the staffing be two ordained Ministers and a Probationer.

(2) **Paraparaumu:** That the District Executive consider the staffing and extension work in that area.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.

Coal Creek-Roxburgh: That Conference is gratified to learn of the co-operation of the Churches and commends the proposals to the interest and support of the District Executive.

That when available, Probationers be appointed to the following Circuits:—

Ohura (1) Priority.
Gonville (2) Priority.
Waitoa (3) Priority.
Hutt.
Richmond.
Woolston.
Timaru South.
Te Puke.
Gisborne.
Masterton.
Sydenham.
Addington.
St. Albans.

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

None.

QUESTION XXVI.—What New Stations are now Constituted?

WELLINGTON.

Taita: That Conference approve the formation of the Taita Union Parish, Lower Hutt, embracing members of the Presbyterian, Methodist, and Congregational Churches (separate rolls being kept), with a Committee of Oversight composed of representatives appointed by each District Church Executive.

That in the event of the building of a Union Church the Peace Thanksgiving Appeal Committee be requested to give the claims of this project its most favourable consideration.

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

Auckland East is due, and is prepared to fulfil its obligation when a house is available.

Auckland Avondale (3) is due and is prepared to fulfil its obligation when a house is available.

Kawa Kawa-Kaikohe is due, but is relieved for a ninth year.

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

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

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

Putaruru is due, but is relieved for one year.

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

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

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

Wellington East (3rd) is due but is relieved for a first year.

Johnsonville-Ngaio (3rd) is due but is relieved for a third year.

Timaru South is due, but is relieved for a thirteenth 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. E. THOMAS OLDS.

Vice-President: MR. HARRY H. JOHNSON.

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

STATIONS OF MINISTERS, 1948.

(N.B.—Each of the places mentioned in these Stations and numbered consecutively 1 to 131 and (1) to (8) for Maori Stations and the Solomon Islands Mission Circuits, is the head of a Circuit or Mission, and the Minister first named is the Superintendent. The Superintendent or other Minister or Ministers stationed in or appointed to the several Circuits or Missions is or are appointed by the Conference to preach and perform all acts of religious worship and Methodist discipline in each and every one of the Methodist Churches already erected, or to be erected, in each Circuit respectively, during the current connexional year, at such time or times, and in such manner as to him or them shall be deemed proper, subject nevertheless to the Superintendent Minister and to the existing Laws and Regulations of the Conference.)

I.—AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

7. Auckland Central—E. Thomas Olds; Francis J. Handy (Dominion Rd.); Harris Whitfield (St. Johns); Francis H. Parker (Kingsland); Gordon V. Thomas, B.A. (Roskill); B. H. Riseley (Point Chevalier); One Wanted (Richmond Avenue); One Wanted (Sandringham); A Deaconess; John Olphert (Sup.); George P. Hunt (Sup.); Ralph J. Liddell (Sup.); Ernest D. Patchett (Sup.).

THE FOREIGN MISSION DEPARTMENT: Arthur H. Scrivin
(Gen. Secretary).

THE HOME MISSION DEPARTMENT: George I. Laurenson (Gen. Supt.); Bernard M. Chrystall, B.A. (Asst. Supt.); 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; Two Deaconesses.
3. Auckland East—Joseph C. Draper; Alfred E. Jefferson; Wesley Parker, M.A.; Leslie F. Bycroft; Harold T. Peat, E.D. (without Pastoral Charge); Gordon Parker, M.A. (Resting, with permission to visit England); Charles Laws, B.A., D.D. (Foundation Fellow of Trinity College) (Sup.); William A. Sinclair (Sup.); Harold E. Bellhouse (Sup.); William Walker, E.D. (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., B.D. (Glen Eden); One Wanted (Avondale); Arthur Mitchell (Sup.); Harry Ranston, M.A., Litt.D. (Fellow of Trinity Coll.) (Sup.); Alan F. Collins (C.F.).
Mt. Albert Orphanage: Chaplain, Walter Parker.
5. Auckland (Devonport)—William Green; E. Percy Blamires (Sup.).
6. Auckland (Takapuna)—Leslie R. M. Gilmore, B.A.; James W. Parker (Without Pastoral Charge); William Wills (Sup.); William Gatman (Sup.); Albert Blakemore (Sup.).
7. Auckland (Birkenhead)—Gordon R. H. Peterson; A Home Missionary.
8. Onehunga—E. Clarence Leadley; Frank E. Leadley (Sup.); A Home Missionary.
9. Otahuhu—Thomas Skuse; Norman W. Olds; Alfred E. Waite (without Pastoral Charge).
10. Papakura—Robert B. Tinsley.
11. Pukekohe—James H. Hall (who shall supervise the Bombay-Tuakau H.M. Station).
Wesley Training College, Paerata: Principal, Edward M. Marshall, B.A., Dip.Ed.
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—Robert E. Fordyce; A Home Missionary.
21. Kawakawa-Kaikohe—A. Francis Attwood.
22. Mangonui—Edmund D. Grounds.

23. Hokianga—One Wanted.

Maori Mission—Home Mission Dept.: Eruera Te Tuhi (Senior Maori Supt.).

[1] Auckland—

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

BOMBAY-TUAKAU—A Home Missionary.

NORTH WAITEMATA—Two Home Missionaries.

ALBANY—A Home Missionary.

BAY OF ISLANDS—A Home Missionary.

NORTH HOKIANGA—A Home Missionary.

COLPORTEUR WORK—A Home Missionary.

E. T. OLDS, President of the Conference,
Chairman of District.

E. W. HAMES, M.A., Deputy Chairman.

G. E. BROWN Chairman's Deputy
for North Auckland.

L. R. M. GILMORE, B.A., Financial-Secretary.

II.—SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

24. Thames—William Rowe (who shall supervise Hauraki Plains Circuit and the Coromandel H.M. Stn.).

25. Hauraki Plains—One Wanted.

26. Paeroa—J. Ainsley Daglish; Walter J. Enticott (Sup.).

27. Waihi—Wallace S. Neal.

28. Te Aroha—Athol R. Penn.

29. Morrinsville—George R. Thompson. One Wanted.

30. Cambridge—Charles H. Olds, B.A.

31. Hamilton—Howard C. Matthews, B.A.; Samuel J. Werren (who shall supervise the Huntly Circuit and Ngauawahia H.M. Station); One Wanted.

Raglan Union Church: Arthur T. Kent.

32. Hamilton East—John H. Bailey.

33. Huntly—Warren Green.

34. Matamata—Reginald Day (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); Ivan S. Williamson (Without Pastoral Charge); One Wanted.

38. Whakatane—One Wanted.

39. Opotiki—Leslie C. Clements.

40. Te Awamutu—Albert Jolly; William A. Mills (Resting).

41. Otorohanga—Clifford G. Brown.

42. Te Kuiti—One Wanted; William B. Pickering (Sup.).

43. Taumarunui—Donald Haylock.

[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.).
45. Waitara—Harry V. Utting.
46. Stratford—John Dennis.
47. Eltham-Kaponga—John Churchill; A Home Missionary.
48. Hawera—L. Gordon Hanna.
49. Manaia—Henry Benny.
50. Opunake—Campbell P. Lucas, L.Th.; 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—Charles H. Raynor; J. Frederick Martin (Sup.).
54. Taihape—One Wanted.

[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 District.

IV.—HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

55. Napier—William R. Francis, B.A., B.D. (who shall supervise Wairoa Circuit; 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.; One Wanted.
58. Wairoa—One Wanted.
59. Dannevirke—Charles E. Dickens.
60. Woodville—Charles B. Oldfield.
61. Pahiatua—Frederick B. Lawrence.
62. Palmerston North (St. Paul's)—J. Francis Jack.
63. Palmerston North (Cuba St.)—Leslie A. G. Brooks (who shall supervise the Foxton-Shannon H.M. Station); Thomas Coatsworth (Sup.).
64. Ashburst-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.
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, William J. Morrison, M.A. (Brooklyn); A Deaconess; Fred Greenwood (Sup.); Ernest O. Blamires (Sup.).
Youth Department: W. E. Allon Carr (Senior Youth Director); See Question 29.
68. **Wellington West**—John D. Grocott; B.A.; R. H. Allen, B.A. (Thorndon); Moses Ayrton (Sup.).
69. **Wellington South**—John D. McArthur.
70. **Wellington East**—George H. Goodman; Charles H. Bell; Basil J. Hilder; A Home Missionary (Island Bay); Samuel Bailey (Sup.).
71. **Johnsonville-Ngaio**—William A. Burley, M.A.; W. Selwyn Dawson, B.A. (Porirua); Geoffrey E. Hill (Ngaio).
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**—One Wanted; G. Knowles Smith (Sup.). Hedley White (Sup.).
76. **Carterton**—Ernest E. Sage.
77. **Masterton**—William G. Slade, M.A., D.D.; One Wanted.
Masterton Children's Home: Chaplain, William G. Slade, M.A., D.D.
78. **Eketahuna**—Leonard V. Willing.
79. **Levin**—Harry S. Kings.
80. **Otaki**—Reginald Grice.

PARAPARAUMU—Two Home Missionaries.

WILLIAM A. BURLEY, M.A., Chairman of the District.
J. D. McARTHUR, Deputy Chairman.

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; One Wanted.
83. **Motueka**—Hubert G. Brown.
84. **Blenheim**—Alan O. Jones; William C. Jenkin (Picton); A Home Missionary (Havelock).
85. **Reefton**—One Wanted.
86. **Westport**—One Wanted; Herbert Ford (Sup.).
87. **Greymouth**—John Silvester, M.A.
88. **Hokitika**—Charles H. Kendon.

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 H. Gregory (Supply); William Grigg (Sup.); Henry L. Blamires (Sup.); Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A. (Sup.); Benjamin J. James (Sup.); Clarence Eaton (Sup.).
- CONNEXIONAL SECRETARY AND AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE—Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A. (Secretary of the Conference).

Youth Director: John K. Watson, M.C., B.A.

90. Christchurch East—V. Roy Jamieson, M.B.E.; Howard E. Harkness, M.A.; J. Stanley Waite; 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)—Herbert A. Cochrane (who shall supervise the Lyttelton Circuit); William E. Moore (Opawa); One Wanted (Sumner); Frederick O. Prosser (Sup.).
 93. Christchurch (Sydenham)—Andrew Johnston; One Wanted.
 94. Christchurch (Addington)—Leonard C. Horwood; One Wanted.
 95. Christchurch (Riccarton)—J. Montgomery Blight; One Wanted.
 96. Christchurch (St. Albans)—Henry J. Odell; Ernest S. Hoddinott; Edward Drake (Sup.); Arthur Liversedge (Sup.); Harold A. Sharp (Sup.).
 97. Christchurch (Papanui)—Robert W. Mayson, B.A.
SOUTH ISLAND ORPHANAGE: Chaplain, Robert W. Mayson, B.A.
 98. Lyttelton—One Wanted.
 99. Springston—Harry Cottom (who shall supervise the Tai Tapu H.M. Station).
 100. Leeston—Alfred M. Costain Dip. Soc. Sc.; H. Leslie Richards (Sup.).
 101. Kaiapoi—George B. Hinton.
 102. Ohoka—One Wanted.
 103. Rangiora—James Richards; Basil Metson (Sup.).
 104. Woodend-Sefton—Wesley A. Chambers, B.A. (who shall supervise the Hawarden H.M. Station).
 105. Greendale—Robert McGregor.
 106. Oxford—Leslie T. Norwell.
- TAI TAPU—A Home Missionary.
HAWARDEN—A Home Missionary.

HENRY J. ODELL, Chairman of the District.

VIII.—SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

107. Timaru (Banks St.)—Donald G. Sherson, B.A.; William W. Avery (Sup.); Hector C. Orchard (Sup.).
108. Timaru (Woodlands Street)—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, M.A.
112. Geraldine—One Wanted.
113. Ashburton—William T. Blight, B.A., B.D. (Connexional Editor); Henry D. Besant.
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—Ernest B. Chambers; Lawrence Greenslade (who shall supervise the Waikouaiti Circuit); George Clement (Sup.).
117. Dunedin Central Mission—Leslie B. Neale, M.B.E., 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; Wilf G. Eisner; T. Arthur Pybus (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); Harold W. Burley, M.M. (Without Pastoral Charge).
122. Dunedin (Mornington)—Norman P. Larsen (who shall supervise the Port Chalmers Circuit).
123. Dunedin (Roslyn)—Clifford L. Duder.
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 Circuit).
128. Invercargill (St. Peter's)—William R. Laws, M.A. (who shall supervise the Bluff Home Mission Station).
129. Gore—R. Graham Bell, M.A. (who shall supervise the Edendale Home Mission Station).
130. Western Southland—Kenneth A. Robinson; A Home Missionary.
131. Waikouaiti—Henry W. Toothill.
 BLUFF—A Home Missionary.
 MOSGIEL—A Home Missionary.
 BALCLUTHA—A Home Missionary.
 EDENDALE—A Home Missionary.
 LAWRENCE—A Home Missionary.
 CROMWELL—A Home Missionary.

D. J. DONALD HICKMAN, Chairman of the District.
 ARTHUR H. IVORY, LL.B., B.Com., Financial Sec.

X.—SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT.

[5] Roviana Circuit—

John Francis Goldie
 Clarence T. J. Luxton.
 Allen H. Hall, B.A.
 Two Missionary Sisters.
 One Nursing Sister Wanted.
 Paul Havea (Marovo)
 John Taufa (under the direction of the Chairman)
 Nathan Kera (under the direction of the Chairman)
 Timothy Piani (under the direction of the Chairman)
 Eight Native Catechists
 Forty-three Native Teachers
 Three Native Medical Assistants
 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 (Teacher) Wanted
 One Missionary Sister (Nurse) Wanted
 Two Native Catechists
 Thirty-four Native Teachers

[7] Choiseul Circuit—

John R. Metcalfe (Sasamunga)
One Missionary Sister (Nurse)
One Missionary Sister
One Missionary Sister (Teacher) Wanted
Two Native Catechists
Thirty-four Native Teachers
One Native Medical Assistant

[8] Bougainville and Buka Circuit—

A. Harry Voyce (Buin)
Trevor Shepherd (Teop)
One Wanted (Buka)
One Missionary Sister (Teacher) (Buin)
One Missionary Sister (Nurse) (Buka)
One Missionary Sister (Nurse) (Teop)
One Missionary Sister (Nurse) Wanted (Buin)
One Missionary Sister (Teacher) Wanted (Buka)
One Missionary Sister (Teacher) Wanted (Teop)
Usaia Sotutu (Buka)
Margaret Sotutu (Teacher) (Buka)
Daniel Palavi (Siwai)
One Native Minister Wanted (Kieta)
One Native Minister Wanted (Tearaka)
One Native Catechist
151 Native Teachers
3 Native Medical Assistants

Helena Goldie Hospital—

Medical Superintendent Wanted
Two Missionary Sisters (Nurses) Wanted
Native Medical Assistants
Native Nurses

JOHN F. GOLDIE, Chairman of the District.

N.B.—It is understood that the Chairman of the District shall have discretionary powers regarding new appointments.

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.—One Wanted.
Auckland Methodist Central Mission (Franklin Road).—
One Wanted.
Auckland Central.—Sandringham (One Wanted). Richmond Avenue: W. F. Ford, non-resident Student (Supply).
Auckland, Avondale.—W. Collard Howie (Avondale), J. Belshaw, C. W. Brown, and C. Aker (retired).
Auckland, Takapuna.—W. Sussex and W. H. Wilson (retired).

Auckland, Birkenhead.—(Northcote) One Wanted; J. W. Bayliss (retired).
 Onehunga (Waitangi Road).—D. W. Edmonds.
 Bombay-Tuakau.—D. Armstrong.
 North Waitemata.—R. Coombridge (Silverdale); One Wanted (Kaukapakapa).
 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.—K. Ordish.
 Mahurangi.—J. H. Thompson.
 Hokianga (Rawene).—A. W. McKay.

Home Mission Department—
 Colporteur Work: Sister Rita F. Snowden (Supply.)

Maori Mission—
 Matauri Bay—Supply.
 Batley.—Supply.
 Kawakawa (Waiomio).—Tawai Te Riri Kawiti.
 Paihia.—Supply.
 Punakitere.—Te Hira Ratete.
 Waimate North.—Supply.
 Orowau.—Rameka Eru.
 Kaikohe.—Paikea H. Toka.
 Whananaki.—Nehana Pu.
 Rewiti.—Supply.
 Dargaville.—Wiremu Paki Ihaka.
 Pohutu (Kaipara Heads).—Paraire Paraone Kena.
 Rangitane (Poutu).—Henare Kapa.
 Pokere (Bay of Islands).—Piripi Livingstone.
 Pakari.—John Harris.
 Mangamuka.—Paoa Rakena.
 Auckland.—Waaka Simon Rewa.
 Whirinaki.—Heemi Winiata.
 Te Kohanga.—Waaka Kukutai.

South Auckland District—

Hamilton.—One Wanted (Frankton); A. L. Witheford (retired).
 Ngauawahia.—J. F. Amos.
 Tauranga (Te Puke).—One Wanted.
 Coromandel.—O. L. Christian.
 Kawhia.—C. E. Roke.
 Ohura.—R. L. George.
 Morrinsville (Waitoa).—One Wanted.
 Whakatane.—F. J. Climo.
 Te Kuiti.—R. C. Patchett.
 Hauraki Plains.—A. J. Handyside.

Maori Mission—

Te Kuiti—John Nicholls.
 Kawhia.—Tame Ponui.
 Pukeatua.—Heemi Rihimona.
 Ohiaopoko.—Supply.
 Cambridge.—Supply.

Mokau.—Supply.
 Ngaruawahia.—Roi Moke.
 Waimiha.—Huru Wiperi.
 Aramiro.—Supply.
 Raglan.—Honehone Kereopa.
 Rakaunui.—Wene Herangi.
 Waitomo.—Supply.
 Otorohanga.—Paki Manga.
 Otewa.—Hoani Tonga.
 Whatawhata.—Poo Kingi and Te Aho-o-te-Rangi Pihama.
 Hangatiki.—Wetini Hotu.
 Taharoa.—Supply.
 Huntly.—Supply.
 Rangiriri.—Supply.
 Waikaretu.—Mu Maihi.
 Te Kumi.—Raniera Poihipi Tokoroa.
 Hauraki Plains.—Supply.
 Thames (Puru).—Supply.
 Maketu Pa.—Waiwera Rangawhenua.
 Te Kopua (Te Awamutu).—Supply.
 Te Waitere.—Supply.
 Raglan.—Tuteao Manihera.
 Marokopa.—Wiremu Kamana.
 Ngutunui.—Rangi Katipa.
 Makomako.—Tumu Te Huia.
 Aotearoa.—Wiremu Tonga (Hamilton).

Taranaki-Wanganui District—

New Plymouth.—One Wanted (St. Aubyn's); T. W. Featherstone (retired).
 Opunake (Okato).—A. Currie.
 Eltham.—One Wanted (Kaponga).
 Patea.—One Wanted.
 Raetihi-Ohakune.—One Wanted.
 Wanganui North.—One Wanted (Wanganui East).
 Douglas.—Vacant (under Stratford Superintendent).
 Inglewood.—H. Ashworth (Supply).
 Marton.—H. Prowse.
 Taihape.—H. I. Shaw.

Maori Mission:

New Plymouth.—Paahi Moke.
 Rahotu.—Whatarau Iri Wharehoka.
 Nukumarū.—Supply.
 Urenui.—Supply.
 Pariaroa Pa.—Supply.
 Whenuakura.—Supply.
 Kai Iwi.—Supply.
 Wanganui.—Supply.
 Rangitikei.—Supply.
 Raetihi.—Supply.
 Wanganui River.—Supply.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District—

Feilding.—H. R. Wright (Halcombe).
 Napier.—W. J. Henderson (Greenmeadows).
 Foxton-Shannon.—J. C. R. Ashworth.
 Apiti.—W. G. Peate.

Norsewood.—Under Dannevirke Superintendent (Vacant).
Waipawa-Waipukurau.—W. J. Bryant; One Wanted
(Waipukurau).
Gisborne.—One Wanted (Mangapapa).

Wellington District—

Youth Director.—E. Jean Hartley, B.A. (Employed
by Youth Department).
Hutt.—Rev. R. P. Keall (Sup. Supply). (Epuni.)
Paraparaumu.—C. Robinson; One Wanted (Paekakariki).
Masterton.—One Wanted (Kurupuni).
Levin.—J. Common (Retired).
Otaki.—S. Keen (retired).
Wellington East.—W. A. Bridge (Island Bay).
Greytown-Featherston. — Rev. Hedley White (Sup.
Supply).

Nelson District—

Nelson South.—H. Thornley (Supply).
Blenheim.—One Wanted (Havelock).
Murchison.—One Wanted.
Granity.—One Wanted.
Richmond.—Rev. C. Blair (Sup. Supply), (Wakefield-
Dovedale).
Reefton.—F. E. Trim (Supply).
Westport.—Rev. H. Ford (Sup. Supply).

North Canterbury District—

Christchurch (St. Albans).—Rev. E. Drake (Sup. Supply)
(Bryndwr).
Christchurch (Sydenham).—One Wanted (Beckenham).
Christchurch (Woolston).—Rev. H. Sharp (Sup. Supply)
(Sumner).
Christchurch (Addington).—One Wanted (Lincoln Road).
Christchurch (Papanui).—H. J. Malcolm (retired).
Christchurch (Riccarton).—One Wanted (Sockburn).
Tai Tapu.—One Wanted (Under Springston Supt.).
Hawarden.—Vacant (Under Woodend Superintendent).
Ohoka.—J. M. Daley, B.A.
Lyttelton.—One Wanted.

South Canterbury District—

Geraldine.—One Wanted.
Timaru South.—One Wanted (Under Banks St. Supt.);
Woodlands Street Minister to assist).

Otago-Southland District—

Dunedin Central Mission (3rd).—One Wanted.
Port Chalmers.—H. M. Brasell.
Mosgiel.—E. J. Carter.
Lawrence.—Vacant (Under Milton Superintendent).
Balclutha.—T. Steele.
Cromwell.—N. R. Hooper.
Edendale.—R. Elsom.
Western Southland.—One Wanted (Ohai).
Bluff.—One Wanted.

DEACONESS APPOINTMENTS, 1948.

I.—Home Work.

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

- 1947—Sister Margaret Taylor, Central Mission, Dunedin.
- 1948—Probationer Rona Collins, South Island Children's Home and Orphanage, Christchurch.
- 1948—Probationer Noeline Wilson, Wellington Central, Wellington.

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, Rangiatea College.
- 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, Auckland Outer Districts
- 1945—Sister May Viney, New Plymouth.
- 1947—Sister Mavis Dickie, Opunake.
- 1947—Sister Daphne Lye, Auckland Central.
- 1947—Sister Jean Simpkin, Dargaville.
- 194 —Probationer Grace Clement, Hamilton & Eastern Waikato.

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.
- 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, Choiseul, 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, retired.
- 1928—Sister Olive Coleman, retired.
- 1935—Sister Vera Cannon, retired.
- 1936—Sister Edna White, retired.
- 1938—Sister Merle Farland, retired.

VI.—Students in Training.

Miss Margaret Keightley, 2nd year.
Miss Frances Smith, 2nd year.
Miss June Winchcombe, 2nd year.
Miss Betty Yearbury, 2nd year.
Miss Elsmé Dixon, 1st year.
Miss Te Ao Eru, 1st year.
Miss Fiona Summerell, 1st year.

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

1. CHAIRMEN OF DISTRICTS.

Auckland—E. Thomas Olds (President of Conference).
South Auckland—Charles H. Olds, B.A.
Taranaki-Wanganui—J. Henry Allen.
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—J. Francis Jack.
Wellington—William A. Burley, M.A.
Nelson—Hubert G. Brown.
North Canterbury—Henry J. Odell.
South Canterbury—W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D.
Otago-Southland—D. J. Donald Hickman,
Solomon Islands—J. F. Goldie.

2. DISTRICT AND STATISTICAL SECRETARIES.

General Statistical Secretary—Haddon C. Dixon, M.A., B.D.
Auckland—Gordon R. H. Peterson.
South Auckland—Athol R. Penn.
Taranaki-Wanganui—L. Gordon Hanna.
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Leslie A. G. Brooks.
Wellington—John L. Mitchell.
Nelson—Ralph E. Patchett.
North Canterbury—J. Montgomery Blight.
South Canterbury—Ian K. Hopper, B.A.
Otago-Southland—William R. Laws, M.A.

QUESTION XXXI.—Who are Elected as President and Secretary of the Conference for the year 1949?

President: Henry J. Odell.
Secretary: Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.

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

REPORT, 1947.

General.

The general tone of the Statistics this year is very encouraging. There have been substantial increases shown in both adult membership and in Sunday School scholars, and in many of the important columns, leading to the definite opinion that the Church as a whole has moved forward during the past year.

There is evidence that several of the District Statistical Secretaries have taken a great deal of trouble to ensure that their district returns give a true and accurate account of the position. This greatly simplifies my work. In some of the districts, however, more than half the Circuit returns failed to balance. It should be stressed that the source of the trouble is in the Circuits. If the roll books are kept accurately, the returns can be filled in very quickly and with absolute accuracy. The persistence then of errors gives cause for anxiety.

One further word should be said about the lateness of the returns from some of the districts. The final return came to hand on New Year's Eve. Considering that this district held its Synod in the first half of November, it should not be too much to expect that the returns should be in before the end of the year. Again, the trouble is with the Circuits, not the District secretaries.

The position with regard to Maori returns is even more unsatisfactory. Only one return has come to hand to date (January 5th).

Adult Membership.

The increase is 336. More important is the fact that every district showed an increase. In three districts this was very small, but no district went back. Auckland (119), Hawkes Bay-Manawatu (63), and North Canterbury (83), showed the best returns. We received almost 1200 new members, an increase of 134 over last year. Our losses by death and 'ceased to attend' were 798, as against 1104 last year. Thus our over-all position should have improved by almost 400. But we lost 181 members in transfer from one Circuit to another. It is interesting to note that the opinion has recently been expressed that the decreases in the British Conference are very largely attributable to this loss in transit from one Circuit to another.

We have 602 more Communicants.

Churches and Preaching Places.

It is disappointing to record that we have one fewer Church in the Dominion, and one fewer schoolroom. The increase of 5 preaching places has taken place almost wholly in the country areas.

It is good to record 15 more local preachers. This breaks an almost uninterrupted series of decreases over many years.

Finances.

The Circuits throughout the Dominion have improved their positions by over £1,000. Credits have increased, and debits have decreased. Trust finances are as usual rather mystifying. Credits have shown a slight increase, but Trust debits have increased by nearly £16,000. This is wholly accounted for by two Circuits, one of which increased its debit by over £15,000, and another by over £2,000.

Youth Returns.

Again under this heading we notice the effect of the birth rate. Baptisms show a very large increase, almost 20 per cent. The cradle roll also is the highest on record, and there is a large increase in the number of children received during the year. These figures would indicate that our Church is taking full advantage of the increased number of children in our community.

We note, however, that we have shown a comparatively small decrease in the Beginners' Section, and also in the Intermediate Department. Junior Bible Classes also show a decrease. The graph shows the relation with the rate of birth. In plain terms, there are fewer children in the age groups, but where there are more children in the other groups we are more than holding our own. The increase of 327 scholars is a very satisfactory one.

We have the same number of Sunday Schools as we had a year ago, a position that cannot be regarded as satisfactory.

It is too early yet to form any conclusions about the new method of keeping the Church Young People's Roll. This year's total figure shows a very large increase, but it is doubtful whether any great reliance can be placed on it. Probably until we get the proper rolls this figure will be only approximate.

Summing up then, the year's statistics are encouraging, showing definite progress, for which we are grateful to God.

H. C. DIXON,
General Statistical Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

- (1) That the Report be received and adopted.
- (2) That the Connexional Secretary prepare a suitable addition to the transfer certificate which shall be sent with the transfer to the Minister of the Church to which the member is removing, such addition to be returned to the Minister of the Church from which the member has been transferred, the transfer to be regarded as complete only when such acknowledgment has been received.
- (3) That in order to bring all details of membership within one period the rolls be re-written annually at the end of the statistical year.
- (4) That the words on the General Returns Form, "No. of Infants Baptized," be amended to read, "No. of Baptisms," and that other wording be brought into line with the wording of the form filled in by the Statistical Secretary.

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

(A) Welfare of Church Committee

REPORT FOR 1947.

The Committee has again sought to implement all the matters remitted to it by Conference, as well as to discuss some other questions.

1. Church Council.

This matter is related to that of the date of Conference upon which a report is being presented to Synods and Conference. It has already been decided that the Council should meet only in Wellington and Christchurch, as the time factor and travelling arrangements allow only for so doing. In the proposed rearrangement of Conferences, the next Conference after 1948 in conjunction with which a Council meeting could be held, would be Christchurch, 1951. In view of that long space of time and the activities of many Standing Committees, it does not seem feasible at this stage to set down an agenda for the Council so far ahead. The Committee recommends that details be worked out at a later and more appropriate date.

2. Church Calendar.

Designs for a Church Calendar have been submitted to the Board of Publications for approval, and we hope will be ready for presentation to Synods and Conference. The Pictorial Section of the Calendar provides for the photos of the President and/or Vice-President; illustrations of three City or District subjects, including one from the Conference City, others showing Home Mission, Foreign Mission, City Mission, Youth Department, Orphanage, M.W.M.U., and Educational activities, and one of an Ecumenical nature. It is proposed to publish the Calendar for 1949.

3. Ministerial Invitations and Stationing.

These matters have been considered very carefully. Information has been sought from all the Conferences of Australia and also from England. Owing to the radical changes suggested, the Committee has found it impossible, at the present juncture, to make any final suggestions regarding the whole system. However, it is of the opinion that certain changes may be made effective immediately, but in view of the information yet to be received from various sources, requests time to give further consideration to the major matters.

4. Commando Campaigns.

The Committee has also studied literature received from London in connection with the Greater London Commando Campaign, and has passed the same on to the Spiritual Advance Committee, with certain suggestions concerning the New Zealand Church.

5. Ministerial Holidays.

This matter was introduced at the Committee and duly considered. Over a great number of years we found that the Law had altered very little in this regard. The Committee is of opinion that the annual holidays should provide for at least three clear Sundays.

6. Advance Proposals etc.

In consultation with the Auckland District Executive, matters concerning Conference Arrangements and Advance Proposals have engaged our attention. Some of these are being implemented at the forthcoming Conference.

7. Nomination of District Chairman.

In accord with the 1947 Minutes, page 59, Resolution 7, we include this matter for the consideration of Synods and Conference.

8. Constitution of the Welfare Committee.

The constitution of the Committee was considered, and it was deemed advisable to strengthen the membership by going beyond the District Executive and nominating, with their consent, an independent committee including representatives from the Ministers, the M.W.M.U., the Women's Guild Fellowship, the Local Preachers' Association, the D.Y.C., and the District Executive and the District Property Secretary.

W. G. SLADE, President.

D. J. D. HICKMAN, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

- (1) That the Report be received and adopted.
- (2) INVITATIONS AND STATIONING.
 - (a) That the Welfare of the Church Committee continue its investigations in regard to the Invitation and Stationing of Ministers, and submit its findings through Synods, to the Conference of 1949.
 - (b) That section (b) regarding the first appointment of a Minister for three years be referred back to the Welfare of the Church Committee in collaboration with the Law Book Revision Committee.
- (3) MINISTERS' HOLIDAYS. That the law be amended so as to include at least three clear Sundays each year.
- (4) NOMINATION OF DISTRICT CHAIRMAN. That this question be referred back to the Welfare Committee to report through Synods to the Conference of 1949.
- (5) COMMITTEE FOR 1948. Chairman of the District; Revs. E. B. Chambers, N. P. Larsen, J. S. Willoughby, L. Greenslade, W. E. Falkingham, Mesdames C. Green, E. W. Ashby, H. J. Rigby; Misses E. Purdie, M. Guthrie; Messrs. H. H. Johnson, J. McIndoe, H. Wilkinson, P. Nixon, R. McArthur, G. S. Gapper, J. Hetherington, R. Galbreath. Convener: Rev. D. J. D. Hickman.

(B) LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

Annual Report.

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

Meetings.

Regular meetings have been held each month throughout the year, and all matters coming before the Dominion Executive have received careful attention.

Obituary.

We have to report that during the year many faithful and beloved Local Preachers have received the Call to Higher Service. Among these are: Bros. G. T. Civil (Warkworth), W. Common (Auckland), F. W. Stone (Auckland), A. T. McIndoe (Dunedin), R. Parlance (Hokianga), J. O. Bawden (Rawene), J. Smith-Pye (Auckland), H. Gardner (Wellington), E. W. Hamer (Auckland).

Apart from these, there may be others of whose deaths we have not been notified.

To all sorrowing wives, relatives, and friends, we extend our depest sympathy.

Local Preacher Examinations.

The following qualified as fully accredited Local Preachers in 1947:—G. G. Armstrong, A. H. Attwood, G. Carter, D. Edmonds, R. Elsom, E. W. Hamer, G. Hill, A. J. Heatherley, C. Howie, J. McMorran, K. Ordish, A. R. Palmer, C. Raynor, J. Scrivin, N. Strack, Sister M. Sturt, Sister F. Summerell, G. Trebilco, I. J. Whyte, Sister G. Clement (Deaconess), Sister R. Collins (Deaconess), Sister N. Wilson (Deaconess).

Long Service Diplomas.

The following received Long Service Diplomas during the past year:—Bros. J. E. Horrell, W. R. Jackson, F. N. Christian, R. S. McDonald, C. W. Barrell, L. Watson, R. T. Sando, D. C. Cameron, H. G. Cresswell, H. A. Holdaway, W. Dickinson, D. Bradley, H. R. Holdaway, F. Gawith, Sister E. Avery, and Sister Bensley.

The Book-Scheme.

During the year a new Book-List was compiled by the Dominion Executive. This has resulted in many new orders being received during the year. This is all to the good for our Local Preachers will receive much inspiration and help from a careful study of these books.

Food Parcels for Britain.

Late in the year the Dominion Executive inaugurated a scheme for sending food parcels to necessitous Local Preachers in Britain. The appeal met with an encouraging response. Over £40 has been received in donations. Two consignments have already been sent away and a third will shortly follow. We were fortunate to secure the services of Bro. S. Jones, Secretary, Methodist L. Preachers' Mutual Aid Association, to receive and distribute all our food parcels.

The Executive.

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

Bro. Hames wishes to resign his position as Vice-President at the forthcoming Annual Meeting.

General.

The Executive is of the opinion that Local Preacher affairs are in a healthy condition throughout the Dominion. A steady supply of young men and women is coming forward year by year. Many of these are bright, intelligent, and well educated, and with a little more training and experience should be well qualified to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The majority of our Local Preachers continue to render yeoman service, while their faithfulness and zeal are beyond all praise.

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

RESOLUTIONS.

- (1) That the Report be received and adopted.
- (2) That the Dominion Executive be thanked for its work during the past year.
- (3) (a) That in view of the serious shortage of Local Preachers, Youth Leaders, and Sunday School teachers, Conference request the College Council, in consultation with the Local Preachers' Association and the Youth Board, to consider the possibility of establishing a school of lay-workers in conjunction with Trinity College to enable selected young people to qualify for leadership.
- (b) That the College Council be requested to examine the relation of such a school to the Bible Training Institute.
- (4) That Conference recommend to the Local Preachers' Association's Examination Committee that no entry be accepted from a person desiring to sit for the examination until the application has been approved by the Quarterly Meeting.
- (5) That thanks be extended to all Local Preachers for their loyal and indispensable services.

c Methodist Men's Fellowship

In accordance with Conference resolutions, the Auckland District Executive has continued to act as the Dominion Executive. However, no communication has been received from any Branch or any District except (a) In the case of Stratford, which forwards the following resolution: "That the Men's Fellowships in each Circuit have representation on the Quarterly Meeting of the Circuit."

Note.—Such representation is already provided for in the amended Laws of the Church.

(b) In the case of Wanganui, which sends in an interesting report of what is evidently a vigorous Fellowship.

In considering the resolutions—Conference minutes, 1947, page 62, Resolution 2, with no information forthcoming, no review of any worth has been possible. 2(a) has not been considered. (2b) is definitely desirable, but because of difficulties of direct representation and of travel to suitable centres, has not become practicable. (2c) A synopsis has been and will continue to be submitted. (2d) cannot be carried out until reports are forwarded. (2e): A register of a sort is in the hands of the Dominion Executive, but owing to frequent changes of officers and addresses has proved of little value. (2f) A review of the Constitution has not been considered necessary. There has been no special call for it.

At the last Conference, 1947, your Executive, learning that a supply of educational material would enable Rev. Alan Hall, B.A., proceeding to the Solomons, to make an effective commencement in his work, an urgent request for financial assistance at 10s per Branch was responded to by thirteen Branches; one Branch donated £2, and an interested member also donated £2. In all, donations and subscriptions to the amount of £22 gave the required assistance for a very good outlay.

FUNDS.—(a) Mackay Memorial Fund (Doctor's equipment). Objective £150. (b) Goldie Book Fund, to provide Missionaries with literature. (c) Executive Expenses Fund. (d) Tools, old and new, or cash to purchase, will be of much value.

Executive expenses are not high, and the Fund has been so good as to make a donation of £5 to the Alan Hall Fund. Even now it stands at over £6.

To ensure greater interest, each Synod should consider setting up an M.M.F. Executive for its own District, even if such Executive does not control more than one or two Branches, so that any District should be ready to undertake Dominion status, say, for a period of three years, providing officers for the successful prosecution of a policy with well-defined objectives. Districts are urged to form their Executives, and so be ready at the 1948 Conference to establish the Dominion Executive at some centre other than Auckland, which has now served two terms. A study of the methods of the M.W.M.U. may afford means for such establishment of the M.M.F. The accompanying financial statement shows the position of the various funds.

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

RECEIPTS.

	Mackay Memorial Fund.	Goldie Book Fund.	Dominion Exec. Fund.	Totals.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balances as at Oct., 1946, and as presented at Conf., 1947	98 3 6	10 17 6	11 4 8	120 5 8
Donation	1 0 0	—	—	1 0 0
Proportion of int.	2 5 9	0 5 0	0 5 0	2 15 9
Levies, 3d per mbr.	—	—	0 7 6	0 7 6
Alan Hall's equipt.	0 10 6	—	10 0 0	10 10 6
	101 19 9	11 2 6	21 17 2	134 19 5

PAYMENTS.

	Mackay Memorial Fund.	Goldie Book Fund.	Dominion Exec. Fund.	Totals.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Books sent to Solo- mon Islands	—	10 0 0	—	10 0 0
Alan Hall's equipt.	—	—	15 0 0	15 0 0
Balances	101 19 9	1 2 6	6 17 2	109 19 5
	101 19 9	11 2 6	21 17 2	134 19 5

During 1947, the Auckland District Executive, acting as the Dominion Executive, reported to the Fellowships and to the Synods its reply to the Resolutions of Page 62, Conference Minutes, 1947.

Synod Secretaries have since acknowledged such report and its adoption. Moreover, evidence of the progress of the Fellowship throughout the Dominion is the setting up of District Executives of which at least four are reported—namely Auckland, Taranaki, North

Canterbury and Nelson. It is now urged that other Synods should undertake the formation of such District Executives, and further, that any District Executive be prepared to act as the Dominion Executive as the Auckland District has done for some years past, until such time as an Executive of the whole Dominion can be set up as say, one for each of the Islands.

The following Funds are recommended for continued support:—

- (a) **Mackay Memorial Fund.** (Doctors' Equipment.) Objective £150. It is desired to complete this in 1948.
- (b) **Goldie Book Fund.** Books to the value of £10 have already been forwarded. To be of use, of interest, of recreational and educational value, such books should be continually going forward to the Missionaries.
- (c) **Tools Fund.** Tools new and old, and cash for purchase of same, are still in urgent need.
- (d) **Executive Expenses,** at the rate of 3d. per annum per member.

Since the Financial Report was submitted to the Synods, an amount of £2 (levies from Auckland District), has been received for Executive Expenses, making the amount £8/17/2. It is therefore recommended that £5 of this Fund should be transferred to the Mackay Memorial Fund.

Consequently, the following statement of Fund is submitted:—

Mackay Memorial Fund	....	....	£106	19	9
Goldie Book Fund	....	....	1	2	6
Dominion Executive Expenses	....	....	3	17	5

Total (as per Auckland Sav. Bank) £111 19 8

R. THOMAS, President.

W. E. BURLEY, Secretary-Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS.

- (1) That the Report be received and adopted.
- (2) That Conference expresses regret that no Annual Meeting of the Fellowship could be arranged at Conference this year, and commends the ideals of the Fellowship to our whole Church.
- (3) That the Auckland District Executive continue to act as Dominion Executive for a further year, and that all matters, including the recommendations in the report, be referred to them for report to next Conference.
- (4) That the constitution and function of the Executive be determined by the annual meeting of the Men's Fellowship at next Conference.

d Guilds' Fellowship

The women of our Ladies' Guilds, because of their many and varied interests in Church life, are desirous of forming a Federation of Guilds throughout N.Z. This matter has been very fully discussed, and all are unanimous in supporting this move, feeling that great benefit will result. We therefore seek permission from the Higher Courts of the Church to form a Federation of Guilds.

This is sponsored by the North Canterbury District Fellowship, acting on behalf of the following District Fellowships: Auckland, Wellington, South Canterbury, Nelson and Dunedin.

RESOLUTIONS.

- (1) That the report be received and adopted.
- (2) That a Federation of Guilds be formed.
- (3) That Conference affirms the principle of the representation of the Guild's Fellowship at Conference, and that the matter be referred to the Law Book Revision Committee.

(E) CHURCH COUNCIL.

RESOLUTIONS.

- (1) Visitation of Circuits: (1945 Minutes, Page 56 (10)).

That this matter be referred to the Welfare of Church Committee for consideration throughout the year and report to Synods and Conference. The order of reference to be:—

(a) The amendment of Question 25 in the Synod Agenda in regard to the questions concerning the proper entries in the Circuit Schedule Books and Roll Books and that provision be made either for some form of Certificate by the District Chairman or the bringing of such books to the District Synod.

(b) The best method of regular visitation of Circuits and Home Mission Stations for inspiration and other purposes.

- (2) Increasing Powers of Synods (1945 Minutes, page 56 (11)).

That the granting of greater powers to Synods and District Executives be referred to the Home Mission Board for consideration during the year in consultation with the Law Book Revision Committee and report to Synods and Conference.

That District Executives and Sub-District Executives be appointed throughout the Dominion immediately in such Districts where they do not exist, to ensure a coverage of our total Synodal areas.

3. Separated Chairmen (1946 Minutes, pages 188-189).

(a) That the appointment of separated Chairmen is inopportune.

(b) Duties of Chairmen: That the Law Book Revision Committee consider this matter in consultation with District Chairmen and ex-Chairmen.

- (4) Hostel Accommodation.

(a) That Conference approve the policy of establishing Methodist Hostels.

(b) That the District Executives, especially in the four main centres, look carefully into the question.

(c) That the Church Council forward to the Education Committee information in its possession.

(d) That any official approach for Government aid be made through the Education Committee.

- (5) Powers and Constitution of the Church Council.

That members of the Church Council attending the Executive Committee in Wellington in February, 1949, together with those members resident in Wellington, be a Sub-Committee to draft the constitution, define the powers, arrange the agenda of the Council, and report to the next Council Meeting.

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

YOUTH DEPARTMENT. ANNUAL REPORT, 1947.

Staff:

During the year Miss Jean Hartley, B.A., took up her duties with the Youth Department, and has spent most of her time in the South Island.

The Rev. C. T. Symons and Mr. A. E. Bate have both intimated that they desire to retire from the Youth Department at the end of the present connexional year.

The Rev. J. K. Watson has spent a year in England studying youth work at Westhill, Selly Oaks, Birmingham. He obtained the Westhill Certificate in Youth and Sunday School work. He represented the New Zealand Youth Movement at Oslo Youth Conference and also at the Youth Committee of the World Council of Churches and the World Sunday School Council. He expects to return to New Zealand early in October.

The office staff has given consistent and effective service throughout the year.

Directors:

The itinerary work of the Youth Directors has followed lines similar to those of the past few years. In local places film strips of an instructional nature were shown to leaders and teachers. Advantage has been taken of Sunday Services to present to the congregation many facts of the Youth Department's programme and to outline past and future policy. The Directors also gave leadership at various Camps, Schools, Rallies, Retreats and Missions. Contact has been maintained with District Youth Councils and Sub-Councils.

The Youth Directors have also represented the Department on Connexional and Inter-Church Committees and Boards.

Miss Hartley's itinerary has naturally been of an introductory nature. In the North Island brief visits were made to the main centres. More detailed work has been done in the South Island.

Housing:

Negotiations are in train for the purchase of a house in Christchurch for the South Island Youth Director. The Youth Department is grateful to the Home Mission Department for valuable help given in regard to the purchase of houses and to Committees in Christchurch and Wellington for much assistance.

Convention:

The Annual Youth Convention took place during the Youth Conference at Massey College. Practically all Districts and Sub-Districts were represented, and recommendations and suggestions sent on to the Youth Board have been under consideration during the year.

The Vice-President, Mrs. E. D. Grounds, of Auckland, occupied the chair, and Mr H. Hayman, of Christchurch, was elected Chairman for 1947.

Youth Conference:

The first Youth Conference was held at Massey College for ten days over the New Year period. Over 150 young people from all parts of the Dominion attended, and contributed to a very successful venture. The programme included study, inspiration, instruction, recreation, social and fellowship activities.

A suggestion that a second Conference be held in 1947-48 was enthusiastically supported.

Long Service Diplomas:

Six Long Service Diplomas were awarded during the year.

Missionary Education:

The Youth Board has kept the Missionary Objective of the C.Y.M.M. before our young people. A poster has been printed in co-operation with the Missionary Departments for distribution to Sunday Schools and Bible Classes.

Individuals and classes have been encouraged to take an interest in the Missionaries supported by the Youth of our Church, and to forward to them materials of value for their work, both in the Solomon Islands and amongst the Maoris.

The attainment of the £2,000 objective is almost reached. For the last financial year the youth of our Church contributed approximately £1,850 to Missions. The district figures are as follows:—

District.	Amt. Raised.			Target.
	£	s.	d.	£
Auckland	321	1	2	375
South Auckland	161	12	6	135
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	225	12	6	275
Taranaki-Wanganui	135	6	8	135
Wellington	339	6	6	340
Nelson	123	14	6	150
North Canterbury	191	3	3	—
Kera	45	0	0	300
South Canterbury	78	14	3	80
Otago-Southland	175	9	9	210
	£1,797	1	1	£2,000

Another £50 was received from camps.

Reports have been received from time to time from Youth Representatives on the Mission Fields.

Film Library:

Kodachrome Film Slides have been obtained on "The Life of Christ," "The Good Samaritan," "The Christmas Scenes," and Church History.

Film Strips on Teaching Method, Leadership, Youth Work, Missions and Temperance have been devised and made available in the Film Library for Local Training Groups.

Efforts have been made to obtain photos from the Solomon Islands for new missionary film strips, but it has so far been very difficult to obtain good quality photographs in sufficient quantity.

"Teaching in the Sunday School," "Dramatic Reading in the Sunday School," "A Bible Project," "Beginners and Primary Department," have been prepared this year for the use of the Directors.

All the above film strips and film slides, together with a number of 16m.m. silent movie films on Easter Camps, Maori Missions, and other youth activities, are available for the use of local Churches. Catalogues have been distributed to Ministers and Sunday School Superintendents.

Publications:

"Christian Education" continues to give effective help to Leaders and Teachers, but the number of subscribers has not risen as desired.

"M.Y. News" has experienced a difficult year. Fine service has been given by the Editor, but the number of subscribers has been much below the number necessary to make the paper pay. Investigations have been carried out in regard to increasing the circulation and to the acceptance of more responsibility by Local Youth Councils and District Youth Councils. At present it appears that it will be necessary to discontinue publication of the paper at the end of the year. This will be a matter of great regret to the Board and to the Editor and his Committee. The Board is deeply indebted to Mr. H. W. Beaumont for the untiring efforts he has made on behalf of the paper.

Christian Home Booklets:

No additional booklets have been printed during the year, but a second edition of "God and the Little Child" has been necessary.

Cradle Roll Materials:

During the year designs for new Cradle Rolls and Cradle Roll Certificates were obtained, and the printing of these is being carried out in co-operation with A. H. and A. W. Reed.

Bible Class Syllabuses.

The Bible Class Syllabus Committee has had under consideration, in conjunction with the Youth Departments of the participating Churches, co-operation with the Australian and New Zealand Board of Graded Lessons for the production of Bible Class Syllabuses as well as Sunday School Lessons. No final decision has been reached.

Graded Lessons:

The Rev. A. T. McNaughton, M.A., B.D., one of the Joint Executive Managers of the Australian and New Zealand Board of Graded Lessons, will be in New Zealand during early 1948, and desires to meet teachers and leaders to discuss the Graded Lessons. It is hoped that he will be permitted to give a short address to the Conference during the Youth Department's business.

Conference Matters: Master Youth Roll:

Details of the Master Roll were completed in conjunction with the Connexional Secretary, and the Connexional Office assumed responsibility for the publication of the Roll during the year. The production of Birthday Greeting Cards has not yet been finalised.

Local Youth Councils and District Youth Councils:

The implementation of the legislation giving the Local Youth Councils direct representation on the District Youth Council is being carried out, and where fully in operation is proving of considerable value.

National Movements:

Faith and Order Conference: The Faith and Order Conference, held in Wellington, marked an important step forward in the quest for unity amongst the Churches of New Zealand. As such it was of considerable interest and importance to youth.

The Youth Department was represented at the Conference at Wellington by the Rev. C. T. Symons and Miss Jean Hartley.

Y.C.N.C.C.:

The Youth Committee of the National Council of Churches has made a great advance in the provision of a Leadership Training Course for Church Youth Workers, and in co-operation with the Internal Affairs Department has arranged for further Leadership Training through the 100 hours' and 30 hours' courses. These courses provide a splendid basis for co-operation in effective leadership training, and have the hearty approval and support of our Youth Department. Syllbuses are being distributed to all Ministers and Youth Councils.

The question of co-ordination with our own Leader and Teacher Training Course is being investigated. Consideration is also being given to the relation of Leadership Schools to these courses.

Government Grants:

A number of our Churches have obtained grants for youth work activities and equipment from the Government during the year. The Youth Department has been in touch with the responsible Government officers, and has been able to support applications. It is necessary for Church groups to realise the nature of the Government grants, and every effort should be made to see that only legitimate applications are made. Grants are confined to activities of a recreational and physical education nature, and for buildings and equipment which cater for these.

National Committees:

Correspondence Department: The work of this Department continues to meet the needs of some of our young people in remote places. There are 120 children in the Sunday School section, and 15 young people in the Bible Class section. The Church is again indebted to Mrs. W. A. Smith and Miss M. Waddingham, who superintend these departments.

Efforts are being made to link the work of the Correspondence Sunday School work with that of local Sunday Schools. This move is only in its initial stages, but is proving of considerable help to Mrs. W. A. Smith in organising the Correspondence Sunday School.

In the Maori Correspondence Sunday School there are 80 scholars. This work is ably supervised by Miss Daisy Johnston, of Lower Hutt.

Leadership Schools: During the year under review, 5 Leadership Schools were held. Two hundred and twenty young people attended these schools, which took place at Henderson (Auckland), Rotorua (South Auckland), Carterton (Wellington-Wairarapa), Picton (Nelson), Christchurch (North Canterbury). Recognising the importance of the schools, efforts are being made to increase their number and effectiveness. The programme is being changed to include more sessions dealing with Leadership needs.

National Committee on Recreation and Leisure: Regular meetings of this Committee have been held to deal with requests for social and concert programmes, and to arrange for suitable material to go into "Christian Education." The Committee has done good work in both these matters.

Leader and Teacher Training Committee: The Dominion Leader and Teacher Training Committee continues to give efficient oversight to Leadership Training. The co-ordination of their work with that of the Training Committee of the Y.C.N.C.C. is receiving careful consideration.

Extra Activities:

Easter Camps: Over 2,000 of our young people attended the Easter Camps held in 1947. Thirteen of these were mixed, and two were combined with young people of other Churches.

Approximately 500 first-time decisions were made at Easter, and over 2000 campers attended the Camp Communion services.

From reports received, most of the Camps maintain the high standard of past years. Mixed camps are still in the experimental stage, some Districts returning to separate Camps this year, and vice versa. The Board has not adopted any policy in respect to the form camps should take, but has allowed the District Youth Councils to adopt the type of camp they consider most suitable for their respective districts. No additional camp sites have been secured, but several Districts have Committees exploring local possibilities.

Brigade Movements: The Girls' and Boys' Brigade Movements continue to grow within the framework of our Youth work. There has been a large increase in the number of girls taking part in Life Brigade activities. The increase in 1946 was greater than the total Dominion increase for the Movement. There are 60 Girls' Companies and 67 Boys' Companies and Teams in our Church.

Sports Clubs: Greater attention has been given in various places to Sports Clubs. The Harrier Clubs have shown increased keenness, and a combined gathering of representatives from Christchurch, Palmerston North and Wellington was most successful.

Beach Work: Holiday work among the children, was reported on the beaches at Maraetai (Auckland) and Raglan (South Auckland) in 1947.

Vacation Schools: Local Ministers of Shirley, Sydenham, Papanui, Waiwhetu, and of Huntly, conducted Vacation Schools this year. Much interest was aroused by the "Church in the Community" emphasis given to the School held at Shirley. Over 200 children were present. This School aimed to show the district the contribution the Church could make towards providing the child with healthy and wholesome activities for his leisure hours. The Methodists and Presbyterians combined for the conduct of the Waiwhetu School.

Rallies and Week-ends: The holiday week-ends of the King's Birthday and Labour Day are being used increasingly for rallies or retreats. Many such Youth Rallies were held throughout the Dominion during the year. In some cases Church or Circuit Retreats were planned.

Methodist Youth Fellowship:

North Canterbury Fellowships have continued this year as separate organisations, and have held a number of successful functions. Otago has developed a combined Fellowship which is meeting a need of the Youth Groups in the District. In other places various efforts are being made to promote unity and fellowship amongst the youth of the Church.

A new experiment under the direction of the District Youth Council has been receiving the full-hearted support of our Auckland City Youth. From 150 to 200 have been attending a monthly Saturday night function in the Pitt Street Buildings. The programme includes tea, followed by a meeting for prayer, a public witness meeting in front of the church—including the projection of suitable Talkie pictures by the Pitt Street Mobile Unit—a bright Witness and Testimony Meeting in the Bi-Centennial Hall, with youth taking the principal part, and a Fellowship period, with supper to close. The aims of the movement are to influence outside young people for Christ, and to provide an opportunity for our own youth to witness to their faith.

Statistics:

Statistical returns will be available for Conference.

Finance:

Contributions so far received compare favourably with those received in previous years.

In accordance with recommendations of Conference, 1947, plans are in hand for the separation of the General Administration and Trading Accounts of the Youth Department. The new arrangement is to take effect from October 1st, 1947.

Special Appeal:

The response to the Department's Special Appeal has been adversely affected by other appeals—especially the Thanksgiving Fund. At the end of September approximately £1500 had been received, which amount is insufficient for carrying out the proposals approved by Conference. The Youth Board has deemed it unwise to press the claims of its appeal at present owing to the multiplicity of appeals before our people. It desires permission to postpone the completion of the appeal to a more opportune time, when Conference will be able to give right of way to its claims.

Appreciation:

The Youth Directors, at the close of their term of office, desire to express their very deep appreciation to many hosts and hostesses for Christian hospitality, and to the Ministers and Youth Leaders for their enriching fellowship and the goodwill and co-operation which have made their work possible during the last nine years.

Youth Work Position:

The retirement of all the Youth Directors who were associated with the commencement of the Co-ordination Policy of the Youth Board closes a significant period in the Youth Work of our Church. A short survey of the position of our Youth Work at the commencement of the Co-ordination Policy, and at the present time is instructive and encouraging. For some years before the new policy was inaugurated, there had been a steady and alarming decline in the membership of our Sunday Schools and Bible Classes. In spite of the difficulties caused by the Second World War and the post-war period, the position to-day indicates that the decline has been arrested, and the movement is now upwards both in the Sunday Schools and Bible Classes. The Cradle Roll figures are the highest on record, and the Sunday School figures are the highest since 1935. Gains have also been made in the Bible Classes over the last few years. The Brigade Movements have developed considerably during the last five years, and the Methodist Brigades are now amongst the most numerous in the Dominion. Mid-week activities and Young Peoples' Societies have also regained their pre-war strength.

A greater emphasis has been laid upon the evangelistic purpose of our Youth Work, and efforts have been increased to bring our youth into full membership of the Church. Easter Camps are a reflection of this in that there have been considerable increases in attendance over the last few years, and nearly one thousand decisions for Christ have been registered during the last two years. Such tendencies in our Youth Work give cause for thanksgiving, and enable us to take heart for the future. It is for all Youth leaders to go on with renewed faith, in the confidence that God has yet much greater things for His Church to accomplish among the young whom Christ loves so dearly and for whom He died.

(Signed) W. A. BURLEY, Chairman.

E. G. HEGGIE, Acting Secretary.

C. T. SYMONS, Senior Youth Director.

ADDENDUM

The Board regretfully reports that the Rev. C. T. Symons, M.A., B.D., and Mr. A. E. Bate, have signified their intention of retiring at the end of this Connexional year. Both these Directors have made a valuable contribution to our Youth Work. A resolution of appreciation will be presented to Conference.

The Board nominates the Rev. W. E. Allon Carr to succeed the Rev. C. T. Symons as Senior Youth Director. Mr. Carr has a splendid record of success in Circuit work, particularly amongst the youth. He has recently paid a visit to Australia, where he took special note of the Youth Work of our Church there. Mr. Carr will challenge the adolescent for Christ, and we believe he will be able to build upon the work done over the last nine years.

In place of Mr. A. E. Bate, the Board nominates the Rev. R. H. Allen, B.A. Mr. Allen is a man in the prime of his youth, who makes easy contact with B.C. members. The Board believes he possesses the necessary qualifications, and will make a very worthy contribution to the Youth Work of our Church.

After careful consideration of other names, the Board felt in each case it could make only one nomination, but if Synod desires, it has the right to make further nominations.

W. A. BURLEY, Chairman of Youth Board.

RESOLUTIONS.

- (1) That the Report be received and adopted.
- (2) That the Financial Statements be received and adopted.
- (3) That the Statistical Returns be received and adopted.
- (4) That the Rev. W. E. Allon Carr be appointed Senior Youth Director for a period of six years, and that he be stationed in the Central Area.
- (5) That in view of the acute shortage of Ministers for Circuit work, not more than two Ministers be released for service with the Youth Department at the present time, and that the question of nomination of a successor to Mr. Bate be referred back to the Board.
- (6) That the Youth Board be permitted to advertise the position of Youth Director for the Northern Area and to make a nomination to the President of the Conference, who shall be empowered to make such appointment during the Connexional Year if a suitable applicant is available.
- (7) That the Youth Board be permitted to postpone the completion of the Appeal for £5,000 until a more opportune time.
- (8) That the Youth Department be requested to consider the following matters:—
 - (a) A stated period (say three months consecutively), being given to a city area to work, with the District Youth Council, a definite progressive programme, including lectures on Teacher Training, Leadership, S.S. Teaching, and Youth Work generally, as well as visiting the City Classes, Schools and other Youth activities of the Churches.
 - (b) A more prolonged visit being made to Provincial Towns and Country Circuits covering at least a week, with a practical programme drawn up with the Ministers concerned, prior to the visit, so that the best possible use may be made of the Director's time.

(9) Retirement of Rev. C. T. Symons, M.A., B.D.: Conference records its deep appreciation of the efficient service and able leadership rendered to our Sunday Schools and Youth Organisations by the retiring Youth Director, Rev. C. T. Symons.

Mr. Symons has made a lasting impression on the quality of our Youth Work, particularly in raising the standard of the Sunday Schools. By inaugurating the Christian Youth Movement (Methodist) he gave a stimulus to the young people of our Church. His literary ability was freely placed at the service of the Church, and in his books, the "Home and Family" booklets, in "Christian Education," etc., his influence will abide with us. Only the future will reveal the great contribution that Mr. Symons has made to our Dominion Church by his consecrated leadership and wide vision. In all this work he has been ably seconded by Mrs. Symons, who has made her own contribution to the life of our Church. New Zealand Methodism unites in extending to them and their family best wishes for happy years of service in Australia, the land of their birth.

(10) Retirement of Mr. A. E. Bate: That Conference place on record its great appreciation of Mr. A. E. Bate's contribution to the Youth Work of our Church. As a Youth Director for nine years in the Auckland districts he rendered able conscientious and untiring service to all the youth activities of our Church. He won the respect of the whole Church and particularly of youth leaders. In all his work he was ably supported by Mrs. Bate. On entering into business he carries with him the good wishes of the Conference.

(11) That the Youth Board for 1948 be as follows:—

Chairman: The Chairman of the Wellington District.

Ministerial Representatives: The Revs. J. D. McArthur, J. D. Grocott, J. L. Mitchell, W. W. H. Greenslade.

Lay Representatives: Messrs. C. R. Edmond, S. Fellows and H. A. Penny, and Mrs. A. Dellow.

Y.M.B.C. Representatives: Messrs. E. G. Heggie, J. D. Watson, D. Cole and A. G. Worboys.

Y.W.B.C. Representatives: Mesdames E. Masters and E. Pain, Misses M. Bucknall and P. Tobin.

Sunday School Representatives: Mrs. C. P. S. Boyer, Rev. W. J. Morrison, Messrs. G. F. Briggs and J. Marrett.

Youth Directors and Youth Office Secretary.

DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCILS.

AUCKLAND.—Ministerial: Revs. H. C. Dixon, H. Whitfield, G. V. Thomas. Lay Reps.: A. E. Bate, J. Steel, Miss H. Marter. S.S. Reps.: Misses R. Cowie, E. Douglas, E. Rennie. Y.W.B.C. Reps.: Misses E. Moss, J. Barnes, M. Thomas. Y.M.B.C. Reps.: N. Strack, J. Astley, P. Roberts. D.Y.C. Sec.: Miss H. Marter.

The Northern Sub. D.Y.C.—Chairman: Rev. G. E. Brown. Ministerial: Revs. P. I. Cook, E. D. Grounds, H. Moore. Lay Reps.: M. Warth, M. R. Edgar, M. D. Cole. S.S. Reps.: Mrs. M. Hills, R. C. Williams, R. N. Salmon. Y.W.B.C. Reps.: Sister D. Pointon, Misses A. Hills and I. Wordsworth. Y.M.B.C. Reps.: L. Bennett, J. S. Hills, W. A. D. Cole. Secretary: Rev. E. D. Grounds.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.—Chairman: Chairman of District. Ministers: Revs. H. C. Matthews, S. J. Werren, A. Jolly. Lay Reps.: Miss L. Ewen, Mrs. J. Jebson, Mr. R. Lindsay. Y.W.B.C.: Misses W. Blacklock, M. Parkinson, R. Blakeley. Y.M.B.C.: Messrs. J. Jebson, A. H. Clement, G. Trebilco. S.S. Reps: Mrs Cook, Miss R. Masters, Mr. C. Verry. Secretary; Nomination to be made to Conference.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.—Ministerial: Chairman; Revs. J. Dennis, L. G. Hanna, H. V. Utting. Sunday School: Mrs. W. Oliver, Mr. T. P. Hughson, Mr. Don Bennett. Y.W.B.C.: Misses D. Bennett, P. Ranford, and A. Nielson. Y.M.B.C.: A. J. Hatherly, A. Sears and R. Sorenson. Lay Reps.: Messrs. L. Hosking, L. Haycock and J. W. Archbold.

Wanganui Sub-Council: Rev. F. J. Parker, H. K. Brown, C. H. Raynor and H. Prowse. Lay Representatives: Messrs. E. L. F. Buxton, W. Thrush, J. Thomson. Y.M.B.C.: Messrs. J. Beaven, F. Sedon, I. Reid. Y.W.B.C.: Mrs. N. Fulton, Misses M. Infield, M. Wood. S.S. Representatives: Misses A. Good, J. Hicks, Mr. C. Penberthy and one representation from each L.Y.C. in the District.

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU.—Ministers: District Chairman; Revs. L. A. Brooks, C. O. Hailwood, C. B. Oldfield. Lay Reps.: Messrs. N. A. Hunt (D.Y.C. Secretary), H. Richards, J. Fabrin. S.S. Reps.: Messrs. F. Flavall, E. Lock, A. H. Fisher. Y.W.B.C. Reps.: Mrs. N. A. Hunt, Miss M. Brewin, Miss J. Calman. Y.M.B.C. Reps.: Messrs. John Boniface, Tony Lock, R. Currie.

Hawkes Bay Sub-Council.—Ministers: Revs. G. R. Harris, W. R. Francis. Laymen: Miss L. McLaren, Messrs. L. A. Davis, and H. Currie. Sunday School: Miss S. Sproule, Messrs. H. Evans and J. Doherty. Young Women's B.C.: Misses B. Edwards, B. Symes, R. Clarke. Young Men's B.C.: Messrs. E. Gouch, F. Berry, E. Downer.

WELLINGTON.—Chairman of the District. Ministers: Rev. W. A. Bridge and two others. Lay Reps.: Messrs. R. W. Wentworth, A. Hargreaves, and D. Heggie. S.S. Reps.: Miss R. Jessop, Messrs. A. Angel and G. Dearnley. Y.W. Reps.: Misses P. Patrick, L. Young, and one other. Y.M. Reps.: Messrs. D. Roberts, G. Shakes, and J. Phillips, and one representative from each Local Youth Council.

WAIRARAPA SUB-COMMITTEE.—Ministers of the Masterton, Eketahuna, Carterton, and Greytown-Featherston, one of whom to be deputy Chairman. S.S. Reps.: Messrs. G. Barfoote, M. Greathead, K. Ordish. Y.W.B.C. Reps.: Misses K. Willis, U. Payne, E. Reeves. Y.M.B.C. Reps.: Messrs. A. Griggs, T. Mannell, J. D. Blundell. Lay Reps.: Mrs. A. Ross, Misses E. N. Willis and D. V. Jamieson.

NELSON.—Ministers: Chairman of District; Revs. R. E. Patchett, A. K. Petch, and A. O. Jones. Lay Reps.: Messrs. A. Thomas, R. Marshall, and D. Silvester. Y.M.B.C. Reps.: Messrs. I. Holdaway, J. Trathen, A. Wratt. Y.W.B.C. Reps.: Misses M. Venner, G. Holdaway, M. Corby. S.S. Reps.: Miss P. Guthardt, Messrs. P. Taylor and N. Cozens. N.B.—Also Reps. from Local Youth Councils.

NORTH CANTERBURY.—Ministers: The Chairman of the District; Revs. A. R. Witheford, H. E. Harkness and J. B. Dawson. Y.W. Reps.: Misses Marie Robinson, M. Holland, K. Dennis. Lay Reps.: Messrs. A. A. Dingwall, L. Ayers, B. Colechin. S.S. Reps.: Messrs. W. F. Stock, W. J. Burnell, T. Battersby. Y.M. Reps.: Messrs. J. Travers, E. H. Smith and H. F. K. Hayman (Secretary and Representative to Synod).

SOUTH CANTERBURY.—Ministerial Reps.: District Chairman; Revs. M. A. McDowell, D. G. Sherson; one to be appointed. Lay Reps.: Miss D. Drew; two to be appointed. Sunday School Reps.: Mr. W. Hawkey, Mrs. E. Zeisler, Miss E. Hodson. Young Women's Bible Class: Misses E. Duggan, N. Cumberbeach, G. Lloyd. Young Men's Bible Class: Messrs. W. Osborne, N. Hawkey, H. Mauger.

OTAGO.—District Chairman. Ministers: Revs. D. Hickman, J. Willoughby, A. P. Dorrian. Laymen: Messrs. H. Wilson, H. Tooley, C. Chirnside. S.S. Reps.: Misses L. Hetherington, J. Maxwell, Mr. N. Tasker. Y.W.B.C. Reps.: Misses A. Manley, T. Muir, A. Guthrie. Y.M.B.C. Reps.: Messrs. A. Barnes, S. Holden, D. Wright. Secretary: Mr. C. Chirnside. A Local Youth Council Rep.

Southland Sub-Council: Revs. R. Thornley, W. R. Laws, R. G. Bell, Mesdames R. Stead, Mercier, Needham, Misses J. O'Halloran, M. Lobb, J. Winwood, H. Berridge. Messrs. G. Hickens, O. Todd, V. Bemrose, and V. Allott (Secretary).

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

(a) Public Questions Committee

REPORT 1947.

Last Conference enlarged this Committee to 24 members. Consequently sub-committees were appointed for special reports.

The Sub-Committee on Industrial Relations is not yet able to report.

Commission on Gaming and Racing:

The financial objective for our Church, £125, towards the cost of preparing evidence by the Associated Churches was reached. The Commission's Report will be tabled in 1948.

Obscene Literature:

At the request of Conference, further enquiries were made concerning this. The only additional recommendation that the Committee can make is that to prevent the sale and distribution of such literature, any person who purchases a copy should report it to the Booksellers' Association or the Collector of Customs.

Censorship of Plays:

At the request of Conference, the matter was considered and then referred to the Inter-Church Council. A report will be made.

Broadcast to Schools:

Considerable public concern was aroused by the sudden cessation of the broadcast to schools of "How Things Began." The Committee protested against the sudden cessation without explanation of such a broadcast, and asked the Minister of Broadcasting for the reasons for such an action. We also asked that an indication be given to the public that no protest was made by the Methodist Church to the series. The Minister replied that the cessation was in the public interest, but no further public statement was issued.

Appeal for Inter-Church Aid in Europe:

At the request of Conference, the Committee stated the case in the "Methodist Times," and recommended that contributions be made through the Connexional Secretary and the World Council of Churches.

Food Relief:

Because of the desperate situation overseas, the attention of the Church is drawn to the recommendations on Food Relief. The need of the situation is not for comment only; we plead for action on the part of the whole Church.

Immigration:

The following statement from the Sub-Committee is based on the Report of the Parliamentary Committee on Population:—

(a) Contrary to the popularly held view, the country is far from having been flooded with aliens, European or otherwise. In 1946 there were in New Zealand 6,851 registered aliens of all nationalities. These included 2,663 Chinese, 973 Yugoslavs, 489 Americans, 720 Germans, 102 Czechs, 217 Danes, 329 Italians, 174 Poles, 141 Norwegians, 136 Swiss, 74 Austrians, and 88 Stateless people. There are fewer aliens than there were in 1880 or 1921, and the number has tended to decline rather than increase. Indians, being British subjects, are not included as aliens. At the 1936 Census they numbered 1,200, that is, 0.07 per cent of the population, Chinese being 0.19 per cent. We would point out that two or three years ago the Government abolished the poll-tax in connection with Chinese immigrants, but we submit that this will remain an empty gesture as long as the total exclusion of Indians and Chinese, in operation since 1920, continues to be official practice. The Parliamentary Report itself states that international repercussions following the passing of the Asiatic Restrictions Act of 1896 caused the Immigration Restriction Act of 1899 to be drawn in non-racial terms. On the Statute Books there is no colour bar, but in practice it is absolute. It will undoubtedly be a cause of growing resentment on the part of the awakening Asiatic countries. So far as Europeans are concerned, when compared with the desperate plight of millions in Europe over the past sixteen years, New Zealand's immigration record, as the above figures reveal, cannot be regarded as creditable.

(b) Our European population is practically stationary, and with general Western birth-rate tendencies, may soon begin to decline. Direct methods of attempting to correct an unsatisfactory birth-rate appear to fail. The Report claims that the primary cause is "the present-day outlook which in these matters is inclined to be selfish, if not cynical." This is a moral question, and therefore a primary concern for the Church. It ties up, too, with questions regarding the family, marriage and divorce. But there is also an economic factor, as the depression experience proves. Given severe economic hardship, a sharp decline quickly appears; but economic security alone will at best, to-day, apparently give only a stationary population, and may not even maintain that for long.

(c) The Parliamentary Committee was satisfied that New Zealand could not satisfy the demands of secondary industries from her own man-power resources.

(d) The Parliamentary Committee endorsed the view that the development of culture and cultural activities is a vital factor in social progress, and that these suffer severe practical limitations with such a small population.

(e) The Parliamentary Committee decided to bring to the notice of the Government representations of the Jewish community, that refugee relatives (estimated at 350) should be allowed to come to New Zealand. Although not prepared to make a definite recommendation, the Parliamentary Committee declared that some obligation on New Zealand's part in connection with displaced people in Europe is inescapable. It cannot be claimed that such obligation has been met in any measure comparable with our resources.

Comments of Public Question's Committee:

After considerable examination of the question and the benefit of an address by a person highly qualified in the subject, we were able to make our recommendations.

We urge upon our own people, both ministers and laymen, the need for alertness and initiative in welcoming immigrants and students into our community and Church life, in helping their assimilation, and in counteracting any racial or national prejudice that may exist or be developed. By all positive measures newcomers should be made to feel "at home," and thus not feel obliged to adopt a defensive attitude or groupings. With gratitude we learn that the Prime Minister has strongly deprecated expressions of hostility towards alien residents. One of the best ways of demonstrating a practical Christian attitude might be for as many as possible of our people to offer accommodation in their own homes for one or more refugees. This would not only be acting in the spirit of the Good Samaritan, but would also help to relieve the Government's embarrassment over the housing problem in relation to admission of refugees.

This Committee wholeheartedly supports the appeal of the Jewish community for permits to allow their surviving relatives in Europe to join them in New Zealand. The total number is approximately 350. Thirty-nine of these are under 15 years of age, 47 from 16 to 25, 105 from 26 to 40, 80 from 41 to 50, and 74 are over 50. They could easily be absorbed, and would not accentuate the housing problem, as the New Zealand relatives themselves guarantee to provide accommodation for practically all. The sufferings of the survivors and the anguish of the relatives here combine to make a strong appeal for an act of humanity in the issue of a group permit in this instance. To deny it and thus permanently separate these shattered families would be callous in the extreme. We feel sure that the Government is only waiting to be assured of support if it grants the permits, and we urge that the matter be not further delayed. The present Jewish population of New Zealand is estimated at 3,700 in a total population of 1,702,298, i.e., 0.217 per cent, or 21 in every 10,000.

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE.

Statement on Marriage of Divorced Persons.

As Divorce is the dissolution of marriage, any statement on Divorce must also deal with marriage.

The lifelong union of one man and one woman is founded in God's Order of Creation. In the Gospels of Mark and Luke Christ's teaching is that marriage is indissoluble. The exception of fornication in Matthew's Gospel is not regarded by leading scholars as the authentic words of Christ.

The state or order of marriage is something which arises out of the very necessity of our being. It exists as part of the nature of men and women. It is something "given" by God.

The essence of monogamous marriage is found in two facts:

- (a) Every child is the offspring of one man and one woman. This is so not merely as a biological fact, but as a known human event. It is not just a body, but a human being that has been created by this man with this woman. It is not something which when done is finished with. Three persons are united irrevocably in a unique relationship.

That trinity of being is the very structure of human existence and can never be broken though the parties may deny it.

- (b) Genuine natural love is monistic. Apart from ethical considerations, the intrusion of a third person is intolerably disturbing.

The state of Marriage is ordained by God so that, through natural love, man may see that the structure of existence is a state of being bound together in responsibility.

This ideal of marriage does not correspond with the reality because of the sinfulness of men and women.

What Jesus said of the lustful glance as the absolute law about adultery makes us all adulterers.

In a sinful world monogamous marriage is the most salutary solution of the problem. Asceticism is a denial of a fundamental reality in human nature, and free love means the absolute decline of personal spiritual life and the denial of responsibility.

Marriage is based on two elements:

- (a) Natural love.

Without sex attraction no marriage should be contracted. But sex attraction is in itself changeable, yet with the give and take of life it may constantly be renewed between those who are strong in faithfulness to each other.

- (b) Permanence or fidelity.

The idea of indissolubility is inherent in marriage.

But Christ did not approach the sins of men with legal solutions. The great commandment is that men shall meet one another in the spirit of responsible love.

The implications of that commandment must be applied to every situation, but there is no simple and clear solution to the very complicated problems of marriage to-day.

The Christian's conduct is a matter for the individual acting in the obedience to the love of God in the particular circumstances in which he finds himself.

In the life of sinful men and women the Church must therefore recognise that there is a place for divorce.

In New Zealand, divorce petitions filed in the Supreme Court rose from 1189 in 1940 to 2211 in 1945.

The cases based on separation and non-compliance with restitution orders rose from 747 in 1940 to 1357 in 1945; and on adultery from 216 to 536.

The number of children affected was 1867 in 1940, and 2903 in 1945.

In 1945, in 37.2% of the divorce petitions there was no living issue, and in 65.4% there was either no child or only one of the marriage, and in 83.9% there were not more than two children.

Of marriages dissolved in 1945, 17.7% had lasted less than 5 years, 33.3% from 5-10 years, 18.2% 10-15 years, 13.6% 15-20 years, 12.2% 20-30 years, 4.9% over 30 years.

Statistics do not support any contention that marriages in which the husband is younger than the wife are less successful than where the wife is the younger.

The average age at marriage of persons granted a decree absolute in 1945 was 27 years for husbands, and 23 years for wives. At date of filing the petition the average ages were 39 years for husbands and 36 years for wives.

There has been a striking increase in petitions for restitution of conjugal rights, a great many of which are undoubtedly taken to avoid the delay (3 years) when the ground of divorce is separation. The petitioner for restitution of conjugal rights must satisfy the Court that he genuinely desires the other spouse to return to cohabitation, but failure to comply with the order is a ground for divorce immediately. Hence in many cases a petitioner, knowing there will not be compliance with the order, launches proceedings with the real intention of divorce. Seventy-three per cent of these petitions in 1945 were filed within 10 years of marriage. The husbands' petitions greatly outnumbered wives', and the average family small. In 51% there was no living issue, while only 7% had 3 or more children.

The worth of a law is not its strictness, but the wisdom with which the legislation is adjusted to reality in order to attain the maximum of social health and decency.

We recommend, therefore, that the ground of divorce for failure to comply with an order for restitution of conjugal rights should be repealed.

At the present time a respondent may defeat a petition for divorce on the ground that the separation was brought about by the wrongful conduct of the petitioner. In such a case the Judge has no discretion, but must refuse the decree. We therefore recommend that the grant or refusal of the decree should be in the discretion of the Judge.

It is apparent that the answer to the problem of divorce lies primarily in an awakened sense of responsibility, in education, and in the availability of expert advice in the early stages of estrangement. This is an opportunity for the Church. In order to set out clearly to young people the nature of Christian marriage, the biological facts and the psychological adjustments involved, and to offer help in the practical problems of home-making, schools for marriage might be conducted each winter in suitable places. Counselling centres should be set up, in charge of fully trained, experienced Christian psychiatrists where advice on all aspects of marriage and the home might be sought, and where personality defects could receive expert therapy. To this end it would be necessary for the Church to spend money on the training of suitable persons, but it is important for such work to be done within the framework of the Christian faith, and now, before the State takes up this service, is the Church's opportunity.

It is doubtful that conciliation under the Magistrate's Court procedure upon complaints for separation has any lasting benefit. The process of estrangement and separation has probably already gone too far, the Conciliation Commissioner states.

Statistics are not published, but enquiries show that for the year ending 31st March, 1947, 136 cases were referred to conciliation. It is estimated that from 10%-15% were successful in the sense that the proceedings out of which the conciliation arose were discontinued, but it is known that in some cases the parties to these apparently successful cases are later separated under new proceedings or by agreement apart from Court proceedings.

The Committee considered the attitude of the Church towards the marriage of divorced persons, and realized the immense difficulty of relating the teaching of the New Testament to the habits of modern society. The Committee recognizes that the duty of the Church is to minister to the people under pastoral care, realizing that we are living in a sinful world. It is not enough to state that divorce ought not to take place. The Church must recognize the fact that divorce does take place, and seek to remedy the condition.

We therefore submit the following statement:—

The Conference reaffirms the essential Christian view of marriage as the union of one man with one woman for life to the exclusion of all others. The teaching of our Lord is that marriage is indissoluble (Mark 10, 2-12; Luke 16, 18). In Matthew 5, 32; 19, 3-9, it is dissoluble only on the ground of adultery and fornication. In view of the growing indifference to the sanctity of the marriage bond, Ministers are requested not to conduct the marriage of divorced

persons without evidence that the person concerned is penitent for his or her part in the failure of a previous marriage, and is resolved to turn to a new way of life. The breaking of marriage is always the result of sin, and the Church recognizes that she has the responsibility for pastoral oversight of all her people, including those divorced. Conference instructs Ministers that they should not marry any persons who treat marriage "lightly or wantonly."

OTHER REPORTS.

To clarify the Public Questions Report, the additional statements are placed in addenda.

A. INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL.

There are several new members on the Council of 1947. The departure of the Rev. A. K. Petch from Wellington was recorded by the Council with regret. Recognition was made, and a minute recorded of appreciation for his splendid services to the Council and the Church while Secretary.

The Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes was elected Chairman, the Rev. W. A. Burley Vice-Chairman, and Mr. C. Gibson Young Secretary.

The Immigration question was considered during the year. The Council recommended that the Prime Minister assent to the request for permits for a group of 350 Jews to enter the country under special circumstances. Greater facilities for immigration from distressed countries and better arrangements for the welcoming of those who arrive in New Zealand have been discussed. Reception committees are to be established in main centres. Representations by the Council have resulted in the Government granting 1000 Chinese permission to apply for naturalization.

Mental Hospital Reform:

On several occasions the Council examined statements on Mental Hospitals, and representatives visited the hospital at Porirua. Dr. Gray, Director-General of Mental Hospitals, addressed a Council meeting. It was decided to consult other organisations before a public statement is made on the conditions of such Hospitals. While recognizing that considerable advance must be made in the treatment and care of patients in such Hospitals, the Council believes that alarmist statements are unwarranted. Staffs are skilled, and are working among a great number of disabilities. Reform in treatment is in a revolutionary stage, and the authorities are aware of the needs. The Council has pressed for the appointment of Chaplains.

Food Relief:

As in the past, the Council has been active in all endeavours to give food relief overseas. Representatives attended the Conference on Ways and Means of Aiding Britain during the crisis. Further consideration has been given to the whole position of relief.

Film and Stage Plays:

Censorship has been examined, and further information is being sought.

Other subjects dealt with include: Gaming Commission, Sunday Cinema, Power Cuts, Church and State, Conditions on the Maui Pomare, Royal Commission on Licensing.

B. BIBLE-IN-SCHOOLS LEAGUE.

This Committee has been represented on the Bible-in-Schools League by the Revs. W. A. Burley, E. O. Blamires, A. K. Petch and J. D. Grocott. The Acting-Secretary, the Rev F. C. Long, was compelled to resign on account of ill-health, and the Rev. J. D. Grocott was appointed to the position. The policy of the League is to appoint a full-time Dominion Organiser as soon as possible. Considerable discussion has taken place in the League concerning the proposed change in the name and constitution. At the last meeting of the Council it was decided to postpone a decision for three years. Further suggestions have been made for an earlier decision. The Council seeks to expand the activities of the League, and to do so must have both the blessing of the Church and financial support. We urge the importance of the annual retiring collection.

W. A. BURLEY, Chairman.

J. D. GROCOTT, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

(1) That the Report, excluding the statement on Marriage and Divorce, be received and adopted.

(2) **Food Relief:** (a) That Conference urges members and adherents to support to the full every appeal made by the National Council of Churches in New Zealand for money and goods for the relief of distressed people and wherever possible, to send personally food parcels to Britain and the Continent.

(b) In order to implement this resolution the Public Questions Committee is requested to appoint a Relief Committee to act in liaison with the National Council of Churches and CORSO, and to give publicity and leadership in assisting those deserving of help.

(3) **Immigration** (a) That Conference commend the Government for making provision for increased immigration, but urges that still greater efforts be made.

(b) That Conference learns with pleasure that the Government has granted permits for the 350 (approximately) surviving European relatives of New Zealand Jewish residents to enter New Zealand in accordance with the representations of the Jewish Community.

(c) That Conference urges upon the Government that immigration be permitted to New Zealand of distressed and displaced people of Europe, especially homeless and orphaned children.

(d) That Conference affirms the principle of group immigration and requests the Public Questions Committee to examine the practical possibilities involved.

(e) That Conference affirms that the effect of colour and racial prejudice is cruel, wasteful and dangerous; cruel, for it deprives those who are its victims of the opportunity of making full use of their capacities and talents, and so causes frustration and despair; wasteful, for it deprives the community of the skill of many which would otherwise be used for the benefit of all; dangerous, for unjust treatment meted out by one section of the community to another creates fierce and ever-increasing resentment with results that no one can foresee.

It declares that the exclusion of peoples solely on the grounds of colour is contrary to the Spirit of Christ.

It urges the Government to base its Immigration policy not on racial discrimination, involving practically the complete exclusion of Asiatics and other coloured people as at present, but upon an orderly immigration of such people with due regard to a suitable balance of population.

(f) That the Government be commended for permitting Indian and Chinese students to come to New Zealand on temporary permits to attend Agricultural and other Colleges, and more recently for permitting Indian girls to train as nurses in our hospitals. We urge that such friendly co-operation be extended wherever possible. In particular, in view of the independent status obtained by the people of India, and of the desperate need in China, we recommend that specialists in Administration, Agriculture, Health, and other fields be offered on loan to India, Pakistan and China, and that all other possible co-operation and friendship be assured to these great countries and people as they endeavour to make their own way in the modern world.

(g) That the Public Questions Committee be given authority to investigate the matter of orphaned children and that the Church be called to act where necessary.

(4) Marriage and Divorce:

Resolutions (a) That Conference commend the Public Questions Committee for its report and statement on Marriage and Divorce, but in view of the recommendations of Synods and the points raised in Conference Committee, refers them back for restatement and revision.

(b) That Conference request the National Council of Churches to undertake:—

(1) Establishment of marriage counselling centres.

(2) Organising of courses of instruction annually for both married couples and those about to be married.

(3) Training (preferably abroad) of suitable persons to staff the above.

(c) That Conference requests the National Council of Churches to undertake a programme whereby facilities should be made available for the acquirement by Ministers of knowledge necessary in giving guidance to those about to be married and help to married persons in difficulties.

(d) That Ministers and Home Missionaries be urged to take every opportunity for giving counsel on the nature of Christian Marriage to our young people and to couples who come to them for marriage.

(5) Gaming and Racing: (a) Conference notes the recently published recommendations of the Royal Commission on Gaming and Racing and learns with pleasure that certain proposals for licensing Bookmakers, increasing Racing (Gallopings) days, extension of Totalisator permits for Dog Racing and re-commencement of mid-week racing were not entertained.

Conference, however, considers that the recommendations were weighted in favour of Gambling and Betting, and regards with alarm certain recommendations by the Commission to increase betting facilities, which can have no other result than to lead to an increase in Gambling. It notes that the Commission in its Report reiterated its belief that in New Zealand there was more gambling for the size of our Dominion than present-day conditions warranted and, therefore, it views with alarm the new proposals which inter alia recommend that there should be nineteen more Trotting days; the institution of off-course betting; introduction of 5/- and doubles betting totalisators; legalisation of tipping by newspapers, and the publication of dividends; the amendment of the law concerning the use of facilities of the Post and Telegraph Department for prospective investors to telephone, telegraph, or post their bets against a suggested deposit and against winnings.

Conference regards these as iniquitous suggestions which can have no other results than to perpetuate the gambling habit and to encourage our young people in it, and calls upon all our people to resist by every means possible the implementing of the recommendations.

(b) Conference recommends that the Public Questions Committee early in the year give careful consideration to the Report and take whatever action may be necessary.

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

(7) **Bible-in-Schools:** (a) That the League be commended to the Church and all Churches be asked to take a retiring collection for the work of the Council.

(b) That Conference approves the proposed new organization in respect of the New Zealand Bible-in-Schools League and gives it authority to the Methodist representatives on the League to support the proposal.

(c) That the representatives on the Dominion Council be: Revs. W. A. Burley, E. O. Blamires, J. D. McArthur, and J. D. Grocott.

(8) **Social Creed of the Church:** That the Public Questions Committee be requested to examine this Creed with a view to restatement in modern terms.

(9) That the Committee for 1948 be: Revs. W. A. Burley, E. O. Blamires, W. H. Greenslade, J. D. McArthur, J. D. Grocott, G. H. Goodman, R. F. Clement, W. J. Morrison; Mesdames D. Chapman, C. Boyer, A. B. Cochran, Misses A. Johnston, B. Zurcher, Messrs. G. E. Rushworth, D. Hay, C. R. Edmond, A. E. Hurley, P. E. Patrick, D. Tayler, Dr. I. V. Newman, and two members to be appointed. Con-
vener: Rev. J. D. Grocott.

b. Temperance Committee

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1. During the year the Temperance Committee met in conference with Mr. H. W. Milner, General Superintendent of the New Zealand Alliance, who dealt in detail with the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Licensing, with particular reference to retrograde proposals, e.g., Distribution of Licenses, Restaurant Drinking, Intervals between Polls, etc. The work of the Committee has been somewhat retarded, pending the discussion by Parliament

of the Commission's Report, and the introduction of consequent licensing legislation. At the time of the compilation of this Report, these discussions are being held, and the assurance has been given by the Minister of Justice that legislation will not be brought down this session. In the discussion, so far as it has progressed, no indication has been given of the policy of the Government on the control of liquor. There appears to be considerable political reticence on the liquor question, and with the wealth of factual information and clear recommendations contained in the Commission's Report, it is disappointing that the debate has so far been confined to matters of minor importance.

2. Rapid changes in the political situation regarding licensing matters necessitate constant vigilance on the part of Temperance bodies, and the Committee has kept in touch with the New Zealand Alliance, and the Temperance Committees of other Churches, particularly with reference to important Licensing Bills now before Parliament. The recasting of the whole of our licensing legislation will mean that the Committee will need to be alert and prepared to take immediate action on questions that are felt to be opposed to the welfare of the community.

3. (a) **Masterton Licensing Trust Bill.** This Bill was brought down prior to discussion by Parliament on the recommendations of the Royal Commission. In several particulars the provisions of the Bill are contrary to the recommendations of the Commission, which recommends (page 342, section 1934) that a Licensing Committee should be elected which should function in relation to the Trust as though the Trust were a private individual. We contend that it is impracticable for the same body (a Licensing Trust) to act satisfactorily both in an administrative and judicial capacity. It is contrary to British principles of justice that an interested party should be allowed to act as the sole judge in its own case. The Masterton Bill, however, makes no provision for such a Committee.

(b) **Drinking in Restaurants.**

The original Masterton Bill made provision for restaurant and tea-room drinking. This the Committee considered a most retrograde step. The experience of countries where such legislation operates quite definitely shows that this provision offers no encouragement to sobriety. It is more than assumption to believe that the greater facilities that are provided for drinking, the more drinking there will be. While our drink bill is enormously high in N.Z., it is still one of the most temperate countries in the world, and it is so largely on account of the protection afforded the younger generation by the restraints that are imposed upon the Trade. These points were embodied in a strong protest forwarded to the Minister of Justice and released to the Press.

4. **Temperance Sunday.** There is no indication that our Church as a whole honoured the resolution of last Conference (1947 Minutes, page 83 par. 3) (a) That Circuits observe Temperance Sunday on the nearest convenient Sunday to World Temperance Sunday—the first Sunday in September. Is this indicative of a lack of interest in Temperance questions on the part of Ministers and officials and a departure from our traditional attitude to the cause of Temperance?

It is futile for the Temperance Committee of the Church to make pronouncements regarding our Temperance policy, when little interest is evinced on the part of those whose responsibility it is to give effect to the legislation of Conference.

5. Combined Statement Regarding Liquor at Social Functions: The General Superintendent of the New Zealand Alliance suggested that a combined statement should be issued by Churches concerning the consumption of liquor at social functions. The Committee considers such a statement is desirable, and should be issued if agreement is reached in essentials. To this end, the Temperance Committees of the Churches have been approached by the New Zealand Alliance with a view to formulating a statement acceptable to all.

6. Analysis of Social Situation: As directed by last Conference this matter has been taken up with the Temperance Committee of the Presbyterian Church, and when a clear conception of the modern social situation is analysed in detail, a programme of Temperance Education, applicable to the trends of the day, will be discussed after submission to our corresponding members.

7. Temperance Education: Some valuable matter is included in the Royal Commission's recommendations on Education, and this might be considered with profit by the Youth Board in reference to any Temperance education material it proposes to issue. As the Commission is wise to point out, a distinction between Temperance Education for those of school age, and those beyond school age, is convenient, yet the education of each group affects the education of the other group. It would seem that parent education is an important aspect of any programme of Temperance Education.

8. The Late A. T. McIndoe: The committee places on record its appreciation of the services of the late A. T. McIndoe, both to this Committee, and to the cause of Temperance generally.

W. G. SLADE, President.

PETER DORRIAN, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

- (1) That the Report be received and adopted.
- (2) That as the date of World Temperance Sunday is unsuitable to the New Zealand Church calendar, consultations be held with the Presbyterian Temperance Committee with a view to arranging a more suitable Sunday to be observed as Temperance Sunday in all Circuits and Home Mission Stations, and that, where possible, exchange of pulpits be arranged.
- (3) That the Youth Department be thanked for preparing suitable posters and film strips to supplement the Temperance Lessons in current Sunday School and Bible Class literature, and that Conference make available adequate finance for the further development of this work.
- (4) That Conference recommend to the Temperance Committee, in consultation with other Temperance interests, the question of screen and press advertising in connection with Temperance Education.
- (5) That Conference protest against the provisions for restaurant and tearoom drinking as a retrograde step which will remove the protection afforded to young people by the restraints that are imposed upon the Trade at present.

(6) That Conference recommends to the Law Revision Committee that a question be added to the questions asked at Quarterly Meetings thus: "What Temperance teaching activities are being carried on in the Circuit?"

7. Being gravely concerned at the incidence of alcoholic drinking in these days and noting its deleterious effects in relation to the work of the Church, particularly that of the Mission Deaconess among both Maoris and Pakeha, Conference issues a challenge to all Women and Women's Organisations within the Church to do everything in their power to implement the Conference traditional position and oppose the Liquor Traffic in every legitimate way.

(8) (a) That having regard to the serious world food shortage, Conference note with strong disfavour the present high production and consumption of alcoholic beverages in the Dominion, with the consequent wastage of barley and sugar which could be directed to a more humanitarian and needy purpose. It notes that New Zealand with its agricultural resources, is being compelled to import wheat, some of which, owing to the use of barley by breweries, is diverted to the feeding of poultry and pigs. Conference considers that the institution of means restricting the manufacturing of alcohol will not only obviate much of the necessity of wheat importation, but make available food for necessitous peoples of the earth. It therefore calls upon the Government to take appropriate action.

(b) That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Inter-Church Council on Public Affairs for appropriate action.

(9) That in implementing the Resolution of Conference (Minutes 1947, page 83 (6)), with regard to the analysis of the social situation, the Temperance Committee be authorised to circulate a Questionnaire to all Quarterly Meetings, Ladies' Guilds, Men's Fellowships, Local Youth Councils, and Senior Bible Classes.

(10) That a grant of £20 be made from the Contingent Fund.

(11) That the Committee for 1948 be: Revs. D. J. Hickman, C. L. Duder, A. H. Ivory, H. M. Brassell, E. J. Carter, A. P. Dorrian, Messrs. E. J. Iles, A. L. Stanton, A. S. Hancock, E. H. James, G. S. Gapper, C. Chirnside, J. Hetherington, M. R. McIndoe, J. R. Roxburgh, Mesdames W. Coulter, W. Dickinson, J. H. Shilcock, F. Ganderton, and Miss T. Muir. Convener: The Rev. A. P. Dorrian.

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.

Western Springs—33.75 per. and Church. £1,125.
Putaruru—2 roods. £80.
Gisborne—25.26 roods. £200.
Feilding—1 rd. 3.9 per. £62/2/-.
Stoke—1 rd. 3.4 per. £310.
Opawa: Parsonage, 23.9 Per. £1,315.
Timaru (Woodlands St.)—31 Per. £800.

Dunedin North—Parsonage. 13.6 Per. £1,023/9/4.
 Otatara—1 Rd. £53/0/6.
 Otago Youth Camp Site—213 ac. £250.
 Connexional Secretary's House—1 Rd. £1,775.
 Youth Director's House, Wellington—1 Rd. 1.22 Per. £2,250.
 Youth Director's House, Christchurch—23.7 Per. £1,320.

2.—Erections and Additions.

Motukaraka—Vestry and Classroom. £68/5/7.
 Kutarere (Opotiki)—Sunday School. £286/5/9.
 Taumarunui—Parsonage additions. £380/10/-.
 Hamilton East—Extension of Kindergarten. Enlargement of Parsonage Kitchen. £159/3/9.
 Maeroa—Additions to Church Hall. £502/17/-.
 Paeroa—Additions to Parsonage. £300.
 Greenmeadows—Parsonage. £2,400.
 Featherston—Extensions to Garage. £240.
 Allenton (Ashburton)—Church Hall. £1,039/18/6.
 N.E. Valley—Amenities. £135.
 Cromwell—Additions to Parsonage. £35/8/3.

3.—Sales and Extended Leases.

Te Kopuru—Section. £10. Reduction of Loan.
 Matamata—Section. £160. Proceeds for Developmental Work.
 Whaharoa—Section. £240. Proceeds for Developmental Work.
 Patea.—Parsonage. £443/18/5. Proceeds—New Parsonage.
 Norsewood—Parsonage. £270. Proceeds for New Church or Parsonage.
 Feilding—Section. £152/12/3. Proceeds for Developmental Work.
 Webb Street—Church and Parsonage. £5,800. For Church Extension in Wellington Suburbs.
 Petone—Cottage. £1,035/11/8. For Capital Expenditure.
 Kakanui.—Church. £123/10/- . Proceeds for Developmental Work.
 Riverton—Parsonage. £600. Proceeds for Capital Expenditure.
 Riverton—Lease of S.S. Hall.

4.—Circuit Accounts.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
To Credit Balance from last year—General Account ..	22,660	12	7½
„ Balance from last year held for Special Purposes	138,639	7	4
„ Loans from Church Building and Loan Fund	4,120	0	0
„ Loans from Other Sources	2,497	6	7
„ All Other Receipts	107,956	15	11
Total Receipts	275,874	2	5½
Debit Balances	6,236	15	10
Total	£282,110	18	3½

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
By Debit Balances from Last Year	4,900	8	2
„ Loan Fund Instalments	3,308	2	10
„ Other Loans Repaid	6,349	10	2
„ Interest on Loans and on Bank Overdraft	2,374	3	2
„ Purchase of Land, Erection or Additions to Buildings	14,933	9	9
„ Rents, Rates, Cleaning, Lighting, Repairs, etc.	65,269	4	9
Total Expenditure	97,134	18	10
Credit Balances	26,074	17	1½
Balances held for Special Purposes	158,901	2	4
Total	£282,110	18	3½

5.—Total of Fire Insurances.

£1,064,385 0 7.

6.—Statement of Debt.

	£	s.	d.
Mortgage Debt at end of Previous Year	86,554	19	2
Add New Loans Received During Year	6,705	7	0
Total	93,260	6	2
Deduct Loans Repaid During Year	9,663	6	2
Amount of Mortgage Debt at End of Year	83,597	0	0
Unpaid General Accounts	4,009	16	3
Unpaid Interest	5	0	0

7.—District Secretaries for Church Property.

Auckland—Mr. S. E. Chappell, 27 Balmoral Rd., Epsom.
 South Auckland—Mr. W. B. L. Williams, 60 River Road, Hamilton.
 Taranaki-Wanganui—Mr. J. Drake, 20 Muir St., Gonville, Wanganui.
 Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Mr. C. E. Taylor, Ranfurly Rd., Feilding.
 Wellington—Mr. T. M. Pacey, Katherine Rd., Wellington.
 Nelson—Mr. H. Oldham, 24 Leitrim 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 following table of comparative figures, with last year's returns, will show general trends:—

	Increase.	Decrease.
	£	£
Credit Balances	3,086	—
Debit Balances	1,374	—
Money held for Special Purposes	17,978	—
Total Receipts (Excluding Loans)	—	5,190
Total Expenditure	2,055	—
Total Mortgage Debts	—	2,689
Fire Insurances	114,495	—

The significant feature is the steadily increasing amount held for Special Purposes. This is a pleasing feature. When restrictions are lifted or eased the Church should see many forward moves in the erection of new churches, halls, and pasonages. The steady provision for that day is to be encouraged.

H. L. FIEBIG,

General Secretary of Church Property.

Christchurch, 20th December, 1947.

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 re-appointed.
- (3) That the Circuit Property Schedules, with audited Balance Sheets, be sent to the District Secretaries no 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 the 10th December.
- (4) That the Property Schedules from the Home Mission Stations be sent to the Chairman of the District not later than October 31st, and after due scrutiny, be sent by him to the District Secretary without delay.
- (5) That where monies 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.
- (6) That all monies held in trust for special purposes be invested only in those securities authorised by the "Trustees Act, 1908," or its amendments. (See Minutes, 1940, page 90.)
- (7) That the following Committee investigate the form in which Financial Statements are presented to Conference:—Messrs. E. R. Caygill, E. H. Smith, C. H. Perkins, H. F. Arnold, D. Tayler, and the Secretary of Conference (convener).

B. CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND:

As at 30th September, 1947.

Financial Statement:

This will be submitted to Conference in due course.

Loans Current amount to £17,642/10/10. This represents an increase of £938/11/10 on the amount reported last year. A detailed statement has been supplied to each Synod showing loans current therein.

Loans promised. Loans applied for and promised but not actually called up amount to £4950.

New Loans advanced during the current year amounting to £4,300 are as follows: Epsom £1,000, Great North Road £600, Kaitaia £850, Taumarunui £415, Wainoni £180, Allenton £175, Woodlands Street £300, Dunedin North £700, N.E. Valley £50, Sawyers Bay £30.

Loans fully repaid. The following Trusts have fully repaid their loans: Upper Hutt, Beckenham, and Sawyers Bay.

Arrears. No serious cases of arrears have occurred during the year. Details respecting amounts due for a current quarter have been supplied to Synods.

Sites Fund. Grants amounting to £275 have been made as follows:—Lower Hutt £75, Upper Taita £50, Opawa £25, Western Springs £50, Corstorphine (Dunedin) £75.

The amount of £40 has been refunded by Ravensbourne when the Church Site was sold.

Capital Account. Information has been received that the Capital Fund is to benefit from the estate of the late Mr. W. O. Thompson, of Ruawai. Acknowledgment of this generous provision has been duly made. Attention is again drawn to the great value and usefulness of any gift or bequest made to this Fund, continuing to do its work as it does in perpetuity, aiding Churches to carry on their work and witness without a heavy incubus of interest-bearing debt.

Building Permits. In collaboration with the Building Controller, an Inter-Church Committee has been set up in Wellington to expedite the issuing of building permits for new Churches and Halls, and to determine the question of priorities. All applications for permission to build must go through the normal channel, which in our case is the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee.

Matters remitted by Conference. The Committee was instructed by Conference to consider the question of a Constitution suitable for United Churches. Suggestions were made to the Committee of the Presbyterian Church on New Housing Areas. That committee reported that because of the complexity of the subject it was requesting the Assembly to appoint a special committee to handle the matter on its behalf.

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 Advisory Committee.

Opportunity is taken of pointing out that the function of this committee is to act on behalf of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee, and does so only at its request.

General Committee. The following Committee is nominated for 1948: Connexional Secretary; District Chairman; Revs. E. Drake, R. Dudley, A. M. Costain, A. O. Harris, V. R. Jamieson, Messrs H. de R. Flesher (Lay-Treasurer), H. J. S. Harrington, S. H. Maddren, W. Melville Lawry, S. Sayers, R. A. Marsh, W. F. Stock, A. G. Harris, and J. R. Murray.

SALES.

The Committee has sanctioned the sale of the following properties. If not acted upon by 31st March, 1949, the sanction will lapse.

Auckland District:

- Mt. Wellington: 77 Ac. (approx.)—£120 per ac. Proceeds new buildings, Preparatory School.
- Landscape Rd.: (Wesley Coll. Board) 18 per. £40.
- Campbell's Bay Health Camp: 2 Sections £115 each.
- Tuakau: Section, approx. $\frac{1}{2}$ ac. £100. Proceeds held by General Purposes Trust Board for maintenance Church Buildings.
- Warkworth: Approx. $1\frac{1}{2}$ ac. Proceeds to be held by General Purposes Trust Board for New Parsonage.
- Redhill: Portion as gift to Council for Cemetery purposes.

South Auckland:

- Matamata: 1 Section (27 per.) £160. Proceeds developmental work.
- Waharoa: 4 Sections (1 ac.) £240. Proceeds to be held by General Purposes Trust Board for developmental work.
- Frankton Junction: 1 Section (2rds. 27per.) £130. Proceeds for New Parsonage at Frankton Jn.

Hawkes Bay-Manawatu:

- Feilding: 1 Section (1rd. 4per. approx.) (Manchester St.) £150. Proceeds for new S.S. in North End.

Wellington:

- Petone: House £1050. Proceeds to be held by General Purposes Trust Board for Capital Expenditure.

Nelson:

- Hokitika: Block, area and price to be determined. Proceeds to be held by General Purposes Trust Board for New Parsonage.

North Canterbury:

- Papanui: Pt. Parsonage Section ($31\frac{1}{2}$ per.) £300. Proceeds for New Parsonage.

Otago:

- Riverton: Parsonage, £600. Proceeds to be held by General Purposes Trust Board for capital expenditure.
- Bannockburn: Pt. Section, £5.

GENERAL.

Forward Moves: It is gratifying to record the following enterprises which have been undertaken by local Trusts and approved by the Committee:—

Auckland District:

- Dominion Road: Purchase of New Parsonage.
- Western Springs: Purchase of Church, formerly owned by Congregationalists.
- Astley Home: Extensive additions making provision for more elderly people.
- Manly: Purchase of a section with a view to establishing a Church.
- Warkworth: Sale of land with a view to building a New Parsonage.
- Kaitaia: Completion of New Parsonage.

South Auckland:

Te Uku: Finalising of Plans of the new Moon Memorial Church.
Kutarere (Opotiki): Purchase of old dwelling and converted into Sunday School.

Paeroa: Extensions and improvements to Parsonage.

Taumarunui: Extensions and improvements to Parsonage.

Putaruru: Purchase of section adjacent to Church for future developments.

Hawkes Bay-Manawatu:

Gisborne: Purchase of sections, Gladstone Rd., preparatory to establishing new Church, Sunday School, Parsonage, and Tennis Court thereon.

Greenmeadows (Napier): Completion of new Parsonage.

Taranaki-Wanganui:

Opunake: Removal of Church from Tataraimaka to Oakura.

Nelson:

Stoke: Purchase of section for future developments.

Blenheim: Purchase of large Army Hut for Youth Work.

Nth. Canterbury:

Purchase of House for Youth Director.

Shirley: Additions to Parsonage.

Opawa: Purchase of New Parsonage.

Sth. Canterbury:

Allenton (Ashburton): Completion of new Church Hall.

Woodlands St. (Timaru): Purchase of Dwelling—to forward scheme for building new Youth Centre.

Otago:

Dunedin Nth.: Purchase of New Parsonage.

Corstorphine: Purchase of sections (2), part of United Church project.

Dunedin Central Mission: A farm of 130 ac. purchased adjacent to Company Bay Home, for providing milk, vegetables, etc.

R. DUDLEY, Chairman.

H. L. FIEBIG, Secretary.

Christchurch, 12th October, 1947.

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.

Auckland: Revs. J. C. Draper, A. E. Jefferson, Messrs. J. Tyler, L. E. Rhodes, and W. J. Court.

South Auckland: Revs. H. C. Matthews, J. H. Bailey, Messrs. E. J. Davey and W. B. Young.

Taranaki-Wanganui: Rev. I. M. Raynor, Mr. M. S. Hughson.

Hawkes's Bay-Manawatu: Rev. L. A. G. Brooks, Messrs. C. V. Woodfield, A. H. Fisher, Snr.

Wellington: Rev. J. D. McArthur, Messrs. D. Tayler, C. H. Hain.

Nelson: Rev. A. O. Jones, Mr. F. H. Southgate.
 North Caterbury: None.
 South Canterbury: Rev. W. W. Avery, Mr. H. C. B. Withell.
 Otago-Southland: Revs. L. B. Neale, R. Thornley, Messrs. R. T. Sando, A. S. Froggart.

c. Report of Custodian of Deeds

1947.

1. **NEW TRUSTS.** Six New Trusts have been registered during the past year as under:—

Auckland District: Birkenhead Parsonage; Western Springs; Manly; Three Kings.

Wellington District: Taita.

Otago-Southland District: Dunedin North Parsonage.

2. **DEEDS.** Deeds have been received for property at the following places:—

Auckland: Epsom, Kaeo; Great North Road; Campbell's Bay Health Camp; Karaka.

Hawkes Bay-Manawatu: Pahiatua.

Canterbury: Cambridge Terrace; East Belt; Papanui; Connexional Secretary's Parsonage.

Otago-Southland: Riverton.

3. **TRUSTEES:** Changes in the personnel of Trusts have been registered as follows:—

District	Trusts	Removals	Registrations
Auckland	20	48	115
South Auckland	16	49	62
Taranaki-Wanganui	13	38	27
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	5	13	25
Wellington	10	24	20
Nelson	—	—	—
North Canterbury	12	39	44
South Canterbury	5	8	19
Otago-Southland	8	15	26
Totals	89	234	338

H. L. FIEBIG,

Custodian of Deeds and Authorised Representative.

Christchurch,

October 1st, 1947.

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 1948-49.

(3) That the Rev. H. L. Fiebig be appointed Custodian of Deeds for the ensuing Connexional Year.

(4) That it be a direction to all Trusts and Circuits to deposit their records, wherever possible, with the Custodian of Deeds.

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

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

REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31st OCTOBER, 1947.

The Board has pleasure in reporting upon a satisfactory year. The rents have increased by £816 to £5,400.

Renovations and repairs to property at a cost of £1,387 were undertaken during the year.

Generally the property is in fair order, but the difficulty in getting work done during War years and after is not yet passed, but we have planned to have further renovations carried out, particularly to the Queen Street Probert Block.

We were pleased to contribute £250 during the year to Trinity College work, and have agreed to give £400 for the coming year. We regret to report that Dr. C. H. Laws has resigned from the Board. The members at our Annual Meeting placed on record their high appreciation of his services and unremitting attention to the business of the Board during his long association with the Trust. We also regret to report that through death we have lost the services of Mr. A. W. Parker, a member of the Board for over twenty years, and our Secretary, Mr. F. A. Clayton, who had served the Board efficiently during the past 6½ years.

The Board recommends that the vacancies be filled by the Rev. J. C. Draper and Mr. S. C. Burton. Mr. F. M. W. Izzard was appointed Secretary.

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

JAS. TYLER, Chairman.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.

2.—PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUST.

**REPORT OF TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDING
30th SEPTEMBER, 1947.**

The Trust has functioned throughout the year quite satisfactorily.

The rents of the buildings have been collected regularly, and all of them are occupied by satisfactory tenants.

The maintenance of the buildings has been somewhat neglected during recent years; partly, of course, through difficulty in procuring materials during the years of the war; the Property Committee of the Trust, however, with Mr. J. Tyler as convener, has during the year effected the most urgent repairs, and will, as opportunity offers, bring the property into a condition satisfactory both to the Trust and the tenants.

From the income derived from rents a sum of £2,000 has been utilised for reduction of the mortgage to the Bank of New Zealand.

It might be of interest to record that the Minute Book used by the Trust up to October, 1946, has been deposited for safe custody in the Library of Trinity College, this book having been first used in December, 1859.

E. T. OLDS, Chairman.

PERCY DELLOW, Secretary.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.

3 THE JAMES AND MARTHA TROUNSON BENEVOLENT TRUST BOARD REPORT FOR 1947.

During the year ending October 31st, 97 the sum of £264/11/6 has been distributed in accordance with the Trust deed. The value of our Inscribed Stock is £11,400, and our Income for the year was £328/2/10. Each year our policy is to set aside a good portion of our Balance for urgent needs which may arise in the future.

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

H. RANSTON, Chairman.

A. ROGERS, Secretary.

RESOLUTION

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

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

We have pleasure in presenting to the Conference the Annual Report and Accounts of the Board for the year ended 31st December, 1947.

Masterton Children's Home:

Following its usual practice, the Management Committee has reported separately to the Conference, and the Board endorses the recommendations made in the report, and records its pleasure in noting the satisfactory year's work which has been carried on in the Home under the capable guidance of the Master and Matron, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bateup. To them and their assistants, and to all members of the Management Committee the Board records its sincere appreciation.

It was regretted that the outbreak of poliomyelitis prevented representatives of the Board making their annual visit to the Home for the usual Christmas function, but fortunately the children have been free from any infection, and it was felt that we could not run the risk of any avoidable outside contacts.

Rangiatea Maori College:

Contact with the work of the College has been maintained through the Board's three representatives on the Board of Governors, Messrs. A. E. Hurley, T. M. Pacey and N. R. Seddon. The Board views with concern the fact that lack of capital prevents the College

Board from launching the projected major scheme. Whilst the interim school serves a useful purpose, it can hardly be considered adequate to discharge the just contribution of the Methodist Church to the educational requirements of Maori Girls, and the Board recommends to the Conference that consideration be given to ways and means of raising the requisite capital amount necessary to erect and maintain permanent College buildings.

Finance:

After the useful part played by the Masterton Home over the past twenty-five years, it was found necessary to carry out major renovations and replacements, for which the Board authorised the expenditure of £2,000, and this amount has been paid out of accumulated legacies in the Home Capital Account.

Owing to the greater facilities which have been experienced in investing funds during the year, a greater portion of the running expenses of the Home has been covered by interest on investments of the Home capital, and only £454/5/2 had to be provided from the year's revenue account, against £873/4/10 last year.

Grants were made to the Rangiatea Maori Girls College of £600 and to the Home Missions Department of £50 towards the share of the Methodist Church in the cost of the new translation of the Maori Bible.

After payment of above there remained in the Revenue Account an excess of income over expenditure of £98/9/1, which has been transferred to Capital Account.

Bequests received for the Masterton Home amounted to £535/2/4, and in addition Mrs. Grace Heighway presented the Board with a cheque for £1,000 to be used for the benefit of the Home. These gifts are gratefully acknowledged. The amounts have been transferred to the Capital Account of the Home, which after debiting the £2,000 for special renovations, now stands at £10,376/8/3.

General:

Mr. H. M. Patrick is now resident in Auckland and has tendered his resignation, which has been accepted with regret. The thanks of the Board is extended to him for his past services.

Mr. G. F. Whitlock previously represented the Masterton Home Committee on the Board, but has now been transferred to Wellington and we are pleased that he will thus be enabled to continue as a member.

It is unanimously recommended:—

(1) That the Rev. W. A. Burley be reappointed Chairman of the Board.

(2) That Mr Stephen N. Roberts of Wellington and Mr J. H. Conly of Masterton be appointed members of the Board.

J. A. KELLOW, Secretary.

W. A. BURLEY, Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS.

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

(2) That the Chairman (Rev. W. A. Burley) and the Secretary (Mr. J. A. Kellow) be reappointed.

(3) That Messrs. Stephen N. Roberts, Wellington, and J. H. Conly, Masterton, be appointed members of the Board.

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

That the Financial Statements be received and adopted.

6.—MARTIN BROTHERS—MEMORIAL REST HOME.

That the Financial Statement be received and adopted.

7.—NORTH ISLAND REST HOUSE.

That the Financial Statement be received and adopted.

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

**CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND BOARD.
ANNUAL REPORT, 1947**

The audited financial statements indicate the following facts:—
Accumulated Funds remain at the figure of £32,500.

Fire Loss Reserve Account stands at £6,615, after adding this year the usual annual amount of £1,000 and making provision for the payment of losses incurred, £950.

Investment Contingency Reserve Fund amounts to £1,030/3/5.

Income: The earned income for the year from all sources was £4,235/8/-, an increase of £429/16/8. This has not been all net gain to the Fund as reinsurances have increased also. The net profit for the year amounted to £1,084/2/1. With an amount carried forward, Grants are recommended to the amount of £1,110.

Grants recommended:

Home Acquisition Fund	....	....	£315
Trinity College	....	....	150
"Methodist Times"	....	....	150
Home Mission Department	....	....	100
Foreign Mission Department	....	....	100
Natural Calamities Fund	....	....	100
Deaconess Institution	....	....	85
Youth Department	....	....	50
H.M. Removal Fund	....	....	25
Sites Fund	....	....	25
Supernumerary Benevolent Fund	....	....	10

Total £1,110

Claims: Claims this year amounted to £3,751/2/-, of which the Fund had to bear £973/10/4. In addition to two small personal claims the properties involved were Lower Hutt, Company Bay Home, Paeroa Sunday School, and Sydenham Hall and adjoining rooms. The latter involved the Fund in the heaviest loss it has sustained for some years. The loss to the Trustees far exceeded the total amount of insurance recovered (£3,350) and the people are facing the work of reconstruction in a determined and courageous spirit.

Additional Insurances:

Since last Conference a communication has been sent to every Circuit in which were situate Trusts who had not asked for increased cover for properties under their care. As a result 77 Trusts have increased their insurances, aggregating £79,730.

Our records indicate that in spite of representations made during the past two years there are still properties inadequately insured. This reveals a shortsighted policy on the part of Trustees who involve their Congregations in the possibility of severe, perhaps even crippling loss.

In some cases Trustees are in doubt as to what amount of insurance they should carry on a given property. Because buildings vary so greatly in respect to height, interior finishing and so on it is not possible to give a set table. But all Trusts have been advised that an inspection will be carried out if asked for and adequate amounts indicated. In a great number of cases this has been done.

Board for 1948: The following are nominated as the Board for 1948: Connexional Secretary; Revs. E. Drake, R. Dudley, H. J. Odell; Messrs. E. R. Caygill (Lay Treasurer), C. H. Perkins, A. A. Dingwall, W. H. Price, P. Le Brun and W. A. Bascand.

EDWARD DRAKE, Chairman.

H. L. FIEBIG, Secretary.

Christchurch,

1st December, 1947.

RESOLUTIONS.

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

(2) That Conference urges upon all Trusts that have not done so the need of taking immediate steps to see that all properties under their care are adequately covered for fire and earthquake risk.

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

The work of the Connexional Office is reflected in the reports of the various Departments under its care, rather than in any formal report of the Committee. The volume of work shows a gradual increase from year to year as indicated in returns taken out for each department.

Government legislation, together with a general rise in costs, has meant an inevitable increase in administrative charges.

The Committee asks for the following appropriations for the current year. At date it is not clear what effect the "Methodist Times" department will have upon the work and finances of the office this year, but in the meantime the usual amount is being budgeted for.

Supernumerary Fund	....	....	....	£610
Fire Insurance Fund	....	....	....	480
Church Building and Loan Fund	290
Contingent Fund	220
"Methodist Times"	190
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				£1,790

The following are nominated as the Committee for 1948:—

District Chairman, Connexional Secretary, Superintendent Ministers of the Durham St., Christchurch East, and Cambridge Terrace Circuits, Lay Treasurers of the Supernumerary Fund Board, Church

Building and Loan Fund Committee, Fire Insurance Fund Board, "Methodist Times" Committee, Contingent Fund, and Mr. J. E. Purchase (Lay Treasurer).

J. E. PURCHASE, Chairman

H. L. FIEBIG, Secretary.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

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

Trinity Theological College

A.—PRINCIPAL'S REPORT.

The College has enjoyed its first normal year since 1940, with classes of pre-war size, a resident teaching staff of two and a full Hostel. We have sixteen divinity students in residence, including one Congregationalist, with two full-time married students living on rehabilitation, and four part-time student pastors attending lectures. It has been a difficult year in some ways, especially on the domestic side; but it has been full of progress and discovery for the students, who have given admirable co-operation in all departments of College life under the leadership of their Senior, Mr. B. J. Hilder. Dr. and Mrs. Williams who came into residence at the beginning of February have given themselves to the Institution without reserve, and their arrival has greatly strengthened the position of the College, so that we look forward to a long and fruitful collaboration with them.

The Principal has taught Systematic and Biblical Theology (Person and Work of Christ), Christian Ethics, Church History (General to 1500 A.D.), Elementary Hebrew, and Senior and Intermediate N.T. Greek. The Resident Tutor has taken the Junior Greek class, and under Pastoral Theology he has taken the first year in Homiletics and Psychology I (General Introduction), and the second and third years together in Pastoral Theology and Psychology II (Teaching and Counselling). He has also heard the criticism sermons and conducted the criticism class. Dr. Ranston has taught Old Testament (Historical Books and General), and N.T. Introduction (Synoptics) and Exegesis. Mr. J. William Bailey has conducted a weekly class in Elocution and Voice Production. Mr. W. E. Burley has given some assistance with English, and Revs. C. T. Symons and H. A. Darvill have been welcome visitors. In addition to their academic training, the men have preached in city and suburbs, and assisted in different activities, including the open-air meeting at Pitt Street. They have given every possible assistance to the Church in the matter of Vacation Supply.

At his own earnest request we are relieving Dr. Ranston of regular teaching duties at the end of 1947, after twenty-nine years of continuous service in our Theological College. By his vision, scholarship, and unremitting toil he has been the major influence in lifting Trinity College to a parity with similar institutions overseas

and to a worthy position in relation to the University. He was a pioneer in the movement to gain recognition for Divinity teaching in the University of New Zealand, a work which has at last been crowned with success. With it all he remained a Methodist preacher, simple and evangelical in faith and message, and always accessible to the men under his charge. His name will be remembered in New Zealand Methodism so long as we have any regard to an intellectually competent ministry. His old students rise up and call him blessed.

It is likely that there will be twenty-four divinity students in residence in 1948, with classes of thirty or more, and prospects for candidates for the next few years are better than they have ever been. For this sign of the working of God's Spirit the Church must be deeply thankful. The College faces the biggest years it has ever known, and will need the full support of the Church in order to meet the situation worthily.

E. W. HAMES, Principal.

TRINITY THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

B.—REPORT OF COLLEGE COUNCIL FOR YEAR 1947.

The Council, through its Standing Committees, has given close attention to the welfare of the College. The regular quarterly meetings of the Council enable a careful review to be made of the committees' reports. The attendance at the meetings indicates a live interest in college affairs on the part of all Council members.

Students:

Fifteen Methodist Divinity Students and one Congregational Student came into residence this year. In addition there are two married students living out and three student pastors on a modified course. The Hostel has been full all the year. The Council is gratified with the good reports of the diligence and work of the Divinity men and of the co-operative spirit of all the men in College.

Resident Tutor:

The event of the year was the advent of Dr. D. O. Williams, the Resident Tutor, who took up his duties on 1st February, and who has already proved himself to be a gift of God to the College and the Church. The Council thanks Dr. and Mrs. Williams for their very efficient oversight of the domestic side of college life. They have done much towards the smooth running of things in a day when staffing problems are often difficult.

Brakenrig Memorial Lecture:

The Second Lecture was given in Pitt Street Church on June 26th by Mr. Leo Foster, assisted by the Auckland United Methodist Choir. The Council is grateful for this help in connection with the Lecture which has now become an established feature of the College year.

Thanks:

The successful college year evokes the gratitude of the Council for the leadership and influence of the Principal. Also, the Council greatly appreciates the help of Mrs. Hames during the readjustments at the College and at Leigh and Richmond Houses at the beginning of the year. The visiting Lecturers, Dr. Ranston, Mr. J. W. Bailey and Mr. W. E. Burley, B.A., are heartily thanked for their valuable assistance.

Dr. Ranston's Retirement:

This year Dr. H. Ranston brings to a close a regular teaching ministry in the College of 29 years. Dr. Ranston has been a fine gift to the College. He has taken a very large part in lifting the College to the standard of Biblical Teaching it holds today. The influence of Dr. Ranston's learning and scholarship, his deep personal piety and his passion for evangelism have left their mark on his students, and so upon the Church. The Council records its deep gratitude for his service and contribution to the life and spirit of the College.

Faith and Order Conference:

The College was represented by the Principal and three students at the Faith and Order Conference held in Wellington in August.

Course at Training College:

The Board of Studies has made some investigations into the question of our fourth year students or probationers taking a year's course in one of the Training Colleges. It is apparent that such Division B. students would not be accepted until the present congestion at Training Colleges is alleviated.

W. E. BURLEY, Chairman.

W. WALKER, Vice-Chairman.

G. R. H. PETERSON, Secretary.

C.—TRINITY THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

The following are nominated as COUNCIL MEMBERS for 1948:—Revs. E. W. Hames, M.A. (Principal), D. O. Williams, M.A., Litt.D. (Resident Tutor), H. Ranston, M.A., Litt. D. (Fellow of Trinity College), E. T. Olds, W. Walker, E. D. Patchett, A. H. Scrivin, G. I. Laurenson, G. R. H. Peterson, A. E. Orr, Walter Parker, J. C. Draper, F. J. Handy, Wesley Parker, M.A., L. R. M. Gilmore, B.A.; 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. Hargraves, C. K. Wigglesworth, J. H. Blackwell, W. E. Burley, B.A., W. Robson, W. F. Winstone and C. W. Firth.

COUNCIL OFFICERS for 1948:—Chairman, Rev. W. Walker; Secretary, Rev. G. R. H. Peterson; Treasurer, Mr. F. M. Winstone.

W. E. BURLEY, Chairman.

W. WALKER, Vice-Chairman.

G. R. H. PETERSON, Secretary.

D.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

For the year ended 31st October, 1947.

(1) In presenting to Conference the Annual Accounts of the Trinity Methodist College, I have pleasure in reporting that it is estimated the year ended 31st March, 1948, will close with expenditure within the limit of the budget.

(2) As will be seen by the accounts, the sum of £886/14/9 has been withdrawn from the Rehabilitation Fund for expenditure on the College buildings and replenishing of household requirements. As forecast in my report to Conference in 1944, the whole of the Rehabilitation Fund will be required for property maintenance, restitution of College buildings and improvements to College grounds.

(3) **Sliding Scale for Connexional Levies.** This matter was considered in connection with the probable requirements in 1948 when it is estimated that there will be 22 students in residence, with at least four married men in addition. Each additional student costs about £90 per annum to train and keep.

It is difficult to apply the sliding scale to the Contingent Fund Grant except on a five year basis corresponding to the appropriations for the Fund, while the number of students varies from year to year. The average number of men in residence before the war was 18, and over the next five years it is likely to be 24. We think, therefore, that the Church will recognize the necessity of increasing the Contingent Fund grant to the College, and we suggest an increase of £200 per annum. This represents less than half of the additional costs incurred.

(4) It is recommended:—

(a) That there be an increase of remuneration for Student Supply to £3 weekly, plus full board and lodging and usual travelling.

(b) Increase in remuneration for preaching services during term to 10/- per service, or a minimum of £1 for a full Sunday's work, the amount to be applied to augment the Students' Bursary Fund.

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

(6) Our thanks are due to the Principal, Rev. E. W. Hames, for his helpful co-operation and assistance, and to the Rev. Dr. D. O. Williams for his careful oversight of the house expenditure.

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

FRANK M. WINSTONE, Hon. Treasurer.

PROPOSED BUDGET.

For the Year Ended 31st March, 1949.

INCOME.

	£
Probert Trust Board	400
Emsly Trust	85
Contingent Fund	940
Connexional Fire Insurance Fund	150
Home Mission Fund	150
Foreign Mission Fund	75
College Sunday and Friends of	
Trinity College	500
Collegiate Church	60

Congregational Church	....	....	90
Students' Contributions	....	....	50
Hostel Fees	....	....	3000
Pitt St. Trust	....	....	100
Prince Albert College Trust	....	....	200
Estimated Deficiency	....	....	100

£5,900

EXPENDITURE.

			£
House and Service	....	....	3700
Stipends and Allowances	....	....	1000
Tutors' Fees	....	....	20
Connexional Charges	....	....	160
Bursaries	....	....	175
Rates	....	....	225
Insurance	....	....	72
Telephones	....	....	35
University Fees	....	....	120
Furnishings	....	....	150
Repairs	....	....	150
Printing, Postages and Stationery	....	....	50
Advertising Church Services	....	....	7
University Chaplaincy Fund	....	....	5
Rent Board Room	....	....	25
Camp Fees	....	....	6

£5,900

RESOLUTIONS.

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

(2) That Conference convey to the Principal and Mrs. Hames, the Resident Tutor, and Mrs. Williams, the visiting lecturers, and the Council its thanks and appreciation for their excellent services to the Church.

(3) That on the occasion of his retirement from the regular teaching staff of Trinity College, Conference place on record its very high appreciation of the outstanding service rendered to the Theological College, the Church, and the Kingdom of God, by the Rev. Dr. H. Ranston, M.A., during 29 years as Principal and lecturer. His richly devotional life, his rare gifts of scholarship, and his untiring zeal for Christ and the Kingdom have placed the Church greatly in his debt.

The worth of his ministry is best seen in the very deep affection and respect with which he is remembered by men trained under him in the College, though Eternity alone will reveal the full extent of his influence.

As he now voluntarily lays down his task, we desire to assure him of the gratitude and prayers of the whole Church, and we pray for him many more years of life, that the Church may have the benefit of his ripe scholarship and mature experience.

(4) That the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Library Prize and Associated Funds be adopted; and that the Treasurers (Rev. E. W. Hames and Mr. F. E. Sutherland) be thanked and be reappointed.

(5) That the College Council be requested to arrange as far as possible for the Principal and Tutor to visit Circuits during each year to interest congregations in the work of the College and and acquaint the members with the teaching emphasis of the College.

(6) **Dickenson College and Drew University:** That the Trinity College Board of Studies (in consultation with the Secretary of the Board of Examiners) be authorized to act for the Church in nominating students for scholarships at Dickenson College and at Drew University.

(7) **Biblical Literature Lectures:** That Dr. Ranston, having stated his willingness to give occasional lectures to the students, be appointed Tutor in Biblical Literature at the College.

(8) **College Sunday:** That in view of the rapid increase in the number of students in training for the ministry and the necessity for widespread and sympathetic support for the College, the Conference requests ministers and Circuit officials to arrange for the annual observance of College Sunday in every Circuit.

(9) **Friends of Trinity College:** That to assist in meeting the rising cost of ministerial training, due especially to the large number of Candidates offering, the College Council be urged to revive the "Friends of Trinity College" scheme, and the Conference commends the scheme to the liberality of our people.

(10) That realising the increase in the number of students now resident in College, Conference direct the College Council to give consideration to the matter of the remuneration of the College staff, and further, the appointment of a third member of the College staff.

(11) That Conference request the College Council to give consideration to the provision of suitable publicity material respecting the College in the columns of the "Methodist Times."

(12) That remuneration for Students' services be as follows:—

(a) On Supply, £3 per week and lodgings.

(b) Per Service, 10/-; or £1 per full Sunday.

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

(A) BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.

In presenting to Conference its report for 1947, the Board is glad to be able to report a very successful year in all its departments. The Board's operations resulted in a profit of £1,166 for the year, which though less by £503 than the profit for the preceding year, may be regarded as satisfactory. Income from College and School fees was slightly less than that of last year, but the increase in running costs was higher, and if present trends continue the Board cannot expect to do much more than make ends meet.

The profit from the College farm during the year was £585, as compared with a loss of £242 during 1946. As the season was a favourable one from a farming point of view, and there were no exceptional items of expenditure, it seems unlikely that farm profits will much exceed this figure in future years. In Mr. Alexander the Board has a very capable and conscientious Farm Manager.

The loss on the College was £2,025, although we had a full roll and had the benefit of the recent increase in fees. However, bene-

fiary work accounted for £864 of this amount, and of the beneficiary work £844 was in respect of Maori Students and £20 in respect of Europeans. In addition, the Board spent £1,319 in repairs and maintenance at the College, which included heavy expenditure on renovations to the Principal's residence, re-equipping the College kitchen and replacing school desks. It is probable that in the coming year this item will be substantially less. The Principal, Mr. E. M. Marshall, has again rendered outstanding service during the year, and should Conference decide to provide for his ordination as a teaching Minister the Board is satisfied that he will acquit himself with credit to the Church and advantage to the College.

The loss on the Preparatory School increased from £168 in 1946 to £804 in 1947. The fees were less by £174, and the increase in running costs accounted for the balance of the deficit.

During the year Mr. R. C. Clark tendered his resignation as Principal of the Preparatory School, to take effect as at 31st January, 1948. Mr. Clark has been in the Board's service since 1924—a period of 24 years—being 19 years Principal of the College and for five years Principal of the Preparatory School. During that time he did most valuable work, and in particular he laid the foundations of the College wisely and well. To both Mr. and Mrs. Clark the thanks and good wishes of the Board are extended. It is to be regretted that the final year of Mr. Clark's service was disturbed by the making of a serious charge against him, which on investigation was held by the magistrates to be unfounded, and was accordingly dismissed without calling on Mr. Clark. The School suffered from this unfortunate occurrence, but the loyalty and initiative of Mrs. Clark prevented any serious recession. The Board, after extensive advertising and careful consideration, appointed as Principal of the Preparatory School, Mr. W. E. V. Lowe. Although Mr. Lowe does not officially commence duty until February 1st, he has already devoted a great deal of time and thought to the organisation and improvement of the school, and it is evident that he will be a devoted and enthusiastic Principal who should be able to increase the usefulness and prestige of the School.

During the year the Board, with the consent of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee, negotiated the sale of 77½ acres of its Mt. Wellington property, and if the sale price of £120 per acre is approved by the Land Sales Court, the Board will have approximately £9,275 available for the extension of the School buildings as soon as a permit for the work can be obtained from the Building Controller.

The Board has now leased the whole of the sections available at Waikowhai, and the rentals from this property now produce £1,276 per annum. The Board is at present investigating the possibility of subdividing a further area of this property for leasing as building sections.

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

J. STANTON, Chairman.

L. KNIGHT, General Secretary.

(B) PRINCIPAL'S REPORT TO CONFERENCE.

For Year Ended 31st December, 1947.

The College Roll has been full at 105-110 during the year, and the Roll for 1948 is complete. The proportions of races is approximately

70 Europeans, 30 Maoris and 10 Islanders. There is a variety of Courses, and senior boys are able to qualify for University Entrance, and may specialise in Academic subjects, Accountancy, or Agricultural subjects. A Divinity Course has been commenced also, making it possible for Maori boys in particular to prepare for the full Ministry. Opportunity is given our senior boys to prepare for the Local Preaches' Examination, and a Mission Band has been assisting in Services in the Pukekohe Circuit.

During the year the teaching staff was complete. In 1948 the staff will be: Messrs. M. Winiata, M.A., Dip.Ed., A. W. Parkes, B.Sc., R. A. Lowe, R. H. Jackson, B. Barnitt, M.Sc., and A. E. Winks. Mr. N. Alexander, Dip.C.A.C., Farm Manager since 1944, is Instructor in Agricultural subjects. Music instruction is in the hands of Mr. Claude Laurie, of Auckland. He has given excellent service over many years and the standard reached by the boys in singing and musical appreciation is very gratifying.

The curriculum follows the new syllabus, with modifications to suit our own conditions. Steps have been taken to establish the work soundly in crafts, woodwork and horticulture, in addition to strengthening the core subjects. The Masters, Matrons and other Staffs have given excellent service in maintaining a healthy tone in College life, socially, in sports, at work, and in club life. There is a community of some 160 folk—boys, men, women and children—with their own tennis club, Boy Scout Troop, Sunday School, Young Farmers' Club, and concert party. Teams compete with district teams in Cricket, Football, Swimming, Table-tennis, Tennis and Athletics. Under the leadership of Mr. Alexander, "extension lectures" are given by members of the Staff to Y.F. Clubs in the County. The College has presented for the first time a Concert in the Auckland Town Hall Concert Chamber, and on numerous occasions parties of boys have assisted in public concerts for Church or philanthropic purposes.

It is hoped that the building programme will be implemented soon and that it will be possible to have a library suitably housed and stocked.

Progress has been made on the Farm. The fences have been completely renewed and production has been very satisfactory. Boys receive instruction in dairying, sheepfarming, timberwork and afforestation, care of the orchard and garden, poultry-keeping; and a small group of Farm Cadets specialise in farm management, animal husbandry, and dairy science.

In these four years we have sought to build up the College again to what such a place ought to be. While we try to obtain a high standard scholastically and educationally, we are above all anxious that those who go through the College are men of character and ideals who are guided by Christian principles and who have a love for holy things.

E. M. MARSHALL, Principal.

RESOLUTIONS.

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

(2) That the cordial thanks of Conference be extended to Mr. R. C. Clark, M.A., upon his retirement from the service of the Wesley College Board. It appreciates the excellent work fulfilled by

him during the 19 years he acted as Principal of the College at Paerata, and 5 years as Principal of the Preparatory School at Mt. Wellington. It recognises the great advance made in every department during his term of office.

Conference extends its thanks also to Mrs. R. C. Clark for her splendid services to the Board and in the welfare of Students.

(3) That the thanks of Conference be tendered to Mr. J. Stanton for his valuable work as Chairman of the Board, and to Mr. E. M. Marshall and the Staff members of Wesley College and the Preparatory School for excellent work being done.

(4) That the Board for 1948 be: 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 Caghey, P. Rushton, A. C. A. Sexton, J. Tyler, A. W. Wesley, 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.—METHODIST SUPERNUMERARY FUND BOARD.

A.—REPORT OF THE BOARD, 1947.

The audited Financial Statements reveal the following facts:—

Accumulated Funds: Amount to £152,900/9/7. A decrease is shown of £1,091/13/3. This is temporary only, and is due to the amount of £1,428 being expended on alterations and improvements to suites in Epworth Chambers. This outlay is being repaid with interest by tenants over a period of years.

Investments: Are represented as follows:—

- (a) Mortgages—£71,556/2/6.
- (b) Government Stock & Local Body Debentures—£60,844/16/8.
- (c) Epworth Chambers—£48,602/5/11, which amount includes the sum of £7,000 held for Depreciation.

The Revenue Account indicates that the net income from Epworth Chambers this year was £822/0/9, compared with £1,218/12/9 last year. The reason for this decrease is twofold.

- (1) £360 was spent on painting the interior of the building.
- (2) £968 has been actually paid out during the current year for suite alterations referred to above. In so far as this expenditure is in the nature of an investment earning interest, a proportion (£502/7/7) has been transferred from the Investment Contingency Reserve and credited to the earnings of the building.

Rental Survey: This has been undertaken during the year and negotiations with tenants are now being brought to completion. The result will be an increased rental income more congruent with the present day financial situation.

Earnings: The net earnings of the Fund have been £5,596/13/2, representing an average rate of £3/14/3% on the actuarial formula.

Actuary's Triennial Report: This is being prepared at date and will be submitted to Conference in the Supplementary Agenda.

Annuityants: At present number 52 Supernumeraries and 40 Widows. The number of contributing Ministers is 161. Last year we reported 46, 42, and 166 respectively. £10,010/10/11 was paid out during the year for Annuities and Furniture Grants.

Arrears of Subscriptions: Are summarised as for Districts. There are nine cases where more than one year's contribution is due.

District.	Subscription.			Interest.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland	190	8	1	64	12	11
South Auckland	31	0	0	1	15	9
Taranaki-Wanganui	15	3	5	0	12	3
Hawke's Bay-						
Manawatu	126	14	3	28	10	5
Wellington	12	10	0	0	7	0
Nelson	15	0	0	0	6	0
Nth. Canterbury	79	13	10	4	13	6
Sth. Canterbury	—			0	1	0
Otago-Southland	35	0	0	1	17	2

Interest on Arrears: There appears to be considerable misunderstanding in some quarters in regard to this matter. This charge is not in the nature of an exaction but a reminder of the relationship of the individual to the group of which he is a member. If the contributions due from Ministers are not forthcoming regularly then the earnings of the Fund are affected thereby. It might be said that the amount is trivial; but it would soon be considerable if allowed to extend on a large scale over the whole range of contributors. It must also be remembered that such interest charged becomes part of the general earnings of the Fund in the benefits of which those Ministers share who have had to accept the levy.

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

- (a) Home Acquirement Fund—£17,488/9/11.
- (b) Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund—£6,001/8/11.
- (c) Deaconess Retiring Fund—£7,654/9/8.

Full information concerning interest earned and subsidies paid are set forth in the respective revenue accounts. There are 34 Home Missionaries and 31 Deaconesses at present contributing to their respective Funds.

Annuities and Social Security: In consultation with appointed corresponding members the Board has continued its investigations concerning the principle of allowing beneficiaries to commute a portion of their interest in the Fund. These investigations have been brought to the stage of detailed legislation providing for this option, the recommendations being embodied in a special report presented to Conference.

Board for 1948: The following are nominated as the Board for 1948:—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, R. G. Pearce, and W. Hadlee.

L. G. K. STEVEN (Chairman).
G. S. SALTER (Lay Treasurer).
H. L. FIEBIG (Secretary).

(B) REPORT ON COMMUTATION.

The Special Committee has continued its investigations respecting the matter of offering Supernumerary Ministers the option of commuting a portion of their Annuity, thus enabling them to do the following:—

- (a) Obtain a cash sum towards the acquiring of a home.
- (b) Retain sufficient in the Fund to enable them to receive therefrom an Annuity of £52 per annum.
- (c) Obtain maximum Social Security Benefits.

The full introductory Report is set forth on pp. 106-110, Minutes of Conference, 1947.

The proposed Amendments to the Law are set forth below. In the main they are self-explanatory. Comment, however, is probably necessary on two provisions, namely, the requiring of a Medical Certificate, and the restricting of the use of the commuted money to the acquiring of a home.

Medical Certificate.

It needs to be emphasised that Actuarial practice is based on the Theory of Risk. This has meaning only when there is a sufficiently large number of lives to form an average. The individual must be thought of in relation to the group. In computing the actuarial worth of the Fund and the benefits to be paid, allowance is made for the prospective number of early deaths as well as the number of annuitants whose span of life will exceed the average. The Fund will have a lesser liability in respect to those whose span of life is below normal. On the other hand, there will be those in respect of whom there will be a greater liability than that reserved for the average.

If all members were allowed to commute without reference to their prospective longevity, the Fund would lose what it now gains in respect to those annuitants whose length of life is less than the average. To that extent it would be weakened and its usefulness impaired. If the full amount reserved were paid out in respect to lives under average, then it is obvious that there will be insufficient left in the Fund to meet the liability in respect to those above average.

For this reason the Committee has followed the universally accepted practice of inserting in the proposed Amendments a clause requiring an annuitant to furnish a medical certificate indicating a reasonable expectation of longevity. It is to be noted that what will be required is a certification that the Claimant is in good average health having regard to his age. That is not stringent, but it is a safeguard for the Fund. Enquiry has elicited the impressive fact that every Fund in New Zealand and elsewhere which provides for this option of Commutation requires such a Certificate. No Fund can do otherwise and retain its financial strength. If at all times the best interests of all beneficiaries are to be conserved, the stability of the Fund must be maintained. This principle of requiring a Medical Certificate helps to do that.

Acquiring a Home.

It is pointed out that par. 38(a) provides for the option of Commutation being allowed only for the express purpose of providing a home or for meeting payments on same. This is in harmony with the Report which was presented to last Conference. Conference, however, wanted the range of application extended, and deleted from the Committee's recommendations the words "in terms of the above report." The effect of that resolution was that the Committee was instructed to consider further the possibility of the option of Commutation for purposes other than that of acquiring a home.

The Committee again reports in terms of its original statement that this widening-out of the scope of Commutation is not possible in relation to Social Security legislation. The amended operation of our Fund in order to obtain maximum benefits from that legislation is possible only for the purpose of acquiring a home in the claimant's own right.

To deliberately divest oneself of assets in order to obtain Social Security benefits is an offence against the Act. To surrender part of an Annuity would be to act thus if it were done for a purpose other than that approved by the Social Security Department. We have the authority of the Social Security Commission, however, to allow an annuitant to commute portion of his Annuity for cash providing the proceeds are used in or towards the acquiring of a home or the improving of an existing home.

Conclusion:

The Amendments herein proposed represent the initial and experimental stage in the entirely new task of relating the operation of our Fund to Social Security legislation. Whether finality has been reached remains to be seen. The first decisive step, however, has been taken.

The Australian General Conference has moved in a similar direction. The British Conference has adopted legislation relating its Fund (previously several) to the National Insurance Scheme.

The Supernumerary Fund Board feels that it is moving on right lines, but wishes to be certain of each step taken, so that all its decisions may be in the best interests of our Supernumeraries and Ministers' widows.

The Actuary's Triennial Report on the Fund will be submitted to the Board after the close of the financial year on November 30th, and will be presented to Conference in due course.

L. G. K. STEVEN, Chairman.
H. L. FIEBIG, Managing Treasurer.

Christchurch, 6th November, 1947.

(C) REPORT OF ACTUARY.

Wellington,
9th January, 1948.

The Board of Management,
Supernumerary Fund of the
Methodist Church of N.Z., Christchurch.

Sirs,

In accordance with your instructions, I have valued the Supernumerary Fund as at 30th November, 1947, and have pleasure in reporting as follows:—

1. The Fund was last valued as at 30th November, 1942. Since that date the movement in membership has been as shown in the following table:—

	Contributors.	Super-numeraries.	Widows.
At 30th November, 1942 ..	172	45	41
Entrants	31	22	17
	<hr/> 203	<hr/> 67	<hr/> 58
Superannuated	22	—	—
Died	4	15	18
Resigned	6	—	—
Transferred	1 33	15	18
	<hr/> 170	<hr/> 52	<hr/> 40
At 30th November, 1947	170	52	40

The four contributors who died and thirteen of the fifteen superannuitants who died left widows entitled to widows' pensions.

2. Receipts and expenditure for the quinquennium were as appears in the following account.

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE ACCOUNT.

1st December, 1942 to 30th November, 1947.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Funds at 30/11/42	151,320	1	0	Annuities	44,318	18	3
Subscriptions	8,483	2	0	Furniture Grants	2,000	0	0
Circuit Levies	12,667	11	3	Refunds of Subs.	766	11	0
Interest & Rates	30,015	19	11	Expenses	2,454	18	8
Other Income	319	18	8	Other Payments	365	15	4
				Funds at 30/11/47	152,900	9	7
	<hr/> £202,806	<hr/> 12	<hr/> 10		<hr/> £202,806	<hr/> 12	<hr/> 10

The effective rates of interest credited to the Fund for each year of the quinquennium were as follows:—

Year ended	Effective rates of
30th November.	interest per annum.
1943	4 2 0 per cent.
1944	4 3 10 „
1945	4 4 10 „
1946	3 15 0 „
1947	3 14 4 „

The average annual rate for the quinquennium was £3/19/11 per cent.; for the three years ended on 30th November, 1942, the average annual rate was £3/17/3.

The decrease in the yields for the last two years of the quinquennium as compared with the first three years was occasioned almost entirely by special circumstances arising in connection with the landed property held by the Fund; from information supplied by the secretary, however, it appears that the yield from these assets will improve in future.

3. The experience of the Fund since the last valuation agrees closely with the basis adopted for the valuation; the actual deaths amongst contributors, supernumeraries and widows agreed very closely with the numbers expected according to the mortality tables which have been used for previous valuations. In view of this agreement and of the probability of a recovery in the rate of interest, I have used the same valuation basis for this valuation. The rates are as follows:—

Valuation Balance Sheet, as at 30th November, 1947.

Present value of:—

	£
Current Annuities to Supernumeraries	53,154
Current Annuities to Widows	21,906
Prospective Annuities to Supernumeraries	76,946
Prospective Annuities to Widows	60,367
Furniture Grants	5,348
Children's Allowances	350
	<hr/> £218,071
Funds as at 30th November, 1947	152,900
Present Value of Future Subscriptions and Levies,	
Less Allowance for Future Expenses	55,998
Deficiency	9,173
	<hr/> £218,071

4. The above deficiency of £9,173 compares with a deficiency of £7,073 disclosed by the 1942 valuation, an increase of £2,100. Neither this increase nor the deficiency itself is of sufficient magnitude to cause alarm, but it is disturbing that successive valuations show a slowly increasing deficiency.

Of the factors underlying the operations of the Fund those having the greatest effect on its finances are the rates of mortality experienced by members (including supernumeraries and widows), the average age at which members cease active work, and the rate of interest yielded by the invested funds. During recent years the mortality experiences of all classes of members have been normal, and it is most unlikely that the future will show changes which are financially favourable to the Fund. It is unlikely also that there will be any greater tendency in the future than there has been in the past for members to postpone retirement after they have attained 65 years of age. There remains the interest yield, and it appears that unless this can be improved in the immediate future the next valuation of the Fund will reveal a still greater deficiency. In this event it will be necessary to devise and adopt measures which will strengthen the finances of the Fund.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

S. BECKINGSALE,

Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries.

RESOLUTIONS.

(1) That the Report of the Board, the Financial Statements, and the Report of the Actuary be received and adopted.

(2) That the Supernumerary Fund Board be authorised to devise and adopt such measures as are necessary to strengthen the finances of the Fund.

(3) That the Report on Commutation be received and adopted.

(4) That the Special Committee on Commutation be thanked and discharged.

(5) That the amendments to Law Book, pars, 38 and 56 as following, be adopted.

38A. Notwithstanding the provision of Clause 38, a Minister at any time after he has made his application to become a Supernumerary, or within six months of the date of his becoming a Supernumerary, may apply to the Board for payment of a sum representing the commutation of a specified part of his interest in the Fund. Such interest shall be determined by the Board's Actuary as at the date of such retirement. Such payment shall be employed in or towards the purchase, improvement, alteration or renovation of a property intended to be used or already used, by him as a home, or the payment of any principal, and interest or other moneys owing under any mortgage or mortgages or other encumbrance or encumbrances of any such property.

38B. No amount of annuity shall be commuted so as to reduce the remaining annuity of the Minister or the remaining annuity of his widow below £52 per annum. There shall be no commutation in the case of any Minister who is entitled to an annuity of £52 per annum or less.

38C. Every such application shall be accompanied by an undertaking:—

- (a) To abide by all decisions of the Board and Conference in respect of his application.
- (b) To apply such sum as may be paid in manner as approved by the Board.
- (c) To submit to examination by a medical practitioner approved by the Board for the purpose of ascertaining whether the applicant is in average good health having regard to his age.

38D. The Board shall—

- (a) Receive all such applications and the evidence submitted in support thereof, and the report of the medical examination.
- (b) Confer with the applicant in respect of any matters arising therefrom.
- (c) Require such additional information and evidence as it shall deem necessary.
- (d) Refer to the Actuary all matters which in its opinion require actuarial calculation and receive the Actuary's calculations and observations as to the effect which the granting of the application would have upon the stability of the Fund.
- (e) Decide as to whether any such commutation should be permitted, and, if so, as to the amount of annuity to be commuted, and as to the application of the sum representing the commutation, and as to the person or persons to

whom and the time or times at which the same shall be paid, and as to the amount or amounts of the annuity or annuities remaining to be paid in respect of the applicant's interest in the Fund.

56A. (1) The sum representing the commutation referred to in paragraph 38A shall be raised by the Board and shall be applied by it to the purposes and in the manner according to its decision upon receipt of a discharge and undertaking on the form provided that such sum together with such remaining annuity is or will be accepted in full satisfaction of all present and future claims upon the Fund by himself, his widow and his children.

(2) If a Minister dies after execution of the said discharge but while the sum representing the commutation or some part thereof remains to be applied or paid out for the purposes set out in paragraph 38A, the commutation shall be carried to completion as if he had not so died.

56B. The benefits of such commutation shall be available also (*mutatis mutandis*) to all Supernumeraries who are in receipt of annuities on the 18th day of February, 1948, provided that in the case of any such Supernumerary application shall have been made for commutation on or before the 18th day of August, 1948 (six months later) and that the interest of any such Supernumerary shall be calculated as on the proposed date of commutation.

56C. (1) If a Minister dies before he becomes a Supernumerary or after applying for commutation, but before the discharge referred to in paragraph 56A has been completed, his widow shall (*mutatis mutandis*) have the same right (subject to the same conditions) to apply for commutation of her interest as hereinbefore provided.

(2) The benefit of this paragraph shall also extend to the widow of any Supernumerary mentioned in Clause 56B, provided that she makes application before the 18th day of August, 1948.

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

The Board now administers some sixty-seven Trusts.

During the year the following deposits were made to be held for various Special Purposes:—

Kakanui (Sale of Church); Est. C. Going;

Petone (Sale of Cottage); Riverton (Sale of Parsonage);

Khandallah (Building Fund); Nightcaps (Parsonage Fund).

Trusts have also been accepted on behalf of the Estate of T. P. Hughson and W. O. Thompson.

The finances of the Board are represented in an aggregate of debentures and other assets of £37,115/5/3.

The Winstone Memorial Trust Fund was able to assist 32 Ministers, Probationers and Home Missionaries who did not receive the equivalent of the Conference minimum stipend and whose cases came within the scope of the Trust. The Financial Statement will be laid on the table of Conference in accordance with the given regulation.

L. G. K. STEVEN (Chairman).

G. S. SALTER (Lay Treasurer).

H. L. FIEBIG (Secretary).

RESOLUTION.

That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.

3.—METHODIST CHILDREN'S FUND.

We have pleasure in presenting to Conference our Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1947.

The following payments of £8 each have been made, being for 16 children more than 1946:

Auckland	....	....	50½
South Auckland	....	....	26
Taranaki Wanganui	....	....	17½
Hawkes Bay Manawatu	....	....	14½
Wellington	..	....	29½
Nelson	....	....	21½
North Canterbury	....	....	24½
South Canterbury	....	....	13
Otago, Southland	....	....	17

214½

We think that at least £1,800 is required to meet Children's allowances for year ending 31st December, 1948.

The Credit Balance of the Fund is £71/6/11, made up as follows:—

Arrears—Otago, Southland	....	£23 16 10
Current A/c., Bank N.S.W., Wgton.		47 10 1

£71 6 11

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

Wellington, 14/1/48.

RESOLUTIONS.

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

(2) That the levy per annum for the next five years be £1,800.

(3) That the Treasurers (Mr. E. W. A. Kellow and the Rev. W. A. Burley) be thanked and be re-appointed.

4.—CONTINGENT FUND.

RESOLUTIONS.

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

(2) That the Following grants be authorised for 1948:—

Trinity College	....	....	£940
Connexional Secretary	....	....	210
Deaconess Institution	....	....	125
"Methodist Times"	....	....	75
"Methodist Times" (Editorial)	....	....	55
National Council of Churches	....	....	26
Calamity Fund	....	....	25
Spiritual Advance Committee	....	....	25
World Council of Churches	....	....	12
"Faith and Order"	....	....	5
Delegate to Amsterdam Conference	....	....	25
Registration at Amsterdam Conference	..	....	6
Public Questions Committee	....	....	20
Children's Membership Cards	....	....	30
Standing Ecumenical Committee	....	....	5
Temperance Committee	....	....	20
University Fees	....	....	40

£1,644

(3) That the Consultative Committee be the President of Conference, Messrs. J. Tyler, F. E. Sutherland, and the Connexional Secretary.

(4) That the following be a Committee to effect all possible printing economies: The Secretary of Conference, Rev. V. R. Jamieson, and Mr. H. de R. Flesher.

(5) That the Auditor, Mr. J. F. Wilson, B.Com., be thanked for his services and be re-appointed.

(6) That the Treasurers, Rev. W. Walker and Mr. J. H. Blackwell, be thanked and be re-appointed, and that Mr. Alan R. Winstone be appointed deputy-treasurer with authority to operate on the Fund.

5 Removal Expenses Fund

ANNUAL REPORT, 1947.

At the date of framing this Report a number of removals have not been finalised: therefore the figures given for this year are approximate.

The year has been a record in the number of removals; 68 men have been moved at a cost of £1,720/2/9. There were 18 inter-island removals, two of which are not yet finalised. The other 16 cost £889/18/10, an average of £58/6/3 per removal. Ministers moving to other places in the same island numbered 19, at a cost of £411/15/10, an average of £21/13/6 per removal.

There are still four removals to be paid for, estimated to cost £180, making the total cost of removals about £1900, or £28 per removal. Levies will produce £1590, about £300 less than costs, which means drawing to that extent upon the Accumulated Fund, which will then stand at about £750, altogether inadequate to meet next year's removals.

The financial position of the Fund gives cause for serious concern. The desire to keep connexional levies down caused the Committee to fix its estimate of costs as low as possible, not anticipating the increase in the number of removals (especially inter-island, which cost twice as much as those requiring no sea-transport), nor could the Committee foresee the heavy increase in general charges that has occurred since the levy was fixed. The recent further increase in wages and also in fares and freight will aggravate the position.

When the Fund was established the opinion was expressed that the system would result in more removals. For the first five years after the Fund started operation there were 212 removals; during the last five years (omitting 1944, the year of the Emergency Committee), there have been 294. This seems to indicate that there were some grounds for that opinion, and that changes of ministers are, in many cases, more lightly undertaken when circuits do not have to face the whole cost of removal in one year as was the case previously. This year there were nine ministers transferred after three or less years in their circuits, at a cost of £386. Had these ministers stayed one more year in their circuits, the Fund would have shown a credit balance.

Removal expenses for the past three years have amounted to £4956, while levies have produced only £4148, resulting in the Accumulated Fund falling from £1487 to £750.

In view of the position outlined above the Committee has no alternative but to ask for a levy of £2200 for the ensuing five years, and to request the Stationing Committee to give earnest consideration to the resolution of the 1932 Conference that 'in view of the heavy costs involved in long-distance removal . . . where possible to avoid such.'

In the case of six circuits the costs of the minister invited exceeded the limits fixed by Conference to the amount of £73 in all. Circuits concerned have been asked to refund accordingly. In view of increased costs it has been suggested that the limits fixed for inter island removals should be increased and a recommendation is made accordingly.

After serving as Lay Treasurer for 17 years, Mr. H. Chapman has intimated that he wishes to relinquish the position.

R. DUDLEY, Chairman.

H. CHAPMAN,

L. C. HORWOOD, Treasurers.

COMMITTEE'S COMMENTS ON SYNOD REMITS.

In reply to the remits from South Auckland, Wellington and South Canterbury Synods, which carry the implication that the Committee is not making the best arrangements, the Committee submits the following facts for the information of Conference:—

Prior to the War, the Committee called for tenders from the Railway Department and two leading Carrying Companies, for transport of the 18 Ministers that year. The Railway quoted for all the removals, one Company for only three, and the other company for only 11. On these 11 removals the Railway quote was £52/5/6 the cheaper.

Since that date the Transport restrictions have prevented road transport competing with the Railway in many cases.

Our arrangement with the Railway Department is that they make certain concessions in charges on condition we give them the whole business, but they do not object to our using road transport when it is obviously a road job, and several cases occur each year where road transport is used.

Cases have occurred where a road contractor has offered to do certain removals at a charge less than the Railway, but to have accepted these offers would have broken our agreement with the Railway involving the loss of the concession referred to, amounting in one year to more than £100 in excess of what would have been saved by giving these few removals to the road contractor.

Last year, by arrangement with the Railway Department, one removal was given to a Carrying Co. for special reasons, and the cost was £9/10/1 more than had been quoted by the Railway.

The position briefly is that while in a few isolated cases road transport might be cheaper than rail, the concession granted exceeds by a considerable amount any small gains that could be made by diverting to road. A factor not to be overlooked is the prompt replacement or repair by the Department of any articles lost or damaged.

The Committee is satisfied that, over a period of years, considerable savings have resulted from the existing arrangements

RESOLUTIONS.

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

(2) That the levy for the ensuing five years be £2,000 per year.

(3) That in regard to Resolution 2, p. 106, Minutes of Conference, 1943, the words '£45 for inter-island removals' be amended to read '£50 for inter-island removals.'

(4) That Conference place on record its deep appreciation of the outstanding service rendered to the Church by Mr. H. Chapman as Lay Treasurer of the Removal Expenses Fund for the past 17 years. Bringing to the task his long business experience and great capabilities, he has occupied this position with unremitting zeal and devotion during his long period of office. All the affairs and interests represented in the Fund have been in strong and wise hands while he has been its chief executive officer. He lays down his responsibility having earned the grateful thanks of the Church, which he has served so faithfully and effectively.

(5) That Mr. C. H. Elmsly, A.R.A.N.Z., A.I.A.N.Z., and the Rev. L. C. Horwood be the Treasurers of the Fund.

(6) That the Committee for 1948 be: The Chairman of the District, the Connexional Secretary, the Revs. R. Dudley, V. R. Jamieson, and L. C. Horwood; Messrs. H. Chapman, M. Hosking, S. H. Maddren, B. A. Undrill and C. H. Elmsly.

(7) That a Supernumerary or the widow of a Minister who dies in active work, be allowed removal expenses up to the amount allowed for the removal of an invited Minister.

(8) That the travelling expenses to Conference of one of the Treasurers of the Removal Expenses Fund shall be paid from the Fund.

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

(A)—FOREIGN MISSION DEPARTMENT.

(A) Annual Report, 1947.

The Foreign Mission Board returns thanks to Almighty God for His Guidance and Grace, and for the privilege of association with Him in the work of the Kingdom overseas through another year.

News to hand indicates encouraging progress in the restoration of the work on the Field. The Workers are facing this huge task of reconstruction with courage and devotion, and the utmost we at the Home Base can do to assist them is not too much. Some members of the Staff have laboured under the added disability of family trouble, and the heart-felt sympathy of the Board has been extended to the Chairman in the illness of Mrs. Goldie, and to Sister Ada Lee in the death of her father.

Death Of Mr. Charles Carter.

A major tragedy has been the death, at Buka on the 25th Oct., of Mr. Charles Carter. He was a foreman builder with missionary blood in his veins, and the total destruction of all our mission stations in the Solomons was a direct challenge to him. With the full agreement of his wife, he volunteered for the work of reconstruction long before we were able to send him. Lack of materials and transport were the hindrance and he fretted at the delay. When, however, word reached us that materials were available transport was arranged and he left for the work upon which his heart was set, but destined to last only three brief weeks.

The profound sympathy of the whole Church has gone out to Mrs. Carter and her four children.

Native Church.

On the occasion of the Semi-Jubilee of our work at Buka, we return thanks to Almighty God for 25 years of splendid Missionary service on that Island, and rejoice with the Native Church on the happy occasion.

One of the chief events at the celebrations was the opening of a beautiful Jubilee Memorial Church with seating capacity for 650.

We remember, with gratitude, the splendid pioneering spirit of the Rev. Alan H. Cropp who, with Usaia Sotutu and Eroni Kotosoma and some teachers from the Western Solomons, commenced the work in 1922. The devoted service of Mrs. Cropp and Sister Elizabeth Common has also been greatly blessed of God.

To-day, the Rev. C. T. J. Luxton and Sister Winifred Poole, with the pioneer Rev. Usaia Sotutu, and his wife Margaret and a fine band of native teachers, carry on the work that is rich in promise.

Conversions, fine fellowship in the class meetings, a successful convention, and other encouraging events, all indicate the healthy spiritual tone of the people. New Churches have been opened and numerous schools re-established. The Annual Thanksgiving Services were a source of inspiration, and the financial result exceeded the estimate by £900. In the Bougainville-Buka Circuit the excess was £345, and this generous amount has been allocated to the Don Alley Memorial Fund.

Students and scholars are flocking to the circuit institutions as they are re-established with temporary buildings. The future of the Church will depend to a considerable extent upon the Native Ministry, and one of our most urgent tasks is speedy restoration of the Schools and Colleges, all of which were destroyed during the War years.

The first complete post-war returns reveal the encouraging fact that the membership of the Native Church has increased during the war years. There are 222 more members to-day than in 1941 when the last returns were made. In spite of the heavy death-roll, particularly on Bougainville, adherents have declined by only 216. These are really wonderful figures under the circumstances, for which we praise God.

When the General Secretary returned from the Solomons he brought with him a beautifully carved ebony stick inlaid with mother-of-pearl. This exceptionally fine specimen of native craftsmanship was a token of appreciation from the Native Church to the Honourable, the Minister of Finance, and the War Cabinet, for the remission of £12,450 succession duty in the Samuel Gorman Estate, and was presented to Mr. Walter Nash during the year.

Staff.

The Chairman and his Colleagues have been encouraged in their big task by the arrival of further reinforcements. The Rev. Allen H. Hall has made an excellent start as tutor of the District Institution, and the Rev. Trevor and Mrs. Shepherd, after gaining some valuable experience en route, have taken up their appointments at Kakesu

in the Teop Section. As mentioned under Medical, Sisters Winifred, Merle and Lucy have reached their respective stations. The Rev. Taniela Palavi and his wife have arrived from Tonga, and will be a valuable addition to the South Bougainville Staff. They are a further gift from the Tongan Church, following closely after the Rev. John Taufa and his wife, who are arriving at the beginning of 1947.

After a further strenuous term of ten years, the Rev. Paul Havea has returned to Tonga for furlough, and the Revs. J. F. Goldie and C. T. J. Luxton are due for furlough early in 1948.

At the recent Synod, the Rev. A. W. Silvester and Sisters Lina Jones, Grace McDonald and Ada Lee intimated their retirement from the Staff at the end of 1948. These are all experienced workers whose terms of service in the Solomons range from 13 to 24 years. Their retirement will be a serious loss and constitutes a definite challenge to the Home Church. During the past two years we have made a wide appeal for ministers, a doctor, teachers and nurses. We thank God for those who have responded, but the need is still urgent, and should constitute the call to others. The Board will rejoice, as will the Islands District, to hear of more reapers for the harvest.

Educational.

Lack of equipment and facilities has been a serious handicap in the re-establishment of our Schools, but encouraging progress has been made at the Head Stations, and also in the villages. We need urgently more qualified teachers, and earnestly solicit the help of the Conference in this matter.

The Governments are taking an increasing interest in Education, and in the British Solomons a Director of Education and a School Inspector have been appointed. The former has visited our District and collaborated with the Chairman and other workers, and has expressed appreciation of what he has seen in quite a number of the Schools. It is expected that the Government will formulate an Educational Policy which will be submitted to the various Missionary Societies for consideration. In his conversations with the newly appointed Director, the Chairman made it clear that full control by us of our own schools will be a *sine qua non* of any negotiations. This is a principle of fundamental importance from which we must not deviate.

An important Conference of Government Officials and representatives of Missionary Societies was held at Port Moresby during the year, at which our Society was represented by the Rev. C. T. J. Luxton. A report of this Conference, the findings of which affect our Bougainville-Buka Circuit, has been published in the "Open Door." The proposed Government grants-in-aid are generous, but here again the fundamental principle of control has to be carefully watched.

Medical.

In the British Solomons and the Territory of New Guinea, the Government is extending its medical work, and grants-in-aid will not be made for medical service rendered by Missions in areas where the Government is operating. While we are desirous of the closest possible collaboration, we must never lose sight of the profound importance of spiritual emphasis in dealing with the sick—particularly among primitive people—and we must retain freedom to develop our own policy. This freedom may involve sacrifice of subsidies.

Dr. A. G. Rutter retired from the Solomons at the end of 1947. He has rendered outstanding service to the Church and has maintained a high standard both as a Doctor and Spiritual Leader, ably supported by Mrs. Rutter.

So far we have been unsuccessful in securing a new Medical Superintendent. Such an appointment is of immediate importance in view of the rebuilding of the hospital and the needs of the medical unit.

Dr. and Mrs. Rutter have also placed the Board much in their debt by their generous hospitality to our workers passing through Honiara, the spiritual care of the large number of Western natives resident there, and considerable work in clearing goods through the Customs, etc. These tasks at Honiara are increasing in volume and importance and it has been suggested from the Field that a man should be appointed there.

As Senior Medical Officer in the Protectorate, Dr. Rutter has made available to our District certain Government resources in the way of drugs and medical service, and has stationed a doctor in the Western Solomons. The ultimate location of the latter has not yet been decided and the position of our new hospital will be affected by the Government decision in this matter.

Sister Joy Whitehouse has retired after a fine term of service, and new nursing appointments will have to be made at Bilua and Roviana.

During the year Sisters Winifred Poole, Merle Carter, and Lucy Money have taken up their respective nursing appointments at Buka, Teop, and Choiseul, and are doing splendid work, notwithstanding the limitations of equipment and facilities.

Rehabilitation.

The serious lack of shipping and materials continues, and it is evident that the period of re-construction will be longer than at first anticipated. Some materials, however, are available at Bougainville and Buka, and now that the new site at Buin has been acquired, an early start in the building programme is anticipated at all three stations in that Circuit. To this end Mr. C. Carter, an experienced foreman builder, joined the staff, as mentioned above. Messrs. Bruce Cole and Grenville Voyce continue to render good service at Buin, and a master builder has volunteered to take the place rendered vacant by the death of Mr. Carter. In addition to the actual re-building, these capable and devoted men will train native artisans, thus playing an important part in technical education.

A site on Bimbilo Hill, adjacent to Munda, was selected during the year for the new District Institution, but some uncertainty has arisen since, owing to the possibility of the Munda air strip being required by Government.

The disappointing delay in re-commissioning the "Roviana" still continues. A new engine was shipped from N.Z. in May and an engineer retained for its installation, but difficulties regarding the slipping of the vessel, etc., have arisen, and the boat has remained at her mooring.

The "Daphne" and "Munda" have continued to render excellent service. A modern 20 ton "barge" was acquired during the year, and two new engines were installed by Mr. Bruce Cole. This craft has proved a valuable addition to transport at Bougainville.

No further word has been received regarding compensation for War Damage in the British Solomons. A special commissions has been considering claims in the Far East during the year, and it is hoped that action will be taken shortly in the Solomons.

Home Base.

The Board is extremely fortunate in the able and devoted service of its Treasurers and office staff, and the district and circuit secretaries, to whom it returns sincere thanks.

Literature.

The circulation of the "Open Door" and "Lotu" has been well maintained, and the thanks of the Board are extended to those who edit these popular magazines and those who distribute them.

Our relationship with the Institute Press which prints the papers is very happy.

The four Gospels in Roviana have been reprinted during the year by the British and Foreign Bible Society, and specimen copies are to hand.

General Secretary.

The Rev. A. H. Scrivin has notified the Board of his desire to retire early in 1950, and a Committee has been set up to consider the question of his successor.

South Pacific Christian Conference.

Sponsored by the National Missionary Councils of Australia and New Zealand, an important Conference will be held at Morpeth, N.S.W., in February, 1948, preparatory to the bigger Conference planned for 1950. Special committees have been preparing data on various subjects of major importance to Christian Missions in the Pacific, and the findings of the Conference should have far-reaching effect. The Revs. J. F. Goldie and A. H. Scrivin, and possibly Mrs. J. R. Metcalfe, will represent our Society.

M.W.M.U.

The Women's Missionary Union has maintained its very helpful service and is a source of much inspiration and encouragement to the Board. It keeps in close touch with the Sisters on the Field and contributes the major portion of the money required for their support. In addition to these regular contributions, special amounts were paid to the Board during the year, as follows:—

£930 for the establishment of Sisters' work at Teop.

£328 for a Maternity Ward at Choiseul.

£823 for equipping District Girls' School.

Even more important than its substantial financial support are the spiritual fervour and informed interest maintained by the M.W.M.U. in the work of the Kingdom Overseas, and the Board extends to the Executive and all members its sincere thanks and congratulations.

Youth Board.

The Board expresses its appreciation of the continued and growing interest of Youth in the Overseas work of the Church. The clamant need of the Solomons for more workers is both a challenge and an opportunity for Youth to-day. A doctor and qualified teachers and nurses are wanted for immediate service. Who will go?

The Board places on record its appreciation of the services of the Rev. C. T. Symons, M.A., B.D., and Mr. Arthur Bate, as they retire from the Youth Department, and their constant effort to keep Missionary claims before our young people. It has also appreciated the fellowship of Mr. Bate as a member.

Missionary Exhibition.

Sponsored by nearly all the Protestant Missionary Societies represented in New Zealand, a highly successful Missionary Exhibition was held during November, in the Auckland Town Hall. So successful, indeed, was the effort that the function is likely to become an annual one. The Board is under a special debt of gratitude to the Rev. E. C. Leadley and Sister Edna White, who represented it on the united committee, and were largely responsible for the excellence of the Methodist Section of the Pacific Court.

Finance.

The Treasurers' Statement is appended. The Board is grateful for the continued generous support of the Home Church, and for several special gifts and legacies already acknowledged in the "Open Door" and the "Methodist Times." We would point out, however, that greatly increased costs are involving the Board in rapidly growing expenditure, and urge that, wherever possible, contributions be brought into line with added income.

Conclusion.

The Board is never in doubt concerning the work committed to it. The Great Head of the Church is so clear and definite regarding both our obligations and resources that the way cannot be mistaken. What is needed is our full surrender to Him in order that the Kingdom may fully come to the Solomons.

E. T. OLDS, Chairman.

A. H. SCRIVIN, Secretary.

(B)—TREASURERS' REPORT.

For the Year Ended 31st December, 1947.

The Treasurers have pleasure in presenting the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December, 1947.

Owing to the continued communication difficulties, the financial statements did not arrive from the Islands until 16th January. It is therefore impossible to present to the Board a complete and accurate Balance Sheet as there are many difficulties in reconciling The Islands statements with the Head Office books.

The Women's Missionary Auxiliary has again splendidly supported the Missionary enterprise of the Church. This year a total of £3,836 has been contributed, which amount includes the sum of £823 for the special objective, namely equipment of Solomon Islands Girls' School, £930 for Nursing Sister at Teop, and £328 for Maternity Ward at Choiseul. £1,000 has been contributed to the Leper Fund by the Lepers' Trust Board which together with other contributions amounting to £83 makes an addition to the Fund of £1,083.

Income for the Medical work amounted to £1,001, made up of £971 from interest on investments and £30 other contributions. £118/3/10 has been received from the realisation of the Onekaka Shares (Gorman bequest). This has been added to the capital account of the Medical Fund.

The Rehabilitation Fund has received £3,037 from Legacies, £2,308 from interest on investments, and contributions of £1,214. It is to be hoped that more of our people will remember the Mission Fund when making their wills. It is worthy of note that the income from the Native Church in the Solomons amounts to £1,607. Word has been received that the Bougainville-Buka circuit has raised £345/10/- for the Don Alley Memorial Fund. New Zealand Contributions for the Don Alley Memorial Fund during the year amount to £848, which now brings the total to £3,297.

During the year a considerable part of the money due to Native Agents for services rendered during the war years has been paid. £100 has been contributed from our Funds to the World Council of Churches for the support of "Orphaned Missions," and £48 towards the National Missionary Council. Rising costs of printing and of paper have resulted in a loss of £133 on the Mission Publications, the "Open Door" and "Lotu."

T. L. HAMES,
A. BLAKEMORE, General Treasurers.

RESOLUTIONS.

- (1) That the Report be received and adopted.
- (2) That the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.
- (3) That Conference send a letter of greetings and sympathy to Mrs. R. Carter.
- (4) That the following greeting be sent to the Native Church:—

Last year the Mission Board conveyed to you its greetings and goodwill through the General Secretary, who brought back to us the good news of your well-being and your faith which had not failed through the war years. To-day as we gather at the Annual Meeting you are at the centre of our thought and love. You are the purpose for which we exist as a Board. The good seed, which is the Word of God, has been sown and watered in your hearts, and God has given the wonderful increase which finds expression to-day in your life and service for the Kingdom. For the faithful work of your Ministers and Teachers and the leadership of your Christian Chiefs we give thanks to God, and rejoice with you in all who have been added to the Church.

We regret that lack of materials and transport has hindered the rebuilding of the Mission Stations, but are assured that, as during war years, your difficulties and ours will throw us more upon God and His resources that can never fail.

We rejoice that new workers from New Zealand and Tonga have gone to help you, and mourn with you in the death of Mr. Charles Carter. God does not measure our work by length of days, but by the love that constrains us. Mr. Carter went to you because he loved you and God will multiply his love in your hearts. So will he multiply by His grace all we seek to do together in His Name to win the Solomons for His Kingdom.

May His peace that passeth understanding fill your hearts and minds.

- (5) That greetings be sent to the Workers in the Field.
- (6) That the representatives on the National Missionary Council be: The General Secretary (Rev. A. H. Scrivin), Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A., Rev. J. D. McArthur, Mrs. E. M. Riddell.
- (7) That the Board for 1948 be:—

The President of the Conference (Rev. E. T. Olds), the General Secretary, the General Treasurers, the Chairman of the Solomon Islands District, the Revs. Dr. H. Ranston, W. Walker, E. W. Hames, G. I. Laurenson, A. E. Orr, E. C. Leadley, J. C. Draper, A. E. Jefferson, L. R. M. Gilmore, W. Green, W. W. Avery, F. Copeland, A. A. Bensley, R. Dudley, H. C. Dixon; Messrs. J. Tyler, R. Thomas, L. Peak, J. H. Blackwell, W. E. Burley, C. K. Wigglesworth, R. T. Garlick, W. Elliot, H. Denton, Miss E. Rishworth, Messrs. C. E. Taylor, W. C. Francis, P. E. Patrick, G. S. Gapper; President M.W.M.U. (Mrs. M. E. Virtue); President M.W.M.U. Auckland District Council, Mrs. Beavis; Mrs. Hemmings, Sister Edna White, Mrs. B. O. Stokes, Mrs. H. Nicolson, Mrs. Stanley Brown; Northern Youth Director.

Treasurers for 1948: Rev. A. Blakemore, Mr. T. L. Hames.

DISTRICT FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEES FOR 1948.

AUCKLAND.—Superintendent Ministers of City and Suburban Churches, President Auckland District M.W.M.U., Mrs. H. Nicolson, Miss E. Rishworth, Messrs. A. B. Whitehead, W. E. Burley (Convener), R.G. Laking, and R. Thomas.

Northland Sub-Committee: Northland Sub-District Executive.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.—Ministers of Hamilton, Hamilton East and Matamata Circuits, Messrs. P. Rushton, W. B. Young, Mesdames A. A. Bensley, S. Couch, Hon. Secs. Hamilton and Hamilton East Women's Auxiliaries. Convener, Rev. A. A. Bensley.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.—The Chairman of the District, the Ministers and F.M. Secretaries of the New Plymouth and Waitara Circuits. Convener, Rev. I. M. Raynor.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.—**Hawke's Bay:** Ministers of Napier, Hastings, and Gisborne Circuits; Messrs. J. H. Oldham and A. Tunncliffe. Convener, Mr. J. H. Oldham.

Manawatu Sub-Committee: Ministers of Palmerston North and Feilding Circuits, and Mr. C. E. Taylor (Convener).

WELLINGTON.—To be appointed by District Executive. Rev. J. D. McArthur, Convener.

NELSON.—Ministers of Nelson, Richmond, and Motueka Circuits, Messrs. S. S. Collier, H. J. Savage, E. S. Wratt, E. C. Gamble. Convener, Rev. A. K. Petch.

NORTH CANTERBURY.—To be appointed by the District Executive. Convener, Rev. A. R. Witheford.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.—The Ministers of Timaru and Temuka Circuits, Mesdames R. McAlister, W. Blakemore, Messrs. C. W. Keinan, T. Simmons, A. Dale. Convener, Rev. W. W. Avery.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—To be appointed by the District Executive. Convener, Rev. N. P. Larsen.

Home Mission and Church Extension Department

A.—ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1947.

Introduction:

In discharging the responsibility committed unto us by the Church in the work of the department we acknowledge once again our gratitude to Almighty God for His Guidance, and ever pray that we may be true to the Pauline injunction "Whatsoever ye do, do all to the Glory of God".

Literature and Colporteur Society, Maori Mission:

Separate reports are submitted herewith.

Staff:

During the year the Board has accepted for service Messrs. A. Handyside, J. McMorran, F. J. Climo, and D. Armstrong as Married Home Missionary Probationers; and Messrs A. W. Mead, and D. W. Edmonds as Single Home Missionary Probationers, all of whom have settled down to the work and are rendering good service.

The Board was not able to fill a number of vacancies on the Stationing Sheet, because of the inadequate supply of single men. Where an appointment was not made the Church is indebted to the loyalty and devotion of the circuit officials and office bearers, and the assistance given by neighbouring circuit ministers, who have endeavoured to keep the programme of work and service going. We are glad to express our appreciation of their efforts.

Once again it is desired to draw the attention of the whole Church to the need for more parsonages to prepare for a more settled and continuous ministry and for the greater number of married men being accepted for training.

There are many vacancies for suitable single men.

Obituary:

We regret to record the passing of one of our retired Home Missionaries, Rev. Charles Duncan, who at the time of his death was assisting in a 'supply' capacity in the Avondale Circuit.

Spiritual Advance Committee:

After carrying out the instructions of the last Conference with reference to the preparation of a 'Statement on Evangelism' and making same available for discussion at the May Synods, and requesting each Synod to prepare for some definite piece of evangelistic work within the District, the Board passed over its functions as a Spiritual Advance Committee to the new Connexional Committee, confident that this important work will secure a primary place in the attention of the Church under its guidance. It is to be regretted that many May Synods did not assign the "Statement on Evangelism"

the first place in their deliberations envisaged by the Resolution of Conference; some overlooked the matter, and other districts perhaps felt that the time was inopportune for launching a definite scheme of evangelism in their areas.

Methodist Ecumenical Conference:

At the request of the Conference Committee set up to select the personnel to represent our Church at the Methodist Ecumenical Conference the Board was pleased to be able to release the General Superintendent to be one of the representatives. The Board is convinced that because of his position and powers of leadership the Rev. G. I. Laurenson will be able to benefit our whole Church as a result of his experience, not only in attending this world conference of Methodist leaders, but in seeing something of the work of the Methodist Church in the United States and Canada. The Board expresses its appreciation and gratitude to the Pitt Street Trust, the Wesley Trust of Taranaki Street, Wellington, the Wesley Trust Hamilton for the generous manner in which they co-operated with the Board in making the financial arrangements.

Sister Rita Snowden:

The Board takes pride in the honour paid to Sister Rita Snowden by the Queensland Methodist Conference in inviting her to be one of the guest speakers at their Centennial. It was pleased to be able to facilitate leave arrangements to enable her to be used by the respective Home Mission Departments in several States. Her experience will be at the service of our Church on her return.

Home Mission Page—"The Methodist Times":

Many appreciative comments have been received concerning the standard set in this page of our Connexional paper. In this regard we pay tribute to the excellent work of the Rev. H. A. Cochrane. His work has done much to improve the standing of our Home and Maori Mission Work in the mind of our people.

Finance:

Because of rising costs in travelling and salaries the state of the finances of the Board continues to give some concern. It is urgently necessary that circuits and Home Mission Stations endeavour to raise the level of giving to this central fund of our Church, upon the buoyancy of which depends our ability to increase the efficiency of our Maori Mission, and also to take advantage of the opportunities presented by the rapid growth of new areas, and the redistribution of population in cities and towns throughout the Dominion.

The last Conference adopted Estimates of Receipts and Expenditure which required the raising of an EXTRA £4,000 from Circuits and Home Mission Stations. In order to assist this end the total amount required as Income, £13,000, was allocated on a Target System devised by the Board in co-operation with the Chairmen of Districts to every Circuit and Home Mission Station. Many Circuits etc., have succeeded in reaching the Target set, and the Board is convinced that where attention is paid to organisation of the appeal with a systematic canvass of members and adherents the Target amounts can be reached without hardship. It must be pointed out that even if the total of £13,000 as income is achieved, the Board still has to carry an accumulated deficit of £4,000.

District Synods are requested to discuss the measure of success attained within their Districts under the new form of Question No. 36 in the Synod business—"What more can be done to increase the support to Home and Maori Missions?"

Organisation of Circuit Finance:

The Board desires to draw the attention of all Circuits and Home Mission Stations being assisted with Home Mission Grants to the obligation resting upon them to organise their finances with a view to becoming financially independent. In many cases the organisation of an efficient envelope or sustentation system is all that is required. The grants so relinquished will then become available for other work.

Travelling Costs and Cars:

The present high cost of cars and the increasing maintenance costs on ageing vehicles is a serious embarrassment to the work, principally in country areas. The problem is seen in its most urgent light in the case of men going to take up their first appointments, and being faced with the problem of providing their own transport. Very few of these men have any resources of their own, nor is it fair to expect men to mortgage their future for years to come in purchasing cars for Church work. It is hoped that the Transport Committee will soon be in a position to give a lead to the Connexion in this matter. The Board is engaged on collecting statistical data which may assist that Committee, and it is hoped to have a report ready for consideration by Conference.

The Board through its Special Loans Account has assisted a few men to obtain vehicles by providing loans at 3½% interest, but as the funds available for loans are limited this does not really face the problem. Again the question is bound up with travelling allowances—and to pay adequate allowances many Circuits and Home Mission Stations would require a larger grant, and this is not possible at present. In the meantime we would recommend the practice of rigid economy in the use of cars, and the use of alternative and cheaper forms of travel where available.

Special Loans Account:

Twelve new loans to a value of £7,605 have been made already (September 30) this year, lifting the value of current loans to £16,952. The value of this Account enabling Trusts and Circuits to take advantage of opportunities is now clearly recognised.

Disbursement of Legacy Money:

Since the beginning of the financial year the following Trusts and projects have benefited from the disbursement of 50% of Legacy Monies received from estates administered under the terms of the new policy:—Hamilton Maori Centre, Mayfield, Kawhia, Point Chevalier, Waitangi Road, Kaikohe Parsonage, Reefton Parsonage, Corstorphine, Taita, Western Springs, Kaeo Parsonage, Auckland Maori Centre, Kawakawa Centre, Dargaville Centre, Kawakawa Deaconess Cottage—grants to the value of £288 as at September 30. A further amount of £65 has been disbursed to Home Missionaries under the terms of the Gibson Bequest—to those in full work at the time of the testator's death.

District Boundaries (Minutes of Conference, 1947, page 188, Res. 4):

The Board has in terms of the above resolution sent to each District Executive a definition of its boundaries with the request that it shall define the Circuit and Home Mission Station boundaries in such a manner that the whole area shall be within the pastoral area of some Circuit or Home Mission Station. Upon receiving the District Synod reports the Board will compile a full report for presentation to Conference.

Relations with Australian Methodism (Minutes of Conference, 1947, page 131, Res. No. 15):

As instructed by Conference, your Board, through a sub-committee chaired by the Rev. Dr. H. Ranston, with the Rev. F. Handy as Convener, has initiated investigations into the question of closer relations with Australian Methodism, and reports as follows:—

Letters were sent to all Connexional Officers, Chairmen of Districts, prominent laymen and women, and a selected cross-section of ministers within our New Zealand Church, and to the Connexional Officers of the various Australian Conferences, with a view to discovering their mind on this matter.

Without exception the idea of fostering closer relations between the New Zealand and Australian Methodist Churches was cordially received and endorsed both in New Zealand and Australia. Correspondents submitted suggestions which may be grouped under the headings of: (a) Co-operation; (b) Co-ordination; (c) Amalgamation. Ways and means by which either of the above might be achieved centred around Foreign Missions, Ministerial Exchanges, and Literature. Because of the emphasis on, and demand for, closer association on these matters, together with the far-reaching nature of the suggestions made, the Board considers that the issues involved are beyond its power, authority and scope, and therefore recommends:—

“That Conference set up a strong representative committee, independent of any Church Department, to consider the suggestions made relative to fostering closer co-operation between the Australian and New Zealand Methodist Churches, and to make further investigations if necessary, and to report to the Synods of 1948.

1948: Home and Maori Mission Year (Minutes of Conference, 1947, page 129, Res. 4):

The Board rejoices that last Conference designated 1948 as “Home and Maori Mission Year,” when the whole Church will concentrate upon the needs of the Department (see mins. of Conf.). To secure an adequate presentation of the case for the Department, the Board recommends that each Synod set up a strong committee of laymen who will act as a Commission, and be prepared to survey the Circuits and Home Mission Stations within the District with a view to (1) considering what could be done to improve the level of giving to the Home Mission Fund, and (2) to assisting certain Circuits and Home Mission Stations to secure financial independence.

It is suggested that Districts through some such Committee could make an effective contribution to the success of the Home and Maori Mission Year by carrying out this survey as soon as possible.

Conclusion:

The continued help and co-operation of every member and adherent of our Church will bring success in the task of presenting the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to our people, both Maori and European. We give thanks to Him for all that is past, and trust Him for all that is to come.

E. T. OLDS, Chairman, Home Mission Board.

A. E. WAITE, Secretary.

B. M. CHRYSTALL, Assist. Superintendent.

B.—SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT, 1948.

Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust Fund:

We have been greatly encouraged by the recent gift by Mrs. J. H. Blackwell to the Home Mission Department of a block of land and a building in Parnell, Auckland, valued at £10,000, the finances of which are to be administered by the Home Mission and Church Extension Investment Funds Board as the Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust Fund. The nett proceeds of this outstanding gift are to be used by the Board in special capital development and extension work, both Maori and European. A deed of trust has been executed, and the Board became possessors of the freehold of the property in trust as from January 1st, 1948.

Gift by Mrs. Heighway of Hastings:

A further gift which has been very greatly appreciated has been that by Mrs. Heighway of Hastings, of a dwelling property in that town, which with her consent has been sold, and the proceeds, £930, will shortly be available for the work of the Department.

Grant from Government for Te Rahui:

Last year, Te Rahui, our Methodist Maori Mission Workers' Centre and Girls' Hostel in Hamilton, was specially visited by the Rt. Hon. Mr. Peter Fraser, as Native Minister. He expressed himself in terms of appreciation that greatly delighted our staff, and the Government has now gone a step further in making a direct grant of £500 from the Funds of the Maori Department to the Board for "Te Rahui." This has been used in reducing the capital indebtedness on the property, leaving now the sum of £1,138/11/2 owing.

We know that Conference will desire to record the special thanks of the whole Church to the donors of these special gifts for our work.

Home and Maori Mission year, 1948:

In furtherance of the decision of last Conference that 1948 be regarded by the whole Church as a "HOME AND MAORI MISSION YEAR" (Mins. of Conference 1947, page 129, Resolution 4, (1), (2) and (3)), the following recommendations are submitted for the hearty approval of the Conference:—

- (1) That the objectives for the 1948 Special Year be twofold:
 - (a) The raising of the level of the annual giving to the Funds of the Department.
 - (b) The liquidation of the overdraft on the General Fund.

(2) To these ends:—That Conference draw the attention of the whole Church to the urgent necessity of placing the regular income of the Home Mission Department on a much higher level so as to enable at least the present programme of work to be maintained without serious retrenchment.

That an effort be made by the whole Church during the year, to liquidate the present large interest-bearing Bank Overdraft, which has been built up during the war and post-war years, in subsidising the regular work of the Church and in payment of the stipends of workers already in the field.

(3) That a special Stewardship Week for Home and Maori Missions be held throughout the Dominion, to endeavour to raise through special cash gifts, a substantial sum of money which would be quite additional to the ordinary annual donations of our people. That special envelopes be used for this purpose, and an effort be made through printed publicity and preaching to prepare our people so that on the closing Sunday of Stewardship Week they would worthily respond to the appeal for meeting this urgent need.

That the dates for Stewardship Week for North Auckland and the South Island be from Sunday, 16th May to Sunday, 23rd May, and for the balance of the North Island, from Sunday, 19th September, to Sunday 26th September.

(4) That the Youth Board be asked to co-operate by asking the Local Youth Committees in each Church, or Circuit, to assist by organising some special youth effort in the interests of the Special Year.

(5) That Men's Fellowships be asked to appoint small committees to co-operate with the local Home Mission Collectors and Secretaries with a view to having a thorough canvass of the Church people in the interest of the two major objectives of the Appeal.

Assistant Superintendent:

The Board has pleasure in recommending to Conference that the Rev. B. M. Chrystall be designated for appointment by Conference, 1949, for a further term of three years as Assistant Superintendent.

E. T. OLDS, Chairman.

A. E. WAITE, Secretary.

G. I. LAURENSEN, General Supt.

C.—TREASURERS' REPORT.

1948 being "Home and Maori Mission Year," some comment concerning the present position of the Home Mission Fund is required.

The 1947 Conference asked that Circuits and Home Mission Stations endeavour to raise £4,000 additional income in the year. To assist in achieving this end Targets based on a factor of 10.3/- per member were allotted to Circuits. Although the Targets seemed high to some, the fact that 30 Circuits and Home Mission Stations reached or exceeded their Targets, and 81 exceeded their 1946 totals, shows what can be done with good organisation and enthusiastic leadership. Attention is drawn to the fine District Efforts evidenced by Taranaki-Wanganui, North Canterbury, South Auckland, and Otago-Southland (see 1947 figures below); 10 Circuits have still to forward monies held.

The following Table shows (1) general trends in Income and Expenditure over the past 10 years); (2) the manner in which the deficit has accumulated; and (3) the yearly amount paid in Interest on Overdrafts:—

Income.										Income.	
Districts.	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	
Auckland	1394	1477	1522	1630	1660	1740	2158	2144	2194	2218	
Sth. Auckland	765	906	902	961	1031	1112	1089	1222	1122	1429	
Tara-Wanganui	487	529	605	594	629	518	625	725	587	1025	
H.B.-Manawatu	669	730	704	839	849	846	945	902	1038	1039	
Wellington	809	833	962	892	928	957	1146	1142	1197	1222	
Nelson	417	452	495	492	497	502	490	472	516	549	
Nth. Canterbury	868	912	953	1105	1118	1167	1393	1318	1278	1691	
Sth. Canterbury	327	356	400	410	394	419	445	533	516	538	
Otago-South'l'd	646	654	646	670	705	743	790	811	786	989	
Total from											
Circuits	6382	6848	7189	7593	7811	8004	9081	9269	9234	10700	
Prop's & Inv'ts	3983	2572	2287	2637	2240	2330	3094	2883	2931	2654	
M.W.M.U.	1070	1107	1115	1197	1238	1304	1273	1435	1665	1665	
Tot. Income from all Sources	12009	11376	10932	11672	11541	12040	13835	13868	15078	16098	
Expenditure.										Expenditure.	
Maori	4722	5374	5292	5220	5417	6002	7295	8631	8826	9857	
General	5822	7163	6201	6223	6386	6080	6617	6450	8047	8556	
Tot. Expenditure	10644	12537	11493	11443	11803	12082	13912	15082	16873	18413	
Credit Bal.	1365			229							
Debit Bal.	Cr.	1161	561		261	42	77	1214	1798	2315	
Accumulation—											
Debit (543)		618	1180	951	1212	1254	1331	2545	4344	6659	
Yearly Int. Charges	116	136	147	138	134	143	186	255	327		

While some of the items of expenditure incurred over the past three years are non-recurring, such for instance as the outlay on equipment for modern deputation methods, the general trend of expenditure will be upwards if the Church is to maintain the present work, and take advantage of the new opportunities presented in both Maori and European fields.

The Table reveals the increasing burden of Interest Charges on Overdrafts. In 5 years these have totalled £1,046. Part of this could be saved if Circuits and Home Mission Stations would remit Home Mission Monies immediately after the conclusion of their efforts.

We record our thanks for the loyal co-operation and efforts of the Secretaries and collectors for our Fund.

We trust that this year—"Home and Maori Mission Year"—may see our overdraft liquidated, the level of giving raised to meet rising costs, and to enable the Department to serve the Church more adequately in these days of increasing opportunities.

FRANK PENN,
B. M. CHRYSTALL, Treasurers.

RESOLUTIONS.

- (1) That the Reports be received and adopted.
- (2) That the Financial Statements be received and adopted 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 Pictures Dept.
- (3) That the Estimates of Income and Expenditure for the year 1948 be received and adopted.
- (4) That in view of the urgent need for men in Home Mission Work and for the Ministry, the following steps be taken:—
 - (a) A letter over the signatures of the President of the Conference and of the General Superintendent of the Home Mission Department, be sent to all Churches to be read from all pulpits stressing the needs of the Church for men for Home Mission service and the Ministry.
 - (b) An approach be made from the Conference to all prospective Candidates for the Ministry, putting before them the challenge of the Home Mission service.
- (5) That Conference request the Inter-Church Council on Public Affairs to make representations to the Minister of Supply to arrange adequate provision of petrol for Ministers, Local Preachers, and other Church and Sunday School workers for necessary travelling in Church work.
- (6) That Conference request the Home Mission Board and other relevant Committees to consider the conditions under which Home Missionaries are employed and received, so that their status be raised; also the question of giving Senior Home Missionaries of fifteen years' standing or more some assurance that they will be able to continue their ministry until reaching the age of retirement.
- (7) That the investigation of Circuit and District boundaries be continued and that District Executives be requested to complete their reports as soon as possible and forward to the Home Mission Board for co-ordination and final report.
- (8) That the very special thanks of the Conference be tendered to Mrs. J. H. Blackwell for her magnificent gift to the Church through the Home Mission Department, whereby there is established the "Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust Fund," commencing with a capital value of £10,000 in freehold property. Conference assures Mrs. Blackwell of the deep gratitude with which this gift and the terms of the trust are accepted.
- (9) That Mrs. Heighway, of Hastings, be thanked most warmly by letter for her helpful and special gift to the Department of the house property in Victoria Street, valued at £930.

(10) That this Conference express to the Maori Minister, the Right Honourable P. Fraser, its grateful thanks for the grant of £500 from the funds of the Maori Department for the work of "Te Rahui" Maori Workers' Centre and Girls' Hostel in Hamilton, and assures the Government through him that this practical expression of approval of the work being done by our Maori Mission has been a great encouragement to our workers and to the Church.

(11) That the Rev. B. M. Chrystall, B.A., be designated by Conference for appointment by Conference, 1949, for a further term of three years as Assistant Superintendent.

(12) That the Conference express its thanks to the M.W.M.U. for their continued splendid efforts in assisting the Home and Maori Mission Work of the Church, and especially for making their Special Objective for 1948 the raising of Funds to assist in the erection of a Maori Centre in Hawera.

(13) That the following be added to Par. 101 of the Law Book, and that the Law Book Revision Committee complete the drafting of same:—"That copies of the Circuit Plans and Quarterly Financial Statements be sent quarterly to the District Chairmen by each Circuit and Home Mission Station."

(14) That Conference express its thanks to the Youth of the Church through the Youth Board for the help given to the Home and Maori Mission work through the contribution of over £1,900 from Sunday Schools and Bible Classes.

(15) That whenever possible a Home Missionary in active work be included in the personnel of District Home Mission Committees.

(16) **Relations with Australian Methodism:** That the following Committee consider the matter of closer relations between the Australian and New Zealand Methodist Churches:—The President, Dr. H. Ranston (Chairman), Revs. E. W. Hames, A. H. Scrivin, G. I. Laurenson, W. Walker, E. D. Patchett, E. Te Tuhi, J. C. Draper, G. H. R. Peterson, B. M. Chrystall, Wesley Parker, D. O. Williams, F. J. Handy (Secretary and Convener), Auckland Youth Director; Messrs. J. Tyler, T. L. Hames, L. W. Peak, J. Hargreaves, P. Dellow, J. H. Blackwell, D. E. Parton, W. E. Burley, J. Stanton, L. T. Hayman, S. E. Chappell, T. W. Hemer, G. S. Gapper; Mesdames H. Nicolson, H. J. Beavis, Miss E. M. Rishworth, Sister Rita Snowden; Corresponding Members; Chairmen of Districts; Connexional Secretary; Revs. J. F. Goldie, G. E. Brown, H. C. Matthews, J. Dennis, C. O. Hailwood, J. D. McArthur, J. D. Grocott, A. K. Petch, M. A. McDowell; Senior Youth Director; Messrs. W. J. Court, P. Rushton, C. E. Taylor, C. R. Edmond, H. J. Savage, W. C. Francis, M. Hughson, J. J. Kernohan, P. G. Woodnorth; and Mrs. M. E. Virtue.

(17) That the Treasurers be Rev. B. M. Chrystall and Mr. F. Penn.

(18) That the Board for 1948 be:—President of Conference, General Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, European Missionary in Maori Work, Senior Maori Superintendent, General Secretary of Foreign Missions, Principal of Trinity College, Revs. E. D. Patchett, L. R. M. Gilmore, Walter Parker, G. R. H. Peterson, A. E. Orr, H. Whitfield, F. J. Handy, A. E. Jefferson, J. C. Draper, J. Olphert, W. Walker, A. Blakemore, C. W. Brown, G. V. Thomas; the Lay Treasurer; President M.W.M.U.; Mrs. H. Nicolson, Misses E. M. Rishworth

and E. M. Pearce; and Messrs L. T. Hayman, J. H. Blackwell, H. M. Patrick, H. S. Crowe, C. K. Wigglesworth, S. E. Chappell, D. E. Par-
 ton, J. C. Tietjens, C. A. French, B. O. Stokes, P. Dellow, T. W. Hemer,
 and A. Williams. Corresponding Member: Rev. H. L. Fiebig. Life
 Members: Revs. A. J. Seamer and Dr. H. Ranston. Secretary: Rev.
 J. C. Draper.

(19) That the District Home Mission Secretaries be:—

Auckland	....	....	....	Rev. H. Whitfield
South Auckland	....	....	....	Rev. H. C. Matthews
Taranaki-Wanganui	....	....	....	Rev. H. K. Brown
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	....	....	....	Rev. C. R. Taylor
H.B.-Manawatu Sub Committee	....	....	....	Rev. G. R. Harris
Wellington	....	....	....	Rev. C. H. Bell
Nelson	....	....	....	Rev. William C. Jenkin
North Canterbury	....	....	....	Rev. A. J. Johnston
South Canterbury	....	....	....	Rev. O. Burnet
Otago-Southland	....	....	....	Rev. C. Duder
Otago-Southland Sub Committee	....	....	....	Rev. R. Thornley

(20) DISTRICT HOME MISSION COMMITTEES FOR 1948.

AUCKLAND.—Revs. E. T. Olds, J. C. Draper, Walter Parker, E. C. Leadley, G. R. Peterson, L. R. M. Gilmore, H. Whitfield, William Green, T. Skuse and R. Coombridge; Messrs. J. C. Tietjens, S. E. Chappell, F. E. Blakey, A. Williams, F. Penn. Convener, Rev. H. Whitfield.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.—Chairman of the District, Ministers of Hamilton, Hamilton East, Cambridge, Te Aroha and Morrinsville Circuits, Rev. R. C. Patchett, Messrs. R. P. Kilham, E. J. Easter, W. B. Young, J. T. Johnston. Convener, Rev. H. C. Matthews.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.—Chairman of the District, the Ministers of New Plymouth, Waitara and Opunake Circuits, Rev. A. Currie, and Messrs. T. P. Hughson, A. K. Surrey, T. J. Hurrell and F. Gawith.

Wanganui Sub-Committee.—The Ministers of Wanganui Circuits, Messrs. E. L. F. Buxton, F. Whitlock, and S. Newsome.

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU.—Manawatu: Chairman of District, Ministers of Palmerston North, Feilding, and Ashhurst Circuits, Rev. H. R. Wright, Ministers of Palmerston North, Feilding, and Ashhurst Circuits, Mrs. L. Gwynn, Messrs. L. H. Bycroft and O. Greatehead. Convener, Rev. C. R. Taylor.

Hawke's Bay Sub-Committee.—Ministers of Napier and Hastings Circuits, Rev. W. J. Henderson, Mrs. J. Wilson, Mr. C. G. Laws. Convener, Rev. G. R. Harris.

WELLINGTON.—The Committee be the District Executive. Convener, Rev. C. H. Bell.

NELSON.—Chairman of the District, Ministers of Blenheim Circuit, Messrs. F. H. Southgate, H. Oldham, W. S. Harris, H. J. Savage, E. C. Gamble. Convener, Rev. W. C. Jenkin.

NORTH CANTERBURY.—Revs. E. Drake, H. J. Odell, F. O. Prosser, J. M. Blight, R. W. Mayson, E. S. Hoddinott, A. J. Johnston, Messrs. T. Holland, F. J. Vinicombe, C. R. M. Manhire, W. F. Stock, with power to add. Convener, Rev. A. J. Johnston.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.—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.—Mrs. D. W. Rawley, Misses I. Hancock, E. Hetherington. Messrs. E. Nixon, E. A. Burnett, Revs. A. H. Ivory, A. P. Dorrian, H. M. Brasell. Convener, Rev. C. L. Duder.

d. Methodist Literature and Colporteur Committee

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1947.

It is with great pleasure that we are able to report another successful year in the business conducted by our Bookroom in the service of the Church. Our thanks are due to the efficient service rendered by Mr. H. J. Beavis, and his staff.

Sales have increased from £3,502 for 1945-46 to £4,312 for the year ending 31st July. The stock on hand at that date stood at £1,613, as compared with £1,095 at the beginning of the year. A small profit of £176 was made—slightly less than last year—due to increased wages and rents. A full report of the position will be presented at Conference.

Your Committee is handicapped in its work in two directions: (1) The difficulty in securing and maintaining adequate stocks of Christian literature—theological and devotional works, etc.—the dissemination of which is the main purpose of the Bookroom. Constant endeavours are being made to remedy this position. Recently additional licences on America and Canada were secured—only to be cancelled by the Government in its endeavour to conserve dollars.

(2) The size of the present premises. As reported in the last Conference, efforts are being made to secure additional space, but so far without success. Should these efforts bear fruit, a better display of stock may be arranged, and better service given.

Tribute to Mr. T. W. Hemer:

A pleasing function was arranged by the Board shortly after Conference to pay public tribute to the work of Mr. Hemer. Board members and a representative group of Methodists met in the Maori Centre, and tokens of appreciation were presented to both Mr. and Mrs. Hemer for their outstanding service to our Church. The Board is pleased to be able to retain Mr. Hemer's services in an advisory capacity.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report be received and adopted.

ABRIDGED ANNUAL REPORT, M.W.M.U., 1947.

We present the 33rd Annual Report of the Methodist Women's Missionary Union of New Zealand.

Membership: Our membership is 4,665, a decrease of 13 members. New Auxiliaries have been formed at Paraparaumu, Levin, and Rotorua, making a total of 187 Auxiliaries.

Finance: Our total Income from all sources is £7,875/17/-. This year the sale of used stamps was a record, the amount raised being £1,045/4/11. The Special Objective (Equipment for Solomon Island Girls' School) realised £823/6/8. Overseas Gift Box money, £355/2/6, and Gleanings, £415/10/7.

Kurahuna: Mrs. Breadon, as Matron, and Miss Zelda Harper, as Assistant Matron, have done everything in their power to train and uplift the young Maori girls in their care. There are 14 girls in residence. Applications for admission still far outnumber the school's capacity. Revenue for the year is £1,011; Expenditure, £965.

Smethurst Rest Home: The Committee reports that Sisters have been tremendously pleased with the flat, and have taken a keen interest in keeping it in readiness for the next Sister. During the year it has been occupied fifteen times by twelve different Sisters.

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 277 parcels of clothing to our Home Sisters.

We have had the pleasure of four Sisters going to the Solomon Islands this year. Our Box Organiser Sister Edna White, reports 25 cases of goods and linen have been packed and sent forward with the various overseas workers. Fifty-two parcels have also been sent—a total of £180 having been spent. Twenty-two cases of medical goods were also sent. Our contribution to the Foreign Mission Board is £1,595.

DISTRICT COUNCILS: There are 16 District Councils supervising the work of the Auxiliaries. Conventions have been held in all districts, proving a help and an inspiration to all who were able to attend.

We pray that the women of our Union will continue to,

“Follow the Christ your King
With loyalty supreme,
Go work, and daily nearer bring
The Kingdom that you dream.”

M. E. VIRTUE, President.

G. M. RODDA, Acting Secretary.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report be received and adopted.

Spiritual Advance Committee

The newly constituted committee of Spiritual Advance appointed by last Conference has taken up its task from the former committee with a deep sense of responsibility and privilege in giving inspiration and lead in the spiritual welfare of our Church. We desire at the outset to record our appreciation of the many years' work and leadership given by the former sub-committee of the Home Mission Department.

Our task has been naturally of a preliminary nature this year, many matters engaging our attention which necessarily deal with the constitution and successful working of a new committee whose personnel is so widely scattered. Nevertheless we have endeavoured to come to our real task as quickly and as effectively as possible, and to give effect to the resolutions of last Conference.

Owing to exceptional circumstances the Committee was not able to begin functioning until June, and this has therefore made it impossible to present a report on the latest evangelistic methods being employed overseas as directed by last Conference; but we are at present gathering information with the purpose of suggesting such methods as we believe would be suitable for our Church here to employ. We shall ever seek to be fully acquainted with what is being attempted elsewhere.

The Committee is at the present time considering the future policy for spiritual advance and it is anticipated that at Conference we shall be in a position to propose definite work for our May Synods to do.

Publications.

During the year the booklet "If Any Man," by the Rev. C. W. Brown, was published and is selling well. A pamphlet written by Dr. H. Ranston, "What! No Religion?" has also been published. Two Auckland laymen generously made it possible to distribute free one thousand copies to University centres of the Dominion. Bible Reading cards have again been available. Arrangements are in hand to supply a Presbyterian-Methodist card for 1948 using the Scripture Union readings again.

Constitution.

The Committee considered the matter of a constitution for the new Standing Committee of Conference and recommends the following:—

Name: The Spiritual Advance Committee of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

Personnel.

That the personnel consist of the General Superintendent, and Assistant Superintendent of the Home Mission Department, the Senior Youth Director (or his deputy) (all of whom shall be members ex-officio); not fewer than eight and not more than fifteen ministers inclusive of the ex-officio members, and a similar number of laymen. A quorum shall be not fewer than one third of the Committee.

The Chairman of the District in which the Committee is centred shall be ex officio chairman. At the first meeting in the Connexional year the Committee shall elect a deputy-chairman.

Appointment: The Committee shall be appointed by the Conference on the nomination of the outgoing Committee to the District Synods.

Function: To encourage and promote the spiritual vitality and influence of the Church through all aspects of its activities for the furtherance of the Kingdom of God.

In particular the Committee shall be responsible for the following:—

- (1) To give leadership in all matters relating to the spiritual life and work of each Circuit and Home Mission Station.
- (2) To co-operate with the President of Conference in carrying out any plans he might have in relation to the above.
- (3) To plan and give leadership in relation to a long-term policy on matters such as Church Membership, Evangelism, etc.
- (4) To arrange for the preparation of suitable literature affecting the spiritual life of the individual and the Church.
- (5) To carry out the work assigned to it by Conference each year.
- (6) Any other matters relating to the spiritual advance work of the Church.

Finance: The Home Mission Department and the Contingent Fund shall make annual grants in equal amounts for the purposes of the Committee; such grants to be determined by Conference on the recommendation of the Committee.

Future Policy. Proposals for 1948 onwards.

In formulating its future policy the Committee has endeavoured to keep in mind certain important considerations, viz.:—

- (1) The local Church, Circuit or Home Mission Station is the field in which every spiritual advance must be made and any programme of advance that is unrelated to or is not supported in that field is bound to fail.
- (2) The local Minister or Home Missionary must give a lead and be supported by the local congregation before any real and permanent advance can be achieved.
- (3) The programme for each year should be developed out of the work of the previous year, and while achieving its own measure of results, be a preparation for further advance in the following year.
- (4) To accomplish this, it is essential to have a long-term policy which can be integrated into the normal and regular activity of the Church rather than being dependent on special efforts.

In the past a number of different programmes for spiritual advance have been formulated and inaugurated with varying measures of success. More might have been achieved had each year's programme been related to that of the preceding and succeeding years, and had the backing of local leadership and support been more general and wholehearted.

- (5) In an endeavour to plan a long-term programme that is related to the local field of operations and in order to develop local leadership and support, particularly among the laity, the Committee submits the following five-year programme.

I.—1948.—A year of Inspiration and Preparatory Action.

Because the three essentials to successful and permanent spiritual advance are a thorough knowledge of the present situation, adequate preparation, and confidence in the methods to be used, it is recommended that 1948 be a year of prayer and preparation.

The Committee is planning that during 1948 by means of questionnaires, local groups of investigators, etc., a Dominion-wide endeavour shall be made to analyse the spiritual state of the Church and to evaluate the general worth of the more successful methods of every type of evangelism which are being used in city, town and country areas.

The Committee will also endeavour to gather and make available the latest information of evangelistic methods from overseas.

During this year it is hoped that the President will be able to visit a large number of Circuits and arouse the whole Church to a new sense of the urgency of the responsibility which is ours as Ministers and Laymen of proclaiming and relating the Christian faith to the local and total situation of life.

Throughout the year stress will be laid on the need for strengthening the prayer life of the Church and stimulating local efforts.

The results of this year of analysis, prayer and preparation will prove its value in 1949.

II.—1949.—Inauguration of a Crusade for Christ and his Kingdom.

During 1949 further action will be taken to create local groups of leadership in every Circuit, Church and H.M. Station throughout the Dominion.

In furtherance of this objective May Synods will be asked to consider the report on the questionnaires submitted to them for this purpose.

At the November Synods reports will be submitted covering the work of the year of investigation and fact-finding which Synods will consider and make recommendations thereon. Nominations will also be made of area organisers whose task it will be to assist the local Minister or Home Missionary to establish local groups of leadership for the inauguration of and the carrying through of the Crusade. In preparation for this a meeting of area organisers will be held with the Spiritual Advance Committee for the purpose of studying the Synod recommendations and the adoption of those methods best suited to varying local conditions. Following this, district gatherings will be held for the purpose of enabling local Ministers and laymen to discuss plans and carry back to their local cause the vision and challenge of the Crusade.

The culminating effort of this year's work will be the official launching of the Crusade for Christ and the Kingdom at the Conference of November, 1949.

III. 1950-1952—Continuation of Crusade and Campaign for 5000 Members.

There can be no denying the fact that there is an urgent need for a marked increase in the spiritual birthrate of Methodism. At the same time it is evading facts to suppose that this can be achieved without dedicated leadership, adequate and prayerful preparation and consecrated support from the people called Methodists.

The Committee is convinced that if the programme for 1948 and 1949 is carried through as recommended, the Church as a whole will be more spiritually fitted than for many years past to fulfil her true function of evangelism and to gather others into the full fellowship of Christ and His Church and thus win them for the service of His Kingdom.

During these and succeeding years every possible aid to modern evangelism will need to be used to the full and the Committee intends to prepare and make available suggestions and material for pulpit, pictorial, printed, and radio evangelism. At this stage, however, the Committee is concerned with outlining the general plan for the next five years and concentrating on the details for the next two years.

Conclusion.

It is possible that some of the finance that will be necessary to carry through the Spiritual Advance programme for the next five years will be available through the generosity of the Caughey-Smith-Preston Committee. The matter is being investigated at the present time and it is hoped to be able to present a supplementary report to Conference dealing with this and other matters of detail which will have been finalised by that time.

J. F. JACK, Chairman.

C. B. OLDFIELD, Convener.

SPIRITUAL ADVANCE COMMITTEE. SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

It is gratifying to report that the programme and recommendations submitted to the Synods have been endorsed by every Synod. Certain recommendations from them have all been carefully considered and some of them are embodied in our recommendations to Conference.

In view of the unanimous support given to the proposals by the Synods, the Committee has proceeded to further the necessary arrangements for carrying through this year's programme. In brief they are as follows:—

(1) Immediately after Conference selected questionnaires will be sent to all full-time Church workers, representative laymen, Quarterly Meetings and Youth Groups. These to be returned not later than 30th April.

(2) The completed questionnaires will be sent in sections to May Synods for discussion and report to the Spiritual Advance Committee.

(3) A number of "Fact-finding Committees" will also meet during the year and report not later than August 31st.

(4) The reports from both these sources will provide the basis of discussion and subsequent action at the "Conference on Spiritual Advance," to be held during February or August, 1949.

(5) Throughout the year emphasis will be placed on the need for prayer and spiritual preparation on the part of the whole Church in readiness for the launching of the Crusade for Christ and the Kingdom in 1949.

It is also pleasing to report that through the generosity of the Caughey-Smith-Preston Evangelisation Committee the sum of £400 has been made available to our Committee for Spiritual Advance purposes under the direction of Conference. Needless to say the programme as submitted to Synods could not be carried through without adequate financial assistance, and the above-mentioned gift will be of considerable help in this connection.

The following additional recommendations are made in the anticipation that Conference will give its whole-hearted support to the out-working of the proposals which were placed before the Synods.

J. F. JACK, Chairman.

C. B. OLDFIELD, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

(1) That the Report be received and adopted, excluding the section on "Constitution" which is received and referred to the Law Revision Committee for consideration and report.

(2) That the questions to be asked at Synods and Conference concerning the Spiritual Advance Committee be:—

(a) What are the resolutions of the Conference respecting Spiritual Advance?

(b) What special work does the Conference direct the Spiritual Advance Committee to undertake during the year?

(3) That the Home Mission Department and the Contingent Fund grant £25 each to the Spiritual Advance Committee for 1948.

(4) That Conference learns with pleasure of the intention of the President to devote himself to the Spiritual Welfare of Circuits by use of the Pitt Street Mobile Unit, and in view of the heavy expenditure involved, asks the Committee to make a substantial grant from

the amount to be donated by the Caughey Smith Preston Evangelisation Fund for this purpose. Conference suggests that the President should collaborate with the Committee with a view to planning the Campaign and ensuring its success.

(5) That the Spiritual Advance Committee investigate the possibility of co-ordinating the Bible Reading Cards with the English Bible Reading Fellowship.

(6) **Future Policy.**

(a) That the five year plan as outlined in the report be approved.

(b) That the findings of the May Synods and Fact Finding Committees be submitted to the November Synods for consideration and recommendations.

(c) That the Spiritual Advance Committee nominate area organisers to the November Synods for appointment by the Executive Committee to meet in Wellington in February, 1949.

(d) That the Spiritual Advance Committee be authorised to arrange a meeting with the area organisers together with the President of Conference and the Chairmen of Districts for the purpose of planning the District and Local inauguration of the Crusade for Christ and His Kingdom.

(e) That during 1949 District gatherings be held for the purpose of studying the Synod recommendations and the adoption of those methods best suited to local conditions.

(f) That the launching of the Crusade for Christ and His Kingdom be given a central place in the Conference of November, 1949.

(g) That the Spiritual Advance Committee, in collaboration with the President of Conference, be empowered to make an appeal to individuals, circuits and trusts for contributions towards the expenses of the Crusade.

(7) That the Committee for 1948 be:—Revs. J. F. Jack, L. A. G. Brooks, C. O. Hailwood, C. B. Oldfield, W. E. A. Carr, H. S. Kings, L. V. Willing, F. J. Parker, F. B. Lawrence, H. K. Brown, C. R. Taylor, W. G. Slade, G. I. Laurenson, B. M. Chrystall; Messrs. J. H. Bailey, L. Laurenson, C. E. Taylor, W. S. Thrush, A. W. Carthew, L. G. Potts, S. G. Yeoman, F. H. Hudson, H. Bateup, J. Sanson, Miss L. Hodder, with power to add. Convener: Rev. C. B. Oldfield.

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

a. Maori Mission Report for 1947

During the year the work in the field has been maintained, and for the guiding and sustaining hand of Almighty God we give thanks.

Obituary:

Shadows have fallen across us in the passing of three of our Honorary Home Missionaries—Rangiira Tumahuki, who rendered long and faithful service in Taranaki; Te Paki Kinita and Ngakao Rapana, who gave service in the Maniapoto and Waikato Circuits respectively, and were faithful ministers to their people. We are also sad to record the passing of Wiremu Ngahoe on the eve of his appointment.

New Agents:

We are glad to welcome Wiremu Tonga into the ranks of the full-time agents. In the meantime he is stationed at Hamilton. We happily welcome into the Deaconess ranks Sisters Jean Simpkin (Dargaville), Daphne Lye (Waikato), and Mavis Dickie (Taranaki).

Pacific Islands Visit:

Great interest was aroused amongst the Maori people by the visit of Princess Te Puea and party to Tonga in order to attend the Tongan Royal wedding and other Pacific Islands. We were proud that our Mission was recognised by the invitations that were issued to members of our Maori staff to make the trip. The Home Mission Board provided the funds to enable two of our staff to accept the invitations, believing that the experience would be invaluable. The Rev. E. Te Tuhi as Chaplain to the party, Sister Heeni Wharemaru as attendant to Princess Te Puea, and Hoani Tonga, our Agent at Otewa, King Country, as interpreter, all made a deep impression, and returned strengthened and inspired by their experience and contacts with Native Church life, particularly in Tonga.

Bible Revision:

The work of the Maori Bible Revision Committee continues, and we are represented on the continuing Committee by the Rev. E. Te Tuhi. The work on the New Testament has been completed, and it is expected that another fifteen months will pass before the revision is complete and the work ready for publication.

Maori Section of the National Council of Churches:

It is pleasing to record that our Maori Mission is now officially part of the Ecumenical Movement. The inaugural meeting of the Executive of the above was held in July, and our Mission was represented. An excellent spirit of cordiality prevailed, and the way was cleared for a general meeting in November, when the three historic Missions hope to work out together more effective and concerted methods in bringing the Christian Faith to our Maori people, and tackle together some of the problems of the people in these difficult days of transition.

Methodist Ecumenical Conference:

News of the General Superintendent's visit to the United States in order to attend the Conference has been greeted with interest by our people, and we are all delighted to be represented through him at this great Conference.

Maori Centres:

It is with regret and disappointment that we report that the erection of the proposed Maori and Deaconess Centre at Kawakawa (for which the Board holds a large sum of money donated by the M.W.M.U.) has been held up because of unforeseen difficulties in the matter of survey of the section, and drainage. Every effort is being made to clear the way for a commencement to be made of the actual erection. A similar project is being planned for Dargaville—the promised gift of a suitable section and timber has made this possible.

Plans are being drawn up at the present time. It is hoped to have these operating in the near future, as they will be a tremendous asset to the work. We look forward to being able to make some provision for a centre in Hawera, another important centre of Maori population. The Centres in Auckland and Hamilton, now well established, continue to render effective service.

Schools and Hostels:

These units, Kurahuna, Wesley College, the Hostel associated with the Hamilton Centre (Te Rahui), and Rangiatea, render good service to our Maori people. The people have been glad to hear of the Divinity Course begun at Wesley College, Paerata, for the preparation of young men for the ministry, and look forward to the day when the thinned ranks of the Maori ministry will be reinforced. Likewise we look forward to the development of the Rangiatea Maori Girls' College.

Appreciation:

Again we express sincere gratitude for the ready assistance given by the M.W.M.U. by the Youth of our Sunday Schools and Bible Classes, and by all who contribute to the work of the Mission. Not only are we grateful for the financial support, but for all their efforts in stimulating and maintaining the Missionary spirit amongst the people.

Conclusion:

Once again we appeal to the whole Church for its prayerful support and understanding interest and concern in the service which Methodism seeks to render the Maori people.

E. T. OLDS, Chairman, Home Mission Board.

E. TE TUHI, Senior Maori Superintendent.

H. A. DARVILL, European Missionary in Maori Work.

B SPECIAL REPORT ON MAORI WORK.

(Minutes of Conference, 1947, page 129, Resolution No. 8.)

The Board appreciates the interest and concern which prompted the request for this special report, and values this opportunity of making the following statement. The information asked for under (a) and (b) of the above resolution can be given together, for there is very little movement of Maori population apart from that described as "the urban drift." Except for that, the Maori tends to remain in his tribal district, and statistics, where available, indicate that the only movement is a practically uniform increase in all districts. Up-to-date statistics are not yet available, but will be reported upon when they are to hand.

It was about 1922 that the Maori Mission authorities reported a noticeable drift of Maori population to large towns and cities. This drift has been steadily increasing since that time, but has accelerated since the main economic depression and during the second World War, when labour for industries was so much in demand. The European drift was probably at a higher ratio from rural to urban areas, but whereas this included movement to smaller towns, Maori movement was almost entirely to large towns and cities.

The most noticeable movement as far as our Mission area is concerned has been to the Auckland City, and this has been suffi-

ciently great to warrant special attention. While it is true we have a few families in Wellington City and suburbs, and some young people studying and working there, numbers are not sufficiently large in proportion to elsewhere to justify the appointment of a full-time Agent; the same is true of Wanganui, Palmerston North, and other large towns.

The progressive steps taken to meet the situation caused by the urban drift as it developed were as follows:—

1. European Circuit Ministers were requested to recognise that Maori folk resident in their Circuits, except where a Maori minister was stationed, were under their pastoral care. (The Anglican Church adopted the same line, but with greater success, because the Bishops insisted that the clergy should minister faithfully to Maoris in their parishes whether they were visited occasionally by a Maori minister or not.) It was also suggested that our Ministers' Fraternals should appoint one of their number to give special attention to this work, and that at least one volunteer should be found in each city congregation to act as liaison officer between Maori and European. This provided an excellent opportunity for a practical demonstration of the missionary spirit by local congregations, so much so, that if a part-time Agent were appointed in such cities, it would be a drawback rather than an advantage if it resulted in a weakening of a sense of responsibility on the part of the Circuit minister and congregation.

2. Maori ministers were given more duties in towns and cities.

3. A Deaconess was appointed on the Auckland Central Mission Property—this was later replaced by the present premises—to provide a suitable centre for the general Maori work. The removal of the senior Maori Superintendent's place of residence to Auckland was of great assistance, though not arranged primarily for the purpose of meeting the situation caused by the urban drift.

5. The appointment of a Maori Home Missionary to New Plymouth.

6. The removal of the residence of the Superintendent of the Taranaki Maori Circuit from Okaiawa to Hawera.

7. The appointment of a Home Missionary to Auckland City and suburbs.

8. The appointment of a second Deaconess to Auckland.

9. The appointment of a third Deaconess for Auckland City, suburbs and adjacent districts.

It is necessary to make notes on two further aspects, viz.:—

- (a) The reported increase of Maori population in market garden areas, is of a somewhat different character, for many of those concerned spent part of the year in their own tribal area at their permanent home. The movement is seasonal.

- (b) Considerable numbers of Maori people are attracted to Public Works projects, such as the hydro schemes in the Waikato. A ministry is rendered to such families accordingly. For instance, Sunday School and services were held regularly at Karapiro while the work was in progress there. Now that the work is completed,

no further need exists there, but contact is being maintained with the people, who have practically all moved to the scheme at Mangakino.

We now submit comparative statistics covering the last three decades:—

Year.	1915.	1925.	1935.	1945.
Churches	17	17	18	18
Other preaching places	105	112	118	252
Ministers (in active work)	8	5	5	5
Ministers (Supernumeraries)	2	4	2	—
Probationers	2	1	0	1
Home Missionaries (full time)	0	4	5	6
Home Missionaries (part time)	0	4	26	32
Deaconesses	0	4	10	14
Local Preachers	83	122	101	101
Members (Senior and Junior)	3230	4330	5626	7596

No returns available under the heading of "Adherents".

Increases in membership:—1st Decade	....	....	1100
2nd Decade	....	....	1296
3rd Decade	....	....	1970

Total 4366

Comments:

It should be noted that these returns cover those who have been baptised and received into the Church and remain loyal to the Church. We understand that this has been the method followed over the past 80 years at least. To alter it would serve no good purpose and would cause serious repercussions among the Maori people. The other historic Maori Missions follow the same method in tabulating their Maori membership.

During the early years of this century all Agents employed were received into the Native ministry, with or without examination. Some ministers were permitted to engage in secular work to supplement their meagre stipends. The status of the Maori ministry was gradually raised, and the practice established of giving H.M. status to those not fully qualified. Thus the above returns show a decrease from eight to five ministers, but an increase of full-time Home Missionaries from nil to six, and part-time Home Missionaries from nil to thirty-two.

In 1915 there was one European minister fully engaged in Maori work. This appointment ceased in 1924, the appointment being made again in 1945.

E. T. OLDS, Chairman, H.M. Board.

H. A. DARVILL, European Missionary in Maori Work.

E. TE TUHI, Senior Maori Superintendent.

RESOLUTIONS.

(1) That the Reports be received and adopted.

(2) That Conference conveys its greetings to the Right Rev. F. A. Bennett, Bishop of Aotearoa, and congratulates him on his inclusion in the recent Honours List.

(3) That Conference convey its greetings to Sir Apirana Ngata and congratulates him on the conferring by the University of New Zealand of the Degree of Doctor of Literature.

(4) That Conference sends its greetings to all Workers on the Maori Mission Staff. It recognises that they are continuing a valuable ministry in very difficult days. Through the Workers, Conference greets the Maori members of the Church and assures them of prayerful concern for the real advancement of the work of our Lord Jesus Christ among the Maori race.

(5) That the Maori members of the Church be urged to unite heartily this year with their pakeha brethren and sisters in making the "Home and Maori Mission Year" a success.

(6) That the Director of Broadcasting be notified of the desire of this Conference that more broadcasts specifically for Maori listeners be included in the programmes from the Broadcasting Stations.

(7) That Conference requests the Churches' Central Advisory Board on Broadcasting to consider the allocation at regular intervals of dates for the broadcasting of Maori religious services in Maori by the Churches engaged in Maori Mission activities. That these dates be allocated to suitable stations in virtue of their own right to a place in the programme of Religious Broadcasting.

(8) That Conference congratulate the workers in the Maori Mission on the encouraging increases in membership.

(9) That Conference re-affirm the desirability of the appointment of a Deaconess to superintend the Maori Mission work in the South Island and refers the question to the Home Mission Board for implementation when finances are available.

c. Rangiatea Maori Girls' School

REPORT TO SYNODS AND CONFERENCE.

I have the honour to present the report on the operations of Rangiatea Maori College Trust Board to the Methodist Synods of 1947 and the Conference of 1948, as follows:—

Annual Meeting: The Annual Meeting of the Board was held at the Whiteley Memorial Church, New Plymouth, on Saturday, the 27th September, 1947, commencing at 9.45 a.m., and concluding at 6.15 p.m.

Chairman: Mr. A. E. Hurley was re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

New College Property: The Local Committee gave a very satisfactory report upon the arrangements made for the letting of the Spotswood Farm property of approximately 50 acres. Last year the Board had decided not to renew the tenancy of the former tenant who was occupying the house and paying the rent of £109 per annum, the Board paying the rates. The Board at that time had been of the opinion that it would probably need the land for college building development. During the year, however, it became apparent that the building operations could not be commenced, and the Local Committee in New Plymouth arranged to let the land to a neighbouring farmer for twelve months at £3 10s per acre, the lessee paying the rates and entering into a covenant to fertilize the land to a value of not less than £26. Compared with the former arrangements, this letting is much more attractive and in keeping with the productive capacity of this valuable block of land.

Shelter Belts: No planting was done during the past year except in respect of the filling of gaps in the former shelter belts. Messrs. Duncan and Davies, Ltd., nurserymen, of New Plymouth, who undertook the original planting, very generously donated trees where the earlier planting had died out.

Dwelling: The Board has been exercised as to the use of the dwelling, which is old and dilapidated, on the Spotswood property, and which is still occupied by the former tenant. That matter has been left in the hands of the Local Committee to decide whether it should be repaired or removed, as it is not considered suitable for habitation in its present condition.

Legacies, Etc.: The Rev. C. M. Roberts has kindly consented to interview persons in the Taranaki District who might be interested in making donations to the purpose of the Trust.

Publicity: The Board is of the opinion that wider publicity should be given to its activities, and has set up a small Committee to provide a statement which it is intended to circulate through the medium of the local press and "Methodist Times."

Educational Report: The Board is making a separate report upon the educational policy of the Church in response to a request which was received from the Rev. B. M. Chrystall.

Financial Statement: The financial statement of the Board will be presented to Conference, and will be seen to be satisfactory on the present basis of establishment covering approximately twelve girls and a staff of two.

Future Policy: As I had occasion to state before Conference at Wellington in 1947, the future of this College is controlled entirely by the financial means that may be placed at our disposal. The original intent of the Centennial Fund was to make available £20,000 for this purpose. That was before the war. The finance actually received has fallen a great deal below even the £20,000, and it is clear that on an establishment for thirty to forty girls the Board would be unable to undertake the building programme without borrowing at least £20,000. Such a burden upon the reserves of the Board would be intolerable, and reduce the quality of the teaching instruction and education which the remaining income would enable the Board to give.

No fees from the Maori pupils or their parents can be expected in excess of such contributions as can be obtained by diversion of the family allowance or from bursaries. The borrowing of £20,000 would entail an annual charge of at least 3%, and take up consequently £600 of the Board's annual revenues. Under such circumstances the Board would be unable to meet the annual commitments.

In view of the inadequate financial resources available, the Board has regretfully decided that the establishment of the new College at Spotswood must be deferred.

Under the pressure of these circumstances, the Board feels the necessity for undertaking a more worthy scheme of education than the existing buildings at New Plymouth allow. The Home Mission Board, in conjunction with the Grey Institute Trustees, have recently acquired the improvements and leasehold interest in the old Mission Hill site, on which there stands a bungalow and outbuildings. The

Local Committee of the Board has proposed a tentative scheme for the development of this site as a residential hostel for twenty-five Maori girls and staff. As this Mission Hill site is within a quarter-mile of the existing school buildings, it is intended to adapt the existing school buildings for use as classrooms, which would mean pupils and staff would have a walk of a few chains to and from the classrooms. The Board has instructed Mr. Harvey, for whose assistance we are very grateful, to consider the possibility of such a development, and submit a plan to the Board for its consideration before any definite steps are taken towards this project. The Board is, however, clearly of the opinion that if the major scheme at Spotswood has to be postponed for a period of five to ten years, as seems inevitable, then the present buildings and accommodation are totally inadequate.

It should be clearly understood, however, that the development of the Mission Hill property would necessitate an outlay of probably not less than £3,000 or £4,000, of which it is unlikely more than one-third could be recovered when the ultimate scheme is undertaken on the Spotswood property.

Registration of School: The Board has decided to apply for the registration of the existing school, and steps are now being taken to this end.

A. EATON HURLEY, Chairman.

Wellington, 6th October, 1947.

B.—EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RANGIATEA METHODIST MAORI GIRLS' SCHOOL, 1947.

In presenting this eighth Report I do so with a deep sense of privilege, being aware that the future of the Maori race rests in the hands of these young people that we are training.

As we go to print it is with a sense of satisfaction knowing that the Church has planned a forward move towards providing opportunities of education for more Maori girls.

Staff: While the Principal was absent, Mrs. M. Vaughan was in charge of the School. Miss J. Rogers continues to serve us as teacher.

Pupils: As usual the demands for enrolment have exceeded the vacancies. The roll of twelve has been sustained throughout the year. Half of the pupils are in the Primary Department and the other half in the Secondary.

One pupil has been attending Leadership Training Classes.

Four pupils gained their Primary School Leaving Certificate this last year.

Six girls have joined the local Guide Company and have attended several week-end camps.

Registration: With the prospect of a larger school in view, application has been made to the Department for the registration of the present school.

Recreational: Friendly basketball matches were played this year with other schools. More time has been given to Maori arts, poi, haka and action songs.

We are grateful to the local people at Waitara, Eltham and Opunake who have entertained the girls at weekends. Also to the local people for a trip to the Mountain, socials, and for entertaining the girls in their homes.

So, as another year draws to a close, we look forward confidently to what the future may bring to us.

E. B. MARRIOTT, Principal.

October 20th, 1947.

RESOLUTIONS.

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

(2) That the Board be: Revs. J. H. Allen, G. I. Laurenson, F. J. Parker, E. Te Tuhi, and R. P. Rakena; Messrs. A. Eaton Hurley, T. M. Pacey, N. R. Seddon, F. Penn, M. S. Hughson, W. P. Griffith, and Huna Tamaka Awarua; Mrs. W. H. Aburn, Misses L. Burton and L. Hodder.

(3) That Conference express its regret that the present situation prevents the Board from fulfilling its objective in respect to the new College and assures it of its loyal support, and desire to provide it with adequate resources as soon as possible.

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

A.—AUCKLAND METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION.

.. ANNUAL REPORT, YEAR ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER, 1947. ..

The increased population of the Metropolitan area, the acute housing shortage, the many elderly people who need care and attention, as well as the many ever present domestic problems, have made severe demands upon our staff and large group of voluntary workers. The Mission continues to represent the Church in a varied programme of spiritual and social enterprise.

Youth Work: The experiment of the Sunday School having its devotional exercises in the Church worship on Sunday mornings has more than justified itself. The various groups of Scouts, Guides, Brownies, Cubs, Clubs, etc., together with hikes, retreats, Sunday teas and choral work have resulted in decisions for Christ and an increase in Church membership.

New Building Fund: Although the Missioner has had little time to devote to the New Building Fund, £3,126 has been added during the year. The total amount of promises to date is £41,849, and of this amount we have received and invested £38,331, to which has been added £2,322 interest accrued from investments.

Health Camp and Rest Home: The camp continues to meet a community need in co-operation with the N.Z. Federation of Health Camps. The children are selected mainly through the schools and are graded by the Health Department.

Where possible arrangements have been made for groups of young people to have retreats in order to build them up in Christian citizenship. Improvements to the extent of £656 have been made during the year. We are grateful to Mr. A. E. Dobbie, to the Matron, and to an efficient staff for another year of consecrated service.

Astley House: The House, which is always full to capacity, is a haven of rest for those in residence. To meet the urgent demands in this direction the final plans for further extensions have been prepared, and we are hoping that the work will commence in the near future. The cost of these immediate extensions is estimated at approximately £12,500, towards which we now have £4,810 in hand. Improvements to the value of £643 were carried out this year to the kitchen, wood shed and vegetable shed. We are indebted to Miss B. Cutforth, Mrs. L. Dick, and Sister Jean Miller for their devoted and gracious service.

Goodwill Industries and Social Services: The Goodwill Centre meets the need of a portion 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 with the problems that follow the aftermath of war.

The total amount expended in Social Services during the year is £5,484, and another £1,905 on Social Work building extensions.

Franklin Road Branch: Through the generous co-operation of the Franklin Road Trustees, Sister Katherine Heath is working in this area. There is a Sunday School of 40 children, and an active Ladies' Guild. We look upon this work as a feeder to the Church in general.

Deaconess Work: Sister Ruth and Sister Katherine, together with Mrs. A. Davis, are assisting with the religious exercises in three of the primary schools, and have the complete care of the children of another school. We believe that the ministry of women is complementary to that of men, and we are grateful for their ungrudging and consecrated service. The Sisters have spent many hours in sick visitation at hospitals and in private homes, and in general have reinforced our work in the community.

Sunday Services: We have been encouraged in the increased attendance at public worship, where a strong evangelistic note is sounded. Rev. Arthur Mitchell continues his ministry in leading the Choir, securing soloists, and presenting slides. A Men's Fellowship has been established and this has added impetus to our spiritual life.

Property Matters, Finance and Legacies: The Airedale Street properties have recently been painted and a new office erected. The Health Camp, Astley House, and Parsonage properties are in first-rate order. There are no debts on the Church or institutional work. A legacy of £200 from the estate of the late Mr. W. J. Collison has been received. A New Parsonage Fund now stands at £420.

Institutional Necessities: Our present position does not justify running ahead of our resources, nevertheless we present 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 establishing Hostels for both 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.

General: The Mt. Eden Gaol is regularly visited and worship conducted there. The Ladies' Guild and Women's Fellowship continue their gracious ministry. 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, Ladies' Guilds, Health Camp and Astley House Ladies' Committees, 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 work in the office. To the Office Bearers, Youth Workers, Choir Master, Choir, Organist, Chairman of the District, Ministers and Laymen, the Board of Management expresses its sincere appreciation.

Our last word is one of grateful thanks to all who have, by their prayers, gifts, and unstinted voluntary service, expressed their confidence in the work, thus enabling the Mission to progress in its religious and Social Service.

A. EVERIL ORR, Superintendent.

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

JAS. TYLER, Secretary and Treasurer
of Board of Trustees.

RESOLUTIONS.

- (1) That the Reports be received and adopted.
- (2) That Conference express its appreciation of the work of the City Missions through their ministers, officers, and workers.
- (3) That the Board of Management for 1948 be: Superintendent (Chairman), Superintendent Home Mission Dept., Chairman of the District, Revs. Dr. H. Ranston, E. W. Hames, Mesdames T. Clark and M. Spurge, Miss Hutson, Messrs J. Tyler, A. Williams, J. Trenwith, L. J. Moor, 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.

(B) DUNEDIN CENTRAL MISSION.

57th Annual Report, 1947.

Blessed by a succession of consecrated leaders and laymen endowed with administrative ability and business acumen, the Mission has become a provincial and civic institution. For fifty-seven years it has commended by word and deed the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Probably at no former period of its history has the work been so extensive or shared such communal confidence and support.

Though the Mission has overcome the initial difficulties characterising foundational work, many obstacles still beset its progress. Much, however, has been achieved by prayer faith and hard work.

Adoption Of Modern Methods

The evening congregations, though encouraging, are not commensurate with those of former years, largely due to factors influencing religious life generally. People appear less responsive to organised religion. This fact has challenged the Mission to break away from orthodox methods in endeavours to reach the outsider. Consequently the Mission is now using the press, trams, picture screens, Neon Signs, and radio to arrest modern indifference and cynicism.

During the year the Revs. W. E. Falkingham and L. Greenslade commenced weekly lunch-hour talks at Hillside Workshops. It has proved an interesting experiment. Between 300 and 400 men have attended the meetings. Questions of faith and problems of life have been freely discussed. Much good has resulted. It is proposed to extend this branch of the work to other city factories.

Youth Work.

Controlling organised Youth work in the heart of a city has its positional difficulties, but the Mission has five Bible Classes, a fairly strong Sunday School, and ten other Youth organisations with an encouraging membership. This branch of the work is controlled by the M.C.M. Youth Council, with Miss Olive McCrone as Secretary and Treasurer, and Mr. H. C. Vince as Superintendent. The Board of Trustees, having in mind the opportunities afforded Youth by commercial amusements, has inaugurated a fund for the building of a Youth and Social Service Centre to function on a cultural and spiritual basis. This will centralise Methodist Central Mission Youth work and increase efficiency and coverage. It envisages a building catering for club activities with facilities for hobbies, libraries, gymnasium, cafeteria, social hall, a shrine of remembrance, conferential hall, caretaker's residence, Sunday School hall, distributing centres, etc. At present the Board is filing valuable information, thinking out designs and organising financial appeals. This huge undertaking will take years of labour, but it is to be the next major move.

The Octagon Hall.

During the year a conference was held between representatives of Amalgamated Theatres and the Executive of the M.C.M. Board of Trustees in respect of internal improvements to the main building. The outcome was a decision to expend about £5,000 on improvements without impairing the present psychological aids to worship. The repairing of the roof of the building remains the obligation of the Board of Trustees, and plans are now in hand to carry out a portion of the work.

Appointment of Deaconess.

The appointment of Sister Margaret Taylor has proved most helpful to every department. She is a capable leader possessing ability in her specified realm of service, with a spiritual mind and heart dedicated to her Lord. Already she has won the confidence and respect of old and young. The Board of Trustees records with gratitude the value of her untiring service.

Purchase of a Farm.

With a view to decreasing overhead expenditure on the Eventide Homes, the Trustees have purchased 130 acres adjoining the Settlement, at a cost of £28 per acre. This will ensure adequate supplies of milk, vegetables, butter, eggs and other necessities. For some years we have felt the need of such a property. At present we have 20 cows, 8 pigs, 200 hens, a yearling bull, and a considerable number of farm implements.

M.C.M. Eventide Homes.

There has been an enormous amount of constructional work during this year in an endeavour to complete the Settlement. Some

idea of the extent of the work may be gauged by the number of employees. At the time of writing this report there were 6 painters, 3 carpenters, 1 farm manager, 6 labourers and gardeners, 2 caretakers, 4 stonemasons, 10 sisters, 8 nursing aids, 5 cooks, 6 domestics, and 1 laundress. Bulldozer and truck have been constantly at work. In addition there is a town staff of eight. The wage bill alone for the past year amounted to nearly £10,000. The following work has been put in hand:—Erection of a private hospital now complete, caretaker's residence now complete, nurses' accommodation home costing £15,000, pig-pens, cow-byres, hen-houses, formation of a new road, painting the buildings inside and out, planting 20,000 pinus insignis, together with other essential work. The Settlement has cost £150,000. The debt on completion will be under £12,000, which will be reducible in annual instalments accruing from routine income and other sources. The Homes are providing material and spiritual comfort to 100 mentally and physically frail women. We here record our grateful appreciation of the service of the Sister in charge—Miss M. Frampton—and the devoted Staff.

The total income from all sources for the year amounted to £40,000, and the total expenditure to £42,500.

Appreciation.

The Board of Trustees desires to express appreciation to the Staff, Officials and Members of Executive Boards, who have shown the utmost fidelity to the work, and who collectively and individually registered another year of service and progress.

L. B. NEALE, Superintendent.

H. H. JOHNSON, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS.

- (1) That the Report be received and adopted.
- (2) That Conference learns with interest of the plan prepared for the continuation of the work of the Mission, and is in accord with the general policy. If it is deemed necessary to invite a Superintendent in due course from overseas the officials of the Mission shall confer with the President and Secretary of Conference and the District Chairman.
- (3) That Conference expresses its appreciation of the work of Revs. L. B. Neale and W. E. Falkingham and the Staff of the Central Mission.
- (4) That the Law Book Revision Committee investigate the relationship between City Missions and the Connexion with a view to ensuring larger and more widespread support and provision for deputations to Circuits; the Committee to report to Synods and Conference.
- (5) That Conference record its appreciation of the timely efforts of Revs. W. E. Falkingham and L. Greenslade in conducting lunch hour meetings at Hillside workshops and factories, and commends their example to Ministers in other centres.
- (6) That the thanks and appreciation of Conference be tendered to Mrs. W. Coulter for her services as Deaconess at Dunedin Central Mission.
- (7) That Conference congratulate the Rev. L. B. Neale on the honour of receiving the M.B.E., and that this be printed in the Minutes.

QUESTION XLVII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference with regard to the Training of Deaconesses?

Deaconess Institution

(A) REPORT FOR 1947.

The seven young women in training have all earned good reports of their work, and the examinations have been of a uniformly high standard. The Committee desires to express its thanks to the Lecturers for their services—the Revs. R. G. Bell, B.A., J. B. Dawson, B.A., H. E. Harkness, M.A., E. Drake, A. H. Fowles, and Mr. Pitama, of the staff of 3YA, who has been the Lecturer in Maori.

Superintendent:

Mrs. E. A. Linyard, M.A., commenced her duties this year, and has endeared herself to the students—both Deaconess and Hostel—and has the full confidence of the Committee.

New Students:

Five applicants for training have taken the entrance examination. In contrast to last year's entrants, all desiring to enter the field of Maori Mission work this year's applicants cover a more varied field—one for Maori Mission work (herself a Maori), one for City Missions, and three for Circuit work. This is a good omen for the future on account of the growing desire of Circuits to employ Deaconesses.

Non-resident Student.

During the year the Committee received on probation for a period of three years, Miss Heath, who will serve the required time while working in the Auckland Central Mission. While on probation Miss Heath will, under the supervision of an Auckland Committee, take a prescribed course of studies.

This year Misses Grace Clements, Rona Collins and Noeline Wilson complete their training in Deaconess House, and at a later date will receive appointments for their probationary year.

Local Preacher's Examinations:

It is pleasing to report that the three students who completed their Deaconess House training this year have also completed the required tests for the Local Preacher's Examinations.

Personal:

Because of his removal to another part of the South Island, Mr. H. W. Armitage, who has been Treasurer of the Institution, has had to resign his position. The Committee desires to express its appreciation of his valuable services. The keeping of account books has now been undertaken by the Connexional Office, and the Secretary of the Institution will combine with his office that of Treasurer.

Committee for 1948:

Will be nominated at Conference.

Special Connexional House Appeal:

The organising of this Appeal entailed a great amount of work, which has been the special task of a small Committee. It has meant a very large amount of correspondence in an attempt to save, as far as possible, any form of personal canvass. But it was found absolutely necessary that such a personal approach be made. The Committee is greatly indebted to the Rev. and Mrs R. Dudley and the District Organisers who undertook such work, and also to the people throughout the Connexion who so willingly responded. The total to date is £1277 16s 8d.

A. M. COSTAIN, Chairman.

J. M. BLIGHT, Secretary.

B.—DEACONESS COMMITTEE. REPORT ON TRAINING.

Questions relating to the training of our Deaconess Students, and the future policy in respect of our Deaconess Institution, have been engaging the attention of the Deaconess Committee during the year. In consultation with corresponding members many subjects have been investigated, and the results of these considerations are set forth in a special report being submitted to Synods. In elaboration of the Recommendations contained in the main report the Committee submits the following for the consideration of Synods and Conference:—

(1) The Committee is convinced of the desirability of higher standards in the religious and secular education of Candidates offering for training. It is suggested that the standards be raised, and the suitability of Candidates be investigated by a special sub-committee of the Ministerial Committee of each Synodal District, to which shall be added three ladies who shall be co-opted for the purpose of interviewing the Candidates concerned. The findings of such sub-committee, together with the results of the entrance examination, shall be forwarded to the December meeting of the Deaconess Committee which shall report to Conference.

(2) The Committee urges a higher status for the Deaconess Order. It must be remembered, however, that only a few years ago many Circuits employed Deaconesses, and that when times of financial stress came, the Deaconesses ceased to be employed by some of those same Circuits. Consequently, fearing a lack of future employment, there was a falling away in the number of Candidates offering for training—all of which had an adverse effect upon the work of Deaconess House. The Committee, therefore, urges upon Circuits the advisability and value of employing Deaconesses; and it feels that there will not only be a corresponding increase in the number of Candidates, but it will mean that Deaconesses will receive that acknowledgment of their work that it undoubtedly merits.

(3) The Committee is emphatic that Conference should guarantee employment to any Deaconess so trained, as it guarantees an appointment to Students trained in Trinity Theological College.

(4) The Committee deplores the fact that the great lack for years has been the inability of the Church to provide a suitable woman, trained in our work, willing and capable of acting as Lady Superintendent, and with such experience as would enable her to give direction in the training of the Students, and lecture in certain core subjects.

A. M. COSTAIN, Chairman.

J. M. BLIGHT, Secretary.

**C.—REPORT OF COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY CONFERENCE
TO INVESTIGATE THE STATUS AND TRAINING OF
DEACONESSSES.**

The gathering and collating of the opinions of the various corresponding members has been a big task, and the Committee has given the whole matter very careful consideration. The Committee is greatly enheartened by the large numbers of letters received from all parts of the Dominion indicating the interest of the Church as a whole in the work allotted to it.

The subject was reviewed from every possible angle. Such questions as the situation of Deaconess House, the scope of the curriculum, the qualifications of the Candidates, the opportunities for practical training in social and community services, and the School for Christian workers, were all investigated.

Consideration of these matters revealed within the Committee two bodies of opinion as to a general attitude to the question and conclusions reached.

One group advocated that the training of Deaconesses should be carried out in Auckland for the following reasons:—

(a) The curriculum could be related to that of the Trinity Theological College.

(b) This practice is followed at Leigh College, Sydney, and elsewhere.

(c) Practical work could be done in connection with phases of Maori work, City Missions, Orphanages, etc.

(d) The existing facilities at Deaconess House could be utilised as a School for Christian workers.

Contrary opinions are held by other members of the Committee who are not convinced of the benefits that would accrue to the Church and its work by the above proposals for the following reasons:—

(a) In the best interests of the Church as a whole our Institutions should not be located in any one District.

(b) In the matter of special training as mentioned in (c) above, such training is now being given; and alongside the general study in theoretical subjects, the Students receive practical experience and specialised training in Circuits, Children's Homes, Nurse Maude Association, Child Welfare Work, etc. If it is felt that more experience in Maori work should be given during training, this could be arranged.

(c) In the matter of using the House solely as a Hostel, it must be pointed out that after careful investigation of the costs involved, to continue the present place for hostel purposes for students only would mean, with the present staff, an annual deficit of approximately £200; while to increase the staff would mean a possible deficit of between £300 to £500.

(d) An appeal was sanctioned by last Conference for £1,000 to make the present building a worthy one for the purpose for which it is at present being used. This has been generously supported by the whole Church.

(e) The most vital question of all, however, is that which concerns the nature of the work itself which the Church wants its Deaconesses to do. It is evident that the Committee represents two different viewpoints as far as the central emphasis is concerned, affecting the conclusions reached.

A. M. COSTAIN, Chairman.

J. M. BLIGHT, Secretary.

(D) BUDGET FOR 1948.

Expenditure.				Income.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Wages	....	934	0 0	Hostel Receipts		1471	17 6
House	....	1070	0 0	1 at 37/6.			
Renewals	....	75	0 0	21 at 35/-			
Rates	....	64	0 0	Rent	....	130	0 0
Telephone etc.	....	20	0 0	Donations (lady Assoc.)	....	14	0 0
Interest	....	16	0 0	Guilds	....	75	0 0
Depreciation	....	100	0 0	Conference Grants as per			
Insurances	....	25	0 0	1947—H.M.	....	150	0 0
				F.M.	....	50	0 0
				Fire Insurance	....	50	0 0
				Contingent Fund	....	125	0 0
						£2,065	17 6
				Estimated Deficit	....	238	2 6
		£2,304	0 0			£2,304	0 0

RESOLUTIONS

(1) That the Reports, Financial Statements and Budget be received and adopted.

(2) That Conference expresses its appreciation of the success of the Deaconess House appeal and desires that its thanks be conveyed to those who made the success possible, particularly Rev. R. and Mrs. Dudley.

(3) That Conference place on record its appreciation of the service given to the Deaconess Institution by the Rev. E. Drake. For the 17 years that he was a member of the Committee, 15 of which he was a lecturer at Deaconess House, he gave unstintingly of his counsel and wide experience to further the work of the Committee and the larger interests of the Deaconess Order.

(4) That in view of the existing facilities at Deaconess House, and of the proposals outlined for the future training of students, the Deaconess Institution be retained in Christchurch.

(5) That the matter of the representation of the Deaconess Order at Conference be referred to the Law Book Revision Committee.

(6) That the suitability of Candidates for the Order be investigated by a special sub-committee of the Ministerial Committee of each Synodal District, to which shall be added three ladies who shall be co-opted for the purpose of interviewing the Candidate. The findings of such sub-committee, together with the result of the entrance examination, shall be forwarded to the December meeting of the Deaconess Committee, which shall report to Conference.

(7) That Conference instructs the Deaconess Committee to explore the possibility of guaranteeing to any trained Deaconess regular employment, in the same way as Conference guarantees the employment of ordained Ministers.

(8) That a Committee consider during the year how to improve the Deaconess Dedication Service by adding some act of commissioning; the Committee to be the Principal of Trinity College, the General Superintendent, and Assistant Superintendent of Home Missions (Convener), and the Secretary of Deaconess Institution.

(9) That the conduct of the Entrance Examination and of the final examination of the year of Deaconess House Students be under the control of the Conference Board of Examiners in consultation with the Board of Studies of the Deaconess Committee.

(10) That the question of the tabulation in the Minutes of Conference of the names of Deaconesses on Probation, those in residence in Deaconess House, and the Candidates received for training, be remitted to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners in consultation with the Secretary of Conference.

(11) That the Deaconess Committee consider the possibility of selected trainees being given a third year of specialised training in Auckland in order that advantage might be taken of facilities offered by Trinity College and the Maori Mission Centre.

(12) That the Deaconess Committee consider the matter of an allowance being made for Deaconesses when they commence probation.

(13) That the Committee for 1948 be: The Chairman of the District, the Connexional Secretary, Revs. R. Dudley, A. O. Harris, V. R. Jamieson, J. M. Blight; Messrs. A. A. Harrow, H. W. Beaumont; Sister Mabel Morley, Mesdames A. R. Witheford, R. Dudley and F. Crespin.

QUESTION XLVIII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Connexional Orphanages?

(A) THE AUCKLAND METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE. MT. ALBERT AND EPSOM.

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT, 1947.

It is with a sense of deep gratitude to Almighty God that we review the past year's activities. In presenting this 34th Annual Report, we thank God for His unfailing guidance in all our planning and undertakings.

Obituary: It is with a profound sense of loss that we have to report the passing of Mr. W. Astley, who, by his interest and practical support, was a most valued member of the Board.

Trustees: This report would not be complete without mentioning the fact that the only remaining member of the original Trust, Mr. John Astley, despite his 87 years, is still an active member of the Board, and is wholeheartedly interested in the children's welfare.

The Family: At the end of the year 1946 we had 74 children in residence. During the year 96 children have been under our care, and at the end of the year our numbers stand at 70. Six attend Secondary School, and there are five below school age.

A great number of requests for admission have been before the Secretary and the Selection Committee, but our space is limited. Many children are suffering from the lack of home life because of broken homes. Unfaithfulness, death of the mother, shortage of housing, the misery of families living in one room, or in caravans and motor camps, all contribute to the necessity of finding a home for many little children. There is a tremendous need to be met. Although our Homes are not instituted to provide a home for all who apply, we thank God for the contacts made and the opportunity of comforting and helping many who are suffering real anguish and distress through not being able to establish a home for the family.

At "Epsom," the Girls' Home, we have six small boys and there are six girls in the Hostel who are now earning. It is a very happy Home, and the children have a real Mother in Miss Gladys Benton, with Miss Audrey Ching, a very capable Assistant Matron. Two of our old girls are on the staff, and we are proud that they in their turn are helping in this work for the children.

"Wesley" boys are mothered by Miss P. Grove, and in her the boys have one who has their welfare at heart. The staffing of this Home has proved most difficult, and after several changes we now have a full staff. We are glad to report there are six Methodists on the staff of our Homes, and we feel encouraged as we realise that gradually our young women are becoming interested in this sphere of service.

The Health of the Children: In both Homes we have had our share of sickness. Chicken-pox and other childish ailments kept several in bed. We had one case of appendicitis, one serious hip operation, and two had their tonsils and adenoids removed. Two were in hospital for observation. We are glad to report that all have recovered, and our sincere thanks go to Drs. Rule, Allan Knight and Colebeck, who watch the health of our children.

Maintenance: This year we have received from Subscriptions, Maintenance, etc., the sum of £6,741 17s 2d, while our expenditure amounts to £6044 4s 4d.

The rising cost of living presents a real problem. Gifts of fruit, eggs, clothing, medical supplies, books and games, donations in food and money make it possible for us to carry on. Such thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. Kind folk have given treats and entertainments, ladies from our Guilds have mended and patched, bottled fruit, and made jam. So many have given of their valuable time. Especially would we place on record the gratitude of the Board to the members of the Ladies' Committee. We would thank those who remembered our children at the Christmas holidays. All our children had homes to go to, and they returned refreshed and happy after the weeks spent in the homes of our people.

Some lonely and orphaned children have been remembered on their birthdays. To receive a letter and a gift makes all the difference to a lonely girl or boy. It is impossible to state the value of these services to the running of the Homes, and to the happiness of the children. They indicate a growing interest in the work, and to all these sharers we render our grateful thanks.

Street Day Appeal: In response to last year's Appeal for the Combined Orphanages, a large sum was raised, of which our share for the two Homes was £1064. We would record our gratitude for the money and clothing received through the Auckland Orphanages' United Council.

City Collector: Through the services of Mr. J. H. Whitburn we have received donations in cash £97 19s, and goods valued at £58 1s 2d.

Bequests received during the year total £7,416/7/10.

The total Income from Churches and Y.P. Organisations shows a decrease on the previous year.

In Conclusion we ask for the continued interest and prayers of those who are already supporters, and trust for an awakened interest among our Church members. The year ahead calls us to fresh endeavour. We go forward encouraged, believing that these children have been committed to our care, and that if we are faithful to our task, the Miracle of His transforming Power may be wrought in each young life.

Board of Management:

Life Member: Mrs. W. R. Emerson.

Chairman: Rev. E. T. Olds. Deputy Chairman: Rev. J. C. Draper.

Secretary-Treasurer: Sister Ivy Jones.

Lay Treasurer: Mr. A. L. Caughey.

Revs. E. W. Hames, W. Walker, J. C. Draper, Wesley Parker, F. J. Handy, Walter Parker, A. E. Orr, Mesdames A. H. White, A. L. Caughey, C. J. Burton, C. K. Wigglesworth, K. J. Rosser, W. H. Faulkner, Misses C. E. Wagstaff, A. E. Rogers, and D. Harbutt, 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.

Signed on behalf of the Board.

E. T. OLDS, Chairman.

IVY H. JONES, Secretary-Treasurer.

(B)—MASTERTON METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME. REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1947.

Gratitude: It is with a deep sense of thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father that the Committee presents another report of the life and work of the Home which it is our privilege to serve. The continued evidence of physical, mental and spiritual growth in the lives of the children is ample reward for the time and effort required for this sphere of Christian service.

Committee and Staff: The past year has been one of sorrow and loss for members of the Committee and Staff, but with it has come a full measure of the Grace that is sufficient for every need.

During the year Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Whitlock and Mr. W. H. J. Watson have been transferred from Masterton and resigned from the Committee as a consequence. Mr. Whitlock, as a former Chairman, and Mr. Watson, as Assistant Secretary, have made an outstanding contribution to the smooth and efficient running of the Home over a period of years, and the thanks of the Committee are extended to them as well as to Mrs. Whitlock, for much willing work done.

Mr. C. R. Shoosmith has accepted the position of Assistant Secretary and already has proved himself to be both willing and efficient. Mr. A. K. Hodder has also joined the Committee during the year.

It is a pleasure to report that the staff remains the same, with Mr. and Mrs. Bateup and Misses Potter and Fell wielding a fine Christian influence through the work of the daily round and the common tasks. We thank God for their continued service in the interests of the children.

The Children: During the year there have been six removals and one admission, leaving thirty-five children in the Home at the present time; two of whom are working, eight at College, twenty-four at primary school, and one under school age.

Some of the children are interested in cage birds and poultry, and a large number of prizes have been gained at various Shows throughout the year.

The children have also taken an active part in Sunday School and Bible Class examinations, competitions and camps, and have achieved credit for themselves and the Home. Each year those who are ready are received into Church Membership, and this is a real tribute to the spiritual influence of the Home.

At School, College, and on the field of sport, they acquit themselves well, and altogether it can be said that they are highly regarded in the community life of the town.

The Buildings: At the present time the Home is being thoroughly renovated outside and inside, as well as adding certain furnishings and equipment which will make for an even more homely atmosphere, and facilitate the work of the staff. The cost of this work, which is the first major renovation in over twenty-five years, will be in excess of £2,000, and we are hopeful that those who are able will make special gifts for this purpose.

A Welcome Gift: As a result of a visit by the Wellington Police Pipe Band, arranged by the staff of the Masterton Police, the three Homes in Masterton each received approximately £70 to be used for the benefit of the children. In our case it has been decided to install a new wireless set with extension speakers in some of the main rooms so that the children can have a wisely guided benefit of this aid to their social, cultural and spiritual development.

Those responsible for this effort are hopeful of making it an annual event.

A New Venture: Since the release of the main portion of our land from military occupation, a cow has been purchased and another valuable pedigree cow has been given to the Home through the generosity of the Master, Mr. H. Bateup. In addition to a considerable saving in the purchase of milk, this new venture will provide another means of giving the boys a practical training in the care of livestock.

News-letter: A start has been made in sending a regular news-letter to Circuit Quarterly Meetings. By this means it is hoped to widen and deepen the now growing interest that is being taken in the affairs of the Home by individuals and Circuits.

Resulting from the resolution of the last Conference, we have also been in communication with the Home Committees at Auckland and Christchurch with a view to making the work of our Homes more widely known throughout the Dominion but thus far no definite action has been taken.

Gifts and Bequests: During the year the Committee has been notified, through the Wellington Board, of gifts and bequests totalling £1,750. Worthy of special mention is the gift of £1,000 from Mrs. Grace Heighway of Hastings. These and further gifts will be a welcome addition to the capital fund of the Home which needs to be considerably augmented so as to release the Wellington Board from some of its financial responsibility and enable it to support other institutions which come within the scope of its functions.

In addition to the above, an unusual though very welcome bequest was received from the estate of O. M. Faull whereby a sum of £100 is to be expended in the purchase of books suitable for the cultural and educational development of the children. The books are being purchased by relatives of the benefactor and the arrival of the first lot of books makes us grateful for the gift and the wisdom of the choice which has been made.

Our thanks are also due to those individuals, Sunday Schools and Circuits which make regular contributions of produce and other gifts that are always both welcome and useful.

Finance: Income from Circuits last year reached the excellent total of £560. We are grateful for the continued giving of so many people of goodwill.

In these days of rising costs it might be helpful to point out that neither the Government Family Allowance nor any other maintenance fees received anything like covers the cost of keeping the children. For this reason the need for support from the Circuits is as great and indeed greater than ever before.

Thanks and Appreciation. The Committee is deeply grateful to those people who receive the children into their homes during the Christmas holidays. It is a tribute to the children themselves that so many ask for the same ones year by year.

The willing co-operation and financial assistance of the Wellington Board is also gratefully acknowledged, without which it would be impossible for the Committee to carry on its work.

The Future: We go forward into the future conscious of the privilege and responsibility which is ours in serving our Master in the interests of the children and bespeaking the prayers of all whom we represent in this work.

Committee for 1948: Mr. J. H. Conly (Chairman), W. R. Nicol (Secretary-Manager), Mr. C. R. Shoosmith (Assistant Secretary), Dr. N. H. Prior, Rev. W. G. Slade; Mesdames J. Elliott, C. D. Shoosmith, A. K. Hodder, D. E. Lyttle, J. H. Conly, Misses M. Burton, L. Cocker; Messrs. F. E. Wells, A. H. Daniel and D. A. Barns.

J. H. CONLY, Chairman.

W. R. NICOL, Secretary.

c. 33rd Annual Report of the South Island Methodist Children's Home

We give thanks to God for many blessings as we present our thirty-third Annual Report.

Thanks, too, for the devoted service of the loyal band of ladies under the leadership of Miss Barclay, our Matron, and also to that great company of friends who, loving children, make possible, through their continued support, the work that is being done in our Home in Papanui.

No greater reward can be imagined than that received recently when one of our old boys, returning from work in a country district for a brief holiday with us, came bounding up the entrance steps with outstretched hand, and the spontaneous greeting, "Gee, it's good to be Home again."

Through all the years it has always been the aim of those who have been so intimately concerned with the care of our children—that a real Home should be provided for those little ones who, through circumstances beyond their own control, were deprived of the care of a father and mother.

To-day we have seventy-three little folk in our family—but "little" is perhaps not the word that most suitably describes some of the strapping lads and lasses who have left school during recent months to strike out for themselves in the big world beyond our geographical boundaries.

Coming under our care in many instances when only three or four years of age, many of the children remain with us, and our responsibility for them continues until they complete their formal education and we are satisfied that they have so far established themselves in their chosen work that they can stand on their own feet.

Such work as this would be considerably more difficult were it not for the specialised knowledge and help that comes to us from many quarters, and the patience and devotion of a large number of friends who give freely of their time and energy in many different ways.

The Board would like to pay particular tribute to the unceasing care and advice that is given by Dr. S. C. Peddie, our Honorary Physician. In spite of the claims of a city practice, his services are always available, both in cases of minor accidents, and also when sickness comes to one or other of the youngsters.

Thanks to regular hours, good food, and a well-balanced regime, there has been an encouraging freedom from epidemics during the past year.

For the help and co-operation that comes from the staff of the Waimairi School and the Papanui Technical College, we are most grateful, and our responsibilities in regard to placing the children in suitable employment when school-leaving age is reached are considerably lightened by the valuable assistance given by the officers of the Christchurch Vocational Guidance Centre.

Spare-time activities for such a large group of children present some problems, but we have been ably and enthusiastically backed by a willing company of helpers in the Papanui Church, District Youth Council, and the Boy Scouts Association, in the training and oversight of Clubs and Scouts.

The Rev. R. W. Mayson assumed the responsibilities of Chaplain to the Home on being appointed to the Papanui Circuit in April of this year, and he has already given much time and thought to the needs of the children.

During the summer holidays it has been our aim to make it possible for as many of the family as possible to get away for a complete change. Quite a number of boys and girls are cared for by relatives, but others have been given an opportunity of spending a few weeks in the country through the kindness of many Methodist friends.

We do appreciate this help, and would commend to all who are in a position to assist in this way the needs of our little people. A holiday on a farm is an experience not soon forgotten by a child, and to spend some time in the environment provided by Christian men and women in their own homes is of tremendous value.

Thanks to the help and interest of the Christchurch Y.M.C.A., twelve of the older boys had a thrilling time at the holiday camp at Wainui, on Banks Peninsula, over the Christmas period.

It has been a matter of great encouragement to the Board that interest has been maintained in our work by so many friends throughout the South Island during the past year. A carefully planned itinerary had to be abandoned by the Superintendent through illness, but in spite of this, the returns from Circuits show an increase of over £170 on last year's figures.

As we consider the many claims made upon all Christian people in these modern days, we thank the Master that so many are mindful of our needs.

The Combined Orphanages' Appeal, recently carried through in the city and surrounding districts, met with a most generous response from all sections of the community.

The house-to-house collection undertaken by Bible Class members broke all records, and on the Street Day itself a larger sum was contributed than ever before. The share allocated to the Methodist Home was £1350—a splendid figure.

We are particularly grateful to the Combined Orphanages Committee for their devotion to the scheme, and also to the great number of people in the Churches, both young folk and those who are older, for the notable service that they rendered.

In spite of these encouraging features of the work, however, the financial position continues to give the Board considerable anxiety, as prices of food and clothing and the costs of essential services continue to rise.

The aftermath of war brings in its train the inevitable breakdown of many homes and the consequent suffering of children. We count it a Christian responsibility and privilege to play our part worthily as we seek to care for these boys and girls, but it can only be done through the love and goodwill of the Church and community. For the help that has been given in the past we give abundant thanks, and pray for its continuance.

It is a matter of considerable regret that, in spite of the many responsibilities that have to be carried out by Miss Barclay and her staff, there is the added burden and worry of shortage of help. After some months of comparative freedom from anxiety in this direction, we now find ourselves in a most serious position through several competent helpers leaving the Home to take up other positions.

To any young woman with a love for children and a sense of Christian vocation who is uncertain as to what service she can most effectively render in the work of the Kingdom, we commend the claims of our work.

Our report would be incomplete without reference to the magnificent co-operation that comes to us from the Ladies' Guilds of Christchurch Circuits, through their assistance in the sewing-room, where much of the necessary clothing is made up, and also the many gifts of toys, books, and most valuable produce that comes to us throughout the year. To one generous donor of ten tons of potatoes we give most hearty thanks.

The days pass all too quickly as one considers the needs of the young lives that are committed to our care, and we would ask for the continued prayers of all those who love the Saviour as we continue to guide the destiny of these His children.

The following Board of Management is nominated for 1948:—Chairman of the District, Connexional Secretary, Superintendent Ministers of Durham Street, Christchurch East, Cambridge Terrace, St Albans, Woolston and Papanui Circuits, Revs. E. Drake and A. N. Scotter, Messrs H. de R. Flesher, F. A. Sheat, H. J. S. Harrington, W. S. Worner, L. J. Dale, A. A. Harrow, C. J. Palmer, Mesdames M. A. Pratt, W. Cock, F. C. Thornton, H. Queree, R. A. Marsh, and Miss D. Horrell.

H. J. ODELL, Chairman.

GEO. H. COLEY, Superintendent.

RESOLUTIONS.

(1) That the Reports of the Auckland Children's Home and Orphanage, the Masterton Methodist Children's Home, and the South Island Methodist Children's Home be received and adopted.

(2) That the financial statements be received and adopted.

(3) That with a view to developing continuity in the spiritual oversight and guidance exercised by Chaplains, Conference requests the Chaplains of our Children's Homes to prepare a schedule of Chaplain's duties for submission to the various committees concerned.

(4) That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the staffs of the Children's Homes.

QUESTION XLIX.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Connexional Literature?

A. METHODIST TIMES COMMITTEE.

REPORT FOR 1947.

Editorship: In April of this year, the Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D., assumed the office of Editor in succession to the Rev. H. E. Bellhouse, who had rendered conspicuous service in that position for eleven years. Mr. Blight has quickly commended himself to the Church as Editor of its journal. His own contributions evince fresh-

to the wide field of human interests and endeavour. Under his guidance the paper continues to be sufficiently broad in its outlook and varied in its content to meet the needs of the Church as a whole.

Associates: The Church has been well served also by the Associate Editor, the Rev. H. S. Kings. His is an arduous task which has been carried out in a conspicuously successful manner. Our regular columnists have also maintained a high level in their fortnightly contributions.

Paper Supplies: In this realm, as in many others, the process of emerging from war-time conditions of supply has been slow. It has not been possible to obtain that better quality of paper which we were fortunate in using a few years ago and which adds so materially to the finish and worth of a journal. At date the position is obscure; but it seems that the present difficulties will not only continue for some time, but may even be accentuated.

Format: Conference has endorsed the principle of a change of policy in respect to Editor-Managership and set-up of the paper. Under these conditions it has not been possible this year to go far in regard to alterations in format. However, a number of features have been introduced which make for easier reading and a more attractive appearance.

Circulation: Last year we reported that the circulation was the highest on record. It is gratifying to state this year that the number of subscribers continues to grow, the net increase of new readers over deletions being 68. Our circulation is 4,000. Our pro rata circulation compares more than favourably with that of other Churches. It must be remembered that our circulation is on a personal voluntary basis. That is, the paper is not sent in quantities to Churches which pay for them in bulk and distribute to the members. It might be said that that would be an effective method of increasing circulation. It is very doubtful, however, if the real end in view would be achieved, namely, obtaining a vital, actively interested reading constituency.

Committee for 1948: The following Committee is nominated for 1948: The Revs. H. L. Fiebig, E. Drake, R. Dudley, A. O. Harris, L. C. Horwood, and A. J. Johnston, Messrs. E. H. Andrews, H. de R. Flesher, H. W. Beaumont, and D. McHarg.

General: The Financial Statement together with a supplementary report will be presented to Conference. The matter of Editorship for 1948 is receiving attention. At date no statement can be made.

Our Church Journal seeks to nourish the Spiritual Life of our people; to keep them informed concerning their Church; and to help them relate the interests, activities and problems of the World to the Kingdom of God upon earth.

An informed Church is a virile Church. Ministers and officials are urged to assist their local Agent in the worthy task of increasing in their midst the number of readers of their own Church paper.

E. H. ANDREWS, Chairman.

H. L. FIEBIG, Business Manager.

RESOLUTIONS.

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

(2) That thanks be expressed to the Editor, the Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D.; his Associate, the Rev. H. S. Kings; regular contributors; and Circuit Agents, for devoted services rendered.

(3) That the Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D., be re-appointed Editor, and the Rev. H. S. Kings as Associate-Editor, until Conference, 1949.

b. Publications Board

REPORT FOR 1947.

The Board has met several times during the year, and has considered carefully the matters referred to it by Conference. The Standing Committees of the Board have given a great deal of time and prayerful thought to the details before presenting their recommendations.

1. **Publications Approved:** The following have been approved for publication: "If Any Man," by the Rev. C. W. Brown; "Christian Marriage," by Mrs. A. B. Cochran M.A.; "Follow the Gleam," by the Rev. Athol Penn, published by the Youth Department. Dr. Ranston's leaflet, "What! No Religion," has been distributed in Training Colleges and University Colleges. "The Church Calendar," prepared by the Welfare of the Church Committee, is under consideration.

2. **General Publications:** An attempt has been made to ascertain from our Church people and leaders what is required for book tables and for distribution amongst members and adherents. A letter to the "Methodist Times" and other inquiries have brought suggestions. The Board and its committees have to be guided largely by the expressed needs of the people before they can prepare or publish booklets on a large scale. However, some suitable material is being assembled, and more should be in hand later. The printed word can do much to encourage and strengthen our people in faith and Christian knowledge.

3. **Epworth Bookroom (N.Z.):** The Board has decided to defer for the time being the consideration of the relationship of the Bookroom to the Board. More urgent matters demand attention.

4. **Relation to Other Departments:** It is not the intention of this Board to concern itself with the editorial policy and administration of the Trading Department of the Youth Board or of the Foreign Mission Board publications.

5. **Appeal for £750:** This appeal for the General Account authorised by last Conference has had the attention of the Finance Committee, and various Boards and Trusts are being approached.

6. **Assistant Secretary:** The board has appointed an assistant secretary. It is fortunate in having the willing and efficient help of Miss Lena Hendra in this direction.

7. **Representation at Synod and Conference:** The Board believes it should be officially represented at Synod and Conference.

8. **Constitution:** During the year a great amount of thought has been given to the suggestions made by the Law Book Revision Committee concerning the Constitution, and finality has now been reached.

9. **New "Methodist Times":** The details of the policy and publication of the new "Methodist Times" have demanded much time and care. The Board reaffirms the idea that two-thirds of the expenses of the Board be a charge against the "Methodist Times" Account and one-third against the General Account. The surplus on the "Methodist Times" Account is to be used to improve the journal in the early stages.

Size of "Methodist Times": It was found that an alteration in the size of the paper would make it more convenient to the printing industry. The size approved by the Board is 10in. x 7½in.

Editorial and Advertising Policy: The Board has drawn up a statement that will be used for the information of applicants for the position of Director of Publications. It has reference to the propagation of the message of the Christian Faith and to the publicising of the work of the Methodist Church of New Zealand. The advertising policy will be in harmony with the spirit of the Methodist Church.

Director of Publications: The Board has to report that it is not in a position to make a nomination to Synods, but expects to be able to do so to Conference. The Board is advertising the position in the main newspapers of New Zealand and Australia; the appointee as approved by Conference to commence duties on April 1st, 1948.

Estimates: New quotations have been sought and received from several printers because of the rising costs, and new rates for advertising have also been ascertained. It is found that, based on the new quotations, the "Methodist Times" (with a circulation of only 4000), would still be self-supporting; so the Board can confidently present its policy for the new "Methodist Times."

The ministry of the printed word through the Connexional paper and by pamphlets and booklets, can do much to bring light to many needy lives, and courage and hope to those who seek to witness for God and righteousness in these challenging days.

D. E. PARTON, Chairman.

G. R. H. PETERSON, Convener.

BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS.

Supplementary Report to Conference.

The position of Director of Publications has been widely advertised in New Zealand and Australia. Thirty-seven copies of the application form and schedule of duties were sent out, but only four applications were received. All of these except one were declined by the Board, this one being retained for further consideration.

From information to hand the Board finds that the salary offered (£600) is insufficient for a layman, and that seems to have deterred probably lay applicants. But the Board does not see that it can increase the salary.

The Board regrets that the advertisement for Director was inadvertently omitted from the "Methodist Times." Instructions were given to the advertising agent, but unfortunately the matter was overlooked.

A committee has been appointed to investigate the question of a house for the Director. This is regarded as an urgent matter considerably affecting the appointment of Director.

D. E. PARTON, Chairman.

G. R. H. PETERSON, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

(1) That the Report be received and adopted.

(2) That the matter of representation of the Publications Board to Synod and Conference be referred to the Law Book Revision Committee in consultation with the Board.

(3) That the District Executives take immediate steps to appoint District Correspondents for the "Methodist Times."

(4) That the Board be permitted to continue its investigations respecting the appointment of a Director of Publications. Conference is emphatic that only those applicants should be considered who have a proven attachment to the life and work of our Church, and demonstrated qualities of spiritual leadership.

(5) **Board for 1948:** The Chairman of the Auckland District, the Connexional Secretary, the General Superintendent of Home Missions, the General Secretary of Foreign Missions, the Principal of the Theological College, the Senior Youth Director, Ministerial or Lay Treasurer, the Revs. Dr. D. O. Williams, G. R. H. Peterson, B. M. Chrystall, F. J. Handy, L. R. M. Gilmore, Sister Rita Snowden, Miss Lena Hendra, Messrs. D. E. Parton, H. J. Beavis, L. T. Hayman, W. Haythorn-Thwaite, H. M. Patrick, E. P. Salmon, F. Penn, and B. Burton. Convener: Rev. G. R. H. Peterson.

QUESTION L.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference concerning Military and Naval Affairs?

Chaplaincy Report

The Chaplains' Department, functioning on a peace-time basis presents strategic opportunities for effective service in the name of Jesus Christ. The Rev. W. S. Dawson, B.A., is on duty in Japan; the Rev. A. F. Collins is with the Air Force and stationed at Whenuapai. It is not possible to state how long Chaplains will be required for full-time service; but while the opportunity remains, men should be provided.

The Chaplain on Active Service knew that his Methodist potential would be constantly changing; today it remains constant, every Methodist joining the Army or Air Force coming under his personal supervision. These young men are passing through the formative period of life, and are living under conditions not less favourable than those existing in their local communities; but without the influence, good or bad, of their homes. In all probability a percentage of them will have only nominal attachment to the Church. The Chaplain is our only Methodist minister who is maintaining a close personal contact with every Methodist in his community. Also, he has an easier avenue of approach to those who have no Church attachment, but who experience the inevitable loneliness which accompanies the first departure from home. It is gratifying to know that our Chaplains are convinced of the strategic importance of their positions and by means of preaching, study groups, and personal contacts, are successfully exploiting the opportunities presented.

We welcome back to N.Z. the Rev. W. R. Francis, B.A., B.D., from service in the Middle East and study in England; and the Rev. H. Whitfield from service in Japan. We record appreciation of their work and extend to them good wishes as they take up Circuit duties. During the year the List of Army Chaplains has been revised and corrected, and the Rev. E. D. Grounds has been Commissioned. A List of Army and Air Force Chaplains, with decorations, has been submitted for inclusion in the Official War History; the Senior Chaplain has helped in the revision of 'Army Chaplains in the Second World War': a History of the N.Z. Army Chaplains' Department. The Rev. W. S. Dawson will be returning to Circuit work after his period of duty and if N.Z. continues to share in the Occupation of Japan, a successor will be required to be appointed at Conference. The Rev. W. S. Dawson will be available for appointment to a Circuit with an interim supply.

The question of Finance has been given serious consideration. Some Fund must provide the Connexional Levies, on behalf of the Chaplains, which are normally paid by the Circuits. If the Chaplain is married, provision must be made for his wife and family. It is agreed that the new rates of Service Pay compare favourably with Standard Stipends when considered on an annual basis; but the need for furniture is immediate and not many Chaplains are in a position to meet it. The Church, must, therefore, provide furniture for the Chaplain's home or appoint single men. If Air Force Chaplains are appointed for a term equivalent to a Circuit appointment this would affect an economy in finance. Chaplains appointed to 'J' Force for a short period of duty should be single men—Probationers if need be—who could be Ordained for the purpose, and continue their studies overseas.

The Church must provide equipment, such as Hymnbooks, Text-books for Study groups and Bibles if necessary. The Chaplain cannot be expected to meet these costs out of salary because the wastage of equipment is too high when men are living in 'kitbags'.

But there is very real need to reduce the number of financial appeals and to make the best use of money subscribed through these channels for special purposes.

W. A. BURLEY Chairman.
V. R. JAMIESON,
Senior Chaplain.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Messrs. A. J. Johnston, P. E. Patrick and E. W. A. Kellow be thanked for their services as Treasurers of the Chaplaincy Fund and be reappointed.
3. That Circuit contributions to the Chaplaincy Fund be assessed on the basis of £1 for every 100 members.
4. That in the Alphabetical List of Ministers printed in the Mins. Conf. each year, Chaplains be denoted by the letters 'C.F.'.
5. That appointments to the Air Force be for a term of 3 years.
6. That the Furniture Grant of £100 be contingent upon appointment for a term of 3 years in the Air Force and 2 years in the Army; subject always to the exigencies of the Service.
7. That the name of the Rev. E. D. Grounds be added to the List of Chaplains.
8. That the Northern, Central and Southern Districts nominate their Chaplains' Advisory Committee for 1948 at Synod.

9. CHAPLAINS ADVISORY COMMITTEES, 1948.

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, J. L. Mitchell, R. F. Clement, Messrs. T. M. Pacey, R. Hardie Boys, A. J. Johnston, E. W. A. Kellow, P. E. Patrick, S. Roberts, and H. J. Steptoe.

Southern District: Revs. J. B. Dawson, L. Greenslade, L. C. Horwood, A. R. Witheford, J. K. Watson, Messrs. A. A. Dingwall, L. Burton, H. Smith, F. Colechin, G. Gray. Convener, J. B. Dawson.

Otago Sub-District: Area Chaplains and Messrs. H. H. Johnson and J. J. Kernohan.

10. That congratulations be extended to Revs. W. Walker and H. T. Peat who have been awarded the Efficiency Decoration (E.D.) and that these be printed in the Minutes.
11. That the Rev. V. R. Jamieson, M.B.E., be re-appointed Senior Chaplain.
12. That the following be nominated to the Naval Board for appointment as Honorary Officiating Chaplains:—

Auckland	....	....	....	Rev. E. T. Olds
Devonport	....	....	....	Rev. William Green
Napier	....	....	....	Rev. W. R. Francis
Wellington	....	....	....	Rev. W. W. H. Greenslade
Nelson	....	....	....	Rev. A. K. Petch
Lyttelton	....	....	....	Minister appointed
Port Chalmers	....	....	....	Rev. L. Greenslade
Bluff	....	....	....	Rev. R. Thornley
Timaru	....	....	....	Rev. D. G. Sherson

QUESTION LI.—What is the Report of the Custodian of Early Church Records, Libraries, and Museums?

A.—CONNEXIONAL OFFICE.

During the year the following have been lodged for safe keeping:—

Dominion Road; Jubilee Brochure—Mr. R. Reid.
North Canterbury Men's Fellowship and Chaplaincy Committees;
Minute Books—Rev. C. R. Taylor.
Springston/Leeston; Brochure—Mr. G. W. Graham.
Rakaia/Methven; Minute Books—Rev. W. T. Blight.
Ashburton; Plans—Rev. W. T. Blight.
Waimate; S.S. Minute Book—Mrs. J. W. Manchester.
Invercargill; Minute Books and Papers—Rev. W. H. Greenslade.
Early Methodism; (var.)—Mrs. K. A. Elliott.

H. L. FIEBIG (Custodian).

(B) TRINITY COLLEGE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM.

The College continues to receive many interesting and valuable gifts, of which the following call for special mention:—From Miss Gibbs per Sister Nicholls, first edition of Maori Hymn and Service Book, together with passages of Scripture, printed at the Wesleyan Mission Press, 1837. Originally given by the Rev. J. Wallis to his parents. Deposited on behalf of the Wesley Historical Society. From Major and Mrs. Hutton, of Darfield, Canterbury, a copy of the very rare "Gainer" portrait of John Wesley. From Prince Albert College Trustees, early Minute Books covering the official history of the Trust from the foundation of the Wesleyan Seminary in 1849 to the present day. Also a number of early and valuable pamphlets and books, especially from Dr. Ranston.

E. W. HAMES, Custodian.

(C) WESLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, N.Z. BRANCH.

Report for Conference.

On January 22nd, 1947, a pilgrimage round the Bay of Islands in the footsteps of the Rev. Samuel Leigh, was organised by the Society (in conjunction with Northland sub-district Executive), to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of Leigh's arrival to found a Mission in this country. About 50 "pilgrims" from many parts of N.Z. attended. The Annual Meeting last year was held at Wesley Church, Wellington, when Mr. Chas. J. Freeman lectured on "Methodism in Early Wellington."

The following brochures were circulated to members during the year:—"Dominion Rd. Church Golden Jubilee," "Thorndon Church 75th Anniversary," "The Bible Christian Church in N.Z.," "Minniesdale Chapel, Wharehine."

Other brochures (notably "The History of Otago Methodism"), are being prepared. The Society 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.

E. W. HAMES,
Chairman of Standing Committee.
G. I. LAURENSEN,
L. R. M. GILMORE,
Joint Secretaries.

RESOLUTION.

That the reports be received and adopted.

QUESTION LII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on matters previously remitted to Synods for Committees to Report?

I. Church Union Committee

REPORT TO SYNOD, 1947.

The Committee has met once only, to make arrangements for the presentation of the proposed Basis of Union to the Quarterly Meetings of June, 1948. A large attendance was registered and the form of the ballot paper was decided, together with other necessary detail. Copies of the Basis will be distributed to the March Quarterly Meetings, with the exposition of the Basis, so that all members are conversant with its contents. It is hoped that, wherever practicable, a special meeting will be held to discuss the matter at length, as it could not be discussed at an ordinary meeting when other routine business must be transacted. But it is understood that the vote must be taken at the June Quarterly Meeting. The District Chairman will be responsible in most cases for seeing that the Basis is explained by a member of the Church Union Committee. It would be a guide to the Convener if superintendents could let the Secretary of Synod know how many copies will be needed in their circuits. It was decided to recommend that students for the ministry and deaconesses in training (if they are fully accredited local preachers) should have a vote.

The Combined Church Union Committee of the three negotiating Churches met on the same day as our own Committee. As always the greatest harmony prevailed. There was little to do as each of the Churches is preparing to present the Basis to its people. The Congregational representatives raised one point about the powers of the General Assembly. An explanation of 8 (a) of the Basis has been drawn up and it is hoped that this will remove any objection.

The recommendations of the Committee are set out below.

W. G. SLADE, President.

W. A. BURLEY, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

- (1) That the report be received and adopted.
- (2) That in order to ascertain the mind of the full membership of the Church, Conference direct that in each Circuit and Home Mission Station a ballot of all Church members be taken on the basis of Union, such ballot to be taken prior to the voting of the June Quarterly Meeting and the result to be forwarded together with the result of the Quarterly Meeting voting to the Convener by July 31st, 1948.
- (3) (a) That each Circuit and Home Mission station be responsible for convening by written notice a properly constituent meeting (or meetings) of Church members.
(b) That if members are unable to attend, an opportunity be given to them to record their vote.
- (4) Voting at June Quarterly Meetings. That the Voting be by ballot, only those present to have a vote. The ballot paper is to be in the following form:—

"I vote in favour of the Proposed Basis."

"I vote against the Proposed Basis."

The number voting for, against, and informal to be reported to the Convener by July 31st, 1948. The report to the Synods shall embody circuit totals and the report to the Conference of 1949, district totals only.

(5) That arrangements be made whereby if possible every circuit and Home Mission Station shall be visited by a member of the Church Union Committee to explain the Basis.

(6) That copies of the Basis be distributed to the members of the March Quarterly Meetings, and that a special Quarterly Meeting be held before the June Quarterly Meeting. At this special meeting the Basis shall be discussed but the vote must be taken in the June Meeting, where discussion may again take place if the meeting so determine.

(7) That the Basis be one of the subjects discussed at the May Synod; and that opportunity be taken by ministers and Home Missionaries to expound the Basis to members of their congregations.

(8) That Theological Students and Deaconess trainees (if they are fully accredited Local Preachers) have a vote at the June Quarterly Meeting on this issue.

(9) That we rejoice to hear of the many instances of combined action among the three negotiating Churches throughout the Dominion and urge that wherever possible our ministers and people encourage like action.

(10) That the Committee for 1948 be:—The President, Vice-President, Ex-President, Ex-Vice-President, and Secretary of the Conference; the President Elect., Chairmen of Districts, Revs. A. H. Scrivin, E. W. Hames, G. I. Laurenson, E. Te Tuhi, C. O. Hailwood, R. Dudley, B. M. Chrystall, W. E. A. Carr, J. D. Grocott, H. C. Dixon, W. R. Laws, and A. K. Petch; Mrs. M. Nicolson, Miss A. C. Tocker, Messrs. H. deR. Flesher, J. Tyler, 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.

(11) That the Wellington members of the above Committee be empowered to put the foregoing provisions into operation.

(12) That in order that there shall be full discussion and enlightenment upon every aspect of the Church Union proposals, the Conference agrees to the appointment of an accredited Committee which shall be permitted to express the views of those who, while strongly adhering to the principle of Union, are unable to accept the present basis; these shall be embodied in a pamphlet to be forwarded to all Circuits and Home Mission Stations. 1,500 copies of the pamphlet shall be prepared and forwarded to members and Quarterly Meetings.

(13) That the Committee for the special statement be:—The President, the Ex-President, Vice-President, and Ex-Vice-President, Revs. E. W. Hames, G. I. Laurenson, A. H. Scrivin, E. Drake, L. B. Neale, J. F. Jack, W. H. Greenslade, G. R. Harris, J. J. Lewis, L. G. Hanna, W. R. Francis, Messrs. W. E. Burley, T. L. Hames, H. A. Bennett, C. K. Wigglesworth, L. A. Davis, P. Le Brun. Convener, Rev. H. Ryan.

(2) WOMEN AND THE MINISTRY.

Section A. Women and the Ministry.

1. We request Conference to declare specifically its readiness to accept women into the Ordained Ministry. (See Res. 1, page 168, 1947 Minutes.)
2. We recommend that the standard of acceptance be equal to that of Candidates for the Ministry.
3. We recommend that their normal training be at Trinity College, and include the basic curriculum.
4. We desire to re-affirm Res. 2, page 168, 1947 Minutes.

RESOLUTIONS.

- (1) That the reports be received.
- (2) That Conference declares its readiness to accept women into the Ordained Ministry.
- (3) That the standard of acceptance be equal to that of Candidates for the Ministry.
- (4) That the normal training be at Trinity College, and include the basic curriculum.
- (5) That the main avenue of approach to the Ordained Ministry should be through the Deaconess Order.
- (6) That the Committee be thanked and re-appointed.
- (7) That the Committee investigate the practical issues which would be involved if a woman was accepted for the Ministry, such as avenues of service, the effect of marriage, and other relevant questions, and report.

3 Peace Thanksgiving Committee

REPORT.

The Appeal, launched at last Conference, has met with a mixed reception throughout the Connexion, some Circuits and individuals responding magnificently to the need outlined in the objectives approved by Conference, whereas in other cases support has been lacking. The campaign is still in progress and the results to date are in the nature of an interim statement only.

The Committee has been unfortunate in that two out of the three National Organisers appointed were compelled to resign their positions, one for health reasons, and the other by reason of the fact of being included in the New Zealand Delegation to the Ecumenical Conference in the United States. Owing to the delay and difficulty in obtaining successors, and the fact that only one successor has been appointed, Mr. W. F. Stock, the Committee has been compelled to extend the campaign for a period of three months from the dates stated by Conference.

The Appeal has been commenced in all Districts and requires consistent effort by Circuit Organisers if the final result is to approximate the target set by Conference.

In several Districts the total donations recorded herein appear to be only a small proportion of their respective targets, but this is accounted for by the fact that a National Organiser has yet to visit the Circuits involved. A separate report on every Circuit in the District is being forwarded to each Synod.

The Committee is indebted to the National Organisers for their unstinting efforts on behalf of the Appeal and for their enthusiasm despite obstacles. A word of appreciation too is due to those Ministers, District Organisers, Circuit Organisers and others who have given so generously of their time.

To all donors to the Fund the Committee extends thanks on behalf of the Church for the practical and sacrificial expression of their Thanksgiving to God and expresses its intention of seeing that the funds raised shall be best used to satisfy the need for action by the Church in the New Housing areas. In this respect circuits affected by the new development will be given an opportunity to make claim on the Fund in respect of the objectives named by Conference. How far needs can be assisted will depend on the sense of responsibility with which Synods, Circuits, and Members face the challenge of the difference between the target set and results to date.

In prosecuting the Appeal the Committee has faced many objections by Ministers, Circuit Officials and Members. These broadly fall into five classes.

1. The Multiplicity of Connexional Appeals all being presented within a short space of time.
2. The local needs fully absorb the giving capacity of members.
3. No right of designating donations for local objectives was allowed by Conference.
4. The inability to secure the services of a local Organiser, with a consequent relying on envelope collections.
5. A lack of appreciation, and consequently of enthusiasm, by members of the challenge facing the Church.

Despite these factors, the Committee has found that when the Appeal has been allowed to proceed, ready co-operation has been forthcoming and the resultant donations have not been to the detriment of local causes.

To date a total of £11,227/17/3 has been recorded in cash and promises by the Treasurer, but doubtless there are many circuits holding donations which have not yet been recorded. The District results are as follows:—

District.	Cash Donations.			Promises.			Total.			Target.
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£
Auckland	2951	7	0	1251	12	0	4202	19	0	11156
South Auckland	815	10	9	801	7	0	1616	17	9	6125
Hawkes Bay										
Manawatu	93	13	0	10	0	0	103	13	0	5200
Taranaki-										
Wanganui	495	17	6	20	13	0	516	10	6	4700
Wellington	492	4	6	152	10	0	644	14	6	6225
Nelson	588	15	0	213	18	0	802	13	0	3025
North										
Canterbury	1794	4	9	428	7	0	2222	11	9	8300
South										
Canterbury	754	14	9	74	10	0	829	4	9	3225
Otago-Southland	276	3	0	12	10	0	288	13	0	5400
	£8262	10	3	£2965	7	0	£11227	17	3	£53356

Nominations for the 1948 Committee will be submitted to Conference.

The Committee now makes the following recommendations:—

1. That the extension of the Appeal for a period of three months be approved.

2. That Synods request every circuit to complete the canvass of its members as quickly as possible.

Christchurch, 6th October, 1947.

A. A. DINGWALL, Chairman.

R. G. PEARCE, Secretary.

PEACE THANKSGIVING FUND COMMITTEE.

Report to Conference.

The Committee reports that subsequent to the report forwarded to Synods, the prosecution of the Appeal has proceeded steadily in all districts. The total donations recorded in cash and promises by the National Treasurer have increased from £11,277/17/3 to £18,419/7/4. Of this latter amount, £14,638/7/4 has been received in cash, and there is £3,781 outstanding in promises.

Audited receipts and payments account to the 31st December, 1947, is attached hereto. It will be observed that no account has yet been taken of the interest accrued to the investments to date.

All major expenditure has been incurred.

The Committee has further experienced the difficulties stated in the Report to Synods, and would refer Conference to the schedule of donations received, showing District and Circuit totals. The Committee is disappointed that the totals reveal that no District has reached more than 56% of its target, but an analysis of the Circuit figures will reveal that in most districts it is the lack of support from a few individual Circuits that has brought down the District average. This is revealed in the following examination:—

Auckland District.—Auckland East, Avondale, and all rural Circuits have responded well, but the rest of the City Circuits have reduced the average. The Appeal is still proceeding in some Circuits.

South Auckland District.—Contributions from Circuits appear to be reasonably spread. Matamata is conducting the Appeal during February.

Taranaki-Wanganui District.—Whilst the Appeal in a few Circuits fails to approximate 50% of the target, the position is accentuated by the failure of Eltham and Wanganui Trinity Circuits to present the Appeal.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District.—The failure of Napier and Hastings to prosecute the Appeal to date and the limited response from Gisborne has contributed to the disappointing response from the District. Only few Circuits have contributed substantial totals.

Wellington District.—Petone has postponed the Appeal, but it is hoped that there are further amounts to come from the other Circuits which are still a long way from their objectives.

Nelson District.—Greymouth and Hokitika have delayed the presentation.

North Canterbury District.—Most Circuits have raised a proportion of their objective, but in some places the response is well below average.

South Canterbury District.—Woodlands Street is conducting its Appeal during February, but in only two Circuits is the response more than 50% of the objective.

Otago-Southland District.—At Synod a District Committee was set up to examine the position and to prosecute the Appeal throughout the District. Sufficient time has not elapsed for the effort to be revealed in the District's total.

There is a very noted reticence in many Circuits to present the Appeal personally to every member, and a failure to follow up the work of the National and District Organisers. There exists an impression that what the Organisers have collected is that Circuit's total effort, an attitude that is unworthy of existing donors. In such cases Circuits cannot hope to achieve their targets. The number of donors so far is only a small percentage of the membership of the Church.

It will be observed that in some districts the total recorded from Circuits is not as great as the total credited for the district. The explanation is that the Treasurer has received amounts in respect of which he has not yet received the allocation to the Circuit.

The Committee made a grant of £500 to the Corstorphine Union Church, which project was officially blessed by last Conference. The Committee has received other applications for assistance, and notes the resolutions passed by the Wellington Synod. However, at this juncture the Committee can only reiterate its statement to Synods that all Circuits affected by the new development will be given an opportunity to make claim on the Fund in respect of the objectives named by Conference. It is apparent that as the response to date has only totalled approximately one third of the £50,000 objective, the assistance possible is limited to the extent of the funds raised.

The Committee would record again its appreciation of the sacrificial response of many of the donors, of the efforts of the National Organisers, and of all others who have assisted in the prosecution of the Appeal.

A. A. DINGWALL, Chairman.
R. G. PEARCE, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

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

(2) That the closing date of the Appeal be extended to 30th June, 1948, to enable Circuits who have delayed presentation to complete the canvas of their membership.

(3) That Conference requests all Circuits to present and complete the Appeal by that date, and recommends that the method of personal canvas be used in securing support for the Appeal.

(4) That the Committee for 1948 be:—Revs. H. L. Fiebig, R. Dudley, A. J. Johnston, E. S. Hoddinott, A. R. Witheford, A. M. Costain, H. J. Odell, Messrs. A. A. Dingwall, J. D. Gray, F. S. Allott, F. G. Colechin, B. A. Caygill, H. de R. Flesher, W. C. Francis, L. G. K. Steven, W. F. Stock, and R. G. Pearce (Secretary).

(5) That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Executive Officers of the Fund.

(6) That the Committee be requested to give special consideration to the needs of the Upper Hutt Circuit.

(4) REPORT OF CENTRAL FINANCE COMMITTEE, 1947.

The Committee has obtained from the Treasurers of the Contingent Fund, of the Children's Fund, and of the Removal Expenses Fund estimates of the amount they will require for the ensuing period of five years.

The amounts required are as follows:—

			£
Contingent Fund	4,100
Children's Fund	1,800
Removal Expenses Fund	2,000
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			£7,900
Auckland	1,873
South Auckland	921
Taranaki-Wanganui	627
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	637
Wellington	....	....	998
Nelson	426
North Canterbury	1,264
South Canterbury	395
Otago-Southland	759
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			£7,900

The new assessment comes into force as from the 1st April, 1948. No appeals have been lodged during the year by Circuits against the decisions of the District Finance Committees.

H. deR. FLESHER, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

- (1) That the Report be received and adopted.
- (2) **Connexional Appeals.**
 - (a) That the Central Finance Committee prepare a scheme to co-ordinate all Connexional Appeals in each year in order that the multiplicity of appeals be avoided.
 - (b) That the following be referred to the Central Finance Committee:—
 - (1) That no financial Appeal be allowed throughout the Connexion except within a Circuit, unless it is co-ordinated in the National Fund, except in a matter of extreme urgency under the authority of the President.
 - (2) That the Home and Maori and the Foreign Mission Departments co-ordinate deputations so that there is only one Mission deputation to Circuits each year.

CENTRAL FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE.—District Chairman, Connexional Secretary, Rev. R. Dudley, Messrs. H. Chapman, W. C. Francis, L. G. K. Steven and H. deR. Flesher (Convener).

District Committees:

AUCKLAND.—District Chairman and Financial Secretary (Convener); Messrs. F. Perry, L. E. Rhodes, and A. Turner.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.—Chairman of the District, Revs. H. C. Matthews, A. R. Penn, Messrs. W. B. L. Williams, W. B. Young, W. F. Walters, P. Rushton. Convener, Rev. H. C. Matthews.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.—District Chairman (Convener); one to be appointed; Messrs. W. H. C. Clemon, T. P. Hughson, Jr., L. M. Moss.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.—Revs. J. F. Jack and L. A. Brooks, Messrs. H. Bycroft, A. H. Fisher, Junr., A. Carthew.

WELLINGTON.—District Chairman, Rev. J. D. McArthur, Messrs. T. M. Pacey, A. J. Johnston, and N. R. Seddon (Convener).

NELSON.—Chairman of District, Rev. R. E. Patchett, Messrs. H. J. Savage, H. Oldham, and E. S. Wratt.

NORTH CANTERBURY.—District Chairman, Rev. A. M. Costain, Messrs. C. H. Perkins, E. R. Caygill, and M. Hosking.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.—District Chairman, Rev. O. Burnet, Messrs. E. Hight, H. C. B. Withell and P. Woodnorth.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—District Chairman, Rev. A. H. Ivory, Messrs. G. S. Gapper, J. McIndoe, and A. L. Stanton.

5 Central Stipend Committee

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

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 Conference of 1947 referred the question to Synods and Conference for fuller consideration.

The Committee has nothing new to submit, and presents its original 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.

W. A. BURLEY, Chairman.

T. M. PACEY, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

- (1) That the Report be received and adopted.
- (2) That Conference approve the broad principle of the establishment of a Central Finance Fund.
- (3) That the Committee prepare a scheme for submission to Synods and Conference with a view to its being sent down to Quarterly Meetings for consideration.
- (4) That the Committee be: Revs. W. A. Burley, J. D. McArthur, G. H. Goodman, Messrs. C. R. Edmond, A. J. Johnston, S. Roberts, P. E. Pattrick, J. C. Riddell, C. A. Russell, N. R. Seddon, D. Tayler, and T. M. Pacey (Convener).

6 Covenant Service

The Conference of 1947 appointed a small but widely representative Committee to consider the form of the Covenant Service and the most appropriate time of year for its observance. (Minutes, p. 187.) The Committee has corresponded and met in sections where possible, and from its deliberations the following points emerge clearly:—

Form of Service. The Covenant Service is peculiar to Methodism, and a part of our heritage which we must preserve. Many are deeply attached to the traditional wording, but an increasing number find the service archaic in form and difficult to follow. There is a widespread feeling that to meet the need of the average Church member it needs to be lightened and modernized, by breaking it up into sections and providing for the more active participation of the congregation. These requirements are met in the latest English revision, copies of which are available in cheap booklet form. The Committee therefore suggests that congregations who wish to do so might experiment with this revised form, which the Conference might either adopt or revise further at a later stage in the light of experience.

In most Churches it is impossible to gather a representative congregation on the traditional date, the first Sunday in January; and the alternative given in the Law Book (Whit Sunday) is one of the great Festivals of the Universal Church, with an all-important message of its own. We are therefore suggesting a special observance at the beginning of the effective Church year. We also think that more could be done to help ministers and congregations to understand the significance of the service and to make the most of it.

E. W. HAMES, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

- (1) That the report be received and adopted.
- (2) That Conference authorise the use of the Form of Covenant Service provided by the British Methodist Conference as an alternative form to that in our N.Z. Book of Offices, where this is desired, and that the Epworth Bookroom be asked to have copies available for sale.
- (3) Where convenient, the Covenant Service should still be observed in the New Year, in conformity with world-wide Methodism. Otherwise it should be observed on the Second Sunday in February, and every effort should be made to draw together the entire membership of the Church in an act of consecration on this occasion. We suggest that the service might opportunely be combined with the annual dedication of Church officers and Sunday School workers. That ministers be directed to help their congregations to participate in the service by delivering a suitable preparatory address.
- (4) That to assist in the intelligent and devout use of the Service by ministers and congregations, the Publications Committee be asked to arrange for explanatory matter to appear in the "Methodist Times," and afterwards in booklet form, if that be thought necessary.

(7) TRAVELLING ALLOWANCES.

- (1) That as the transport position throughout the Connexion is critical, particularly in country circuits, due to the age of vehicles and heavy maintenance costs Conference urges the utmost economy in the use of cars and the use wherever possible of alternative and cheaper modes of transport.
- (2) (a) That Conference draws the attention of Circuits and Home Mission Stations to their obligation to make adequate arrangements for transport for Ministers and Home Missionaries, and directs that the resolutions embodied in the Minutes of Conference 1945, p. 162, and 1947, p. 174, be observed.
- (b) That the text of these resolutions be sent in a letter over the names of the President and Secretary of Conference to all Circuits and Home Mission Stations.
- (3) That Conference emphasise that all Circuit and Home Mission Stations should pay allowances based on the minimum scale of mileage payment, 1947 Minutes, p. 174, the scale to be increased where in the judgment of the Circuit Quarterly Meeting local conditions demand same.
- (4) That Conference views with concern the fact that out of the 75 cases submitted no fewer than 56 Ministers were receiving less than the Conference minimum scale—while 25 were not receiving enough to cover running costs (excluding depreciation and repairs). It therefore directs that where the minimum scale is not being paid the Circuit Stewards be informed through the Chairmen of Districts and requested to take immediate steps to implement the Resolutions of Conference.
- (5) That in the meantime known urgent and necessitous cases of difficulties in the matter of transport be investigated by the District and sub-District Executives concerned who shall report to the Home Mission Board.
- (6) That the Transport Committee continue its investigations into schemes for the acquisition and operation of motor cars for Ministers and Home Missionaries and other relevant matters, and add to its order of reference the following:—

- (a) Consideration of data gathered by the Home Mission Board and the Northland Sub-District Executive.
- (b) Proposals concerning a more equitable basis of sharing transport costs over the whole Dominion with a view to aiding the country circuits to meet this difficult position.
- (c) To explore the possibility of co-operation with other denominations in the matter of securing vehicles.

(7) That the personnel of the Transport Committee be:—Revs. J. D. Grocott, W. A. Burley, J. D. McArthur, G. H. Goodman, Messrs. C. R. Edmond, A. J. Johnston, S. Roberts, P. E. Pattrick, C. A. Russell, N. R. Seddon, E. M. Hodder, D. Tayler, T. M. Pacey (Convener).

Corresponding Members: General Superintendent of Home Missions or Assistant, Revs. G. E. Brown, B. Riseley, and Messrs. W. J. Court and H. M. Patrick.

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, J. L. Mitchell and G. H. Goodman, Messrs. J. Stanton, E. W. A. Kellow, N. R. Seddon, S. T. S. Martin, T. M. Pacey, P. E. Pattrick, 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?

SOUTH AUCKLAND.—Chairman of the District, Ministers of the Hamilton, Hamilton East, Cambridge, Matamata, Morrinsville, Te Aroha and Te Awamutu Circuits; Messrs. H. H. Fow, W. B. L. Williams, W. B. Young, P. Rushton, H. Bettany, W. A. Clark, J. T. Johnston, E. J. Easter, G. Simpson, R. P. Kilham. Convener, Rev. J. H. Bailey.

WANGANUI SUB-DISTRICT COUNCIL.—The Ministers of the Wanganui and Taihape Circuits, the Marton Home Missionary; and Messrs. W. S. Thrush, E. L. F. Buxton, S. Laurensen, J. Thompson and C. E. Darvill. Convener, Rev. H. K. Brown.

WELLINGTON.—The Chairman of District, Revs. J. D. McArthur, G. H. Goodman, J. D. Grocott, H. W. Payne, W. H. Greenslade, J. L. Mitchell, C. H. Bell, W. E. A. Carr, W. J. Morrison and R. H. Allen, Mesdames J. C. Riddell, H. W. Smith, Messrs. T. M. Pacey, C. Lovatt, S. N. Roberts, N. Smith, S. N. Fellows, W. Greenwood, T. W. Treen, G. Shakes. Convener, Rev. C. H. Bell.

NELSON.—Chairman of District, Ministers of Nelson, Richmond, Circuits, Mrs. L. White (and one representative from Ladies' Guild Fellowship), Messrs. H. J. Savage, E. C. Gamble, R. Marshall, L. White, R. A. Craighead, N. Cozens, A. Winn, with Superintendents of Blenheim and Greymouth Circuits as corresponding members.

NORTH CANTERBURY.—Chairman of the District, Superintendents of the City Circuits, Connexional Secretary, Rev. E. Drake; Messrs. W. C. Francis, J. E. Purchase, H. deR. Flesher, S. Sayers, C. W. Barrell, H. B. Moore, B. Caygill, F. Turnpenny, J. Diack, A. D. McHarg, H. F. K. Hayman.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—Revs. D. J. D. Hickman, E. B. Chambers, T. A. Pybus, L. B. Neale, C. L. Duder, N. P. Larsen, A. H. Ivory, L. Greenslade (Convener), J. S. Willoughby, W. E. Falkingham, Mrs. W. G. Cole, Messrs. H. H. Johnson, J. McIndoe, G. S. Gapper, A. L. Stanton, P. Nixon, A. J. Ganderton, H. Wilkinson, R. Andrew, G. R. Galbraith, E. H. James.

QUESTION LV.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting the Laws and Regulations of the Church, including the Rulings of the President during the year?

LAW BOOK REVISION COMMITTEE.

Report, 1947.

During the year the Committee has completed the revision of Part VI relating to Conference and has now nearly completed the revision of Part VII dealing with Departments and Institutions. The Committee is submitting to each Department the section with which it is particularly concerned for its comments. Most of Part VIII concerning Funds has already been revised. The Christchurch members of the Committee met some 20 times during the year.

It is expected that the final draft will be ready for Conference in 1949.

The Committee has considered the Presidential Rulings, 1947 Minutes page 180, and is of the opinion that no change need be made in existing laws in connection therewith.

Various matters remitted to the Committee have been considered and the Committee's report and recommendations thereon are as follows:—

1. Community Churches: 1947 Minutes page 35.

This matter is dealt with in the report of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee.

2. Invitation to Ministers: 1947 Minutes page 59.

The Committee received the report of the Welfare of the Church Committee too late to give much consideration to that Committee's proposals before the Synod Agenda was printed but as the Welfare of the Church Committee is to continue its investigations in this matter this Committee will submit certain proposals for the consideration of the Welfare of the Church Committee.

3. Preaching Places: 1947 Minutes page 130.

The Committee has conferred with the Dominion Statistical Secretary on this matter and recommends that the following definition be included in an appropriate section in the Law Book "A preaching place is one where public worship is conducted at least once a quarter under the auspices of the Methodist Church".

4. Supply Arrangements: 1947 Minutes page 130.

The Committee recommends that paragraph 23 page 127 be repealed and the following substituted therefore: "24. If a Circuit or Home Mission Station is Supplied by a Supernumerary Minister no grant shall be available to enable the income of such Minister from both the Supernumerary Fund and the Circuit or Station to exceed the Standard stipend for an ordained Minister".

5. Standing Orders: 1947 Minutes page 184.

The Committee recommends the following:—

(1) Add to Section 1, page 228, the following clause:

The hours of session of Conference shall be:—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; except when Conference itself shall otherwise determine

(2) Delete the last sentence of paragraph 2 of Section 2, page 229, "and no member place" and substitute therefor:

"Before speaking, a member shall occupy the tribune, except when he intends merely to ask a question."

6. Board of Publications, 1947 Minutes, page 161.

The Committee has redrafted the Constitution and the new draft has been approved by the Board of Publications. The Constitution will appear in the report of the Board.

7. Deaconess Convention. Representation in Conference, 1947 Minutes, page 149.

As the first section for the Committee to consider next year is the part dealing with Deaconesses and the Deaconess Institution, it has been decided to hold over until next year the drafting of provisions for the representation of the Deaconess Convention. The constitution of the Deaconess Convention requires clarification.

8. Church Council. 1947 Minutes, page 188. Constitution and Powers.

The Committee has considered this matter, but in view of the inadequate information available at this stage in the development of the Council it has been decided to ask the Council to consider the matter again at its next meeting.

9. Home Mission Stations and Representation in Conference.

The basic principle in our Methodist polity is the equal representation in Conference of Ministers and Laymen.

A Minister is a person who has taken the prescribed training and has been received into Full Connexion and ordained to a life work.

The unit of lay representation is a Circuit which accepts full responsibility in connection with the maintenance of the ordained Ministry and of the organised life and work of the Church as a whole. The acceptance of such responsibility entitles a Circuit to direct representation in Conference.

Home Mission Stations do not accept such full responsibility and therefore cannot claim the same privileges as those granted to a Circuit.

A Home Mission Station, however, at any time may change its status and become a Circuit by application to Conference. When making such application it must satisfy Conference that it is willing to assume the responsibility of a Circuit.

At present Home Mission Stations are represented in Conference as follows:—

(1) Through the Home Mission Board, six representatives, three Ministerial and three Lay.

(2) Through Chairmen of Districts and Supervisors of Home Mission Stations.

(3) Through two Home Missionary Representatives.

The Committee has considered various methods whereby representation could be given to Home Mission Stations (e.g. District representation), but in each case found that there would be a violation of the basic principle stated above.

Home Mission Stations at any time may apply to be made Circuits and thus gain representation.

10. Home Missionaries with 10 years' service—right to Seats in Conference.

As stated above the basic principle in our Methodist polity is the equal representation in Conference of Ministers and Laymen.

A Home Missionary is not an Ordained Minister. He remains a Layman.

He is a Local Preacher who is employed as a full-time agent of the Church and is in receipt of remuneration for his services.

It must be remembered that he is not ordained for life as is a Minister in Full Connexion, but is engaged for one year at a time with the proviso that at any time his engagement may be terminated by one month's notice on either side. This applies to every Home Missionary irrespective of his years of service.

No lay member of the Church has a seat in Conference in his own right, but may be elected to represent some Circuit or Department. The two Home Missionary members of Conference are elected representatives of the Home Missionaries.

As Home Missionaries are not Ordained Ministers but are Laymen there is no way under our existing laws by which they may be given a seat in Conference other than in a representative capacity.

11. Committee for 1948.

It is recommended that the Committee for 1948 be: Revs. E. Drake, H. L. Fiebig, H. J. Odell, and Mr. H. de R. Flesher (Convener), with Revs. Dr. C. H. Laws and W. A. Burley and Mr. J. Stanton as corresponding members.

H. de R. FLESHER, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

- (1) That the report be received and adopted.
- (2) That the Committee consider during the year and report to next Conference on:—
 - (a) The status of local preachers and trustees who are members of the Methodist Church and who have become members of a Union Church.
 - (b) Their relationship to Quarterly Meetings.
 - (c) Their eligibility for membership of Synods and Conference.
- (3) That Conference draws the attention of the Law Book Revision Committee to the question of Conference Deaconess Representation which was approved by the Conference of 1947 (Minutes, page 149, Res. 3) and recommends that some form of representation similar to that adopted for Home Missionaries be considered.

II. PRESIDENTIAL RULING.

Payment of Organist.

Question: Is the honorarium paid to a Church organist a charge upon the Circuit Fund, or upon the Trust Fund of the local Church employing him?

Answer: The salary or honorarium of a Church Organist would not come under any of the items enumerated as charges in the Circuit Fund in paragraph 295 (5) of the Law Book; moreover it has been the general usage of the Church for it to come out of the local Trust Fund. It is therefore to be deemed to be a charge upon the Trust Fund of the Local Church. I do so rule.

W. G. SLADE.

RESOLUTION.

That the above ruling be sustained.

QUESTION LVI.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on other Questions.

1. Ecumenical Committee

A.—REPORT 1947.

The rapid expansion of the Ecumenical movement is the religious revival of our age. The Church throughout the world has felt the stirring of the new life.

The rapidity of the growth and the widespread influence of the Movement make it impossible for any committee to report it adequately.

Overseas Conferences:

Two overseas conferences of great significance have been held this year: A Youth Conference at Oslo, where we were represented by the Rev. and Mrs. J. K. Watson, and the Springfield Conference which was attended by the President, Rev. W. G. Slade, the Vice-President, Mr. G. S. Gapper, the Revs. G. I. Laurenson and A. E. Orr.

Reports will be made direct to Conference.

Faith and Order Conference. Wellington, 1947:

The work of the Faith and Order Conference is well known but there are a few matters of interest which can be recorded here.

165 members attended the Conference, 22 of whom were women. There were 27 Methodists, 8 of whom were official representatives. 2 were women, 3 Maori Ministers, 1 Probationer, 3 Trinity Students, 2 Youth Directors. All ministers, except three, have travelled less than 20 years.

The Principal of Trinity College, the Rev. E. W. Hames, shared with the Principal of Knox, the Rev. J. A. Allan, the opening service of worship. Other Methodists chaired sections, acted as scribe or led in daily worship.

The achievements of Conference cannot be confined to a few lines in a report. Church leaders believe that "Wellington, '47" was one of the great creative weeks in the history of the Church in New Zealand, whose worth will be revealed only as the years pass by. Those present became "doctrinally-conscious" in a more intense way than ever before. Even though theological differences appeared to be great, there was a sense in the Conference that we all were trying to do the same things and trying to proclaim the same Gospel.

The "findings" of Conference is not just a final statement of the agreements on Doctrine, but a document for the study of the Church. All Christians are asked to so study it that when the next Faith and Order Conference eventuates we will not only see our own positions more clearly, but be able to recognise considerable progress towards agreement.

World Council of Churches:

The outstandingly historic event of 1948 will be the formation at Amsterdam of the World Council of Churches.

Preparations for this Council have been in operation since July, 1937. The origins lie back in the "Life and Work" and "The Faith and Order" Movements. The Council is to be a Movement of the Churches, rooted in her life and making common action and study possible.

Considerable preparation has taken place this year and all the Churches of the Council look with wistful anticipation to 1948. The Conference meets from Sunday afternoon, August 22nd, till Sunday afternoon, September 5th. Mornings will be devoted to the study of "Man's disorder and God's design". Afternoons will be for the study of the constitution and the work of the Council; evenings for public meetings. All member Churches are invited to forward subjects for consideration, to be received not later than January, 1948.

It is suggested that a Day of Prayer for the Assembly be fixed for a Sunday in May, 1948. A call to the Churches closes with an appeal which we commend to all Synods and Conferences. "We therefore call upon all Christians to join us in earnest prayer that the first Assembly of the World Council of Churches may be used of God for rebirth of the Churches, and for their rededication in the unity of the faith to the common task of proclaiming His Word and doing His work among all nations."

The Methodist Church of New Zealand is entitled to appoint one official representative to the Assembly, and one alternate, who will attend as a visitor.

The budget for the Assembly is 110,000 dollars which includes staffing, translation and publications and assistance to representatives from the younger churches and impoverished areas. Our Church is asked to contribute £12 towards the budget.

The National Council of Churches:

The work of the N.C.C. has developed during this year in a splendid way.

The first full time Secretary, the Rev. H. W. Newell, was appointed to the Secretariat of the World Council at Geneva, which was a distinctive honour to Mr. Newell and to the N.C.C. The Council was fortunate in securing the services of the Rev. A. A. Brash, late of Wanganui, to succeed Mr. Newell.

Our Methodist Church is honoured in that the Rev. W. A. Burley was unanimously elected to the Chairmanship of the Council and our congratulations are offered him.

The Rev. G. I. Laurenson was nominated to the National Council by last Conference, as a representative to the Assembly at Amsterdam. The alternate is to be appointed after nomination by Synods.

The major task of the year was the "Faith and Order Conference" reported above. A great deal of preparatory work was involved and the Council is deeply indebted to the Convener of the Co-ordinating Committee, Dr. Ian Fraser.

Other subjects dealt with during the year included: The relation of Church and State; The Church in new housing areas (a central committee has been set up in Wellington to co-operate with the Housing Department); A Maori section of the N.C.C. has been formed in which the Methodist Church takes its full share of responsibility.

The N.C.C. paper "The Church and Community" has been enlarged and improved and for 4/- per year is within the reach of all. We strongly urge all our churches to subscribe for it is the most sure avenue of information on the Ecumenical Movement.

"Home and Family Weeks" are being planned in a few centres during 1948, at which the experience of the Rev. E. P. Blamires will be of great service.

The Greek Orthodox Church in New Zealand has been admitted to membership of the Council.

The constituent churches are asked to ratify a change in the Constitution of the N.C.C.

Section (5) officials and management. (A) The Council (i) as at present. (ii) The Chairman of the Executive of the Maori Section or his nominee shall be a member of the Council with vote. (Although Maori Churches are included in the first three authorities named in (i), the above provision is made to recognise the distinctive situation of the Maori race. This special provision is not to be regarded as a precedent for giving voting powers to associated committees or bodies.) The present sections ii, iii and iv will be renumbered iii, iv and v.

Section 7 (i) will read, "The Chairman of the Executive or his nominee shall have a seat on the National Council with vote."

While the Methodist Church was asked to contribute £300 to the Council last year its total contribution was only £183/17/3. We believe the Church can quite easily meet the full budget.

The N.C.C. suffers from lack of publicity among the ordinary members of the Churches. To do its best work the Council must have the support and sympathy of all the ministers and laymen of the Church.

W. A. BURLEY, Chairman.
J. D. GROCOTT, Convener.

B.—THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF NEW ZEALAND.

Chairman:
The Rev. W. A. Burley.

Secretary:
The Rev. Alan A. Brash,
P.O. Box 297,
CHRISTCHURCH.

The National Council of Churches Executive has received the following statement from a Conference of educationalists convened by its Education Commission. The Executive approved that the proposal be submitted to the Churches, with the request that they express their mind upon it as soon as possible, and not later than March 31st, 1948. What is sought meantime from the Churches is a general approval of the proposal. If this is forthcoming a detailed constitu-

tion will be prepared and submitted to the Churches for consideration at a later date. The National Council of Churches Executive also recommends that the representatives of the Churches on the central and local Committees be similar to that approved by the Churches for the National Council of Churches, and that the number of educational specialists appointed by the National Council of Churches itself be two each for primary and post-primary, and one for adult education. The proposal is now submitted for your approval:—

EDUCATION CONFERENCE.

October 25 & 27.

This Conference of representative educationalists "affirms that in view of the urgency of the present situation the educational policy of the Churches should be administered by one educational agency with its own budget and staff, and suggests that the name of the proposed organisation be "The Education Department of the National Council of Churches." It is the earnest desire of the Conference that this department should incorporate the New Zealand Bible-in-Schools League."

The following is an outline of the nature of the proposed department, for the consideration of the National Council of Churches and if approved, for submission to the constituent Churches:—

Purposes:

(1) To further the interests of education in accordance with the policy agreed upon by the Churches.

(2) To use to the fullest possible extent the facilities available for worship and religious instruction in the educational institutions of New Zealand.

(3) To formulate and submit to the Churches new proposals affecting the welfare of education and the furtherance of worship and religious instruction.

Functions:

(1) To ensure that every child in New Zealand whose parents consent receives in school a general knowledge of the Bible, and of the development and influence of the Christian faith.

(2) To advise the National Council of Churches and the Churches on all educational matters.

(3) To conduct negotiations with the education authorities and teachers' organisations on behalf of the Churches, and to seek to maintain a friendly liaison with them.

(4) To advise concerning books, agreed syllabuses, teaching and devotional aids, lectionaries, etc., and to compile and publish these where necessary.

(5) To be responsible for the enlisting and accrediting of voluntary teachers, and to encourage the training and employment of specialists in religious education, and to conduct training schools and classes where such are necessary.

(6) To foster co-operation between home, Church, and school in the interests of the complete education of the child.

(7) To raise and administer the necessary finance.

Organisation:

(1) A central committee comprised of representatives of the Churches appointed primarily because of their knowledge of and interest in education, and of educationalists appointed by the National Council of Churches because of their specialist knowledge in particular spheres.

(2) District or local committees in Education Board areas with similar representation.

(3) A central headquarters with a full-time Secretary.

It was Agreed by the Executive of the National Council of Churches:

(1) That the above proposals be approved for submission to the constituent Churches.

(2) That it be understood that the representation on the central and local committees approximate to the proportions that the Churches have already approved for the N.C.C. (e.g. Anglican 4, Presbyterian 3, Methodist 2, Baptist 1, Church of Christ 1, Congregational 1, Salvation Army 1, Society of Friends 1, Greek 1).

(3) That it be understood that the educationalists appointed by the N.C.C. be limited to two representatives each of primary and post-primary, and one of adult education.

(4) That the Churches be requested to express their mind on the proposals if possible before the end of March, 1948.

ECUMENICAL COMMITTEE—ADDENDUM TO REPORT TO SYNODS.

Since Synods met important developments have taken place in the relationship between the National Council of Churches and the Bible-in-Schools League.

On December 3rd a Dominion Council of the League was held and after consideration of a report made by a special Conference called by the N.C.C. it was decided to review the whole activities of the League and the possibility of an expansion in the scope of its activities.

A small Committee was appointed, consisting of Dr. J. D. Salmond, Rev. L. V. Bibby, and the Secretary of this Ecumenical Committee to act with Archbishop West-Watson, Dean Warren, and the Rev. J. Baird to prepare a White Paper which will outline the proposals for the wider scope of activities and which will be submitted to representatives of the League and the N.C.C. for consideration. In the Autumn of 1948 the League Dominion Council will be held to discuss the whole proposal.

The N.C.C. has agreed because of this proposal to drop the name (Education Department of the N.C.C.) suggested by the Dominion Conference.

The Bible-in-Schools Dominion Council unanimously approved of the proposed organisation and a name was suggested, viz., the New Zealand Council for Christian Education (incorporating the N.Z. Bible-in-Schools League and acting as the Education Commission of the N.C.C.). This name is only a suggestion and will be closely examined.

An important and essential point is that this body will be completely autonomous and by resolution of the Dominion Council will include the New Zealand Bible-in-Schools League.

We therefore recommend that the Conference give favourable consideration to the proposed new organisation and give authority to the Methodist Representatives on the League to support the proposal.

W. A. BURLEY (Chairman).
J. D. GROCOTT (Secretary).

RESOLUTIONS.

- (1) That the report be received and adopted.
- (2) That the Revs. H. J. Odell, W. A. Burley, H. L. Fiebig, and R. Dudley, be appointed representatives of the Methodist Church on the National Council of Churches Council with Rev. J. D. Grocott as alternate.
- (3) That a grant of £5 be made to the Conference Ecumenical Committee.
- (4) That the contribution of £26 be made to the National Council of Churches.
- (5) That the Committee investigate the possibility of being enlarged by the addition of laymen.
- (6) That to meet the budget of £300 all churches be asked to contribute to the National Council of Churches in the proportion of £1/4/- for every hundred members.
- (7) That the report of the Faith and Order Conference be studied by the Church and it be commended to the Ministerial Synods, Ministers' Fraternals, and Group Studies in all Churches. That the Ecumenical Committee be requested to appoint a study group to prepare and forward findings to the N.C.C.
- (8) That the Rev. R. Dudley be the representative of the Methodist Church of N.Z. to the Assembly of the World Council of Churches at Amsterdam in 1948, with Mrs. A. B. Cochran as alternate.
- (9) That Conference authorise the expenditure of at least £25 towards the cost of sending Rev. R. Dudley to represent the Methodist Church of N.Z. at the Amsterdam Conference and meet the Conference Expenses at Amsterdam of the Alternate.
- (10) That Conference ratifies the reported changes in the Constitution of the National Council of Churches.
- (11) That the Methodist Church of N.Z. send Fraternal Greetings and express gratitude to God at the assembly of the World Council of Churches at Amsterdam.
- (12) That the Methodist Church be called to share in the World Day of Prayer for the assembly at Amsterdam, to be held at a date to be arranged in May.
- (13) That the Methodist Church be called to observe World Communion Sunday in October.
- (14) That the Committee for 1948 be: Revs. W. A. Burley, J. D. McArthur, J. D. Grocott, W. H. Greenslade, W. J. Morrison, W. E. A. Carr, G. H. Goodman, F. Greenwood, R. F. Clement and C. H. Bell. Convener, J. D. Grocott.

SEVENTH ECUMENICAL METHODIST CONFERENCE. REPORT OF NEW ZEALAND DELEGATES.

The Seventh Methodist Ecumenical Conference was held at Springfield, Massachusetts, U.S.A., from September 24th to October 2nd, 1947. Delegates attended from 24 branches of the Methodist Church in Europe, America, Asia, and Australasia, and also from the United Church of Canada. There were also two Fraternal Messengers from the Evangelical United Brethren of America.

Trinity Church, Springfield, is a most spacious and beautifully designed structure, with ample accommodation and facilities for such a gathering. The organisation had been thoroughly worked out to the last detail so that very generous provision was made for the comfort and welfare of the overseas delegates. It would be impossible to detail the superabundant kindness and generosity of our American brethren, and your delegates would place their deep appre-

ciation on record and request that a resolution go from this Conference to the Secretary of the Western Section, which had provided hospitality for all visiting delegates.

The Ecumenical Conference was under the joint chairmanship of Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, of Missouri, and Dr. Wilbert F. Howard, of England. There were sessions for worship, public addresses on chosen themes, with sectional discussions, and also public gatherings in Springfield Auditorium, the main theme of the Conference being "The Witness of Methodism in This Era." But a wide range of subsidiary subjects made up a full Agenda, carefully timed and duly followed.

After the formal opening addresses were given on the first day on "The Faith of the Christian Church" and "The Faith in the Furnace of War," thus giving to the Conference its necessary orientation to the Christian tradition. Following addresses were on "Sixteen Years of Methodism," a review of trends in world Methodism since the previous Ecumenical Conference in 1931. These were followed by others in sequence on "Social Tensions in the Modern World," "The Church in Life and Devotion," "Methodism's Responsibility in the Redemption of Society," "Methodism and the Larger Fellowship."

A fine climax was attained on the last morning when the Secretary, Dr. Oscar T. Olson, of Cleveland, Ohio, in a forceful appeal drew attention to the main emphases of the Conference: (a) The realisation of sin and its frustrations in modern man; (b) the power of God to set men free; (c) the need to break the complacency of this age. Following this earnest call to the Church to face the modern challenge, the vast gathering of delegates from the four corners of the earth united in Methodism's traditional Covenant Service and registered its re-dedication to the Evangelical Tradition of the Methodist Church,

The Ecumenical Conference is not a legislative body, so that only a very little amount of time was given to business, but future organisation and world policy were considered, especially those aspects bearing upon closer co-operation between the branches of Methodism throughout the world. Certain resolutions were recommended by selected committees and adopted by the Conference. It should be said that our New Zealand Conference was represented on these committees, so that we have had a direct part in framing the recommendations.

(1) A Conference Message was carefully framed. This will be published in the printed report. We have written for a copy in the hope that it will be available for this Conference.

(2) A Committee was set up to consider ways and means of a system of short-term exchanges of Ministers.

(3) A new scheme of Ecumenical Organisation was adopted, abolishing the former division of the Ecumenical Council into an Eastern and a Western Section, and setting up a Council comprising 24 Sections, as the following details indicate:—

(4) It was decided to hold the next Ecumenical Conference in Great Britain in 1951 and thereafter every five years, with meetings of the Executive Council bi-annually.

ECUMENICAL METHODIST CONFERENCE.

The new Council is to be composed of the officers and members from the following 24 Sections:—

Section I: The Methodist Church in South Africa (6 members).

Section II: The Methodist Church in West Africa (4 members).

Section III: The Methodist Church in Central and East Africa (4 members).

Section IV: The Methodist Church in South Asia—India, Malaya, Dutch East Indies, Philippines (10 members).

Section V: The Methodist Church in Eastern Asia—China, Japan, Korea (10 members).

Section VI: The United Church of South India (4 members).

Section VII: The Methodist Church in Australasia (10 members).

Section VIII: The Methodist Church in New Zealand (7 members).

Section IX: The Methodist Church in Great Britain (30 members).

Section X: The Methodist Church in Ireland.

Section XI: The Wesleyan Reform Union (2 members)

Section XII: The Methodist Church in Continental Europe (including Scandinavia) (50 members).

Section XIII: The Methodist Church in the United States (50 members).

Section XIV: The United Church of Canada (10 members).

Section XV: The African Methodist Episcopal Church in the U.S.A. (10 members).

Section XVI: The A.M.E. Zion Church in the United States (10 members).

Section XVII: The Coloured Methodist Church in the United States (10 members).

Section XVIII: The Free Methodist Church in the United States (3 members).

Section XIX: The Primitive Methodist Church in the United States (3 members).

Section XX: The Wesleyan Methodist Church in the United States (3 members).

Section XXI: The Methodist Church in the West Indies (3 members).

Section XXII: The Methodist Church in Brazil (5 members).

Section XXIII: The Methodist Church, Mexico and Cuba (5 members).

Section XXIV: The Methodist Church in Central and South America (5 members).

It will be seen that the immediate business of this present Conference is to appoint seven representative people of our Church to constitute Section VIII of the Ecumenical Methodist Council, no doubt with power to co-opt others for consultation and discussion, and to work in liaison with the standing Ecumenical Committee. It is the opinion of your delegates that these seven should not merely be selected from the personnel of the Ecumenical Committee, as that would limit the representation to Wellington District alone. On the other hand the members of Section VIII should be members of the Ecumenical Committee, if only as corresponding members. Conference may also deem it advisable to select some of the Springfield delegates on account of their direct link with the world movement and intimate knowledge of the transactions of the Ecumenical Conference.

In appraising the importance of our Church's representation at Springfield Conference we would draw attention to the following:—

(1) The New Zealand Methodist Church was thereby recognised as an autonomous church and given status in the Ecumenical Methodist Council.

(2) Personal contacts and fellowship with fellow-Methodists from all over the world enhance the Methodist tradition and give encouragement to our own people throughout the Circuits.

(3) New Zealand Methodism stands to gain spiritual enrichment by possible visits of overseas leaders and by the exchange of Ministers, resulting from the creation of interest overseas in our part of the Church.

(4) The cultural advancement of the New Zealand Ministry will be encouraged by such opportunities to go abroad as it is expected will open up under the provisions of the special committee now considering these matters. We have already received the offer from Drew University of a \$600 scholarship to be available to one of our theological students or younger ministers.

(5) To study at first hand the methods and activities of our Church overseas must in the long run be advantageous to our own Church.

(6) The bonds of World Fellowship have been considerably strengthened as a result of the Ecumenical Conference.

Your delegates are grateful for the privilege of having represented the Conference overseas, and it is their prayer that the time and money expended may prove to be a valuable investment on the part of the Connexion and accrue to the spiritual enrichment of the whole Church.

W. G. SLADE.
G. I. LAURENSEN,
A. E. ORR,
G. S. GAPPER,
R. O. GAPPER

Ecumenical Conference Delegates.

RESOLUTIONS.

(1) That the report be received and adopted.

(2) That a letter be forwarded to the secretary of the Western Section, Dr. Oscar T. Olson conveying the deep appreciation of the Conference for the courtesies extended to all our delegates by the American Church.

(3) That Conference expresses its grateful appreciation to the delegates who represented New Zealand Methodism in such a worthy manner at the seventh Ecumenical Conference at Springfield, Mass., U.S.A., last year.

(4) That the Conference Message if received in time from overseas be printed in the Minutes.

(5) That the members of Section 8 of the Ecumenical Methodist Council be:—The President of the Conference (ex-officio), Revs. Dr. W. G. Slade, H. L. Fiebig, W. A. Burley, J. D. Grocott, Mrs. M. E. Virtue, Messrs. G. S. Gapper, A. B. Cochran. Chairman: Rev. Dr. W. G. Slade. Secretary-Convener: Rev. H. L. Fiebig.

(6) That the associate members be:—Revs. G. I. Laurenson, A. E. Orr, W. T. Blight, E. W. Hames, W. E. A. Carr, R. Thornley, Miss Lorna Hodder.

(7) That the Committee in consultation with the Contingent Fund Committee be requested to make recommendations regarding matters of Finance to the next Conference or Executive Committee.

(8) That Conference recommends to the Executive Council of the Ecumenical Methodist Conference to give consideration to the inclusion of the Methodist Church of Tonga in its constitution, the President of the Tongan Conference to be informed of this recommendation.

(2) Date of Conference

(1947 Minutes, p.p. 184-186)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

The Conference of 1946 decided that the time of holding the Annual Conference should be changed from February to November (1946 Minutes, p. 61).

The Conference of 1947 appointed a Committee to consider ways and means of implementing that alteration.

After full consideration the Committee ultimately endorsed the findings previously reported to Conference (1947 Minutes, p.p. 184-186). It is deemed advisable to recapitulate some of the facts therein.

The possibility was again considered of holding two Conferences in the year in which the change is effected. Ultimately this idea was rejected for the following reasons:—

- (a) For Ministers and Circuits where a change of appointment occurs it would be a very broken year with consequent disadvantage to our Church life.
- (b) An inadequate period would elapse between the publication of the Minutes and the printing of the Agenda for the following Conference for the resolutions to be given effect to. (Note. The Minutes are printed during April. Synod reports would need to be ready for printing in July for a November Conference).
- (c) An unwarranted duplication of expenses (some £900) would fall on the Contingent Fund within the same calendar year for two such Conferences.

The Committee therefore makes recommendations as undermentioned.

W. G. SLADE, President.

H. L. FIEBIG, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

- (1) That the report be received and adopted.
- (2) That the date of Conference be changed in 1949.
- (3) That Conference Officials continue in office from February, 1948, to November, 1949.
- (4) That in February 1949, an Executive Committee meet in Wellington to deal only with Questions 2-23 and 28 as in the Conference Agenda.
- (5) (a) That from 1949 all District Synods commence on the **First Tuesday in September.**
- (b) That the Annual Conference open on the **First Thursday in November.**
- (6) That the Ministerial Committee of Synods ("May Synods") meet during March.
- (7) That Ministers changing Circuits terminate their appointments on the last Sunday in January and take up their new appointments on the second Sunday in February.

- (8) That June 30th be recognised as:—
(a) The end of the financial year for all Trusts, Departments and Funds, as far as is practicable.
(b) The end of the Statistical Year.

(9) 1949 Executive Committee.

- (a) That the personnel be:—

The President, Ex-President, and Secretary of Conference, Connexional Secretary, District Chairmen, Principal of Theological College, Superintendent of Home Missions, General Secretary of Foreign Missions, Secretary of Board of Examiners, Senior Youth Director, and an additional number of Ministers to be elected by Synods as far as possible one to be elected from each District. Total of Ministerial members, 22.

The Vice-President and Ex Vice-President of Conference, Treasurer of Contingent Fund, 1 Representative from the Home Missionaries, District Lay Representatives elected by Synods as follows—Auckland 3, South Auckland 2, Taranaki-Wanganui 2, Hawkes Bay-Manawatu 2, Wellington 2, Nelson 1, North Canterbury 3, South Canterbury 1, Otago-Southland 2. Total number of Lay Representatives, 22.

- (b) That the Travelling Expenses of the Executive Committee be a charge on the Contingent Fund.
- (10) That the 1948 District Synods meet as usual in November to transact necessary business and to give special consideration to Church Extension in the District.
- (11) That the Departments concerned consider the matter of Missionary Deputations in each Island.
- (12) (a) That dates of Conference Examinations be as follows:—
Probationers: First week in May and Middle of September.
Probationers Tutorials commence: Greek, February 1; Theology, June 1.

Candidates: Middle of August.

Home Missionary Probationers: Middle of September..

Local Preachers (as at present) First week of June and First week of December.

- (b) That Candidates be nominated at the March Quarterly Meeting and recommended at the June Quarterly Meeting (after usual tests).
- (c) That Book Lists and Written Sermons be submitted to District Chairmen by the Middle of August.
- (d) That Probationers' Theses be forwarded to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners by September 1.
- (13) That in respect of all dates affected (except for Examinations), such as Invitations to Ministers, etc., necessary adjustments be made.

III.—REPORT OF RADIO COMMITTEE, 1947.

During the year a Conference was held in Wellington at which Broadcasters and Officers of the National Broadcasting Service discussed their work, and suggestions as to better service were made, as follows:—

(1) Where possible, arrangements for visual control during the Service for Technicians.

(2) Where this is not possible, the operator to be supplied with a written Order of Service.

(3) Recordings of parts of the Service for the benefit of Preachers, Organists and Choirmasters.

(4) A revised reprint of "The guiding principles for Radio Broadcasters" should be made.

After considerable discussion concerning the appointment of a Director of Religious Broadcasting, the following proposals were submitted:—

(1) That either a Morning or an Evening Service on Sunday should be broadcast from the Church, and relayed over all Stations. Suitable men to be selected from all over the Dominion to conduct these Services in turn. One Sunday, say, a Presbyterian Service from Dunedin; next, say, an Anglican in Auckland, and so on. The object being to secure the best broadcasts possible from each Denomination.

(2) Or, alternately—the appointment in each Denomination of a Broadcasting Specialist.

These suggestions are alternatives to the appointment of a Director of Religious Broadcasting, the several Church Courts to be asked to consider these proposals.

Methodist Committee: As in previous years the Radio Committee has supplied "The Methodist Times" with lists of the men appointed to broadcast both Sunday and Weekday Devotional Services. We would once again remind Secretaries of Local Committees that no changes can be published unless the request for same is in the hands of the Convener in ample time. Fewer requests have come to hand this year. The complete rota of Sunday broadcasts was checked and approved. No changes may now be made except under the most urgent and exceptional circumstances.

W. A. BURLEY, Chairman.

J. D. McARTHUR, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

(1) That the report be received and adopted.

(2) That the Chairman of the Wellington District be the Representative on the Central Religious Advisory Committee.

(3) That the Wellington District Executive be the Dominion Committee. Convener, Rev. J. D. McArthur.

(4) That the Radio Committee give special consideration to the following and report to the Synods and Conference.

(a) The necessity for further research to meet the two types of hearers, viz., Church people and the general public.

(b) The best use of material and the use of devotional recordings.

(c) The suggestion regarding the appointment of a Director of Religious Broadcasting.

(d) The approaching of suitable men within the Church with a view to fitting themselves for the specialised work of broadcasting services.

(IV).—GENERAL RESOLUTIONS.

(1) **Date of Conference 1948:** That the action of the President in altering the Opening Date of Conference 1948 from February 19 to February 12, be endorsed.

(2) **Minimum Stipends:** That the Standard Minimum Stipends for Ministers, Probationers, Home Missionaries and Overseas Sisters be increased by £25 per annum.

(3) **Legal Adviser:** That the Legal Adviser, Mr. J. Stanton, be thanked and re-appointed.

(4) **President's Committee of Advice 1948:** That the Committee be:—President-Elect, Ex-President, Secretary of Conference, Revs. W. Walker, Dr. H. Ranston, R. B. Tinsley, E. W. Hames, and J. C. Draper, Messrs. J. Stanton, J. Tyler, W. E. Burley, C. K. Wigglesworth, T. L. Hames and S. E. Chappell.

(5) **Thanks:** That thanks be tendered to the President, Secretary and Staff, Arrangements Committee, Trustees of Durham Street Church, and Hostesses, for services rendered to the Conference.

QUESTION LVII.—When and Where shall the next Conference be Held?

Thursday, November 3rd, 1949, at Napier.

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.
Christchurch	1948	E. Thomas Olds	Harry H. Johnson	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>1887—Clement, George (Sup.)
 " Laws, Charles H., B.A., D.D.,
 (Sup.) Foundation Fellow of
 Trinity College.</p> <p>1888—Grigg, William (Sup.)
 " 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.)
 " Vealie, Thomas W. (Sup.)</p> <p>1896—Blamires, Henry L. (Sup.)</p> <p>1897—Goldie, John Francis
 " Greenwood, Fred. (Sup.)
 " Pybus, T. Arthur (Sup.)</p> <p>1899—Keall, Robert P. (Sup.)
 " Wills, William (Sup.)</p> <p>1900—Blamires, E. Percy (Sup.)
 " Haslam, Jonathan H. (Sup.)
 " Hunt, George P. (Sup.)
 " Leadley, Frank E. (Sup.)</p> <p>1900—Liversedge, Arthur (Sup.)
 " Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A.,
 (Sup.)</p> <p>1901—Bailey, Samuel (Sup.)
 " Eaton, Clarence (Sup.)
 " Featherston, Jacob (Sup.)
 " Ranston, Harry, M.A., Litt.D.
 (Sup.)</p> | <p>1902—Coatsworth, Thomas (Sup.)
 " Oxbrow, Walter J. (Sup.)
 " Patchett, Ernest D. (Sup.)</p> <p>1903—James, Benjamin J. (Sup.)
 " Liddell, Ralph J. (Sup.)
 " Seamer, Arthur J. (Sup.)</p> <p>1904—Blamires, Ernest O. (Sup.)</p> <p>1905—Copeland, Fred. (Sup.)
 " Metson, Basil (Sup.)
 " Richards, Raymond (Sup.)</p> <p>1906—Avery, William W. (Sup.)
 " Roberts, Charles M. (Sup.)
 " Ryan, Henry (Sup.)
 " White, Hedley (Sup.)</p> <p>1907—Blair, Charles (Sup.)</p> <p>1908—Jordan, Chas. B., M.A., B.D.
 (Hons.), F.R.E.S. (Sup.)
 " Martin, J. Frederick (Sup.)
 " Speer, William H. (Sup.)
 " Tinsley, Robt. B.</p> <p>1909—Cottom, Harry
 " McArthur, John D.</p> <p>1910—Burley, William A., M.A.
 " Harris, Archer, O
 " Olds, Charles H., B.A.
 " Richards, James
 " Sharp, Harold A. (Sup.)</p> <p>1911—Enticott, Walter J. (Sup.)
 " Fowles, Albert H. (Sup.)
 " Hopper, Arthur (Sup.)
 " Neale, Leslie B., M.B.E., B.A.,
 F.R.G.S.
 " Richards, H. Leslie (Sup.)
 " Rowe, William</p> |
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- 1912—Hinton, George B.
 „ Lawrence, Frederick B.
 „ Scrivin, Arthur H.
 „ Walker, William (Sup.) E.D.
- 1913—Bensley, Arthur A.
 „ Peat, Harold T., E.D.
- 1914—Burnet, Oswald
 „ Green, William
 „ Werren, Samuel J.
- 1915—Cooke, Percy I.
 „ Olds, E. Thomas
 „ Odell, Henry J.
 „ Slade, William G., M.A., D.D.
- 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 (Sup.)
 „ Gatman, William (Sup.)
 „ Jefferson, Alfred E.
- 1920—Orchard, Hector C. (Sup.)
 „ Pickering, William B. (Sup.)
- 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.

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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., B.D.
 " 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., B.D.
 " 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., M.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., M.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.—(Sup.)</p> <p>1944—Allen, Robert H., B.A.
 " Bell, R. Graham, M.A.
 " Bycroft, Leslie F.
 " Chambers, Wesley A., B.A.
 " Dorrian, A. Peter
 " Sherson, Donald G., B.A.</p> <p>1945—Green, Warren
 " Gregory, William H.
 " Shapecott, Len</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.
 " Parker, Francis H.
 " Riseley, Benjamin H.
 " Woodfield, Owen T.</p> <p>1948—Besant, Henry D.
 " Eisner, Wilf. G.
 " Hilder, Basil J.
 " Hill, Geoffrey E.
 " Marshall, Edward M., B.A.,
 Dip, E.D.
 " Raynor, Charles H.
 " Robinson, Kenneth A.
 " Toothill, Harry W.</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
 1937—Afu, John
 1941—Kukutai, Ngatete K.
 1942—Piani, Timothy
 " Rogers, Ranginohora</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	.... 4	Allen, J. Henry 92 Liardet St., New Plymouth	.... 44
1944	.... 1	Allen, Robert H., B.A., Northland, Wellington	.... 68
1947	.... 2	Attwood, A. Francis, Kaikohe	.... 21
1906	.... S	Avery, William W., 58 Elizabeth St., Timaru (1946)	109
1924	.... S	Ayrton, Moses, 32 Vervier St., Karori, Wellington, W.3 (1945)	.... 68
1924	.... 2	Bailey, John H., 68 Firth St., Hamilton East	.... 32
1901	.... S	Bailey, Samuel. 254 The Parade, Island Bay, Wel- lington (1942)	.... 70
1924	.... 4	Bateup, Frank, Willowby R.M.D., Ashburton	.... 114
1941	.... 4	Bell, Charles H., 39 Strathaven St., Miramar, Wel- lington, E.4.	.... 70
1944	.... 1	Bell, R. Graham, M.A., 5 William St., Gore	.... 129
1894	.... S	Bellhouse, Harold E., 12 Ranui Road, Remuera, Auckland, S.E.2 (1934)	.... 3
1921	.... 3	Benny, Henry, Hassard St., Manaia, Taranaki	.... 49
1913	.... 7	Bensley, Arthur A., Devonport St., Tauranga	.... 37
1948	.... 1	Besant, Henry D., Ashburton	.... 113
1907	.... S	Blair, Charles, "Noeldene," Main Rd., Stoke, Nel- son (1947)	.... 81
1923	.... S	Blakemore, Albert, 23 Prospect Terrace, Milford, N.2., Auckland (1946)	.... 6
1900	.... S	Blamires, E. Percy, 43 Killarney St., Takapuna, Auckland, N.2. (1944)	.... 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	.... 4	Blight, J. Montgomery, 15 Nelson St., Riccarton, Christchurch, W.1.	.... 95
1917	.... 4	Blight, William T., B.A., B.D., 75 Havelock Street, Ashburton	.... 113
1922	.... 4	Brooks, Leslie A. G., 111 Wood St., Palmerston North	.... 63

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit
1943	.... 2	Brown, Clifford G., Otorohanga	.... 41
1916	.... 9	Brown, George E., 149 Kamo Rd., Whangarei	.... 17
1941	.... 2	Brown, Harold K., 138 Somme Parade, Aramoho, Wanganui	.... 52
1924	.... 2	Brown, Hubert G., Pah Road, Motueka	.... 83
1941	.... 2	Burley, Harold W., M.M., Ocean View, Brighton, Dunedin	.... 121
1910	.... 1	Burley, William A., M.A., Porirua Rd., Johnsonville, Wellington	.... 71
1914	.... 3	Burnet, Oswald, Coronation Street, Waimate	.... 110
1944	.... 1	Bycroft, Leslie F., Mission Bay, Auckland	.... 3
1931	.... 5	Carr, Thomas H., 45 Haupapa St., Rotorua, C.F.	36
1931	.... 1	Carr, W. E. Allon, 137 Coromandel St., Wellington, S.2	.... Y.D.
1917	.... 1	Chambers, Ernest B., 149 Tennyson St., Dunedin, C.2	.... 116
1944	.... 1	Chambers, Wesley A., B.A., Woodend, North Canterbury	.... 104
1933	.... 3	Chrystall, Bernard M., B.A., C.F., 28 Mt. Albert Rd., Auckland, S.W.2, C.F.	.... H.M.
1937	.... 1	Churchill, John, 8 King Edward Street, Eltham	.... 47
1887	.... S	Clement, George, Sandringham St., St. Clair, Dunedin, S.I. (1923)	.... 116
1942	.... 3	Clement, Robert F., B.A., 60 Norton Park Ave., Lower Hutt	.... 72
1947	.... 2	Clements, Leslie C., Ford St., Opotiki	.... 39
1902	.... S	Coatsworth, Thomas, 47 Collingwood St., Palmerston North (1945)	.... 63
1939	.... 1	Cochrane, Herbert A., 46 Radley St., Woolston, Christchurch, S.E.1	.... 92
1942	.... 2	Collins, Alan F. (C.F.), Whenuapai Air Force Station, Auckland	.... 4
1915	.... 4	Cooke, Percy I., Normanby St., Dargaville	.... 15
1905	.... S	Copeland, Fred, 103 Alexander Cres., Hastings (1947)	.... 56
1918	.... 1	Costain, Alfred M., Selwyn Street, Leeston	.... 100
1909	.... 11	Cottom, Harry, Springton R.D., Canterbury	.... 99
1943	.... 2	Crammond, George W., Queen St., Waiuku	.... 12
1933	.... 2	Daglish, J. Ainsley, Arney St., Paeroa	.... 26
1941	.... 4	Darvill, Harold A., Box 400, Hamilton	.... H.M.
1940	.... 3	Dawson, John B., B.A., 69 Shirley Rd., Ch'ch., C.F.	90
1943	.... 1	Dawson, W. Selwyn, B.A., Porirua, Wellington, C.F.	71
1932	.... 2	Day, Reginald, Tainui St., Matamata, C.F.	.... 34
1917	.... 3	Dennis, John, 179 Regan St., Stratford	.... 16
1929	.... 1	Dickens, Charles E., 230 High St., Dannevirke	.... 59
1947	.... 2	Divers, W. Lloyd, 9 Benzie Ave., Upper Hutt	.... 73
1940	.... 3	Dixon, Haddon C., M.A., B.D., West Coast Rd., Glen Eden, Auckland	.... 4
1944	.... 2	Dorrian, A. Peter, 24 Passmore Cres., Maori Hill, Dunedin, N.E.1.	.... 118
1893	.... S	Drake, Edward, 100 Chapter Street, St. Albans, Christchurch (1936)	.... 96
1930	.... 3	Draper, Joseph C., 17 Pukehana Ave., Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3, C.F.	.... 3
1935	.... 5	Duder, Clifford L., 46 Brighton St., Roslyn, Dunedin	123
1931	.... 10	Dudley, Raymond, M.A., F.R.E.S., 54 Chester St., W., Christchurch, C.I.	.... 89

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit
1901	.... S	Eaton, Clarence, 222 Talbot St., Geraldine (1945)	112
1948	.... 1	Eisner, Wilf. G., St. Clair, Dunedin	119
1911	.... S	Enticott, Walter J., Paeroa	26
1943	.... 2	Falkingham, Wilfred E., 3 Delta St., Roslyn, Dunedin	117
1901	.... S	Featherston, Jacob, 442 Cashel St., Christchurch, E.1. (1931)	90
1924	.... 3	Fiebig, Herbert L., B.A., P.O. Box 931, Ch'ch	C.S.
1919	.... S	Ford, Herbert, 112 Derby St., Westport	86
1916	.... 1	Fordyce, Robert E., Wellsford R.D., Port Albert, North Auckland	20
1911	.... S	Fowles, Albert H., 18 Lionel St., Avonside, Christchurch, N.E.1 (1941)	90
1937	.... 2	Francis, William R., B.A., B.D., 8 Madeira Steps, Napier, C.F.	55
1919	.... S	Gatman, William, 25 Beach Rd., Castor Bay, Auckland (1947)	6
1940	.... 2	Gilmore, Leslie R. M., B.A., 1 Tennyson Ave., Takapuna, Auckland	6
1897	.... 47	Goldie, John F., Solomon Islands	[5]
1934	.... 1	Goodman, George H., 18 Matai Rd., Hataitai, Wellington, E.2.	70
1945	.... 4	Green, Warren, Post Office, Huntly	33
1914	.... 1	Green, William, Church St., Devonport	5
1940	.... 3	Greenslade, Lawrence, 136 Signal Hill Rd., Opoho, Dunedin, N.1.	116
1931	.... 2	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., 54 Chester St. W., Ch'ch, C.1.	89
1939	.... 1	Grice, Reginald, Kirk St., Otaki	80
1888	.... S	Grigg, William, 88 Cranford St., St. Albans, Christchurch, N.1. (1932)	89
1928	.... 4	Grocott, John D., B.A., 235 Karori Rd., Wellington, W.3.	68
1943	.... 2	Grounds, Edmund D., Te Reinga St., Kaitaia, Nth. Auckland, C.F.	22
1928	.... 3	Hailwood, Charlie O., 78 West St., Feilding	65
1947	.... 2	Hall, Allen H., B.A., Methodist Mission, New Georgia, British Solomon Islands	[5]
1926	.... 2	Hall, James H., Wesley St., Pukekohe	11
1923	.... 10	Hames, Eric W., M.A., "Richmond House," Trinity College, Grafton, Auckland, C.3.	Th.C.
1928	.... 2	Handy, Francis J., 11 Horopito St., Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.1.	1
1935	.... 1	Hanna, L. Gordon, 19 Regent St., Hawera	48
1921	.... S	Harkness, Edwin S., 14 Atanga Ave., Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.1. (1947)	3
1938	.... 2	Harkness, Howard E., M.A., 88 Linwood Ave., Christchurch, E.1.	90
1910	.... 2	Harris, Archer O., 237 Salisbury St., Ch'ch, C.1.	91
1926	.... 3	Harris, G. Raymond, 801 E Queen St., Hastings	56
1900	.... S	Haslam, Jonathan H., "Flaxmere," Willowbridge R.D., South Canterbury (1940)	110
1946	.... 1	Haylock, Donald, Taitua St., Taumarunui	43
1939	.... 4	Hayman, Leslie A. D., B.Sc.Agr., Waimate	110

Ent.	Years.	Name and Address.	Circuit
1932	.... 3	Hickman, D. J. Donald, 52 Queen's Drive, Musselburgh, Dunedin, S.2.	126
1948	.... 1	Hill, Geoffrey E., Ngaio, Wellington	71
1948	.... 1	Hilder, Basil J., Lyall Bay, Wellington, E.3.	70
1912	.... 4	Hinton, George B., 53 Fuller St., Kaiapoi	101
1938	.... 3	Hoddinott, Ernest S., 38 Cranford St., St. Albans, Christchurch, N.1.	96
1911	.... S	Hopper, Arthur, 416 Massey Rd., Hastings (1935)	56
1936	.... 2	Hopper, H. Ian K., B.A., Eden St., Oamaru	115
1929	.... 3	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	.... 2	Ivory, Arthur H., LL.B., B.Com., 95 Fitzroy St., Kew, Dunedin, S.W.1.	121
1922	.... 4	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	.... 2	Jamieson, V. Roy, M.B.E., 170 Fitzgerald Ave., Christchurch, C.1., C.F.	90
1919	.... 2	Jefferson, Alfred E., 12 Poronui St., Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.1.	3
1932	.... 3	Jenkin, William C., Auckland St., Picton	84
1934	.... 3	Johnston, Andrew J., 67 Brougham St., Sydenham, Christchurch, S.1.	93
1943	.... 2	Jolly, Albert, Bank St., Te Awamutu	40
1940	.... 2	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	.... 4	Kendon, Charles H., Tancred Street, Hokitika	88
1929	.... 5	Kent, Arthur T., Box 40, Raglan, C.F.	31
1924	.... 3	Kings, Harry S., 112 Cambridge St., Levin, C.F.	79
1927	.... 2	Larsen, Norman P., 60 Lawrence St., Mornington, Dunedin, W.1.	122
1927	.... 10	Laurenson, Geo. I., 11 Kakariki Ave., Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.1.	H.M.
1912	.... 2	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	.... 2	Laws, William R., M.A., 216 Earn St., Invercargill	128
1930	.... 3	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	.... 3	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	.... 1	Lucas, Campbell P., L.Th., 12 Domett St., Opunake	50
1935 10	Luxton, Clarence T. J., Methodist Mission, Buka Passage, Terr. of New Guinea, Solomon Is.	[5]
1908 S	Martin, J. Frederick, 32 Karaka St., Castlecliff, Wanganui (1944)	53

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1948 1	Marshall, Edward M., B.A., Dip.Ed., Wesley College, Paerata 11
1934 2	Matthews, Howard C., B.A., 18 London St., Hamilton 31
1937	.... 2	Mayson, Robert W., B.A., 156 Matson's Rd., Paparua, Christchurch, N.W.2	.... 97
1909	.... 7	McArthur, John D., 24 Colombo St., Wellington, S.I.	.... 69
1946	.... 3	McDonald, D. I. Alister, Marchant St. Putaruru	.... 35
1930	.... 3	McDowell, Matthew A., 142 North St., Timaru	.... 108
1924	.... 13	McGregor, Robert, School Rd., Greendale, Canby.	.... 105
1916	.... 29	Metcalfe, John R., Methodist Mission, New Georgia, Solomon Islands	.... [7]
1905	.... S	Metson, Basil, 26 Ashley St., Rangiora (1945)	.... 103
1935	.... 1	Mills, William A., Te Awamutu, C.F.	.... 40
1890	.... S	Mitchell, Arthur, 40 Mt. Albert Rd., Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2. (1930)	.... 4
1933	.... 4	Mitchell, John L., 1 Knights Road, Lower Hutt	.... 72
1946	.... 3	Moore, Harry, Ruawai, North Auckland	.... 16
1931	.... 2	Moore, William E., 102 Cumnor Tee., Woolston, Christchurch, S.E.1.	.... 92
1942	.... 1	Morrison, William J., M.A., 39 Washington Ave., Brooklyn, Wellington, S.W.1.	.... 67
1918	.... 2	Neal, Wallace S., Regent Street, Waihi	.... 27
1917	.... S	Nelson, John R., Putiki Bay, Waiheke Island, Auckland (1946)	.... 3
1911	.... 18	Neale, Leslie B., M.B.E., B.A., F.R.G.S., 56 Royal Terrace, Dunedin, C.2. 2	.... 118
1937	.... 3	Norwell, Leslie T., Oxford	.... 106
1915	.... 2	Odell, Henry J., 3 Repton St., St. Albans, Christchurch, N.W.1.	.... 96
1939	.... 3	Oldfield, Charles B., 77 Grey St., Woodville	.... 60
1910	.... 2	Olds, Charles H., B.A., 43 Queen St., Cambridge	.... 30
1914	.... 14	Olds, E. Thomas, 10 Hopetoun St., Auckland, C.2.	.... 1
1946	.... 3	Olds, Norman W., St. George St., Papatoetoe	.... 9
1888	.... S	Olphert, J., 39 View Rd., Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.I. (1932)	.... 1
1920	.... S	Orchard, Hector C., 8 Seddon St., Timaru	.... 107
1933	.... 16	Orr, A. Everil (C.F.), 10 Eden View Road, Sandringham, Auckland, S.W.1.	.... 2
1902	.... S	Oxbrow, Walter J., 66 Elizabeth St., Rotorua (1938)	.... 36
1947	.... 1	Parker, Francis H., 10 New Bond St., Kingsland, Auckland	.... 1
1917	.... 4	Parker, Frederick J., 33 Wicksteed St., Wanganui	.... 51
1931	.... 4	Parker, Gordon, M.A., c/o 14 St. Vincent Ave., Remuera, Auckland, S.E.2.	.... 3
1918	.... 3	Parker, James W., County Rd., Torbay, Takapuna, Auckland	.... 6
1929	.... 7	Parker, Walter, 994 New North Rd., Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2.	.... 4
1930	.... 4	Parker, Wesley, M.A., 14 St. Vincent Avenue, Remuera, Auckland, S.E.2, C.F.	.... 3
1902	.... S	Patchett, Ernest D., 18 Turakina St., Grey Lynn, Auckland.	.... 1
1933	.... 4	Patchett, Ralph E., Queen St., Richmond	.... 82
1931 2	Payne, Herbert W., 37 Nelson St., Petone 74
1913 4	Peat, Harold T., 7 Banff Ave., Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3 3

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1927 3	Penn, Athol R., Church St., Te Aroha 28
1938 2	Petch, Ashleigh K., B.A., 320 Hardy St., Nelson 81
1925	.... 3	Peterson, Gordon R. H., 107 Glenfield Road, Birkenhead.	.... 7
1920	.... S	Pickering, William B., Te Kuiti	.... 42
1943	.... S	Prosser, Frederick O., Woolston, Christchurch	.... 92
1897	.... S	Pybus, T. Arthur, 269 Main Rd., Ravensbourne, 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
1948	.... 1	Raynor, Charles H., Gonville, Wanganui	.... 53
1927	.... 4	Raynor, Ivo M., 9 Paynter's Ave., Fitzroy, New Plymouth	.... 44
1911	.... S	Richards, H. Leslie, Leeston	.... 100
1910	.... 1	Richards, James, 162 King St., Rangiora	.... 103
1905	.... S	Richards, Raymond, 317 Park St., New Brighton, Christchurch (1942)	.... 90
1906	.... S	Roberts, Charles M., 286 South Rd., New Plymouth, (1944)	.... 44
1947	.... 1	Riseley, Benjamin H., 7 Smale St., Point Chevalier, Auckland, W.3.	.... 1
1948	.... 1	Robinson, Kenneth A., Otautau, Southland	.... 130
1911	.... 2	Rowe, William, 38 Sealey St., Thames	.... 24
1906	.... S	Ryan, Henry, 8 Burns Rd., Napier (1943)	.... 55
1916	.... 1	Sage, Ernest E., 304 High St., Carterton	.... 76
1900	.... S	Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A., 9 Elmwood Rd., Fendalton, Christchurch, N.W.1. (1940)	.... 89
1912	.... 16	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	.... 2	Shapcott, Len, Kaeo, North Auckland	.... 19
1910	.... S	Sharp, Harold A., 238 Edgeware Rd., St. Albans, Christchurch (1947)	.... 93
1946	.... 2	Shepherd, Trevor, Solomon Islands	.... [8]
1944	.... 1	Sherson, Donald G., B.A., 98 North St., Timaru	.... 107
1927	.... 14	Silvester, A. Wharton E., Vonunu, Vella Lavella, British Solomon Islands	.... [6]
1938	.... 3	Silvester, John, M.A., Franklin St., Greymouth	.... 87
1891	.... S	Sinclair, William A., 16 Empire Rd., Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3 (1933)	.... 3
1918	.... 1	Skuse, Thomas, 64 Station Rd., Otahuhu, Auckland, S.E.7.	.... 9
1915	.... 1	Slade, William G., M.A., D.D., 48 Lincoln Road, Masterton	.... 77
1892	.... S	Smith, G. Knowles, Main St., Greytown, Wairarapa, (1940)	.... 75
1908	.... S	Speer, William H., Whakaue St., Rotorua (1937)	.... 36
1923	.... 4	Spencer, Herbert, Sanson, Manawatu	.... 66
1936	.... 4	Tasker, Bert M., B.A., 351 Palmerston St., Gisborne	.... 57
1924	.... 2	Taylor, Cecil R., Ashhurst, Manawatu	.... 64
1941	.... 4	Thomas, Gordon V., B.A., 27 Cambria Ave., Mt. Roskill, Auckland, S.2.	.... 1
1946 1	Thompson, George R., Thames St., Morrinsville 29
1935 4	Thornley, Robert, M.A., "Homewood", Chapman St., Invercargil 127

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1908 3	Tinsley, Robert B., 35 Wood St., Papakura, Auckland	10
1927 3	Utting, Harry V., Mowatt St., Waitara	45
1894	.... S	Vealie, Thomas W., 35 Cudby St., Lower Hutt (1934)	72
1926	.... 23	Voyce, Arthur H., Bougainville, Terr. of New Guinea	[8]
1933	.... 1	Waite, Alfred E., Melbourne, Victoria	....
1939	.... 1	Waite, J. Stanley, 22 Union St., New Brighton, Christchurch	90
1912	.... S	Walker, William, 54 St. John's Rd., Remuera, Auckland (1945)	3
1939	.... 1	Watson, John K., M.C., B.A., 57 Retreat Rd., Christchurch, N.E.1, C.F.	Y.D.
1914	.... 1	Werren, Samuel J., 30 Matai St., Hamilton	31
1906	.... S	White, Hedley, Greytown	75
1938	.... 2	Whitfield, Harris, 22 Arthur St., Ponsonby, Auckland, W.2, C.F.	1
1931	.... 2	Williams, David O., M.A., Litt.D., "Leigh House," Trinity College, Grafton Rd., Auckland, C.3.	Th.C.
1943	.... 4	Williams, J.C., Aldwyn, Roxburgh	126
1932	.... 2	Williamson, Ivan S., Wairoa St., Tauranga	37
1942	.... 3	Willing, Leonard V., Stanley St., Eketahuna	78
1936	.... 2	Willoughby, James, 80 Wesley St., Dunedin, S.1. C.F.	119
1899	.... S	Wills, William, 2 Seaclyffe Ave., Takapuna, Auckland, N.2. (1939)	6
1940	.... 7	Winiata, Maharaia, M.A., Dip.Ed., Wesley College, Paerata	1
1935	.... 3	Witheford, Arthur R., B.A., 107 Dyers Pass Rd., Cashmere Hills, Christchurch, C.F.	89
1941	.... 4	Woolford, J. Henry, M.A., Birkett St., Temuka	111

NATIVE MINISTERS.

1914	.... 5	Rakena, Rakena P., Waihi Rd., Hawera	[4]
1920	.... 6	Tauroa, Matarae, Tuakau	[1]
1911	.... 12	Te Tuhi, Eruera, 519 Mt. Albert Rd., Auckland, S.1.	[1]
1942	.... 5	Rogers, Rangihohora, Waima, Hokianga	[1]
1937	.... 11	Afu, John, New Georgia, Solomon Islands	[5]
1931	.... 17	Havea, Paul, Marovo, Solomon Islands	[5]
1933	.... 15	Kera, Nathan, New Georgia, Solomon Islands	[5]
1933	.... 15	Sotutu, Uziah, Buka, Bougainville, Mandated Territory of New Guinea	[8]
1941 8	Kukutai, Ngatete Kerei, Te Kuiti	[3]

YOUTH DIRECTORS.

1947—	Hartley, E. Jean, B.A., 75 Taranaki St., Wellington	Y.D.
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HOME MISSIONARIES.

	Years
1904—C. Aker (Retired) Henderson	3
1907—S. Keen (Retired, Kirk Street, Otaki	10
1909—C. W. Brown (Retired), 33 Sainsbury Rd., Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2.	10

	Years
1909—T. W. Featherstone (Retired), 2 Roy Ter., New Plymouth	11
1913—J. Common (Retired), Bristol St., Levin	13
1917—A. L. Witheford (Retired), Claude St., Claudelands, Hamilton	14
1919—J. W. Bayliss (Retired), 16 Richmond Ave., Northcote, Auckland, N.4.	10
1919—J. Belshaw (Retired), 20 Douglas Ave., Mt. Albert, Akld.	17
1922—H. Ashworth (Retired), Inglewood (Supply, 2nd Year)	12
1922—C. Robinson, Paraparaumu	1
1924—R. T. Alexander, Paparoa	3
1924—W. H. Wilson (Retired), 19 Rangitoto Tce., Takapuna, Auckland, N.2.	10
1925—W. J. Henderson, Greenmeadows, Napier	2
1925—H. J. Malcolm (Retired), 31 St. John St., Ch'ch., N.W.2.	8
1926—W. Sussex (Retired), Bayswater, Auckland	10
1928—R. Coombridge, Silverdale	3
1930—J. C. R. Ashworth, Robinson St., Foxton	2
1934—R. C. Patchett, Te Kuiti	2
1937—N. R. Hooper, Cromwell	2
1938—H. M. Brasell, Scotia Street, Port Chalmers	4
1939—H. R. Wright, Halcombe	1
1940—W. J. Bryant, Waipawa	2
1941—L. E. G. Sharp, Kohukohu, North Auckland	2
1941—T. Steele, Balclutha	6
1941—J. H. Thompson, Warkworth	2
1943—J. F. Amos, Ngaruawahia, Waikato	3
1943—E. J. Carter, Mosgiel	3
1943—A. Currie, Okato, Taranaki	4
1945—J. M. Daley, B.A., Ohoka	2
1946—W. E. Sleep (Retired), 313 High St., Dannevirke	3
1947—W. G. Peate, Apiti, Manawatu	2

HOME MISSIONARY PROBATIONERS.

1944—C. E. Roke, Kawhia	1
1946—O. L. Christian, Coromandel	3
1946—A. W. McKay, Rawene	1
1946—W. A. Bridge, 22 Mersey St., Island Bay, Wellington	2
1947—D. Armstrong, Bombay	2
1947—A. J. Handyside, Ngatea	2
1947—F. J. Climo, Whakatane	2
1947—D. W. Edmonds, 77 Grey St., Onehunga, Auckland	2
1948—R. Elsom, Edendale	1
1948—R. L. George, Ohura	1
1948—W. Collard Howie, Avondale	1
1948—K. Ordish, Hikurangi	1
1948—H. Prowse, Marton	1
1948—H. I. Shaw, Taihape	1

HOME MISSIONARY "SUPPLIES."

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	19
1922—Te Hira Ratete, Punakitere, Hokianga, Nth. Auckland	21
1930—Wetini Hotu, Hangatiki, King Country	19
1930—Paahi Moke, 37 Breakwater Rd., New Plymouth	5
1932—Rameka Eru, Orowau, Hokianga	16
1932—Tuteao Manihera, Raglan	1
1932—Paikea H. Toka, Kaikohe	1
1934—Huru Wiperi, Waimihi, King Country	3
1934—John Nicholls, Te Kuiti	15
1934—Poo Kingi, Whatawhata, Waikato	15
1934—Heemi Rihimona, P.O. Box 400, Hamilton	8
1935—Honehone Kereopa, Raglan	14
1935—Hoani Tonga, Otewa, Otorohanga	2
1936—Paeo Rakena, Mangamuka, Hokianga	13
1936—Ngaweke Tuhimata, Tuakau	3
1937—Roi Moke, Ngaruawahia	7
1938—Paraire Paraone Kena, Pouto, Kaipara Heads	11
1938—Piripi Livingstone, Pokere, Bay of Islands	11
1938—Wiremu Paki Ihaka, Dargaville	11
1939—John Harris, Pakiri, North Auckland	10
1939—Nehana Pu, Whananaki, North Auckland	10
1940—Wiremu Tonga, Box 400, Hamilton	9
1941—Wiremu Kamana, Marokopa R.M.D., King Country	8
1941—Wene Herangi, Te Mania, King Country	8
1942—Raniera Poihipi Tokoroa, Ngaruawahia	3
1942—Tawai Te Riri Kawiti, Waiomio, Bay of Islands	7
1943—Heemi Winiata, Whirinaki, Hokianga	5
1944—Te Urunga Pura Wetere, Box 400, Hamilton	5
1944—Paki Manga, c/o Dairy Factory, Otorohanga	5
1944—Rangi Katipa, Ngutunui, Te Awamutu	5
1945—Tame Ponui, Kawhia	4
1946—Waaka Simon Rewa, 28 Kensington St., Auckland, S.2.	3
1946—Waiwera Rangawhenua, Maketu Pa, Kawhia, King Country	3
1946—Tumu Te Huia, Makomako, via Kawhia	3
1946—Waka Kukutai, Te Kohanga, Waikato	3
1946—Henare Kapa, Rangitane, Kaipara Heads	3
1947—Whaterau Ira Wharehoka, Pungarehu, Taranaki	2
1947—Mu Maihi, Waikaretu, Waikato Coast	2

MISSIONARY SISTERS.

Sister Eleanor Dobby, Main North Rd., Styx, North Canterbury.
 Sister Nicholls, Matai St., Te Kuiti.
 Sister Rita Snowden, 24 Empire Rd., Auckland, S.E.3.
 Sister Airini Hobbs, P.O. Box 400, Hamilton.
 Sister Ivy Jones, Box 23W, 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 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, 8 Airedale St., Auckland.
 Sister May Viney, c/o Rangiatea Maori Girls' School, New Plymouth.

- 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 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.
- Sister Mavis Dickie, Opunake.
- Sister Daphne Lye, 8 Airedale St., Auckland.
- Sister Jean Simpkin, c/o. P.O., Dargaville, North Auckland.
- Sister Margaret Taylor, Dunedin Central Mission, 35 The Octagon, Dunedin.
- Probationer Rona Collins, c/o Methodist Children's Home, Harewood Rd., Papanui, Christchurch.
- Probationer Noeline Wilson, c/o Taranaki St. Church, Wellington.
- Probationer Grace Clement, P.O. Box 400, Hamilton.

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
Batley, 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	Waikouait
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.	Allo: Scotland	1849	1871	8th June, 1926	Auckland
Dudley, Ben	London	1872	1898	1st January, 1948	Christchurch
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
Elliott, William J.	Waimate	1866	1893	16th August, 1946	Auckland
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

Name of Minister	Birthplace	Year of Birth	Entered the Ministry	Date of Death	Place of Burial
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.	Norwood, 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
Long, Wesley L.	Onewhero	1902	1938	16th August, 1946	Paeroa
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

Name of Minister	Birthplace	Year of Birth	Entered the Ministry	Date of Death	Place of Burial
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
McBean, Angus	Ballarat, Victoria	1876	1904	4th May, 1947	Christchurch
McNicol, David	Liverpool, England	1843	1868	8th June, 1925	Auckland
Mercer, Victor Stanley	Adelaide, S.A.	1888	1920	7th December, 1923	Bluff
Morley, William, D.D.	Notts, England	1842	1863	24th May, 1926	Kew, Victoria
Murray, Daniel J.	Cambridge, England	1851	1875	27th Sept., 1928	Auckland
Murray, Richard James	London, England	1862	1896	26th March, 1928	Rookwood, N.S.W.
Nielsen, Edward	Norway	1842	1877	12th June, 1894	Palmerston North
Ngaropi, Hamiora	Waikato	1809	1856	1887	Whatawhata
Newbold, Thomas Walter	Auckland	1862	1886	19th October, 1930	Dunedin
Nixon, John	Scotland	1852	1875	2nd March 1947	New Plymouth
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
Pratt, M.A., Rugby	Gisborne	1875	1902	6th March, 1946	Christchurch
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

Name of Minister	Birthplace	Year of Birth	Entered the Ministry	Date of Death	Place of Burial
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.	Wodunga, Victoria	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	Roxburgh
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

Name of Minister	Birthplace	Year of Birth	Entered the Ministry	Date of Death	Place of Burial
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.	Waingaroa (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 INCORPORATED.

Statement of Receipts and Expenses for Year Ending December 31st, 1947.

General Account.

RECEIPTS..					EXPENDITURE.				
				£ s. d.					£ s. d.
Balance	....	....	....	5 2 9	Stationery	....	....	....	1 18 5
Interest on Govt. Stock	....	....	....	20 19 8	Postages	....	....	....	7 13 3
Interest on P.O.S.B. A/c.	....	....	....	0 19 6	Typing and Duplicating	....	....	....	9 9 3
Book Orders	....	....	....	12 2 9	Printing	....	....	....	12 1 1
Debit Balance	....	....	....	4 14 1	Bank Fee	....	....	....	0 10 0
					Conference Expenses	....	....	....	1 15 8
					Advert. in "Times"	....	....	....	0 5 0
					Books as per orders	....	....	....	9 19 5
					Food Parcels A/c.	....	....	....	0 6 8
				<u>£43 18 9</u>					<u>£43 18 9</u>

Benevolent Account.

RECEIPTS.					EXPENDITURE.				
				£ s. d.					£ s. d.
Balance	....	....	....	156 17 5	Donation	....	....	....	15 0 0
Interest on Govt. Stock	....	....	....	23 19 8	Credit Balance	....	....	....	168 13 7
Interest on P.O.S.B.	....	....	....	2 16 6					
				<u>£183 13 7</u>					<u>£183 13 7</u>

Balance Sheet.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Outstanding Cheques	....	7	4 2	Balances in P.O.S.B. A/c's.	....	142	2 9
Epworth Press A/c. (including Exchange)	..	12	17 0	Balance in National Bank	....	28	10 3
Balance	....	1650	11 10	Investment, Government Stock	....	1500	0 0
		<u>£1,670 13 0</u>				<u>£1,670 13 0</u>	

Food Parcels Account.

RECEIPTS.							
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Donations	....	41	8 11	Balance in National Bank	....	41	8 11
		<u>£41 8 11</u>				<u>£41 8 11</u>	

S. E. CHAPPELL, Treasurer.
21st January, 1948.

Audited and found correct.
P. DELLOW, Auditor.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND—YOUTH DEPARTMENT
Statement of Income and Expenditure for the Year ended 30th September, 1947

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Directors Salaries	704	9	2				By Contributions :						
Directors House Allowances ..	306	10	0				Circuits	2059	17	0			
Directors Connexional Chgs. ..	153	10	0				Connex. Fire Ins. Fund ..	75	0	0			
Directors Travelling Exes. ..	200	11	0				Leadership Schools Cmte. ..	35	0	0			
				1365	0	2					2169	17	0
District Youth Council expenses				40	0	0	Surplus Massey Conference ..				16	2	10
Youth Office Net Cost							Interest P.O.S.B.				14	14	10
(Administration less Trading Profit)				159	6	7	Films—Donations and Hire ..				30	8	2
Correspondence S.S. and B.C.							Special Appeal Reserve—Woman						
Supplies	37	0	1				Director's Salary and expenses				134	1	4
Less Contributions — ..	1	0	0										
				36	0	1							
Oslo Conference Expenses ..	70	0	0										
Less Contributions	6	8	0										
				63	12	0							
General Expenses				120	5	8							
Parts for Projectors				6	1	6							
Depreciation				105	19	3							
Loss Youth Demonstration ..				1	9	2							
Loss M.Y. News				88	18	4							
Loss Christian Education ..				14	6	5							
Dominion Leader and Teacher													
Training Cmte.				10	0	0							
Surplus, transferred to Accumulated													
Funds				354	5	0							
				£2365	4	2					£2365	4	2

YOUTH DEPARTMENT (continued)
Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1947

	LIABILITIES						ASSETS					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sundry Creditors .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	Cash in Bank—General ..	1063	10	7	..	..
Special Reserves:							Special	313	16	5	..	..
Special Appeal .. .. .	..	..	..	1492	12	8	P.O.S.B. Special Appeal ..	1012	14	11	..	..
Less Miss Hartley's							Imprest Accounts	30	0	0	..	..
Salary and expenses	134	1	4								2420	1
Projector	32	0	0								11	6
				166	1	4	Sundry Debtors	644	9	7		
							Less Sales in advance ..	234	14	1		
				1326	11	4					409	15
Temperance Education .. ..	..	..	..	40	4	3	M.Y. News—Advertising ..	..	..	..	53	17
							Stock .. .. .	..	..	..	603	9
							Unused Railway Vouchers ..	..	..	..	28	17
							Office Furniture 1-10-46 ..	54	3	6	7	
Capital Account:							Plus additions	83	17	6		
Budget Fund .. .. .	..	..	..	1650	0	0					138	1
Accumulated Funds—											0	
Balance 1-10-46	152	17	6				Less Depreciation	5	10	6		
Add Reserves transferred:											132	10
Booklets Fund	38	15	1								6	
S.S. Fund	93	5	9				Projectors 1-10-46	87	3	10		
Depreciation Fund	115	19	0				Plus additions	32	0	0		
Add Leadership Schools												
1946	25	0	0								119	3
Projector ex Special							Less Depreciation	30	6	8		
Appeal	32	0	0								88	17
											2	
				457	17	4	Movie Camera 1-10-46 ..	13	13	4		
Add Net Surplus for							Less Depreciation	4	0	0		
Year	354	5	0								9	13
											4	
				812	2	4						

YOUTH DEPT.—Balance Sheet Continued

2462 2 4	Films 1-10-46 ..	60 0 0	
	Plus Net additions ..	179 12 5	
		239 12 5	
	Less Depreciation ..	66 2 1	173 10 4
<u>£3920 13 3</u>			<u>£3920 13 3</u>

AUDITORS' REPORT—We report that we have audited the Books and Accounts of the Youth Department of the Methodist Church of New Zealand for the year ended 30th September, 1947, and have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. We have accepted the certificate of Miss Yearbury as to the value of the stock in hand.

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 Youth Department's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanation given to us and as shown by the books of the Department.

Wellington, N.Z.,

5th February, 1948.

PATTRICK, FEIST and JACK,
Public Accountants and Auditors

METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.
Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th September, 1947.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
Church Sites Fund—		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	Church Sites Fund—	
Grants: Lower Hutt		75	0 0			Donations:	£ s. d.
Upper Taita		50	0 0			Fire Insurance Fund	125 0 0
Opawa		25	0 0			Home Mission Fund	100 0 0
Western Springs		50	0 0				225 0 0
Corstorphine		75	0 0			Interest on Deposits	60 8 0
				275	0 0	Grants repaid: Ravensbourne	40 0 0
Balance to Sites Fund				50	8 0		
Administration—						Administration—	
Authorised Appropriation ..	265	0 0				Working Expenses Repaid ..	132 11 0
Stationery and General Ex-						Trust Contributions	77 14 8
penses	102	8 3				Interest on Arrears	12 3 6
				367	8 3	Interest on Deposits	110 18 9
Special Grant for Capital A/c.,						Hymn Book Commission A/c.	89 18 10
Connexional Secretary's							423 6 9
House				150	0 0	Reserve Appropriation A/c. ..	94 1 6
				<u>£842</u>	<u>16 3</u>		<u>£842 16 3</u>

Loans Account as at 30th September, 1947.

To amount of Loans as at 30th Sept., 1946	16,703	19 0	By Loans Repaid	3,392	2 4
New Loans Advanced	4,330	14 2	Amount of Loans as at 30th Sept., 1947	17,642	10 10
	<u>£21,034</u>	<u>13 2</u>		<u>£21,034</u>	<u>13 2</u>
To Balance	<u>£17,642</u>	<u>10 10</u>			

H. L. FIEBIG {
H. de R. FLESHER {

Treasurers.

Audited and found correct.
H. F. ARNOLD, A.R.A.N.Z. }
R. H. SHERRIS, A.I.I.A., A.C.S.N.Z. }
Auditors.

BUILDING AND LOAN FUND.—*continued.*

Reserve Appropriation A/c., 30/9/46	255	5	9		
Rents Received, less Rates paid on Church Sites ..	1	18	5		
	253	7	4		
Less Transfer from Revenue A/c.	94	1	6		
		159	5	10	
	<u>£25,553</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>		<u>£25,553 8 7</u>

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and attached Revenue Account and have compared them with the books of the Fund and certify to the correctness of the same. We have had all securities produced to us except those held by 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, 1947.

H. L. FIEBIG }
H. de R. FLESHER } Treasurers.

H. F. ARNOLD, A.R.A.N.Z. {
R. H. SHERRIS, A.I.I.A., A.C.S.N.Z. { Auditors.

Christchurch, 9th October, 1947.

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Examined and found correct.

Auckland, November 21st, 1947.

JAS. TYLER, Chairman.
M. IZZARD, Secretary.

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

Expenditure for the Year Ended 31st October, 1947.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Repairs, Maintenance & Renovations:									
No. 1 Block	454	0	3						
No. 2 Block	64	0	8						
No. 3 Block	103	3	1						
Cottages	44	13	6						
						665	17	6	
Probert Chambers:									
Caretaker	165	2	0						
Electric Power-Board	17	7	9						
Lift Maintenance	18	5	6						
Repairs and Maintenance	721	4	4						
						921	19	7	
Insurance Premiums								1587	17 1
Rates								293	0 11
Interest:								855	5 7
Auckland Sinking Fd. Commrs.				1485	0	0			
Emsly Trust				85	10	0			
								1570	10 0
Sundries:									
Audit Fee				8	8	0			
Bank Charge				0	10	0			
Sundries and Legal Charges				25	15	10			
Secretary's Salary				50	0	0			
Commission on Rents and Interest Collected				135	7	10			
								220	1 8
								<u>£4,526</u>	<u>15 3</u>

Revenue Account for Year Ended 31st October, 1947.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1946, October 31st—						
To Balance	219	3	2			
1947, October 31st—						
To Rents Accrued	5400	3	9			
„ Interest Accrued	9	10	0			
By Rents Received				5406	3	1
„ Interest Received				9	10	0
„ Balance				213	3	10
	<u>£5,628</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>£5,628</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>11</u>

JAS. TYLER, Chairman.

M. IZZARD, Secretary.

Examined and found correct.

J. A. GENTLES, F.P.A.N.Z.,

L. KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z., Auditors.

Auckland, November 25th, 1947.

THE PROBERT TRUST BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.
Balance Sheet as at 31st October, 1947.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
CAPITAL A/c.				FREEHOLD PROPERTIES			
Balance as at 31st October, 1947 ..	36,565	4	6	Great North Road	55,220	7	3
INCOME A/c.				Queen Street	24,312	5	0
Balance as at 31st October, 1947 ..	10,490	15	4				79,532 12 3
AUCKLAND SINKING FUND COMMRS.				BALANCE OF PURCHASE			
Balance of Loan	32,000	0	0	MONEY			
EMSLY TRUST DEPOSIT A/c.				Avondale Property		200	0 0
At Call	1,900	0	0	POST OFFICE SAVINGS			
EMSLY TRUST.				BANK			
Balance as at 31st October, 1947 ..	32	15	5	Deposit		1,131	5 7
				BANK OF NEW ZEALAND			
	£80,988	15	3				124 17 5
Memorandum:							
Liability—Rates for year ending 31st							
May, 1948	321	1	3				£80,988 15 3

We have examined the Books and Accounts of the Probert Trust Board for the year ending 31st October, 1947, 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, 1947, as shown by the books.

J. A. GENTILES, F.P.A.N.Z., { Auditors.
L. KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z., }

JAS. TYLER, Chairman.
M. IZZARD, Secretary.

Auckland, November 21st, 1947.

PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUST
Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year ending 30th September, 1947

			RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS								
			£	s.	d.				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance—1-10-46	..	..	636	6	0	Interest on Mortgage	..	..	800	0	0			
Interest—Akd. Savings Bank	..	..	6	3	2	Rates to 31-5-47	..	..	754	13	5			
Rent Received	..	..	3966	7	4	Repairs and Maintenance	..	70	6	0				
Interest—Pitt Street Trustees	..	..	46	13	4	Insurance	..	247	16	3				
						Salary for Rent Collection	..	66	13	4				
						Sundry Expenses	..	10	13	10				
												395	9	5
												1950	2	10
						Balance—Akd. Savings Bank		250	17	0				
						Bank of New Zealand	..	2724	0	0				
						Rent Due	..	3	10	0				
												2978	7	0
						Less Rent Paid in Advance		273	0	0				
												2705	7	0
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Income and Expenditure Account for Year ending 31st October, 1947.

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Audited and found correct.

JOHN E. ASTLEY.

THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE & EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS.

Revenue Account for Year Ended 31st December, 1947.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Rates and Land Tax	79	17	6				By Rents	865	0	2			
General Expenses	115	9	3				Interest	546	19	4			
Insurance	5	11	0								1411	19	6
Travelling Expenses	8	7	6										
				209	5	3							
Balance Carried Down				1202	14	3							
				£1,411	19	6					1411	19	6
To Masterton Children's Home—							By Balance Brought Down				£1202	14	3
Cash Remittances	789	5	0										
Depreciation	150	0	0										
				939	5	0							
Less Interest Received on account Home	484	19	10										
Grant Maori Girls' College				454	5	2							
Grant Maori Bible Translation				600	0	0							
				50	0	0							
				1104	5	2							
Excess of Income Trans- ferred to Capital A/c.													
				98	9	1							
				£1,202	14	3					£1,202	14	3

As At 31st December, 1947.

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Wellington,
20th January, 1948.

G. T. WITHERS, A.R.A.N.Z.,
Auditor.

EMSLY TRUST BOARD.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ended 31st October, 1947.

	£	s.	d.			
1946, October 31—				1947, October 31—		
To Balance	32	15	5	By Theological College	85	10 0
1947, October 31—				„ Balance	32	15 5
To Interest from Deposit	85	10	0			
	£118	5	5		£118	5 5

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.

1947, October 31—				1947, October 31—		
To Capital	£1900	0	0	By Deposit at Call with Probert Trust Board	£1900	0 0

Audited and found correct.

T. L. HAMES, Auditor.

JAS. TYLER, Treasurer.

Auckland, 15th December, 1947.

GREY INSTITUTE TRUST.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year ending 30th September, 1947.

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance Forward 1/10/47 ..				By Land Tax	47	14	7
Rents	679	7	0	Printing	2	17	0
Noting Fees	6	6	0	Maintenance Mission House	29	13	4
Rents, Mission Hill Property	30	0	0	Rates	7	5	3
				Secretary, Salary	50	0	0
				New Titles	18	0	0
				New Plan of Sub-divisions	6	15	0
				Remittances to Home Mission			
				Department	350	0	0
				Bank Fees	10	0	
				Costs re Transfer of Mission			
				Hill Property	58	19	8
				Legal Expenses	8	8	0
				Insurances	6	7	3
				Bursaries to Rangiatea Maori			
				Girls' School	100	0	0
				Balance, Bank of N.S.W. ..			
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I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 30th September, 1947. 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.

W. P. OKEY, Secretary.

G. V. DUFF, Public Accountant, Auditor.
New Plymouth, 24th November, 1947.

METHODIST (N.I.) REST HOUSE TRUST BOARD.

Credit Balance at Auckland Savings Bank	£	s.	d.
as at March, 1946	470	15	5
Bank Interest to 31st March, 1947	10	0	0
Credit Balance at Auckland Savings Bank			
as at 10/11/47 as per Bank Certificate			
enclosed	£480	15	5

J. E. ASTLEY, Treasurer.

MARTIN BROTHERS MEMORIAL REST HOME TRUST.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland Savings Bank Interest—						
No. 1 Account	8	17	10
No. 2 Account	6	2	2
Post Office Savings Bank Interest	29	11	4
Government Stock Interest	3	15	0
Franklin Debenture Interest	4	5	0
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				52	11	4
Bank Account No. 1 (31/10/46)	399 4 4			
Bank Account No. 2 (31/10/46)	295 3 0			
P.O.S.B. Account	2617 3 2			
Debenture	100 0 0			
War Loan Government Stock	150 0 0			
			<hr/>			
				3561	10	6
				<hr/>		
				£3,614	1	10
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Present Investments—						
Bank Account No. 1 (31/10/47)	408 2 2			
Bank Account No. 2 (31/10/47)	309 5 2			
P.O.S.B.	2646 14 6			
Debenture	100 0 0			
War Loan	150 0 0			
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				3,614	1	10
				<hr/>		
				£3,614	1	10
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Audited and found correct.

11th November, 1947.

T. L. HAMES.

The above funds are held awaiting the completion of arrangements for adding a wing to Astley House, to be known as The Martin Brothers Memorial Wing.

THE ESTATE OF ROBERT GIBSON

Statement of Account of the Public Trustee's Administration

30th September, 1946 to June, 1947

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
				Dr.			Cr.		
Balance :	..	..	..	..	..	..	2710	2	9
Trees :									
H. Clement—on account purchase money	..	..	..	..	..	..	175	0	0
Book Debt :									
R. B. Black—on account principal	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	10	3
Mortgage :									
R. H. Jones—on account principal	..	..	..	..	..	..	31	0	10
Implements Account:									
Depreciation transferred	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	18	0
Farm Account:									
Net Profit transferred	..	..	..	..	..	..	592	12	7
Rent :									
W. A. Williams—31. 12. 46. to 31. 12. 47.	..	..	..	..	..	..	150	0	0
Interest :									
R. B. Black, 15. 5. 46. to 15. 5. 47.	4	9	9						
R. H. Jones, 14. 9. 46. to 14. 3. 47.	20	18	11						
Estate of A. Lewis, 1. 6. 46. to 1. 12. 46.									
and £11-3-6 on account	22	7	6						
Public Trust Office :							47	16	2
INTEREST : 30.9. 46 to 30.6.47. at 3½%							62	9	8
Administration Expenses :									
DISBURSEMENTS :									
Stamping agreement re sale of trees	7	17	0						
Advertising re contractor	1	2	6						
				8	19	6			
District Solicitor's fee preparing agreement	3	3	0						
Implements Account :							12	2	6
Pressure Pump and housing	96	14	9						
R.P.V.P. engine	27	14	9						
							124	9	6
Realty Improvements Account :									
Subdivisional fencing	253	17	1						
Divining and digging well	76	7	6						
Piping and troughs	110	7	11						
Installing electric Motor	13	15	0						
Installing drainage at house	85	16	6						
Building porch at house	29	17	3						
Globo Insurance premium	19	5							
							571	0	8
Realty Account :									
Land tax on land held at 31.3.46.	..	..	..				4	13	1
Sundry Expenses :									
Motor car mileage	..	..	3 14 0						
War damage Insurance	..	..	6 8						
							4	0	8
Public Trustee's Charge for Administration :									
COMMISSION :									
1% on £231-9-1 (Capital)	..	..	2 6 3						
5% on £81-6-10 (Income)	..	..	4 1 4						
to 31.3.47.	..	..	14 1						
2½% on £28-2-10 (Income)	..	..					
to 31.3.47.	..	..					
5% on £88-6-6 (Income)	..	..	4 8 4						
from 31.3.47.	..	..					
							11	10	0
Balance :	..	..	..	..	..	..	3066	13	10
Hawera, N.Z.,							3794	10	3
4th. February, 1948							3794	10	3

THE ESTATE OF ROBERT GIBSON

Statement of Account of the Public Trustee's Administration
30th June, 1946, to 30th June, 1947.

	£	s.	d.	Dr. £ s. d.	Cr. £ s. d.
FARM ACCOUNT					
Live Stock Account :					
40% Share of 20 calves reared	28	0	0		
40% Share of proceeds sale of 12 pigs	22	8	7		
					50 8 7
Produce::					
40% Share of milk cheques, 1.4.26. to 30.6.47.					781 4 5
Realty Account :					
INSURANCE :					
National Insurance Co. 12.6.47. to 12.6.48. ..	4	14	3		
LAND TAX :					
on land held at 31.3.46. ..	4	13	0		
REPAIRS :					
Plumbing	5	10	2		
Wallpaper and paint ..	10	3	10		
Nails, staples and netting ..	7	14	4		
Casual labour	3	13	3		
				36	8 10
Maintenance Stores and General Expenses :					
Estate's half-share manure, lime and seeds	110	16	1		
Sodium and weedkiller ..	8	7	0		
Implement repairs	9	15	10		
40% share of stock food ..	11	6	7		
Cartage	12	0	0		
				152	5 6
Sundry Expenses :					
Motor car mileage	1	15	0		
Bureau fees	1	2	6		
Exchange	1	1	2		
				3	18 8
Estate Account :					
Depreciation on implements ..				9	18 0
Public Trustee's Charge for Administration :					
COMMISSION :					
5% on £308-7-0 to 31.3.47. ..	15	8	4		
2½% on £204-9-11 to 31.3.47. ..	5	2	3		
5% on £318-16-1 from 31.3.47. ..	15	18	10		
				36	9 5
Balance being Farm Profit transferred to Estate Account				592	12 7
				£831 13 0	£831 13 0

Hawera, N.Z.,
4th. February, 1948.
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Revenue Account for Year Ended 31st October, 1947.

H. F. ARNOLD, A.R.A.N.Z. Auditors.
E. H. SMITH

METHODIST CHURCH CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND.

Balance Sheet as at 31st October, 1947.

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LIABILITIES						ASSETS							
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Accumulated Funds				32,500	0	0	Mortgage Investments	3,834	0	9			
Fire Loss Reserve A/c.	6,565	0	0				Interest Accrued	9	3	3			
Plus further provision	1,000	0	0								3,843	4	0
							Debenture Investments	39,656	10	10			
	7,565	0	0				Interest Accrued	395	1	1			
Less Fire Loss	950	0	0								40,051	11	11
				6615	0	0	Deposits—						
Investment Contingency A/c.				1,030	3	5	P.O. Savings Bank				77	10	1
P. and L. Appropriation A/c.	1,327	16	10				Balance at Bank of N.Z. ..				212	6	6
Less Appropriations voted—							Levies in Arrear				34	18	6
Home Acquirement Fd. £315							War Damage Premium Paid to						
Foreign Mission Fd. .. 100							Commission in Advance ..				90	11	8
Home Mission Fd. .. 100													
Deaconess House .. 100													
Super. Benev. Fd. .. 30													
Church Sites Fd. .. 125													
Youth Department .. 75													
"Methodist Times" .. 150													
H.M. Removal Expenses 25													
Natural Calamities Fd. 100													
Trinity Theological Col. 125													
				1,245	0	0							
				82	16	10							
Balance from Revenue A/c. ..	1,084	2	1										
				1,166	18	11							
Less Fire Loss Reserve A/c. ..	1,000	0	0										
				166	18	11							
Plus Transfer from Reserve ..	950	0	0										
				1,116	18	11							

CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND—continued.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Levies Prepaid				76	2	11	
Re-Insurance Provision A/c. ..				428	1	8	
Supernumerary Fund Deposit ..				793	15	9	
Fire Loss Claims Unpaid ..				1,450	0	0	
Natural Calamities Fund—Bal-							
ance 31/10/46	100	0	0				
Grants, 1946 and 1947:							
Contingent Fund	50	0	0				
Home Mission Fund	50	0	0				
Fire Insurance Fund	100	0	0				
				300	0	0	
				£44,310	2	8	
							£44,310 2 8

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, 1947.

H. L. FIEBIG }
E. R. CAYGILL } Treasurers.

H. F. ARNOLD, A.R.A.N.Z. }
E. H. SMITH } Auditors.

November, 1947

METHODIST CONNEXIONAL SECRETARYSHIP FUND.
Statement of Receipts and Payments to 31st December, 1947.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Balance Carried Forward	17	16 11	By Stipend	425	0 0
Appropriations—			Connexional Charges	79	17 8
Church Building & Loan Fund	£275		Clerks' Salaries Account	948	9 4
Connexional Fire Insur. Fund	460		Office Rent	150	0 0
Supernumerary & Allied Funds	600		Less Lettings	48	0 0
"Methodist Times" Fund	190			102	0 0
Contingent Fund	210		House Account	175	0 0
South Island Orphanage	50		Telephone & Post Office Box	27	10 0
	1785	0 0	Bank Charges	0	10 0
Registration Fees			Stationery & General Expenses	39	12 10
(Per Authorised Representative)	42	12 6	Less Contrs	16	7 3
				23	5 7
			Office Equipment	50	0 0
			Balance, Bank of New Zealand	13	16 10
	£1,845	9 5		£1,845	9 5

H. L. FIEBIG, }
J. E. PURCHASE, } Treasurers.

Audited and found correct.
Christchurch, 18th December, 1947.
E. H. SMITH, Auditor.

TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE
Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year ended 31st October, 1947

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
Balance 1st November, 1946			231 12 11	House and Service			3192 4 4
Probert Trust Board			250 0 0	Stipends			872 10 0
Contingent Fund			740 0 0	Tutors Fees			159 9 4
Emsly Trust			85 10 0	Connexional Charges			144 3 4
Connexional Fire Insurance Fund			125 0 0	Bursaries			120 0 0
Home Missions			100 0 0	Rates			71 12 3
Congregational Church			50 0 0	Furnishings			64 1 4
Collegiate Church			90 16 11	Repairs			39 5 4
Hostel Fees			3208 14 4	Insurance			70 1 6
Circuits			214 19 10	Telephones			32 15 0
			4 0 1	University Chaplaincy Fund			15 0 0
Pitt St. (Chaplaincy Fund 2 years)			20 0 0	Rent Board Room			9 15 0
Ground Rent			12 10 0	University Fees			92 9 3
Est. S. J. Ambury			25 15 4	Easter Camp Fees			3 15 0
Rehabilitation				Maori Lecture Fees			3 15 8
Sale of Material	53	2	5	Printing and Postages and Stationery			34 17 2
Transfer from Deposit account	886	14	9	Advertising Church Services			8 0 0
			939 17 2	Faith and Order Conference Exps.			19 13 6
				Sundries			14 4 5
				Rehabilitation Expenses			886 14 9
				Transferred to Rehabilitation account			78 17 9
				Balance 31st October, 1947			165 11 8
			£6098 16 7				£6098 16 7

We have examined the Books and Vouchers of the 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, 1947.

FRANK M. WINSTONE,
Hon. Treasurer

R. B. VERRY, A.R.A.N.Z.
R. LOVIE, Dip. Bkg.

TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Balance Sheet 31st October, 1947

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
Capital .. .. .	..	..	56700 0 0	Freehold Land .. .. .	..	..	8550 0 0
Rehabilitation Fund .. .. .	..	..	2267 1 7	College Buildings .. .. .	..	..	35000 0 0
New Organ Fund .. .. .	..	..	557 1 10	Collegiate Church and Sunday School	..	..	3000 0 0
General Account .. .. .	..	..	165 11 8	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	..	..	165 11 8
				Shares (South British Insurance Co.)	..	..	300 0 0
				Deposits—			
				Auckland Savings Bank .. .. .	..	..	375 15 3
				National War Savings .. .. .	..	..	2148 8 2
			<u>£59689 15 1</u>				<u>£59689 15 1</u>

TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

REHABILITATION FUND

£ s. d.

Bank Balance 1st November, 1946	..	..	..	2933	18	4
Add Interest on Deposits	..	..	..	..	113	10 3
Add Sale of Material	..	..	..	..	80	12 5
Add Est. S. J. Ambury	..	..	..	..	25	15 4
						<hr/>
				£3153	16	4
Sundry Rehabilitation Payments	..	..	..	..	886	14 9
						<hr/>
Bank Balance 31st October, 1947	..	..	..	..	£2267	1 7
						<hr/>

FRANK M. WINSTONE, F. E. SUTHERLAND, Hon. Treasurers

NEW ORGAN FUND

Fund as at 1st November, 1946	531	12 3
Add Interest	5	4 7
Add Dividends	22	10 0
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					559	6 10
Less Repairs	—	2 5 0
						<hr/>
Fund as at 31st October, 1947	£557	1 10
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FRANK M. WINSTONE, Hon. Treasurer.

METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE—STUDENTS' LIBRARY FUND.
Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 30th September, 1947.

RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Balance	78	17 2	By Books and Periodicals	26	9 0
National Savings Investment Interest ..	24	0 0	Balance	78	5 6
Auckland Savings Bank Interest	1	17 4			
	<u>£104</u>	<u>14 6</u>		<u>£104</u>	<u>14 6</u>
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Capital Account					
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.

METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE—WAGSTAFF MEMORIAL FUND.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 30th September, 1947.

RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Balance	12	11 10	By Prizes	4	10 0
National Savings Investment Account			Balance	11	8 9
Interest	3	0 0			
Auckland Savings Bank Interest		6 11			
	£15	18 9		£15	18 9

Capital Account

	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Capital	100	0 0	National Savings Investment Account ..	100	0 0
	£100	0 0		£100	0 0

Audited and found correct.

P. DELLOW }
J. R. BLAYNEY } Joint Auditors.

E. W. HAMES }
F. E. SUTHERLAND } Joint Treasurers.

METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE—GARLAND PRIZE FUND.
Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 30th September, 1947.

RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Balance	13	15 6	By Prizes	4	10 0
Debenture Interest	4	5 0	Balance	13	18 3
Auckland Savings Bank Account Interest		7 9			
	£18	8 3		£18	8 3

Capital Account

	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Capital	100	0 0	Auckland Harbour Board Debenture	100	0 0
	£100	0 0		£100	0 0

Audited and found correct.

P. DELLOW }
J. R. BLAYNEY } Joint Auditors.

E. W. HAMES }
F. E. SUTHERLAND } Joint Treasurers.

METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE—ELOCUTION PRIZE FUND.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 30th September, 1947.

RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Balance	46	5 1	By Prizes	4	10 0
Debenture Interest	3	10 0	Balance	46	9 7
Auckland Savings Bank Interest	1	4 6			
	£50	19 7		£50	19 7

Capital Account

	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Capital	100	0 0	National Savings Investment Account ..	100	0 0
	£100	0 0		£100	0 0

Audited and found correct.

P. DELLOW	}	Joint Auditors.	E. W. HAMES	}	Joint Treasurers.
J. R. BLAYNEY			F. E. SUTHERLAND		

METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE—KENT MEMORIAL FUND.
Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 30th September, 1947.

RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Balance	23	3 2	By Balance	26	15 4
National Savings Investment Interest ..	3	0 0			
Auckland Savings Bank Interest	12	2			
	<u>£26</u>	<u>15 4</u>		<u>£26</u>	<u>15 4</u>

Capital Account

	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Capital	100	0 0	National Savings Investment Account ..	100	0 0
	<u>£100</u>	<u>0 0</u>		<u>£100</u>	<u>0 0</u>

Audited and found correct.

P. DELLOW
J. R. BLAYNEY } Joint Auditors.

E. W. HAMES
F. E. SUTHERLAND } Joint Treasurers.

METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE—GORMAN BOOK FUND.
Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 30th September, 1947.

RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Balance	8	2 2	By Prizes	4	0 0
Government Stock Interest	4	10 0	Balance	8	16 8
Auckland Savings Bank Interest		4 6			
	£12	16 8		£12	16 8
Capital Account					
Capital	£180	0 0	Government Inscribed Stock	£180	0 0

PARIS MEMORIAL FUND.
Statement of Receipts for Year Ended 30th September, 1947.

RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Balance	40	18 4	By Balance	41	18 4
Auckland Savings Bank Interest		1 0 0			
	£41	18 4		£41	18 4

Audited and found correct.

P. DELLOW }
J. R. BLAYNEY } Joint Auditors.

E. W. HAMES }
F. E. SUTHERLAND } Joint Treasurers.

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.

Balance Sheet as at the 31st December, 1947.

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LIABILITIES.						ASSETS.							
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sundry Creditors				1270	8	2	Properties—						
War Memorial Fund (Maori) ..	346	14	6				Paerata—Land	16760	0	0			
Plus Accrued Interest	20	16	0				College Bldgs.,						
				367	10	6	At Cost	44245	7	3			
Scholarship Funds—							Improvements	7081	13	7			
Marianne Caughey Smith—											68087	0	10
Preston	2200	0	0				Mt. Wellington—						
George Winstone	1120	0	0				Land	2504	3	1			
Stephen James Ambury	1003	12	0				Less Half Value of						
				4323	12	0	Scoria Sold	959	5	8			
Overdraft at Bank of New Zea- land				117	3	4							
Capital Account—							Improvements	1544	17	5			
Balance at 1/1/47	131677	9	4				Preparatory School	816	17	0			
Plus Profit on Sale of							Buildings	4819	5	5			
Vehicle	117	10	0				Wellington Park						
							Buildings	2411	0	0			
				131794	19	4					9591	19	10
Excess of Income Over							Grafton				20667	19	6
Expenditure	1166	7	10				Three Kings	1000	0	0			
				132961	7	2	Plus Improvements	106	7	9			
											1106	7	9
							Waikowhai	4255	0	0			
							Plus Improvements	281	4	1			
											4536	4	1
							Otamatea County				115	0	0
							Hobson County				10	0	0
											104114	12	0

Wesley Training College—Continued

Plant & Equipment				
Farm Machinery—				
Paerata	1021	4	7	
Wellington Park	268	0	0	
	1289	4	7	
Less Depreciation	161	14	7	
				1127 10 0
Motor Vehicles—				
Paerata	853	0	0	
Wellington Park	151	10	0	
	1004	10	0	
Less Depreciation	239	5	0	
				765 5 0
Furniture & Equipment				
College	2876	2	5	
Preparatory Sch.	697	1	4	
	3573	3	9	
Less Depreciation	286	17	10	
				3286 5 11
				5179 0 11
Stock on Hand—				
Live Stock: Paerata		2916	11	0
Mt. Wellington		173	2	0
Produce & Sundry Stocks		1399	1	0
				4488 14 0
Loans & Investments:				
On Mortgage				
(plus interest)	2655	3	11	
At Call				
(plus interest)	4545	0	0	

Wesley Training College—Continued

Under Debenture (Marua Est. Ltd.)	605	17	6						
				7806	1	5			
Govt. Securities:									
Nat. Sav. Invest.									
Account	1100	19	1						
N.Z. Govt. Stock:									
4% 1954/58 ..	2000	0	0						
3% 1956/59 ..	1002	10	0						
3% 1961/63 ..	3504	7	9						
3% 1955/58 ..	1006	16	10						
3% 1953/56 ..	1000	0	0						
N.Z. Govt. Nat.									
Savings Bonds	20	0	0						
				9634	13	8			
Shares:									
Frank M. Winstone (Merchants) Ltd.									
(1000 Shares of £1 each fully paid)	1000	0	0						
New Remuera Pan- mure Land Co. Ltd.									
(600 Shares of £1 each paid. to 12/6)	450	0	0						
Marua Est. Ltd.									
(1225 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			
				19113	3	0			

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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, 1947, 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.

LEONARD KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z.,
General Secretary.

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31st December, 1947.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Loss on College	2025	16	5	By Rents Received	2,252	8	4
Loss on Preparatory School	804	7	11	Profit on Farm—Wellington Park	1127	9	8
General Expenses	660	18	11	Interest	691	18	3
Excess of Income over Expenditure to Capital Account 1166 7 10				Profit on Farm—Paerata	585	14	10
	£4,657	11	1		£4,657	11	1
Rent Received Account for the Year				ended 31st December, 1947.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance Transferred to Income & Ex- penditure Account	2252	8	4	By Rents Received from— Waikowhai Property	1276	10	0
				Grafton Rd. Property	975	18	4
	£2,252	8	4		2252	8	4
					£2,252	8	4

Interest Account for the year ended 31st December, 1947.

<div>255</div> <div>To Interest on Scholarship Funds Deposited</div> <div>Interest on Overdraft</div> <div>Balance Transferred to Income and</div> <div>Expenditure Account</div> <div>£758 4 1</div>	<div>By Interest from—</div> <div>Harding Estate</div> <div>Loan at Call—Pitt Street Methodist</div> <div>Church Trustees</div> <div>Paerata Property</div> <div>Post Office Savings Bank</div> <div>Mt. Albert Estate</div> <div>National Savings Investment A/c.</div> <div>New Zealand Government Stock</div> <div>Auckland Savings Bank</div> <div>Kawhia Property</div> <div>By Dividend—New Remuera-Panmure</div> <div>Land Co.</div> <div>£758 4 1</div>
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BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.

General Expenses Account for the Year Ended 31st December, 1947.

					£	s.	d.						£	s.	d.	
To	Salary	....	....	....	....	350	0	0	By	Balance Transferred to Income &					
	Rates	....	....	....	....	85	18	0		Expenditure Account	660	18	11		
	Legal and Collection Expenses	....			....	50	0	0							
	Printing and Stationery	....			....	34	7	8							
	Repairs and Maintenance	....			....	34	7	8							
	Office Expenses	....			....	33	10	7							
	Audit Fee	....			....	31	10	0							
	Donation to Board of Publications	....			....	25	0	0							
	Rent—Board Room	....			....	16	5	0							
						£660	18	11						£660	18	11

College Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1947.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Salaries				2640	16	2	By College Fees	8043	10	0
Provisions—Bread	426	8	8				Rent	69	10	0
Dairy Produce	364	19	4				Piano Fees	21	0	0
Groceries	601	2	5				Woodwork and Crafts	7	4	7
Meat	442	19	4				Working Loss, Transferred to Income			
Sundries	272	14	3				and Expenditure Account	2025	16	5
				2108	4	0				
Wages				1846	2	2				
Repairs & Maintenance				1319	10	1				
Beneficiary Work—										
European	20	0	0							
Maori	844	0	0							
				864	0	0				
Fuel and Light				581	11	1				
Depreciation				286	2	5				
Sundries				169	10	2				
Stationery and Books				99	8	10				
Poultry Expenses				80	8	3				
Insurance				69	19	2				
Advertising				31	4	6				
Garden Expenses				27	6	10				
Bad Debts Written Off				26	14	0				
Sports				16	3	4				
				£10,167	1	0				
								£10,167	1	0

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.

Farm Working Account for the Year Ended the 31st December, 1947.

				£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
To Wages	.....	.....	.....	1595	15 6	By Gross Profit on—	
Lime, Seeds and Manure	.....	.....	.....	492	6 0	Stud Cattle	..... 98 16 9
Repairs and Maintenance	.....	.....	.....	333	8 6	Flock Sheep	..... 244 3 9
Power and Light	.....	.....	.....	304	10 6	Stud Sheep	..... 107 17 6
Depreciation	.....	.....	.....	294	3 7		<hr/>
Freight and Cartage	.....	.....	.....	60	4 4		450 18 0
Sundries	.....	.....	.....	52	10 11	Less Gross Loss on	
Interest and Rent	.....	.....	.....	40	11 8	Grade Cattle	15 3 10
Stock Foods	.....	.....	.....	35	19 5		<hr/>
Profit Transferred to Income and Ex-							435 14 2
penditure Account	.....	.....	.....	585	14 10	Dairy Receipts	..... 3099 19 10
						Wool, Hides and Skins	..... 259 11 3
							<hr/>
				£3,795	5 3		£3,795 5 3

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE.

Preparatory School Account for the Year Ended 31st December, 1947.

	£	s.	d.
To Provisions	635	2	11
Salaries	538	18	4
Wages	510	10	11
Repairs and Maintenance	393	15	6
Fuel and Light	149	6	11
Depreciation	90	15	5
Sundries	67	8	11
Beneficiary Work	45	0	0
Insurance	25	6	9
Bad Debts Written Off	18	1	4
Advertising	13	10	9
Laboratory Expenses	4	18	8
Stationery	4	10	0
Sports	1	14	0
	£2,499	0	5

	£	s.	d.
By School Fees	1690	10	0
Piano Fees	4	2	6
Working Loss, Transferred to Income and Expenditure Account	804	7	11
	£2,499	0	5

SUPERNUMERARY FUND.
Revenue Account for Year ended 30th November, 1947.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Annuities	9,485	10	11				By Amount of Funds as at		
Furniture Grants	525	0	0				30/11/46	154,010	12 10
				10,010	10	11	Less Personal Sub-		
							scriptions Refunded	18	10 0
Office Expenses—									153,992 2 10
Authorised Appropria-							Personal Subscriptions	1,541	2 0
tion	325	0	0				Circuit Levies	2,352	12 0
Stationery and Gen.									3,893 14 0
Expenses	111	16	6				Interest—		
Auditors' Fees	25	4	0				Debentures	2,485	14 3
Grant for Depart-							Mortgages	3,383	7 2
mental House Capital									5,869 1 5
Account	200	0	0				Less Doubtful Debts		
				662	0	6	Provision	100	0 0
War Risk Premiums on									5,769 1 5
Mortgages				6	10	9			
Amount of Funds as at									
30/11/46	153,992	2	10						

Supernumerary Fund Revenue Account—continued.

Decrease of Funds as at 30/11/47	1,091 13 3		Arrears Personal Sub- scriptions	16 3 0	
	<u>152,900 9 7</u>			<u>5,785 4 5</u>	
			Less Interest on De- posits	1,010 12 0	4,774 12 5
			Freehold Revenue— Epworth Chambers ..	819 13 2	
			Less Depreciation ..	<u>500 0 0</u>	
				319 13 2	
			Plus Transfer from In- vestment Conting- ency Reserve ..	<u>502 7 7</u>	822 0 9
			Fire Insurance Rebates		33 7 6
			Epworth Press		<u>63 14 3</u>
		<u>£163,579 11 9</u>			<u>£163,579 11 9</u>

LIABILITIES						ASSETS							
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Accumulated Funds as per Revenue Account				152,900	9	7	Investments—						
Deposit Accounts—							Mortgages ..	71,556	2	6			
Allied Funds	23,846	12	7				Debentures ..	60,844	16	8			
Connexional Funds	7,002	1	0								132,400	19	2
				30,848	13	7	Less Investment Fluctuation						
Freeholds—							and Doubtful Debts Re-						
Rates Accrued	412	2	0				serve	1890	8	9			
Lift Maintenance Accrued	5	16	8				plus further pro-						
				417	18	8	vision	100	0	0			
General Treasurers, Mel-				7	10	0					1,990	8	9
bourne							Less transfer to						
							Epworth						
							Chambers						
							Revenue A/c.	502	7	7			
											1,488	1	2
							Less Debenture						
							Premiums ..	508	5	3			
											979	15	11
											131,421	3	3
							Freehold Property—						
							Epworth Chambers	48,602	5	11			
							Less Reserve						
							Depreciation	6,500	0	0			
							Plus further						
							Reserve ..	500	0	0			
											7,000	0	0
											41,602	5	11

Supernumerary Fund Balance Sheet—continued.

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	Deposits: P.O. Savings Bank	78 8 9
	Balance at Bank of N.Z. ..	1,538 1 10
	Interest—	
	Mortgages Due	80 7 8
	Mortgages Accrued	527 2 7
	Debentures Accrued	651 7 5
		<u>1,258 17 8</u>
	Circuit Levies—	
	Arrears	3 6 1
	Accrued	405 0 0
		<u>408 6 1</u>
	Personal Subscriptions—	
	Arrears	505 9 7
	Interest Due	102 16 0
		<u>608 5 7</u>
	Less Prepaid	38 12 0
		<u>569 13 7</u>
	Freehold Property—	
	Rents Due	168 13 10
	Rents Accrued	240 3 10
		<u>408 17 8</u>
	Properties in Possession ..	6,259 0 0
	Mortgagor's Stock and Farm	
	Working Accounts	629 17 1
		<u>£184,174 11 10</u>
		<u>£184,174 11 10</u>

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Revenue Account and have compared them with the books of the Fund. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 30th November, 1947.

H. L. FIEBIG	} Treasurers.	E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z.	} Auditors.
G. S. SALTER		H. R. BEST, per H. R. Abbott, F.P.A.N.Z., F.I.A.N.Z.	

16th December, 1947.

SUPERNUMERARY FUND—BENEVOLENT BRANCH.

Revenue Account for Year ended 30th November, 1947.

EXPENDITURE		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	INCOME		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Grants	.. .. .	10	0	6				By Balance, 30/11/46	.. .. .				539	10	7
Exchange on Annuities	.. .. .	10	0	0				Donations—							
					20	0	6	Fire Insurance Fund	.. .. .	30	0	0			
Authorised Appropriation	.. .. .	5	0	0				Special	.. .. .	13	0	11			
Stationery and General Expenses	.. .. .	1	2	6									43	0	11
Grant for Departmental								Interest	.. .. .				67	14	8
House Capital Account	.. .. .	5	0	0											
					11	2	6								
Super. Fund Deposit					619	3	2								
					650	6	2						£650	6	2

Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1947.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Capital Account	1400	0	0	Plampin Bequtst—			
Balance Revenue Account	619	3	2	Debentures	1000	0	0
				Penrose Bequest—			
				Capital A/c. Deposit Super. Fund	300	0	0
				Debentures	100	0	0
				Revenue Account—			
				Deposit Supernumerary Fund	619	3	2
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	£2019	3	2		£2019	3	2

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, 1947.

H. L. FIEBIG	Treasurers.	} E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z.	} Auditors.
G. S. SALTER			
		} H. R. BEST, per H. R. Abbott, F.P.A.N.Z., F.I.A.N.Z. }	

Christchurch, December 16, 1947.

HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND.

Revenue Account for Year ended 30th November, 1947.

EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
	£	s. d.			
To Retiring Allowances	1,361	6 1	By Balance as at 30/11/1946	17,429	17 1
Reserve Account	15	10 0	Personal Contributions	681	19 9
Balance as at 30/11/1947	17,488	9 11	Fire Insurance Fund Subsidy	321	0 0
			Interest	432	9 2
	<u>£18,865</u>	<u>6 0</u>		<u>£18,865</u>	<u>6 0</u>

Reserve Account.

To Interest to Deposit Accounts	432	9 2	By Balance as at 30/11/1946	13	1 7
Office Expenses—			Contributions Account	15	10 0
Authorised Appropriation ..	90	0 0	Interest	559	17 0
Stationery and General Ex. penses	10	16 8			
Grant for Departmental House Capital Account ..	35	0 0			
		135 16 8			
Balance as at 30/11/1947 ..		20 2 9			
	<u>£588</u>	<u>8 7</u>		<u>£588</u>	<u>8 7</u>

Home Acquisition Fund—Continued
Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1947.

LIABILITIES			ASSETS		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Personal Accounts	17,488	9 11	Debentures	9,255	19 5
Reserve Account	20	2 9	Debenture Interest Accrued	45	7 3
Subsidy Suspense Account	32	10 0	Deposit Supernumerary Fund	8,239	16 0
	£17,541	2 8		£17,541	2 8

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, 1947.

H. L. FIEBIG	}	Treasurers.	E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z.	}	Auditors.
G. S. SALTER	}		H. R. BEST, per H. R. Abbott, F.P.A.N.Z., F.I.A.N.Z.	}	
Christchurch, December 16, 1947.					

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Reserve Account.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	
To Interest to Deposit Accounts					200	1	9	By Balance as at 30/11/1946		398	12	10
Debenture Premium					3	2	6	Interest		211	8	4
Office Expenses—								Contributions Account		6	2	10
Authorised Appropriation ..	40	0	0									
Stationery and General Ex-												
penses	6	0	7									
Grant for Departmental												
House Capital Account ..	10	0	0									
					56	0	7					
Balance as at 30/11/1947 ..					356	19	2					
					£616	4	0			£616	4	0

Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1947.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£ s. d.
Personal Accounts				6001	8	11	3610 0 0
Reserve Fund				356	19	2	15 12 5
Accumulated Funds—							2917 10 8
Centenary Gift	100	0	0				
Inscribed Stock Profits	44	15	0				
Special Donation	40	0	0				
				184	15	0	
				£6543	3	1	£6543 3 1

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Revenue Account and have compared them with the books of the Fund. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 30th September, 1947.

G. S. SALTER	{	Treasurers.	E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z.	}	Auditors.
H. L. FIEBIG			H. R. BEST, per H. R. Abbott, F.P.A.N.Z., F.I.A.N.Z.		

Christchurch, December 16, 1947.

METHODIST DEACONESS' RETIRING FUND.
Revenue Account for Year ended 30th November, 1947.

EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Retiring Allowances	851	6 7	By Balance at at 30/11/1946 ..	7656	3 11
Reserve Account	63	14 2	Contributions—		
Balance at at 30/11/1947	7654	9 8	Personal	270	10 0
			Circuit	128	10 0
			Home Mission Board ..	120	0 0
			Foreign Mission Board ..	140	0 0
				659	0 0
			Interest	254	6 6
				£8569	10 5
	£8569	10 5			

Reserve Account.

	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Interest to Deposit Accounts	254	6 6	By Balance as at 30/11/1946 ..	327	6 1
Debenture Premium	1	17 6	Interest	378	3 8
Office Expenses—			Contributors' Account	63	14 2
Authorised Appropriations	40	0 0			
Stationery and General Ex-					
penses	6	12 9			
Grant for Departmental					
House Capital Account ..	15	0 0			
		61 12 9			
Balance as at 30/11/47 ..		451 7 2			
		£769 3 11			
				£769	3 11

Deaconess Retiring Fund—Continued
Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1947.

LIABILITIES						ASSETS					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	
Personal Accounts				7654	9	8	Debentures	3955	3	11	
Capital Account as at 30/11/46 ..	2644	0	7				Debenture Interest Accrued	28	4	4	
Donations: M.W.M.U.	165	10	0				Deposit—Supernumerary Fund	6931	19	2	
				2809	10	7					
Reserve Fund				451	7	2					
				£10,915	7	5		£10,915	7	5	

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Revenue Account and have compared them with the books of the Fund. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 30th November, 1947.

H. L. FIEBIG	}	Treasurers.	E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z.	}	Auditors.
G. S. SALTER	}		H. R. BEST, per H. R. Abbott, F.P.A.N.Z., F.I.A.N.Z.	}	
			Christchurch, December 16, 1947.		

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th November, 1947.

Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1947

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, 1947.

E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z.
H. R. BEST, per H. R. Abbott, F.P.A.N.Z., F.I.A.N.Z.
Christchurch. December 16, 1947.

Auditors.

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E. W. A. KELLOW,
W. A. BURLEY,
14th January, 1948.

Audited and found correct.

Auditors.

METHODIST CONFERENCE CONTINGENT FUND.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year Ended 31st December, 1947.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
1947—Jan. 1st—							
To Balance	1417	14	3	By Cost of Wellington Conference—			
Current Levies—Districts—				(a) Travelling:			
Auckland	739	0	0	Official Representatives	157	13	5
South Auckland	407	0	0	Equalisation Fund	315	0	0
Taranaki-Wanganui	248	0	0	(b) Printing:			
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	259	0	0	Agenda	191	7	11
Wellington	451	0	0	Minutes	268	1	5
Nelson-Westland	191	0	0	Other	28	19	0
North Canterbury	495	10	0	Stationery, Bibles, Etc.	16	0	6
South Canterbury	170	0	0	(c) Secretarial	24	9	10
Otago-Southland	350	0	0				
	3310	10	0				
Synod Collections—				District Expenses—Chairman's			
Auckland	5	14	0	Travelling and other:			
South Auckland	13	3	10	Auckland	61	18	6
Taranaki-Wanganui	8	14	8	South Auckland	76	3	4
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	11	17	4	Taranaki-Wanganui	27	0	5
Wellington	9	12	1	Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	26	6	6
Nelson	5	18	4	Wellington	22	19	3
North Canterbury	5	18	0	Nelson	13	5	11
South Canterbury	3	1	3	North Canterbury	33	8	0
Otago-Southland	12	10	6	South Canterbury	23	2	0
	76	10	0	Otago-Southland	75	0	2
					359	4	1

Methodist Conference Contingent Fund—Continued

Sales—			
Agenda	....	....	23 12 0
Minutes	....	....	83 9 1
Literature, Etc.	....	....	18 13 9
Grant, Children's Fund	150 0 0
Refunds—			
Peace Thanksgiving Fund	20 0 0
Other	3 13 6
			<hr/>

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Synod Expenses—			
Auckland	69 8 3
South Auckland	66 6 10
Taranaki-Wanganui	23 6 0
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	..	....	45 9 8
Wellington	....	....	32 3 4
Nelson	....	....	32 4 3
North Canterbury	....	....	16 3 0
South Canterbury	....	....	11 18 5
Otago-Southland	....	....	57 2 3
			<hr/>

354 2 0

Ministerial Supply—			
Taranaki-Wanganui	14 0 0
South Auckland	13 0 3
North Canterbury	14 0 0
Nelson-Westland	13 0 0
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54 0 3

Connexional Payments—			
President's Travelling—			
Postages	58 1 11
President's Supply	38 8 0
Secy. of Conf., Postages,	....	....
Stationery, Etc.	....	....	13 19 6
Examination Committee—			
Expenses, 1946	....	....	15 0 0
Committee Expenses	....	....	28 7 1
Conference Faith and Order,			
Travelling Expenses	65 16 7
Printing	132 13 5
Advance—Publications Board	15 0 0
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Methodist Conference Contingent—Continued

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By Grants —			
Theological College	740	0 0
Connexional Secretary's Dept.	210	0 0
Deaconess Fund	....	125	0 0
N.Z. Council of Churches	....	26	0 0
University Fees	....	10	0 0
Faith and Order	....	6	5 0
Spiritual Advance Committee	....	25	0 0
"Methodist Times" Editorial	....	54	2 5
"Methodist Times," Special	....	75	0 0
Deaconess Fund—Special	....	125	0 0
Connexional Secy. Dept.	....	100	0 0
Calamity Fund—two years	....	50	0 0
		1546	7 5
President's Visit U.S.A. Conf.		436	3 6
Hon. Treasurers—			
Bank Exch., Postages, Staty., etc.		10	1 11
Balance Due by Districts—			
Auckland	....	—
South Auckland	....	24	19 0
Taranaki-Wanganui	....	13	14 1
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	....	20	0 0
Wellington	....	36	0 0
Nelson	....	—
North Canterbury	....	58	12 11
South Canterbury	....	23	15 1
Otago-Southland	....	9	15 10

Methodist Conference Contingent—Continued

	Total Balances held by or due to Chairman	186	16	11
	Bank of N.Z., Auckland, Current Account	788	7	11
			975	4 10
£5,104 2 7			£5,104	2 7

I have to report that I have audited the foregoing Statement and compared same with the books and vouchers of the Conference Contingent Fund, and I hereby certify that, in my opinion, the Statement is properly drawn up so as to show a true and correct view of the affairs of the Fund for the year ended 31st December, 1947.

I. J. WILSON, B. Com., F.P.A.N.Z.,
Hon. Auditor,
Christchurch, 21st January. 1948.

J. H. BLACKWELL,
Wm. WALKER,
Hon. Treasurers.

REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND.

Cash Statement Year Ending 31st December, 1947.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Cash in Hand, 1/1/47	606	2	4	Removal Expenses Paid	1880	7	8
Circuit Levies Paid	1590	0	0	General Expenses	9	8	6
Interest Earned	11	14	7	Cash in Hand, as per Balance Sheet	389	8	3
Refund Removal Expenses	71	7	6				
	£2,279	4	5		£2,279	4	5

Revenue Account Year Ending 31st December, 1947.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Removal Expenses	1809	0	2	By Circuit Levies	1590	0	0
General Expenses	9	8	6	„ Interest Earned	11	14	7
				„ Transfer from Capital Account	216	14	1
	£1,818	8	8		£1,818	8	8

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1947.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Accumulated Fund, 1/1/47	1007	12	9	Outstanding Levies	401	10	5
Less Transfer to Revenue Account	216	14	1	Cash in Hand—P.O.S.B.	372	6	7
				Bank N.Z.	17	1	8
	£790	18	8		389	8	3
					£790	18	8

Audited and found correct.

L. C. HORWOOD,
H. CHAPMAN, Treasurers.

C. H. ELMSLY, A.R.A. (N.Z.), A.I.A. (N.Z).
Christchurch, 12th December, 1947.

METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONS SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND
Income and Expenditure Account for Year ended 31st December, 1947

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£ s. d.
To Solomon Islands Expenses—				By Solomon Island Contributions—			
Missionaries' Stipends & Allow.	2651	10	0	Roviana Circuit ..	517	5	0
Sisters' Stipends and Allowances	464	10	0	Vella Lavella Circuit ..	220	7	4
Nurses' Stipends and Medical Expenses ..	1269	6	2	Choiseul Circuit ..	520	6	7
Lay Workers' Stipends ..	507	0	0	Bougainville and Buka Circuit	350	0	0
Fares and Freights ..	1108	5	4	Government Grants ..	500	0	0
Customs and other Charges ..	653	19	8				21 18 1
Native Agents' Stipends—				By New Zealand Contributions—			
On A/c. arrears				General Fund. 1946 (late)	2154	16	6
war years	4928	2	1	1947 ..	10386	9	7
For 1947 ..	2703	8	3	M.W.M.U. Auxiliaries—			
	7631	10	4	For Sisters' Salaries, etc.	1754	6	6
Native Fares and Expenses ..	61	9	6	Nursing Sister—Teop	930	13	4
Boats and Travelling ..	802	0	2	Solomon Islands Girls' School	823	6	8
Educational ..	798	12	7	Maternity Ward—Choiseul	328	12	7
Properties and Furnishing ..	502	3	5	For Native Teachers ..	207	8	0
Sundry Expenses ..	164	8	0	For Orphans ..	43	5	9
Sundry Rehabilitation ..	2039	17	2	Interest General Account	897	12	3
				Medical Fund, including interest	1001	4	10
	£18654	12	4				18527 1 0
				Boat Insurance Fund Interest	..	..	116 7 10
				Leper Fund ..	..	..	1083 14 0
				Don Alley Memorial Fund	..	..	848 18 7

Foreign Missions Society—continued

Less Provision for Native Stipends made previously	4928	2	1	
Less Transfer from—				
Medical Fund	1001	4	10	
Rehab. Fund (Sundries)	2039	17	2	
Rehab. Fund (Lay Workers)	507	0	0	
	8476	4	1	
		10178	8	3

Note. This amount may prove to be £3928

To New Zealand Working Expenses—

General Secretary :				
Salary	350	0	0	
House Allowance	50	0	0	
Hospitality	75	0	0	
Travelling	78	12	9	
Treasurer's Expenses	68	5	0	
Connexional Charges	57	0	0	
Deputations and Travelling	74	17	0	
Postages and Exchange	103	16	9	
Printing Annual Report	113	0	0	
Office Rent and Telephones	138	11	0	
Printing and Stationery	90	4	4	
Office Assistance	237	8	0	
Methodist Times	10	0	0	
Audit Fees	15	15	0	
Sundry Expenses	29	4	8	
	1491	14	6	

Rehabilitation Fund—

Legacies	3027	18	5
Donations	1189	18	7
Sundry	25	0	0
Interest	2308	2	3
	6550	19	3

SUMMARY OF REHABILITATION FUND

Receipts:	£	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
1947 Income	6550	19	3
1947 Surplus Inc. and Exp. A/c.	4801	2	3
Total Receipts	91,091	12	1
Less Payments:			
1943 4386	3	0	
1944 246	1	6	
1946 1779	2	8	
1947 11411	15	3	
	17823	2	5
Bal. in hand at 31-12-47	£73268	9	8

Foreign Missionary Society—continued

Miscellaneous Payments—

National Missionary Council	48	0	0
Trinity College	50	0	0
Orphaned Missions	100	0	0
Compassionate Allowances (Mrs. Carter)	200	0	0
Deaconess Institution	75	0	0

473 0 0

Interest Paid	22	1	6
Brokerage	75	9	6
Depreciation Atherton Rd. property ..	70	0	0
Sisters' Retiring Fund Adjustment —	60	10	0

Investments written down to par 112 10 3			
Less Profits on Investments 106 4 6			

6 5 9

Loss on Publications	133	15	7
Land purchased written off	205	18	0

Transfers Special Funds—

Medical Fund towards Medical Expenses in Islands .. 1001 4 10			
Leper Fund — .. 1083 14 0			

Boat Insurance Fund— Interest .. 116 7 10			
Transfer for year 33 12 2			

150 0 0

Foreign Missionary Society—continued

Don Alley Memorial	848	18	7		
Rehabilitation Fund per Contra	6550	19	3		
M.W.M.U. for Teop Sister ..	930	13	4		
M.W.M.U. for Choiseul Maternity Ward	328	12	7		
M.W.M.U. for Solomn Islands Girls School	823	6	8		
				11717	9 3
Balance for Year Transferred to Rehabilitation Account ..				4801	2 3
"Roviana," N.Z. and Australia	5554	18	7		
Roviana Islands Expenditure ..	599	0	0		
	6153	18	7		
Less Transfer from Rehab. Fund	6153	18	7		
				29235	14 7
					£29235 14 7

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1947 (excluding Solomon Island Properties)

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Statement of Receipts and Payments for Twelve Months Ended August 31st, 1947.

RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balances in Bank, 31/8/46—			Home Mission Sisters' Salaries ..	1665 0 0
Sisters' Salaries and Executive Fund	1683 10 3		Solomon Island Sisters' Salaries ..	1595 0 0
Sisters' Salaries Reserve Fund ..	49 18 1		Deaconess Trainees	52 10 0
"Kurahuna" Fund	329 0 0		Travelling Expenses	45 3 3
Legacies	509 1 8		Executive Expenses	54 8 1
Special Objective	837 0 10		Printing and Stationery	90 8 8
Stamp Fund	617 13 7		Sundries	19 7 6
Medical Fund	672 16 3			3521 17 6
Gleanings	406 1 2		"Kurahuna" Funds—	
Solomon Island Gift Boxes ..	601 6 2		Maintenance	648 18 8
Nursing Sister for Teop	752 14 1		Depreciation	23 6 0
Equipment Maori Youth Ext. Work	132 7 11		Repairs and Replacements	49 19 0
Home Sisters	13 0 0		Emergency	322 2 2
Pennies for Children's Work ..	2 12 7		Debenture Interest	20 3 10
		6607 2 7	Somerville Fixed Deposit	80 0 0
"Kurahuna" Emergency Fund ..	2152 4 3		Interest on Fixed Deposit	18 0
"Kurahuna" Depreciation Fund	610 17 5			1145 7 8
"Kurahuna" Repairs and Replacements	25 2 5		To "Kurahuna" Treasurer Repairs and Replacements ..	57 16 0
Affiliation Fees	22 17 6	2788 4 1	"Kurahuna" Capital Fund—Sale of Waterview Section	56 12 3
Sisters' Salaries and Executive Fund ..	3167 19 5		Solomon Island Sisters' Rehabilitation	19 16 0
Bank Interest	36 9 2		Stamp Fund Allocation, 1946 ..	361 4 11
	3204 8 7			

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Balance Sheet as at 31st August, 1947.

LIABILITIES

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sisters' Salaries and Executive Fund	1800	17	6			
Sisters' Salaries Reserve Fund ..	1546	1	7			
"Kurahuna" Funds	449	0	6			
Legacies	214	18	8			
Stamp Fund	1301	13	7			
Medical Fund	653	19	8			
Gleanings	415	10	7			
Solomon Island Gift Boxes	606	4	11			
Nursing Sister for Teop	18	12	6			
Equipment Maori Youth Ext. Work	132	7	11			
Home Sisters	5	0	0			
Pennies for Children's Work ..	4	0	0			
Hamilton Youth Hostel	5	0	0			
				7153	7	5
"Kurahuna" Emergency	2022	12	1			
"Kurahuna" Depreciation	649	8	5			
"Kurahuna" Repairs and Replacements	18	1	4			
				2690	1	10
"Kurahuna" Capital Fund ..				1632	8	6
Solomon Island Girls' School ..				3105	0	0
Solomon Island Capital Fund ..				583	5	6
Solomon Island Doctor Fund ..				103	0	0
Home Mission Capital Fund ..				297	2	8

ASSETS

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Credit Balances in Bank, 31/8/47—						
General Account				7153	7	5
"Kurahuna" Emergency	2022	12	1			
"Kurahuna" Depreciation	649	8	5			
"Kurahuna" Repairs and Replacements	18	1	4			
				2690	1	10
"Kurahuna" Treasurers' Cash Account				212	2	11
Deposits General Purposes Trust Board—						
Solomon Island Girls' School ..	3105	0	0			
"Kurahuna" Capital Fund ..	1632	8	6			
Doctors' Fund Investment A/c.	103	0	0	4840	8	6
Solomon Island Capital Fund ..	583	5	6			
Home Mission Capital Fund ..	297	2	8			
				880	8	2
Drainage Board Debentures at par				500	0	0
"Kurahuna" Maori Girls' School—						
Property	1580	12	0			
Less Depreciation	23	6	0			
				1557	6	0
Furniture	240	0	0			
				1797	6	0

Balance Sheet—continued.

"Kurahuna" Treasurer Maintenance A/c.	212 2 11	
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	2297 6 0	
	<u>£18,073 14 10</u>	<u>£18,073 14 10</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 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 Deed of the "Kurahuna" Property 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 as at 31st August, 1947.

Napier, 16th September, 1947.

C. H. BISSON, Honorary Auditor.

RANGIATEA MAORI COLLEGE TRUST.

Income and Expenditure Account for Year Ending 31st August, 1947.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
By Bank Charges and Cheque				To Grants—			
Books	2	16	0	The Board of the Wellington C. and E.			
Telephone Rental	3	15	0	Endowments	600	0	0
Exchange Wellington Cheque		15	0	Kai Iwi Farm Trust	100	0	0
Linen, etc.	11	17	8	Grey Institute Trust	100	0	0
Bread	34	10	6	Fees from Pupils	281	14	5
Books and Stationery	19	13	11	Boarding Deductions (Staff)	119	0	0
Audit Fee	3	3	0	Interest on Debenture	4	5	0
Deaconess Retiring Fund	10	10	0	Interest on Deposits	60	10	9
Insurances (School)	1	10	0	Interest on Mortgage	23	15	0
Radio Licence	1	5	0	Rent, Spotswood Property	134	11	8
Groceries and Vegetables	149	8	8	Donation	200	0	0
Petty Allowance (School)	60	0	0	Sundries	6	15	11
Lighting and Heating	29	8	8				
Labour (School)	10	5	4				
Fuel (Wood and Coal)	28	8	6				
Milk	32	0	0				
Meat	65	10	10				
Repairs and Renewals	19	12	6				
Staff Salaries	665	15	0				
Keeping School Accounts	10	0	0				
Water Piping (Farm)	21	5	0				
Rates and Taxes	56	16	0				
Conference Expenses	4	17	0				
Cleaning Tree Plantations	11	5	0				
Insurance (Spotswood)	3	7	0				
Reports and Stationery	5	0	0				
Legal Expenses	4	11	0				

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RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS					
To Balance—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
P.O. Savings Bank 1/9/46	2019	7	3	By Exchange Wellington Cheque	15	0			
N.P. Savings Bank 1/9/46	933	13	3	Bank Charges and Cheque					
Bank of N.S.W. 1/9/46	3174	9	8	Books	2	16	0		
Grant, the Board of the Wel-				Furniture	12	19	10		
lington C. and E. Endow-				Crockery, Cutlery and Tools	8	18	8		
ments	600	0	0	Telephone	3	15	0		
Grant, Kai Iwi Farm Trust	100	0	0	Linen, etc.	11	17	8		
Grant, Grey Institute Trust	100	0	0	Bread	34	10	6		
Bond Redeemed	10	0	0	Books and Stationery	19	13	11		
Interest on Debenture	4	5	0	Audit Fee	3	3	0		
Interest on Deposits	60	10	9	Deaconess Retiring Fund	10	10	0		
Interest on Mortgage	23	15	0	Insurances (School)	1	10	0		
Fees from Pupils	281	14	5	Radio Licence	1	5	0		
Boarding Deductions (Staff)	119	0	0	Groceries and Vegetables	149	8	8		
Rent, College Farm	134	11	8	Petty Allowance (School)	60	0	0		
Donation	200	0	0	Lighting and Heating	29	8	8		
Sundries	6	15	11	Labour (School)	10	5	4		
				Fuel (Wood and Coal)	28	8	6		
	1640	12	9						

Statement of Receipts and Payments—continued.

Milk	32	0	0
Meat	65	10	10
Repairs and Renewals ..	19	12	6
Staff Salaries	665	15	0
Water Piping (Farm) ..	21	5	0
Rates and Taxes	56	16	0
Conference Expenses ..	4	17	0
Cleaning Tree Plantations ..	11	5	0
Insurances (Spotswood) ..	3	7	0
Reports and Stationery ..	5	0	0
Legal Expenses	4	11	0
Secretary (College Trust) ..	40	0	0
Fixed Deposit Bank of N.S.W.	1000	0	0
National Savings Account ..	2000	0	0
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		4319	5 1
Balances—			
P.O. Savings Bank	2058	6	11
N.P. Savings Bank	955	4	4
Bank of N.S.W.	435	6	7
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		3448	17 10
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	£7,768	2	11
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		£7,768	2 11
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RANGIATEA MAORI COLLEGE TRUST.

Balance Sheet as at 31st August, 1947.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Sundry Creditors			73 16 5	Cash and Investments—			
Accumulated Funds—				Post Office Savings Bank ..	2058	6	11
Balance 1/9/46	18,930	17	0	New Plymouth Savings Bank ..	955	4	4
Excess of Income over				Bank of New South Wales ..	435	6	7
Expenditure	298	10	8				3448 17 10
			19,229 7 8	Fixed Deposit, Bank of N.S.W. ..		8000	0 0
				National Savings Account ..		2000	0 0
				Bonds and Debenture 129 10 8			
				Less: Redeemed .. 10 0 0			
							119 10 8
				Mortgage		500	0 0
				Fixed Assets—			
				Land: 50 acres 3r. 30p., being			
				Pt. Secs. 6 and 14 Grey Dis-			
				trict, situated Main South			
				Road, Spotswood, New Ply-			
				mouth at cost		4523	15 3
				Development: Tree Planting,			
				Fencing, etc.		263	2 11
				Furniture, Crockery, Tools,			
				etc., less Depreciation		338	6 11
				Sewing Machines,			
				less Depreciation		27	11 0
				Piano, less Depreciation ..		61	5 6
				Radio Set, less Depreciation ..		20	14 0
			£19,303 4 1			£19,303	4 1

I have audited the books, accounts and vouchers of the Rangiatea Maori College Trust for the year ended 31st August, 1947, and certify that in my opinion the above Balance Sheet sets out a true and correct view of the Trust's affairs, according to the best of my knowledge and the information given to me, and as shown by the records of the Trust.

New Plymouth, 26th September 1947.

F. V. MORINE, A.P.A.N.Z., Auditor.

METHODIST DEACONESS INSTITUTION.

Revenue Account for 9 Months ended 30th September, 1947.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To House Accounts	709	12	5	By Conference Grants—			
Renewals	9	4	6	Home Mission Department ..	162	10	0
Repairs to Property	39	12	2	Foreign Mission Department	100	0	0
Salaries and Wages	507	0	4	Fire Insurance Fund	50	0	0
			1265 9 5	Contingent Fund	125	0	0
Telephone	4	15	0				437 10 0
Advertising	1	10	0	Rents	108	6	8
Stamps, Stationery and Bank Charges	8	15	2	Subscriptions and Donations, Lady Associates, etc. ..	16	0	1
			15 0 2	Special Donations for Refurnishing	75	16	8
Uniforms and Tuition Fees	48	15	3				200 3 5
Rates	33	19	1				1065 16 11
Insurance—				Hostel Receipts			
Fire	23	3	8	Deaconess Trainees' Allowances	78	15	0
Employers' Liability	2	8	11	Deaconess Trainees' Bicycle Allowance	35	0	0
			108 6 11				113 15 0
Interest on Mortgages ..			16 14 8	Interest—P.O. Savings Bank			2 6 6
Trainees' Allowances	78	15	0	Special Appeal Fund			1205 15 8
Trainees' Bicycle Allowance	35	0	0				
			113 15 0				
Sundry Expenses			1 7 5				
Special Furnishings			40 0 4				
do, Balance			35 16 4				
Property Reserve			2 6 6				
Depreciation			100 0 0				
Special Appeal Fund			1205 15 8				
P. and L. Appropriation A/c.			120 15 1				
			£3025 7 6				£3025 7 6

Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1947.

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Audited and found correct.
B. A. CAYGILL, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z.
October 21st, 1947.

AUCKLAND METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 30th September, 1947.

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
1946, October 1st—				1947, September 30th—			
To Balance—				To Revenue—			
Bank of New Zealand	1899	9	3	Wages and Commission ..	2341	12	0
1947, September 30th—				Groceries and Provisions ..	1372	17	3
Revenue—				Repairs and Renewals ..	270	16	0
General Subscriptions:				Laundry	152	11	4
Sundries	49	15	9	Drapery and Shoes ..	1052	5	9
Per Collector	97	19	0	Fuel and Light	231	13	11
Churches — Collections and				Farm Garden	123	17	9
Subs.	831	10	3	Printing and Stationery ..	73	18	3
Sunday Schools and Y.P.				Medical and Dental ..	30	6	2
Societies	15	17	2	Telephones	29	11	6
Auckland Orphanages United				Travelling Expenses ..	36	17	1
Council	1064	0	0	Stamps and Petty Expenses	71	2	6
	2059	2	2	Insurance	50	15	9
Value of Goods Donated ..	58	1	2	Rent of Office and Board			
Maintenance	3200	8	9	Room	45	10	0
Interest and Dividends ..	1393	0	2	Rates on Properties ..	93	19	11
Rent	31	5	0	Audit Fee	8	8	0
	6741	17	3	Goods Donated and Used ..	58	1	2
Capital—					6044	4	4
Bequests:				Capital—			
S. J. Ambury Estate ..	12	17	8	Furnishings	207	18	2
J. Currie Estate ..	2700	0	3	Auckland Savings Bank ..	1112	16	0
A. C. Hook Estate ..	89	12	2	Post Office Savings Bank ..	85	0	0
				National Savings Account ..	94	15	4

Statement of Receipts and Payments—continued.

J. C. M. Mallach Estate ..	21	0	11		John Currie Estate				
F. M. Midford Estate ..	500	0	0		(Securities)	1856	5	0	
M. Thomas Estate ..	3970	14	4		M. Thomas Estate				
J. J. B. Veale Estate ..	23	7	6		(House Properties)	2760	0	0	
J. C. Waby Estate ..	98	15	0						6116 14 6
				7416 7 10	Balance—				
					Bank of New Zealand				3896 15 6
				£16,057 14 4					
									£16,057 14 4

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th September, 1947.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
1947, September 30th—				1947, September 30th—			
To Payments as per above Statement ..	6044	4	4	By Receipts as per above Statement	6741	17	3
Depreciation:							
Furnishings	81	9	4				
Motor Van	17	18	0				
Capital Account	598	5	7				
	£6741	17	3		£6741	17	3

AUCKLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE BOARD.

Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1947.

LIABILITIES.						ASSETS							
Endowment Legacies—													
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Eliza Gilmore Trust				1,000	0	0	Properties—						
M. Caughey Preston				2,000	0	0	Wesley Home, latest valuation				3,935	0	0
John Rendell				200	0	0	Epsom Home, latest valuation				4,730	0	0
Capital as at 1st October, 1946	48,985	16	1				Mount Roskill, at cost ..				2,978	15	8
Add Bequests	7,416	7	10				645 Mount Albert Road ..				1,380	0	0
Add Revenue Account	598	5	7				647 Mount Albert Road ..				1,380	0	0
				57,000	9	6	Mortgage—						
							Goldsmith				350	0	0
							Shares, at par—						
							Whangarei Gas Co. Ltd.						
							Ordinary Shares, £1 ..	1,000	0	0			
							Preference Shares, £1 ..	666	0	0			
							Frank M Winstone, Ltd.						
							Ordinary Shares, £1 ..	8,700	0	0			
											10,366	0	0
							Inscribed Stock and Local						
							Body Debentures (including						
							investment of Endowment						
							Legacies)—						
							New Zealand Government						
							Stock, £15,750, at cost ..				15,768	0	0
							National Savings Bond, at						
							cost				100	0	0
							Auckland City Debentures,						
							£1,000, at cost				1,005	0	0
							Newmarket Borough Deben-						
							tures, at cost				500	0	0

Balance Sheet—continued.

		Furnishings—	606 16 2		
		Add New	207 18 2		
			814 14 4		
		Less Depreciation	81 9 4	733 5 0	
		Motor Van—	89 12 0		
		Less Depreciation	17 18 0	71 14 0	
		Farm Stocks—		20 0 0	
		Bank Balances—			
		Auckland Savings Bank	5,625 6 0		
		Post Office Savings Bank	4,085 0 0		
		National Savings Invest- ment Account	3,275 13 4		
		Bank of New Zealand— Current Account	3,896 15 6		
			£60,200 9 6		
		Trounson Bequest—with General Purposes			
		Trust Board	510 0 0		
£60,200 9 6		John Sheat Bequest—with Public Trust	2,657 0 0		

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 30th September, 1947, as shown by the books of the Trust.

13th October, 1947.

A. R. D. GREGORY, F.P.A.N.Z., Public Accountant.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 30th September, 1947.

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	PAYMENTS.					
	£ s. d.			£ s. d.		
By Salaries				730	12	0
Fuel and Light				141	12	0
Repairs and Renewals				81	8	4
Provisions				775	1	5
Clothing and Drapery				338	0	11
Printing and Stationery				32	8	0
Dental and Medical	71	19	5			
Less Refunds	26	5	0			
Phone Rental				45	14	5
School Requisites				20	15	0
Musical Fees				13	5	3
Children's Holidays				9	15	0
Cow				14	4	0
Cow				18	18	7
Employer's Liability Insurance				4	4	4
Bank Fees				5	0	6
Sundries				8	2	6
Furnishings, Etc.				402	19	3
Cow Shed				67	16	0
Balance				577	19	3
				£3,287	17	3

Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1947.

LIABILITIES.					ASSETS.				
				£ s. d.				£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Sundry Creditors	....	....	....	809 16 6	Cash in Hand	....	....	1 2 6	
Radio Fund	....	....	....	69 12 5	Bank of New Zealand	....	....	576 16 9	
Newcombe Trust	....	....	....	7 10 6	Furnishings, Etc.	....	138 3 0		
Balance—Being Excess of Assets Over Liabilities	....	....	....	263 15 10	Plus Additions During Year	....	402 19 3		
							541 2 3		
					Less Depreciation—10%	..	54 2 3		
								487 0 0	
					Cow Shed	....	....	67 16 0	
					Live Stock—Cow	....	....	18 0 0	
				£1,150 15 3				£1,150 15 3	

We certify that we have examined the foregoing Receipts and Payments Account and Balance Sheet of the Methodist Children's Home, Masterton, with the books and vouchers, and are of the opinion that same are drawn up as to exhibit a true and correct view of the Home's affairs at Masterton on 30th September, 1947.

F. E. WELLS)
D. A. BARNES)
Audited and found correct.

Auditors.

W. R. NICOL, Treasurer.
Masterton,
12th December, 1947.

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME.

Revenue Account—Year Ending 30th Sept. 1947

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Salaries and Wages ..	2,157	1	5	By Interest Received	21	18	10
House Supplies	950	2	4	Donations and Collections	1,485	16	0
Drapery, Clothing, etc. ..	759	7	8	Combined Orphanages			
Lighting and Heating ..	215	18	3	Appeal	1,360	12	6
Repairs, Renewals and				Maintenance Fees	2,393	11	10
Maintenance	394	4	1	Legacies	1,456	14	9
Plumbing Repairs	30	11	7				
Stationery, Stamps and							
General Expenses	225	1	6	A. H. Fletcher Trust—			
Insurances	19	5	8	Transfer			100 0 0
Board and Residence Pay-				Sports and Playground			
ments	349	13	2	Equipment Fund—			
Travelling Expenses ..	42	6	9	Transfer			10 4 6
Miscellaneous Expenses ..	164	1	4	Balance, Net Deficiency			
Rates	14	4	9	for Year			319 10 3
Depreciation written off							
A. H. Fletcher Trust A/c.			465 0 0				
Clothing, Fees, Fares							
and Sundries			100 0 0				
Cheer Fund—							
Expenditure .. 1 12 7							
Less Credit,							
30/9/46 .. 6 11							
			1 5 8				
Sports and Playground							
Equipment Fund—							
Sundries			10 4 6				
Legacies to Investment							
Board			1,250 0 0				
			£7,148 8 8				£7,148 8 8

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME.

Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1947.

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LIABILITIES.				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
A. H. Fletcher Trust—				Home, Building and Grounds—			
Balance, 30/9/46	100	0	0	Home and Outbuildings ..	18,262	2	6
Less Payments	100	0	0	Less Depreciation	300	0	0
Sports and Playground Equip- ment Fund—							
Balance, 30/9/46	120	4	6	Grounds			17,962 2 6
Less Payments	10	4	6	Furnishings	507	6	0
				Less Depreciation	60	0	0
			110 0 0				447 6 0
Permanent Capital Account ..			10,062 11 9	Tennis Courts	36	0	0
Accumulated Funds—				Less Depreciation	18	0	0
Balance, 30/9/46	14,942	4	6				18 0 0
Deficit, 1947	319	10	3	Asphalting	85	0	0
			14,622 14 3	Less Depreciation	30	0	0
Sundry Creditors			114 16 9				55 0 0
				Live Stock	37	12	2
				Purchases, less Sales ..	6	0	4
					43	12	6
				Less Depreciation	5	0	0
							38 12 6
				Implements and Tools ..	138	10	0
				Less Depreciation	20	0	0
							118 10 0
				Harewood Road Bungalow ..	641	0	0
				Less Depreciation	32	0	0
							609 0 0

South Island Orphanage Balance Sheet—continued.

	Deposits—			
	Post Office Savings Bank ..	745	8	0
	Supernumerary Fund ..	402	2	7
				<hr/>
			1,147	10 7
	Petty Cash Imprest Accounts		20	0 0
	Balance at Bank of N.Z. ..		130	4 2
				<hr/>
£24,910	2	9	£24,910	2 9

I have audited the Accounts for the South Island Methodist Orphanage for the year ended 30th September, 1947, and all my requirements as Auditor have been complied with. In my opinion the above Balance Sheet and the attached Revenue Account have been properly drawn up to exhibit a true and correct view of the affairs of the Orphanage as shown by the books.

Christchurch, October 22nd, 1947.

E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z., Auditor.

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE INVESTMENT BOARD.

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th September, 1947.

EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Bank Charges		10 0	By Interest Earned .. .	465	10 3
Commission on Interest .. .	5	2 9	Legacies .. .	1,250	0 0
War Damage Insurance .. .		4 3			
		<hr/>			
		5 17 0			
Transfer Investment Fluctuation Reserve .. .		50 0 0			
Transfer to Capital Account .. .	1,250	0 0			
Balance to Income Account .. .	409	13 3			
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	£1,715	10 3		£1,715	10 3

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I have audited the Accounts of the above Investment Board for the year ended 30th September, 1947, 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.

E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z., Auditor.

Summary of

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1947

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 C. 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	102	50	37	56	17	2	170	5587	324	215	75	269	116	228	117	25			666	4959	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			
South Auckland ..	49	108	26	25	21	8		75	2956	135	156	20	197	57	103	101				378	2307	6682	0	0	4	0	0	1332	16	3	96	1	2	3164	1	11	15672	6	2
Taranaki-Wanganui ..	47	38	22	18	13	4	1	58	2160	65	77	30	92	30	49	57				294	1566	3925	0	0				727	6	3	130	19	1	2502	4	7	723	17	2
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ..	38	20	16	16	15	5		64	2489	97	70	28	75	18	76	23				197	1915	4833	15	0				1041	14	7½	80	15	2	767	19	2	433	1	0
Wellington	42	20	25	18	28	4		67	2975	176	182	54	210	68	75	49				351	2406	6759	0	0	62	0	0	853	13	8	133	16	9	6565	19	1	97	2	7
Nelson	29	27	17	12	10	2		46	1444	60	53	17	48	17	42	11				130	975	2985	0	0	61	0	0	290	15	8½	150	5	11	825	3	6	82	7	1
North Canterbury ..	65	18	37	29	36	2	2	87	4024	167	129	60	131	85	86	70				341	3094	7375	5	0	33	0	0	685	6	7	104	8	11	3012	16	7	189	0	0
South Canterbury ..	22	16	12	9	12	1		38	1496	56	52	15	67	20	31	25				122	1116	2523	0	0				284	6	6	17	19	2	778	11	6	119	10	5
Otago-Southland ..	48	16	26	26	18	7	1	54	2456	116	86	36	112	52	63	61				212	2167	6055	0	0	100	0	0	504	5	6	181	4	9	1725	5	7	3751	9	3
TOTALS, 1947 ..	437	365	231	190	209	49	7	659	25587	1196	1020	335	1201	463	753	514	25			2691	20505	51,746	0	0	306	10	0	7306	13	9	1156	9	2	22,582	11	9	21,285	16	6
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	6766	9	10	1682	18	1	21,723	4	7	5474	6	7
Increase		5		2	2			1	3	15	366	134	57		189					554	602						540	3	11				859	7	2	15,811	9	11	
Decrease	1		1									98		208		224	42					297	10	0	72	10	0				526	8	11						

Dominion Statistical Returns

SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND BIBLE CLASSES 1947

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. NOW ON ROLL						AVERAGE ATTENDANCE								Y.W. CLASSES						Y.M. CLASSES								No. on Cradle Roll	No. on Primary Roll	No. on Junior Roll	No. on Youth Roll	Total				
			No. on Roll	Recd. during year	Beginners	Primary	Junior	Intermediate	Total	Men	Women	No. of Teachers and Officers	No. of Bible Classes	Junior			Inter.	Senior	Leaders	Total	Av. Attendance	Junior	Inter.	Senior	Leaders	Total	Av. Attendance	New Pledges											No. now on Roll
Auckland	95	1612	519	1192	1349	1459	870	4870	789	852	1032	680	3353	175	391	112	2344	127	296	130	120	52	598	417	280	128	198	63	669	487	41	151	1652	2345	2002	1717	7716	138	349
South Auckland	58	757	236	588	633	791	524	2536	355	418	552	375	1700	97	198	41	724	56	105	70	90	14	279	207	80	48	82	20	230	161	..	..	753	1192	1202	711	3858	58	158
Taranaki-Wanganui	46	631	169	453	411	535	399	1798	266	280	367	275	1188	65	145	24	434	42	104	42	44	12	202	148	62	44	44	23	173	127	1	44	634	875	788	544	2841	41	87
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	38	433	115	468	409	549	417	1843	294	266	378	288	1226	77	142	45	989	48	121	69	26	21	237	175	101	69	34	29	233	167	..	..	433	873	802	594	2702	47	87
Wellington	38	866	247	670	459	736	479	2344	446	309	519	362	1636	104	202	63	1239	84	160	93	93	33	379	264	133	103	108	46	390	264	9	137	851	1114	1072	996	4033	76	176
Nelson	21	400	117	290	244	297	288	1119	169	167	206	215	757	39	101	15	263	30	50	37	41	12	140	98	46	39	26	15	126	76	14	15	216	294	203	162	875	22	30
North Canterbury	52	930	239	781	581	877	569	2808	513	397	641	446	1997	135	276	79	1712	98	184	127	111	43	465	327	158	88	107	45	398	276	38	126	711	1182	1051	948	3892	121	311
South Canterbury	15	239	121	164	188	229	216	797	106	114	152	147	519	29	77	25	465	25	45	29	25	10	109	76	33	26	23	15	97	67	7	39	258	272	346	312	1188	25	76
Otago-Southland	51	590	198	463	470	549	466	1948	297	325	394	332	1348	79	189	47	865	55	99	57	51	21	228	160	106	58	58	29	251	181	15	31	624	929	860	761	3174	46	123
Dom. Stat. year endg. 30/9/47	414	6458	1961	5069	4744	6022	4228	20063	3235	3128	4241	3120	13724	800	1721	451	9035	565	1164	654	601	218	2637	1872	999	603	680	285	2567	1806	125	543	6132	9076	8326	6745	30279	574	1397
„ „ 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
Increase .. ..	..	714	336	..	466	322	..	327	..	316	310	21	541	13	..	12	328	..	..	8	36	..	25	77	..	16	28	14	..	50	..	10	458	270	360	761	1849	154	1
Decrease .. ..	..	..	..	215	..	..	246	..	106	..	..	..	..	..	40	..	..	37	16	..	..	3	..	..	66	..	..	..	8	..	57	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1947

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	12	..	9	7	13	3	..	29	1063	43	32	8	88	74	..	95				168	850
Central Mission	1	2	1	2	2	..	1	5	175	..	..	..	..	..	20	..	..			20	160
Auckland East	9	..	7	5	13	..	1	21	845	42	29	12	12	6	41	..	..			39	700
Avondale	7	4	4	3	5	3	..	12	558	32	22	11	20	4	19	..	..			51	650
Devonport	3	..	2	1	2	..	..	4	177	9	13	2	12	6	2	..	..			17	150
Takapuna	1	2	1	1	4	2	..	11	245	15	13	3	13	..	12	..	25			31	200
Birkenhead	4	1	2	..	2	..	..	5	197	22	9	6	9	4	12	..	..			17	170
Onehunga	5	..	2	1	2	1	..	7	230	23	7	2	15	4	9	..	..			52	269
Otahuhu	4	..	2	1	2	..	..	7	338	27	11	4	..	5	29	..	..			23	280
Papakura	3	3	2	1	1	..	..	5	137	..	10	3	7	1	..	1	..			4	89
Pukekohe	5	1	1	1	1	..	..	7	139	7	10	4	7	1	5	..	..			9	96
Waiuku	1	4	1	1	1	..	..	..	81	..	3	..	3	..	..	..	..			14	62
Mahurangi	2	8	..	1	..	1	..	3	75	..	4	1	4	..	..	1	..			4	83
Paparoa	4	6	1	1	..	1	..	5	87	..	..	3	4	..	6	..	..			11	24
Dargaville	3	8	2	1	1	..	..	5	220	28	12	3	14	..	23	..	..			24	123
Ruawai	2	2	1	1	1	..	..	5	108	13	5	1	8	2	7	..	..			6	108
Whangarei	4	5	2	1	1	..	..	13	211	11	16	3	17	4	3	..	..			30	160
Hikurangi	1	6	..	..	..	1	..	..	60	9	1	1	..	..	9	..	..			14	35
Whangaroa	2	7	1	1	1	..	..	..	37	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	..			6	66
Port Albert	6	4	3	1	1	..	..	3	116	16	1	2	8	2	5	..	..			10	146
Kawakawa-Kaikohe	2	5	..	..	1	..	..	1	62	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..			5	40
Mangonui	4	4	..	1	1	..	..	6	69	7	8	..	5	..	10	..	..			29	60
Hokianga	2	6	2	1	1	..	..	2	55	15	5	1	3	..	16	..	..			19	134
Bombay-Tuakau	3	2	..	1	..	1	..	8	100	..	1	2	7	1	..	10	..			18	90
North Waiatamata	3	12	1	2	..	2	..	4	91	..	..	2	2	..	..	4	..			35	130
Bay of Islands	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	19	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..			2	24
North Hokianga	3	10	2	1	..	1	..	2	92	4	3	..	9	1	..	3	..			8	60
TOTALS	97	102	50	37	56	17	2	170	5577	324	215	75	269	116	228	117	25			666	4959

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Thames	2	0	1	1	1	..	1	125	10	2	..	..	..	12	..			10	75
Hauraki Plains	2	4	..	..	..	1	2	55	..	3	..	10	..	..	7			8	50
Paeroa	1	2	1	1	1	..	2	57	8	7	2	6	1	6				8	40
Waihi	1	3	1	1	1	..	2	89	2	6	3	4	2	..	1			8	96
Te Aroha	4	1	3	1	1	..	5	215	9	..	..	21	2	..	14			10	200
Morrinsville	3	3	2	2	1	..	8	206	14	..	..	5	3	6	..			36	210
Cambridge	3	1	2	1	1	..	4	147	4	12	1	13	4	..	2			17	80
Hamilton	4	3	5	2	2	2	18	518	8	60	4	41	4	19	..			59	410
Hamilton East	3	3	2	1	2	..	5	159	6	13	3	17	31	..	32			23	180
Huntly	1	6	..	..	1	..	2	70	3	3	1	12	8	..	15			2	41
Matamata	3	4	1	1	1	..	5	168	6	5	2	5	..	4	..			14	150
Putaruru	1	7	1	1	1	..	1	63	..	11	..	9	..	2	..			20	60
Rotorua	2	4	2	1	3	..	2	135	1	6	..	5	..	2	..	..		33	115
Tauranga	2	12	1	2	1	..	7	267	16	10	1	7	1	17	..	..		20	210
Whakatane	2	2	1	1	..	1	1	85	7	5	2	12	..	..	2			13	35
Opotiki	2	1	2	1	1	..	..	41	1	2	..	10	..	..	7	..		12	50
Te Awamutu	2	6	1	1	1	..	4	161	23	2	1	6	..	18	..			16	140
Otorohanga	1	10	..	1	1	..	2	75	..	4	..	3	..	1	..	..		18	40
Te Kuiti	1	5	1	1	..	1	..	59	6	4	..	3	..	7	..	..		23	33
Taumarunui	1	7	..	1	..	..	..	58	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	40
Raglan .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	27	1	..	..	6	..	..	20	..		..	32
Ngaruawahia	3	2	..	1	..	1	1	43	2	..	..	2	1	..	1	..		12	40
Kawhia	1	8	..	1	..	1	..	53	7	1	..	..	..	8	..	..		8	10
Coromandel	1	8	1	1	..	1	2	32	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..		8	60
Ohura	3	6	..	1	..	..	1	48	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..
TOTALS	49	108	26	25	21	8	75	2956	135	156	20	197	57	103	101	..		378	2307

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

New Plymouth	9	3	3	2	3	1	15	582	22	31	9	20	6	18		
Waitara	3	6	2	1	1	4	90		4		4	2		2		
Stratford	5	1	1	1	1	2	155	4	2		4		2			
Eltham-Kaponga	2	6	2	1	1	7	143		3	5	5			7		
Hawera	3	2	2	1	1	3	198	12	4	2	12	11		9		
Mania	2	3	1	1	1	4	90	15	6		1		13			
Opunake	6	7	3	3	1	7	171		2	1	17			16		
Wanganui	2		1	1	1	1	220	10	4	4	2	2	6			
Wanganui North	3	3	3	2	1	7	163		10	4	9			3		
Gonville	3	1	1	1	1	3	104						5			
Taihape	1	5	1	1	1	1	31				6	5		11		
Patea	2	2				1	47	2	4		4		5			
Inglewood	2	4	1	1	1	1	89				4			4		
Marton	1	2	1	1	1	1	55		3	2	3	4		5		
Raetihi	1			1		1	22									
Douglas	2			1												
TOTALS	47	38	22	18	13	4	158	2160	65	77	30	92	30	49	57	

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Napier	5		2	2	2	1	16	334	19	4	2	2		29		
Hastings	1	2	2	1	3		9	324	14	12	3	4		19		
Gisborne	3		1	1	1		4	218	2	8	2	11			3	
Wairoa	1	4					1	44	14	4	1	7		10		
Dannevirke	1		1	1	1	1	3	122	6	2	4	2			2	
Woodville	1	2		1	1		1	105	8	3	1	4		6		
Pahiatua	3	2	1	1	1	2	85		3	4	6			7		
P.N., St. Paul's	1	1	1	1	1	10	231	10	11	2	16	1	2			
P.N., Cuba Street	2		2	1	1	2	221	13	7	2	14	2	2			
Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe	3		1	1	1	2	137		4	2			2			
Feilding	6	3	3	2	1	6	318	10	5	1	4	15		5		
Sanson-Rongotea	2	3	1	1	1	3	104		2				2			
Waipawa-Waipukurau	2	3		1	1	1	55				3			2		
Foxton-Shannon	2	1	1	1	1	4	70	1	3				4			
Apiti	2	2		1			72		2	3	2			3		
Norsewood	2						49			1				1		
TOTALS	38	20	16	16	15	5	64	2489	97	70	28	75	18	76	23	

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Wellington Central	3	1	3	2	4		6	479	24	53	13	51	12	1		
Wellington East	5		2	2	4	1	9	438	14	29	4	22	7	10		
Wellington West	4		4	1	3		11	492	23	19	6	18	10	8		
Wellington South	1		2	1	1		1	137	8	5	2	11	9		9	
Johnsonville-Ngaio	5	3	2	2	3		15	247	30	12	4	21	10	7		
Hutt	4		2	2	4		10	388	36	33	4	28		37		
Upper Hutt	1	2			1		1	55	6	6	1	4	2	5		
Petone	2		1	1	1		1	151	7	3	5	9	9		13	
Greytown-Featherston	2	1	2	1	2		1	57	1	5		5		1		
Carterton	2		1	1	1		4	91	4			5			1	
Masterton	3	3	2	1	1		4	248	11	5	9	16	9		18	
Eketahuna	2	7	1	1	1		1	91		3		7			4	
Levin	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	142	1	5	4	6			4	
Otaki	3			1	1	1	1	108	8		2	6				
Paraparaumu	4	2	1	1	1			51	3	4		1		6		
TOTALS	42	20	25	18	29	4	67	2975	176	182	54	210	68	75	49	

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1947

NELSON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Church Membership													
									Members on Roll	Number Recd during Year			Number Removed from the Roll			Net Increase	Net Decrease	On Probation	Junior Members	Infant Members	No. of Baptisms	Communi- cants
										New Members	Transfers from other Churches	By Death	Transfers to Other Circuits	Ceased to Attend								
Nelson	1	1	4	1	3	1	1	12	270	22	16	3	9	6	20	..				24	250	
Richmond	4	..	3	1	1	..	..	10	168	10	8	3	2	3	10	..				8	116
Motueka	1	3	1	1	1	..	..	6	114	4	5	1	..	1	7	..				5	70
Blenheim	5	7	4	3	2	..	..	9	355	12	6	3	12	2	1	..				31	200
Reefton	2	1	1	1	..	1	..	2	73	..	1	1	..	..	..	..				13	58
Westport	2	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	107	5	3	..	8	..	..	..				19	61
Greymouth	2	4	1	1	1	..	..	1	164	4	10	5	14	3	..	8				11	100
Hokitika	1	3	1	1	1	..	..	..	73	2	2	1	..	..	3	..				9	50
Wakefield-Dovedale	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	43	1	..	..	..	..	1	..				4	50
Havelock	4	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..				..	..
Murchison	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	4	25	..	2	..	3	1	..	2				..	20
Granity	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	40	..	..	..	..	1	..	1				6	..
TOTALS	29	27	17	12	10	2	..	46	1444	60	53	17	48	17	42	11				130	975	

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Durham Street	2	..	3	2	9	..	1	10	464	14	11	6	9	1	9	..	..	..	..	33	438
Christchurch East	7	1	6	4	7	..	1	14	636	43	28	6	48	41	..	15	..	..	..	78	540
Cambridge Terrace	3	..	2	2	1	..	..	3	145	7	5	4	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	14	110
Woolston	5	..	5	2	2	..	..	6	306	11	2	2	3	3	13	..	..	..	..	22	290
Sydenham	2	1	3	2	2	..	..	5	218	..	8	6	2	..	..	4	..	..	..	30	150
Addington	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	264	10	5	5	3	5	2	..	..	..	..	24	160
Riccarton	3	1	3	1	1	..	..	4	165	5	6	..	6	..	5	..	..	..	..	26	146
St. Albans	3	..	2	2	4	..	..	7	479	29	21	5	10	3	32	..	..	..	..	39	360
Papanui	3	3	1	2	1	1	..	2	177	7	18	8	22	10	..	15	..	..	..	15	140
Lytelton	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	2	68	5	5	1	1	..	7	..	..	..	..	8	55
Springston	5	2	2	1	1	..	..	6	111	2	4	2	2	8	..	6	..	..	..	8	70
Leeston	6	..	1	1	1	..	..	4	247	18	..	3	5	4	10	..	..	..	..	10	120
Kaipoi	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	121	5	2	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	7	42
Ohoka	4	..	1	1	1	..	..	5	114	..	4	1	5	..	..	2	..	..	..	3	100
Rangiora	3	..	1	1	2	..	..	4	140	2	2	5	6	3	..	10	..	..	..	10	107
Woodend-Sefton	4	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	91	2	2	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	8	70
Greendale	2	5	..	1	1	..	..	3	77	..	1	2	3	3	..	5	..	..	..	5	60
Oxford	5	1	2	2	1	..	..	5	115	5	..	2	1	..	..	5	..	..	..	1	106
Tai Tapu	3	..	1	1	..	..	..	4	61	..	5	2	4	4	..	5	..	..	..	..	30
Hawarden	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	25	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
TOTALS	65	18	37	29	37	2	2	87	4024	167	129	60	131	85	86	70	..	..	..	341	3094

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Timaru (Banks Street)	1	2	2	1	2	..	..	7	190	8	11	1	11	3	4	..	..	..	..	21	160
Timaru (Woodlands St.)	2	..	2	1	1	..	1	3	231	5	6	3	10	3	..	5	..	..	..	34	170
Timaru South	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	76	..	2	1	3	4	..	6	..	..	..	2	40
Waimate	2	2	1	1	3	..	..	3	161	2	1	1	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	6	120
Temuka	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	97	..	3	..	3	3	..	3	..	..	..	10	60
Geraldine	1	2	1	1	1	..	..	1	173	..	2	1	8	3	..	10	..	..	..	1	56
Ashburton	4	3	2	1	2	..	..	10	366	14	19	4	22	2	5	..	..	..	..	30	250
Willowby	6	5	2	2	1	..	..	9	154	18	..	1	..	..	17	..	..	..	..	17	160
Oamaru	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	3	148	5	12	3	2	2	5	..	..	..	..	11	100
TOTALS	22	16	12	9	12	..	1	38	1496	56	52	15	67	20	31	25	..	..	..	122	1116

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Dunedin Central	3	..	2	2	4	..	..	8	261	..	2	3	4	7	..	12	..	..	..	12	200
Dunedin Central Mission	1	..	1	2	2	..	1	4	136	2	2	5	7	15	..	23	..	..	..	28	400
Dunedin North	3	..	3	1	1	..	..	3	143	14	14	4	2	..	22	..	..	..	..	4	104
Cargill Road	4	1	3	1	2	1	..	2	224	20	10	5	16	9	..	..	..	..	..	26	130
St. Kilda	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	3	152	8	4	..	4	3	5	..	..	..	..	13	145
Caversham	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	4	113	9	..	..	5	..	4	..	..	..	..	11	75
Mornington	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	4	144	1	4	1	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	11	140
Roslyn	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	62	..	5	2	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	7	75
Port Chalmers	3	..	1	1	..	1	..	2	63	7	3	1	1	..	8	..	..	..	..	9	54
Milton	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	62	6	2	1	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	4	47
Roxburgh	3	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	59	1	2	2	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	4	65
Invercargill Central	2	2	2	1	1	..	..	4	290	12	7	2	15	7	..	5	..	..	..	25	215
Invercargill, St. Peter's	2	1	2	2	1	..	..	2	219	28	6	1	22	4	7	..	..	..	..	14	200
Gore	2	1	1	2	1	..	..	..	98	..	4	3	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	4	70
Bluff	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	40	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20
Waikouaiti-Palmerston	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	33	..	3	1	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	2	28
Mosgiel	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	42	2	2	1	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	6	30
Balclutha	2	1	1	1	..	1	..	2	61	..	9	..	2	2	5	..	..	..	..	..	..
Edendale	2	2	..	1	..	..	..	6	66	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	50
Lawrence	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	20	..	1	2	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	3	16
Cromwell	2	2	1	1	..	1	..	3	34	..	6	..	7	..	..	5	..	..	..	4	18
Western Southland	5	2	1	1	..	1	..	1	103	6	4	1	6	4	..	1	..	..	..	20	42
Nightcaps	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	31	..	..	..	9	..	..	9	..	..	..	1	15
Riverton .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTALS	48	16	26	26	18	7	1	54	2456	116	86	36	112	52	63	61	..	..	..	212	2167

MAORI RETURNS.

Churches	19	Church Members	
Other Preaching Places	230	Seniors	3954
Parsonages	7	Junior including Infants	4843
Ministers	5	Sunday Schools	72
Home Missionaries	31	S.S. Teachers	34
Deaconesses	16	Pupils	2258
Local Preachers	60	Bible Classes	26
Assistant Workers	3	Pupils Approx.	92

Financial Income from Maori offerings etc: £400 0 0.

GENERAL FINANCIAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1947
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 Debit Balances
Nelson	£ (1) 325	£ 26	£ ..	..	£ s. d. 42 2 3	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. ..	£ s. d. 14 15 10
Richmond	(2) 185	..	45	M	6 6 2	..	74 18 8	..	..
Motueka	300	..	..	..	..	2 9 9	..	..	27 4 10
Blenheim	(1) 300	..	..	C	16 5 6	..	551 15 11	..	..
Reefton	(2) 300	25	100	M	..	..	..	..	..
Westport	250	10	..	..	32 2 0	..	22 6 11	..	..
Greymouth	275	..	..	..	26 1 11	..	8 17 11	..	..
Hokitika	300	..	70	M	..	68 11 1	30 14 10	..	..
Wakefield-Dovedale ..	275	..	40	M	..	79 5 1	..	40 6 5	..
Murchison	185	..	..	M	20 16 8	..	30 0 0	..	..
Granity .. .. .	..	..	..	..	51 6 10	..	..	..	..
Havelock .. .. .	..	..	..	..	92 5 4½	..	..	..	..
TOTALS	2985	61	255	..	290 15 8½	150 5 11	825 3 6	82 7 1	..

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

	£	£	£		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Durham Street	375	..	100	M	120 0 11	..	376 6 4	..
Christchurch East	300	..	20	M	..	..	..	..
.. .. .	325	..	10	M	14 11 11	..	404 12 5	13 18 8
.. .. .	300	..	10	M	..	..	..	..
.. .. .	300	..	10	..	..	..	..	..
.. .. .	300	..	10	..	..	..	..	..
Cambridge Terrace	300	..	40	M	50 7 4	..	300 9 2	8 5
Woolston	300	..	20	M	53 6 6	..	410 11 7	..
.. .. .	300	..	6	..	..	..	..	..
Sydenham	300	..	42	M	..	1 9 3	96 17 11	123 17 4
Addington	300	8	..	..	72 0 3	..	49 8 11	..
Riccarton	300	..	40	M	6 2 2	..	122 7 7	..
St. Albans	326	..	20	..	30 0 0	..	222 3 1	..
.. .. .	300	..	4	M	..	..	..	..
.. .. .	78	..	3	..	..	..	..	..
Papanui	300	..	..	..	4 2 6	..	115 6 11	..
Lyttelton	240	..	..	M	76 3 0	..	No separate Trust Acc.	..
Springston	300	..	60	M	57 8 3	..	142 3 8	..
Leeston	300	..	70	M	12 11 5	..	206 9 3	..
Kaiapoi	275	..	25	M	73 6 0	..	..	25 19 4
Ohoka (Home missionary appt)	250	..	80	M	..	65 2 0	172 13 11	17 7 10
Rangiora	300	..	40	M	10 6 11	..	72 2 9	..
Woodend-Sefton	300	..	30	M	2 7 2	..	204 15 4	7 8 5
Greendale	275	25	64	M	44 5 0	..	20 11 9	..
Oxford	300	..	87 9 7	M	..	22 5 6	66 17 5	..
Tai Tapu	131 5 0	..	25 10 0	..	..	15 12 2	28 18 7	..
Hawarden .. .. .	..	..	35	..	60 7 3	..	..	..
TOTALS	7375 5 0	33	851 19 7	..	685 6 7	104 8 11	3012 16 7	189 0 0

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

	£	£	£		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Timaru (Banks Street)	310	..	15	..	78 3 6	..	63 0 9	..
Timaru (Woodlands St.)	300	..	20	M	4 15 1	..	3 9 3	..
Timaru South .. .. .	..	..	Exs.	..	90 11 9	..	27 3 9	..
Waimate	300	..	50	M	9 8 9	..	..	1 2 0
Temuka	300	..	Exs.	..	..	17 19 2	..	55 0 0
Geraldine	200	..	60	M	87 7 5	..	..	63 8 5
Ashburton	315	..	60	M	2 15 6	..	2 19 0	..
.. .. .	198	..	Exs.	C	..	..	..	..
Willowby	300	..	100	M	11 4 11	..	114 17 0	..
Oamaru	300	..	40	M	..	..	567 1 9	..
TOTALS	2523	..	345	..	284 6 6	17 19 2	778 11 6	119 10 5

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

	£	£	£		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Dunedin Central	325	..	12	M	..	67 6 2	305 4 6	21 5 1
.. .. .	300	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunedin Central Mission	400	..	100	M	23 17 2	..	..	2889 19 4
.. .. .	300	..	100	M	..	..	..	..
Dunedin North	195	..	60	M	..	5 12 7	73 1 9	..
Cargill Road	300	..	..	..	..	12 2 4	46 15 8	..
.. .. .	160	..	..	M	..	..	..	..
St. Kilda	300	..	4	M	24 6 1	..	16 10 11	..
Caversham	300	..	12	..	12 15 5	..	253 16 9	..
Mornington	300	20	..	..	31 2 3	..	60 1 6	..
Roslyn	275	..	..	..	18 8 10	..	26 15 8	..
Port Chalmers	250	..	27	..	..	62 5 11	135 5 2	..
Milton	260	..	83	M	..	33 17 9	56 19 6	60 18 9
Roxburgh	300	..	50	M	22 11 4	..	65 4 2	..
Invercargill Central	300	30	80	M	1 4 3	..	..	225 7 10
Invercargill, St. Peter's	300	25	..	..	58 12 2	..	131 18 11	..
Gore	300	..	40	M	56 9 1	..	14 9 3	553 18 3
Bluff	no agent	..	..	..	27 11 9	..	11 9 9	..
Waikouaiti-Palmerston	230	..	28	M	41 16 0	..	26 13 1	..
Mosgiel	250	..	..	..	21 7 9	..	41 4 5	..
Balclutha	210	..	24	M	11 19 11	..	158 0 2	..
Edendale	no agent	..	..	..	56 18 1	..	14 0 9	..
Lawrence	no agent	..	..	..	32 7 1	..	24 15 5	..
Cromwell	250	..	40	M	11 17 0	..	20 3 5	..
Western Southland	250	25	115	M	39 14 6	..	234 7 10	..
Nightcaps	no agent	..	..	..	11 6 10	..	8 7 0	..
Riverton .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTALS	6055	100	775	..	504 5 6	181 4 9	1725 5 7	3751 9 3

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.
HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.
Statement of Receipts and Expenditure.

Treasurers: REV. B. M. CHRYSTALL and MR. FRANK PENN.

RECEIPTS.

£ s. d. £ s. d.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Circuits.

Auckland Central	284	14	7
Auckland Central Mission	17	19	9
Auckland East	520	5	0
Auckland East, 1946	7	12	0
Auckland-Avon-dale	141	14	4
Auckland-Avon-dale, 1946	4	7	0
Auckland-Devonport	58	13	9
Auckland-Takapuna	77	5	6
Auckland-Birkenhead	111	12	0
Onehunga	69	1	6
Otahuhu	97	18	11
Papakura	48	13	10
Pukekohe	70	1	2
Waiuku	32	11	8
Mahurangi	26	19	6
Paparoa	37	5	11
Dargaville	35	18	2
Ruawai	20	15	10
Whangarei	44	13	2
Hikurangi	21	9	0
Whangaroa	29	3	7
Port Albert	50	16	9
Kawakawa-Kaikohu	15	2	4
Mangonui	31	13	1
Hokianga	28	3	0

Home Mission Stations.

Bombay-Tuakau	17	7	11
North Waitemata	30	12	8
Bay of Islands	17	15	7
North Hokianga	17	16	6
Maori Missions	249	17	8
	2,218	1	8

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Circuits.

Thames	31	7	0
Hauraki Plains	8	9	6
Paeroa	40	0	0
Waihi	24	2	0
Te Aroha	3	12	6
Morrinsville	133	0	1
Raglan	4	9	0
Hamilton	318	8	10
Hamilton, 1946	3	0	8
Hamilton East	84	12	9
Hamilton East, 1946	71	9	10
Huntly	7	15	2
Matamata	96	15	6
Putaruru	16	17	3
Rotorua	57	4	6
Tauranga	127	16	2
Whakatane	25	0	0
Opotiki	24	3	10
Te Awamutu	39	11	9
Te Awamutu, 1946	11	8	6
Otorohanga	40	3	9
Te Kuiti	-	-	-
Taumarunui	1	0	0
Cambridge	64	1	8

EXPENDITURE.

£ s. d. £ s. d.

Maori Missions.

Stipends, Travelling and Rents	8496	18	0
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Specials.

Sunday School			
Materials	10	0	0
Printing Subsidy			
Maori Paper	60	0	0
South Island Travelling	15	0	0
Workers' Conferences	50	0	0
Students (Deaconesses & General)	200	0	0
"Methodist Times"	5	0	0
Car Depreciation			
Grant	75	0	0
Contingencies	150	0	0
Maori Furniture	40	0	0
Bible Class			
Camps	40	0	0
National Council of Churches (Maori)	20	0	0
Auckland Maori Centre (Legacy and M.W.M.U.)	20	0	0
Kawakawa Maori Centre	20	0	0
Dargaville Maori Centre	20	0	0
	9,221	18	0

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

North Hokianga	76	5	0
North Waitemata	117	10	0
North Waitemata Special Legacy			
Grant	20	0	0
Bombay-Tuakau	2	10	0

Aided Circuits.

Whangaroa	35	0	0
Whangaroa Special Legacy Grant	15	0	0
Hokianga	27	10	0
Auckland West	120	0	0
Mangonui	36	5	0
Mahurangi	20	0	0
Kawakawa-Kaikohu	37	10	0
Kawakawa-Kaikohu Special Legacy	20	0	0
Hikurangi	11	5	0
Paparoa	21	5	0
Otahuhu	20	0	0
Auckland Central Mission	18	15	0
Onehunga	33	15	0
Onehunga Special	10	0	0
Onehunga Special Special Legacy Grant	20	0	0
Auckland Central Special Legacy			
Grant Pt Chev.	10	0	0
Special Legacy Grant Western Springs	10	0	0
	682	10	0

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.
HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.
Statement of Receipts and Expenditure—Continued.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Home Mission Stations.						
Ngaruawahia ..	4	4	1			
Ngaruawahia, 1946 ..	2	1	4			
Coromandel, 1946 ..	30	0	7			
Kawhia ..	1	11	0			
Ohura, 1946 ..	7	1	4			
Maori Missions ..	149	4	7			
				1,428	13	2

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.
Circuits.

New Plymouth ..	263	8	4
New Plymouth, 1946 ..	11	4	4
Waitara ..	38	8	0
Stratford ..	64	10	10
Eltham-Kaponga ..	70	11	9
Ditto, 1946 ..	5	10	6
Hawera ..	83	9	4
Hawera, 1946 ..	13	11	10
Manaiā ..	42	11	8
Opunake ..	104	15	0
Wanganui ..	102	0	0
Wanganui, 1946 ..	15	0	0
Wanganui North ..	74	11	9
Gonville ..	39	1	6
Gonville, 1946 ..	3	3	0
Taihape ..	20	13	4

Home Mission Stations.

Inglewood ..	20	4	2
Marton ..	34	13	3
Raetihi-Ohakune ..	1	0	0
Patea ..	15	2	9
Maori Missions ..	1	18	0
			1,025 9 4

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.
Circuits.

Napier ..	169	10	9
Hastings ..	94	14	8
Hastings, 1946 ..	5	10	9
Gisborne ..	65	3	9
Gisborne, 1946 ..	21	5	0
Wairoa ..	10	11	0
Dannevirke ..	37	14	4
Woodville ..	32	18	2
Pahiatua ..	36	17	11
Palmerston North (St. Paul's) ..	134	2	11
Palmerston North (Cuba Street) ..	115	14	0
Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe ..	-	-	-
Feilding ..	182	4	0
Sanson-Rongotea ..	55	4	10

Home Mission Stations.

Waipawa ..	29	7	0
Foxton-Shannon ..	48	9	3
Apiti ..	-	-	-
Norsewood ..	-	-	-
			1,039 8 4

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.
Circuits.

Wellington—Central ..	247	7	2
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EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT. Home Mission Stations.						
Coromandel ..	66	5	0			
Kawhia ..	52	10	0			
Kawhia Travelling ..	18	15	0			
Kawhia Special ..						
Legacy Grant ..	15	0	0			
Ngaruawahia ..	53	15	0			
Ngaruawahia Special ..	25	0	0			
Aided Circuits.						
Putaruru ..	18	15	0			
Taumarunui ..	91	5	0			
Hauraki Plains ..	41	5	0			
Waiki ..	71	5	0			
Te Kuiti ..	50	0	0			
Te Kuiti Special ..	25	0	0			
Opotiki ..	47	10	0			
				576	5	0

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.
Home Mission Stations.

Marton ..	50	0	0
Inglewood ..	11	5	0
Aided Circuits.			
Taihape ..	27	10	0
Waitara ..	15	0	0
			193 15 0

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.
Home Mission Stations.

Waipawa ..	46	5	0
Apiti ..	30	0	0
Foxton-Shannon ..	2	10	0

Aided Circuits.

Wairoa ..	36	5	0
Pahiatua ..	15	0	0
			130 0 0

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.
Home Mission Stations.

Paraparaumu ..	56	5	0
Aided Circuits.			
Wellington East ..	52	10	0
Ditto, Special ..	22	10	0
Ditto, Island Bay ..	6	5	0
Johnsonville ..	53	15	0
Hutt ..	107	10	0
Special Legacy Grant (Upper Taitā) ..	10	0	0
Eketahuna ..	30	0	0
Upper Hutt ..	47	10	0
			386 5 0

NELSON DISTRICT.
Home Mission Stations.

Havelock ..	20	0	0
Wakefield-Dovedale ..	15	0	0
Granity ..	12	10	0
Aided Circuits.			
Westport ..	20	0	0
Reefton ..	36	5	0

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.
HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure—Continued.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
West ..	133	2	6			
South ..	31	19	0			
South, 1946 ..	7	1	0			
East ..	162	7	2			
Johnsonville-Ngalo ..	55	0	7			
Hutt ..	163	15	5			
Upper Hutt ..	25	9	6			
Petone ..	16	3	2			
Petone, 1946 ..	19	4	10			
Greytown-Featherston ..	29	3	11			
Carterton ..	31	8	9			
Masterton ..	167	6	1			
Eketahuna ..	25	5	8			
Levin ..	69	18	1			
Otaki ..	18	0	0			

Home Mission Stations.

Paraparaumu ..	18	17	4			
				1,221	10	2

NELSON DISTRICT.

Circuits.

Nelson ..	120	0	0
Richmond ..	56	5	11
Motueka ..	54	14	4
Blenheim ..	152	15	2
Reefton ..	35	14	9
Westport ..	29	4	8
Greymouth ..	42	11	0
Greymouth, 1946 ..	4	18	6
Hokitika ..	25	3	5

Home Mission Stations.

Wakefield-Dovedale	5	7	6
Havelock ..	2	15	0
Murchison ..	14	13	3
Granity ..	5	5	1
			549 8 7

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Circuits.

Christchurch—			
Durham St. ..	210	10	1
Durham St., 1946 ..	21	4	0
East ..	412	17	8
Cambridge Ter. ..	54	10	0
Woolston ..	115	6	6
Sydenham ..	68	11	6
Addington ..	75	19	3
Riccarton ..	36	10	2
St. Albans ..	219	18	11
St. Albans, 1946 ..	11	7	6
Papanui ..	73	10	7
Lytelton ..	13	10	6
Springston ..	26	9	10
Leeston ..	54	15	6
Kalapoi ..	67	6	6
Ohoka ..	51	15	8
Rangiora ..	64	5	0
Woodend-Sefton ..	33	4	4
Greendale ..	23	0	0
Oxford ..	50	1	7

Home Mission Stations.

Tai Tapu	..	-	-	-	
Hawarden	..	5	18	2	
		<hr/>			1,690 13 3

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Reefton, Special ..	20	0	0			
Hokitika ..	20	0	0			
Hokitika, Special ..	20	0	0			
Greymouth, Special ..	35	0	0			
				198	15	0

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Home Mission Station.

Tai Tapu ..	8	15	0
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Aided Circuits.

Lytelton	..	36	5	0
Springston	..	30	0	0
Oxford	..	60	0	0
Papanui	..	6	5	0
				141 5 0

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Aided Circuits.

Temuka ..	35	0	0
Temuka, Maori ..	5	0	0
Timaru (Woodlands Street) ..	55	0	0
Mayfield—Special Legacy Grant ..	13	0	0
			108 0 0

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Waikouaiti ..	66	5	0
Otautau ..	23	15	0
Mosgiel ..	56	5	0
Cromwell ..	56	5	0
Edendale ..	3	15	0
Edendale, Special ..	25	0	0
Bluff ..	10	0	0
Balclutha ..	46	5	0

Aided Circuits.

Cargill Road ..	13	15	0		
Milton ..	51	5	0		
Roslyn ..	23	15	0		
Roxburgh ..	80	0	0		
Roxburgh, Special ..	15	0	0		
Port Chalmers ..	50	0	0		
Dunedin North ..	12	10	0		
Caversham—Special ..					
Legacy—Corstorphine ..	10	0	0		
District Expenses—					
Rural Travelling ..	4	0	9		
				547	15 9
Total Circuits ..				£2874	10 9

GENERAL.

Connexional Properties.

General Superintendent—				
Stipend	..	350	0	0
Travelling	..	125	0	0
Rent	..	150	0	0
			625	0 0
Assistant Superintendent—				
Stipend	..	325	0	0
Travelling	..	125	0	0
Rent	..	150	0	0
			600	0 0

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.
HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.
Statement of Receipts and Expenditure—Continued.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.							
Circuits.							
Timaru—				Maori Missionary—			
Banks St. ..	42	2	2	Stipend ..	300	0	0
Woodlands St. ..	87	17	7	Travelling ..	185	11	8
South ..	16	2	7	Rent ..	150	0	0
Waimate ..	65	2	11				635 11 8
Temuka ..	31	8	8	Treasurer ..	2	10	0
Geraldine ..	29	3	1	Connexional			
Ashburton ..	158	12	6	Charges ..	124	0	0
Willowby ..	51	1	4				126 10 0
Oamaru ..	56	4	7				
			537 15 5	Office.			
OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.				Rent ..	104	0	0
Circuits.				Telegrams and			
Dunedin—				Tolls ..	56	9	4
Central ..	119	2	7	Electric Power ..	13	4	10
Central Mission ..	73	15	6	Salaries ..	325	18	0
North ..	36	4	7	Office Expenses and			
Cargill Road ..	65	13	8	Equipment ..	112	0	9
St. Kilda ..	94	0	0	Code "Paipera" ..	2	0	0
Caversham ..	48	0	5				613 12 11
Mornington ..	62	11	0	Printing and Stationery.			
Roslyn ..	40	17	11	Annual Reports ..	211	7	6
Port Chalmers ..	23	16	6	Printing and			
Milton ..	29	4	6	Stationery ..	156	17	0
Roxburgh ..	27	16	2	Lotu (H.M. share			
Invercargill—				of cost) ..	49	16	3
Central ..	114	7	7	Postages, Exchanges,			
St. Peters ..	81	8	2	Etc. ..	114	16	1
Gore ..	22	6	8				532 16 10
Home Mission Stations.				Retiring Funds.			
Bluff ..	10	0	0	Deaconess ..	222	0	0
Waikouaiti ..	20	6	0	Home Missionaries ..	193	10	0
Mosgiel ..	15	6	0				415 10 0
Balclutha ..	34	12	3	Interest on Over-			
Edendale ..	12	10	11	draft ..	326	18	6
Edendale, 1946 ..	5	17	6	Deputation Ex-			
Lawrence ..	6	16	0	penses ..	359	3	0
Cromwell ..	18	7	2				686 1 6
Western Southland ..	22	5	2	Miscellaneous.			
Nightcaps ..	3	15	6	Deaconess House ..	200	0	0
			989 1 7	Natural Calami-			
Total Circuits ..	£10,700	1	6	ties ..	25	0	0
GENERAL.				Church Sites Fund ..	100	0	0
Connexional Properties.				Colporteur Subsidy ..	100	0	0
Auckland ..	150	0	0	Trinity College ..	100	0	0
Grey Institute ..	500	0	0	Spiritual Advance	25	0	0
Kai Iwi ..	100	0	0	Removal Exes. Fund ..	45	0	0
			750 0 0	Deputation Films ..	107	9	4
Investments ..			1904 9 11	Students ..	22	10	0
			£2,654 9 11	Hamilton Centre			
Special Donations.				(Legacy Grant) ..	20	0	0
M.W.M.U. for				Cheque Book and			
Deaconesses ..	1665	0	0	Bank Charges ..	4	10	0
M.W.M.U., Special	30	0	0	Ministerial Supplies ..	54	0	3
Special lodged with				Compassionate Grant ..	15	0	0
Maori Account ..	328	4	4	Tongan Visit ..	199	0	0
Conference Collec-				Legacies Disbursed ..	65	0	0
tions ..	19	6	9	"Methodist Times" ..	12	10	6
Fire Insurance				Rates Spring Creek ..	2	18	2
Funds ..	100	0	0	President's Supply ..	30	0	0
Duplicating ..	15	17	7	Bookroom ..	6	19	3
			2,158 8 8	U.S.A.—Gen. Supt. ..	200	0	0
				Sundries ..	16	5	10

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.
HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure—Continued.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sundry Donations.						
Ninety-nine ..	50	0	0			
Anon. ..	25	0	0			
Anon. ..	10	0	0			
Wellwisher ..	10	0	0			
Mr. and Mrs. Alexander ..	7	0	0			
Anon. ..	3	0	0			
Rev. Alan Jones ..	2	0	0			
Rev. S. Dawson, C.F. ..	2	0	0			
Anon., Hamilton ..	2	0	0			
Mr. and Mrs. F. Hayman ..	2	0	0			
Anon. ..	1	17	0			
Anon., Ch.Ch. ..	1	0	0			
Anon. ..	1	0	0			
Auckland D.Y.C. ..	23	0	0			
Kaipoi B.C. Camp ..	17	6				
Trentham Easter Camp ..	3	5	0			
Taiporohenui Maori Camp ..	10	0				
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu Youth ..	1	12	6			
Taranaki-Wanganui Easter Camp ..	2	8	2			
C.Y.M.M. Easter Camp ..	4	5	6			
Dominion Road Youth Council ..	6	17	6			
South Island Maori Ohangai B.C. ..	1	10	0			
Masterton Baptist Church ..	1	0	0			
				167	3	2
Legacies received for disbursement ..	290	0	0			
				290	0	0
Donations to U.S.A. Trip ..				128	0	0
				16,098	3	3
Dr. Balance 15th Jan. '48 ..				6,658	15	4

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Picture Dept. ..	402	8	7			
M.W.M.U. Transfer to Maori Miss. a/c. ..	328	4	4			
				2,081	16	3
				18,413	7	11
Dr. Bal. 15th Jan. 1947 ..				4,343	10	8

We have examined the Books and Vouchers of the Methodist Home Mission and Church Extension Department for the Year ended 15th January, 1948. All our requirements as Auditors have been complied with, and in our opinion the above statement correctly shows the position of the Fund as at the above-mentioned date.

J. L. CRAWFORD } Hon. Auditors
P. DELLOW }

£22,756 18 7

£22,756 18 7

METHODIST HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD.

Treasurers: REV. B. M. CHRYSTALL and MR. FRANK PENN.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 15th JANUARY, 1948.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balances as at 15th January, 1947—							By Interest Transferred—						
" Maintenance A/cs.	222	13	7	Direct to Home						
" Okaiawa Suspense A/c.	396	0	0	Mission Fund ..	1904	9	11			
" Kawakawa Maori Centre A/c.	1120	16	0	Through Mornington ..	3	10	0			
" Capital Awaiting Investment	5793	15	1	Through Invercargill						
							Central ..	8	15	0			
						£7533	4	8			1916	14	11
To New Cash on A/c. Capital—							.. Capital Invested—						
Estate Late Rev. G. F Stockwell	25	0	0	Properties ..	489	8	2			
" " J. W. Gibson	26	0	0	New Mortgages ..	1800	0	0			
" " Mrs. Sarah Jones	25	0	0	New Special Loans	8785	5	6			
" " Duncan McKenzie	296	15	10					11,074	13	8
" " Alice Looms	200	0	0	Sinking Fund Dis-						
" " Wake	591	11	9	bursed				140	15	9
" " J. J. B. Veale	4	9	2	Deposit refund to						
" " A. B. C. Wills	2	5	6	Mission P. Trust				201	10	11
" " S. J. Ambury	25	15	4	Bottle Memorial						
" " J. T. Norton	50	0	0	Gift. A.S.B.				35	0	0
" " J. C. Prudhoe	35	19	6	Okaiawa Suspense						
" " Hannah Astley	25	0	0	A/c. Disbursed				369	0	0
" " Enos Stephenson		15	0	Nett Expenditure						
" " Ellen Dearlove	50	0	0	Maintenance A/cs.				59	13	0
" " Samuel Gorman	59	1	11							
- Memorial Gift—Mrs. Till	50	0	0							
						£1467	14	0					
To New Capital Sinking Funds	365	14	5	.. Balances—						
" " Kawakawa Centre	93	11	10	Maintenance A/c. ..	163	0	7			
" Repayment of Mortgages	187	2	6	Kawakawa Maori Centre						
" Repayment of Special Loans	2339	2	0	A/c. ..	1214	7	10			
" Sale of Properties	500	0	0	Legacy Disbursement						
" Maturity National Savings Certificates	3	16	8	Suspense A/c. ..	75	0	0			
						£3489	7	5	Capital Awaiting Dis-				
" New Capital Bottle Gift	35	0	0	bursements ..	2239	4	4			
						£35	0	0			3682	12	9
" Interest from H.M. Fund	168	10	9							
" " Wake Estate	26	1	3							

72	72	Canterbury Insurance Stock	..	38	14	11
72	72	Gorman Capital	.. ..	637	9	9
72	72	Special Loans	.. ..	221	0	2
72	72	Other Investments	.. ..	730	16	5
72	72	Mornington Gift	.. ..	3	10	0
72	72	Invercargill Central Gift	.. ..	8	15	0
72	72	P.O. Savings Bank	.. ..	43	6	8
72	72	Interest on Memorial Gifts—				
		Miss Ann Carvell, Blenheim	.. ..	3	10	0
		Mr. Francis Terrill, ..	.. ..	3	10	0
		Mr. R. W. Parker	.. ..	3	10	0
		Mr. and Mrs. John Spencer, Nelson	.. ..	3	10	0
		Mr. & Mrs. R. C. Botham, Tua Marina	.. ..	3	10	0
		Mrs. C. B. White, Blenheim	.. ..	3	10	0
		Mr. & Mrs. C. B. Cresswell, Lower Moutere	.. ..	3	10	0
		Mr. & Mrs. W. R. Parker, Blenheim	.. ..	3	10	0
		Mr. F. O. White, Blenheim	.. ..	3	10	0
		Mr. E. H. Penny, Blenheim	.. ..	3	10	0
		Rev. & Mrs. W. Baumber, Christchurch	.. ..	3	10	0
				£1916 14 11		
72	72	P.O.S.B., Withdrawn	.. ..	2800	0	0
72	72	Government Insurance Stock Matured	.. ..	190	0	0
72	72	Portion Legacies held for Disbursement	75	0	0
				£17,507 1 0		

£17,507 1 0

STATEMENT OF CAPITAL AS AT 15th JANUARY, 1948.

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Invest. Res. A/c.					
	25	0	0		
		622	10	11	
			845	3	1
New Capital Sinking Funds ..	224	18	8		
Buddle Memorial Gift ..	35	0	0		
New Capital Kawakawa Centre A/c. ..	93	11	10		
			353	10	6
Disbursement Suspense A/c.	75	0	0		
			75	0	0
			£70,519	4	4
					£70,519 4 4

STATEMENT OF SAMUEL AND CLARA MATILDA GORMAN HOME MISSION BEQUEST.

(Abstracted from the Aforegone Statement of Receipts and Payments.)

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Capital at 16th January, 1947 ..	18,213	13	6	By Interest Home Mission Fund ..	637	9	9
„ New Capital ..	59	1	11	„ Capital as at 15th January, 1948 ..	18,272	15	5
„ Interest Received during Year ..	637	9	9				
	£18,910	5	2		£18,910	5	2

REV. AND MRS. THOMAS BUDDLE CENTENNIAL GIFT.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance as at 16th January, 1947 ..	92	5	9	By Interest Disbursed on Libraries ..	4	7	4
„ Interest ..	2	6	7	„ Balance 15th January, 1948 ..	90	5	0
	£94	12	4		£94	12	4

REV. AND MRS. BUTTLE CENTENNIAL GIFT.

To Balance as at 16th January, 1947	162 15 10	By Interest Expended Kurahuna	6 18 0
" New Capital during Year	35 0 0	" Balance, 15th January, 1948	195 0 0
" Interest	4 2 2		
	<u>£201 18 0</u>		<u>£201 18 0</u>

MISS K. TROUNSON CENTENNIAL GIFT.

By Balance as at 15th January, 1947	90 0 0	By Grant Kohukohu Parsonage	25 0 0
		Kaikohe Parsonage	25 0 0
		Kaukapakapa Parsonage	25 0 0
		Kaeo Transport	15 0 0
	<u>£90 0 0</u>		<u>£90 0 0</u>

HOME MISSIONARIES' REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND.

To Balance as at 16th January, 1947	317 13 0	By Removal Expenses during Year	110 1 10
" Circuit Levies	147 0 0	" Balance, 15th January, 1948	434 11 2
" Home Mission Subsidy	45 0 0		
" Fire Insurance Fund	25 0 0		
	<u>£544 13 0</u>		<u>£544 13 0</u>

SPECIAL LOANS ACCOUNT.

	Loans Current 15/1/47.	New Loans	Repaid during Year	Current 15/1/48
Kohukohu Parsonage	389 17 2		15 17 2	374 0 0
Russell Sunday School	112 6 4		112 6 4	
Auckland Permanent Youth Camps	1600 0 0		400 0 0	1200 0 0
Castlecliff Hall	246 2 9		7 4 5	238 18 4
Hamilton Maori Centre	1769 15 1		631 3 11	1138 11 2
Roskill Sunday School	1559 14 6			1559 14 6
Kaitoke Church, Wanganui	154 6 6		5 17 7	148 8 11
Kohukohu Transport	260 18 0		72 8 5	188 9 7
Opotiki Transport	96 14 9		27 15 8	68 19 1
Senior Youth Director's House	2000 0 0		70 10 0	1929 10 0
Stoke-Richmond	310 0 0		5 8 3	304 11 9
Otago Youth Camp	247 16 4		11 3 2	236 13 2
Waitangi Road, Onehunga	600 0 0		32 0 0	568 0 0
Chaplains' Transport		375 0 0	62 15 0	312 5 0
Maori Missionary		420 0 0	164 7 4	255 12 8
Putaruru Transport		250 0 0	50 2 9	199 17 3
Kaukapakapa Transport		325 0 0	325 0 0	
Balclutha Transport		250 0 0	46 10 5	203 9 7
Waikato Maori Transport		320 0 0	26 13 7	293 6 5
Pitt Street Mobile Unit		1000 0 0		1000 0 0
Manly Section Loan		65 0 0		65 0 0
Runanga		100 0 0		100 0 0
Western Springs		1200 0 0	31 12 6	1168 7 6
Paeroa		300 0 0		300 0 0
Youth Director, Christchurch		615 0 0		615 0 0
Grey Institute		3000 0 0		3000 0 0
General Supt., Travelling, U.S.A.		350 0 0	200 0 0	150 0 0
Office Equipment Loan		215 5 6	40 5 6	175 0 0
	<u>£9,347 11 5</u>	<u>£8785 5 6</u>	<u>£2339 2 0</u>	<u>£15,793 14 11</u>

We have audited the accounts of the Methodist Home Mission and Church Extension Investments Funds Board. All our requirements as Auditors have been complied with. We have examined the Books and Vouchers, and in our opinion the above Statement correctly sets out the position of the Funds as at January 15th, 1948.

J. L. CRAWFORD }
P. DELLOW } Hon. Auditors.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 15th JANUARY, 1948.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance as at 16th January,													
1947—				95	3	0							
„ Repts:													
Kao													
Mangawhare				36	0	0							
Opononi				100	8	2							
Mt. Wesley				78	0	0							
Raglan				1	10	0							
							215	18	2				
„ Repayment Account, Opononi							74	13	11				
Sale, Whangaroa				20	9	0							
				£406	4	1							

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.			
Payment Home Mission Fund	150	0	0										
Rates	42	4	11										
Secretarial Work	10	0	0										
Land Tax	1	6	0										
Fire Insurance	3	13	6										
Legal Expenses and Sundries	19	8	3										
									226	12	8		
Credit Balance, B.N.Z.—													
Cash on A/c. Capital	184	17	11										
Less Debit Revenue A/c.	5	6	6										
									179	11	5		
									£406	4	1		

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Accumulated Funds, 16th January, 1947 ..	£6482	9 11	By Properties		6297 12 0
			" Cash on A/c. Capital	179 11 5	
			" Plus Overpaid to H.M. Fund ..	<u>5 6 6</u>	
					184 17 11
	<u>£6482</u>	<u>9 11</u>			<u>£6482 9 11</u>

P. DELLOW
J. L. CRAWFORD } Hon. Auditors

METHODIST LITERATURE AND COLPORTEUR SOCIETY.

Treasurer: MR. L. T. HAYMAN.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st JULY, 1947.

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I Certify that I have audited the above Balance Sheet (and accompanying Trading and Profit & Loss Accounts) together with the Books and Vouchers relating thereto, and that in my opinion it is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the Society's affairs as at 31st July, 1947. I have accepted the certificates of the manager, Mr. Beavis, as to the value of the stock on hand.

(Signed) C. R. HOWELL) Auditor

METHODIST LITERATURE AND COLPORTEUR SOCIETY.

Treasurer: MR. L. T. HAYMAN.

TRADING ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY, 1947.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Stock, 1/8/46	1095	8	2	By Sales	4311	16	3
" Purchases	3315	17	8				
" Gross Profit	1513	5	2	" Stock, 31/7/47	1612	14	9
	£5924	11	0		£5924	11	0

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY, 1947.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Salaries	835	15	4	By Gross Profit	1513	5	2
" Rent	302	10	10	" Interest	11	14	2
" Freight and Postage	55	19	10				
" Advertising	10	15	3				
" Insurance	3	19	5				
" Telephone and Tolls	18	1	3				
" Bad Debts written off	10	4	3				
" General Expenses	65	15	4				
" Depreciation—Fittings and Equipment	45	14	10				
" Net Profit	176	3	0				
	£1524	19	4		£1524	19	4

PICTURE DEPARTMENT.
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR PERIOD ENDING

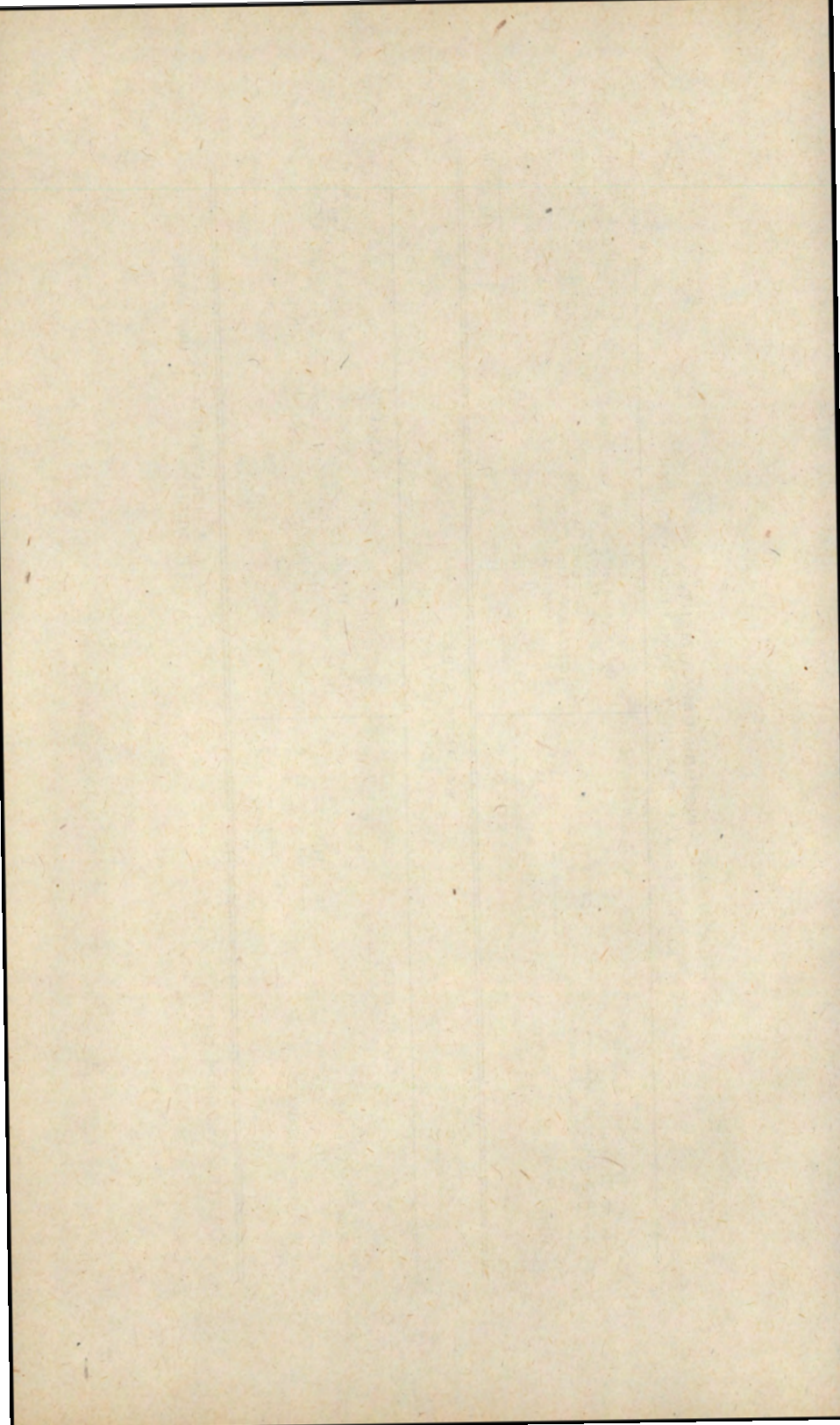
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Cash Transferred from						
L. & C. Dept.—						
o/a Capital Account	24	4	11			
o/a Working Account	15	0	0			
				39	4	11
„ Grant from H.M. Fund				402	8	7
				£441	13	6
By New Equipment Purchased						
Cash B.N.Z.—						
Working Account	15	0	0			
15th JANUARY, 1948.						
Capital	24	4	11			
				39	4	11
				£441	13	6

BALANCE SHEET.
AS AT 15th JANUARY, 1948.

LIABILITIES.						ASSETS.										
			£	s.	d.						£	s.	d.			
Capital Account—						Cash in B.N.Z.	..	..	..	..	..	39	4	11
Plant at Valuation	456	6	7	Equipment	..	..	..	..	..	456	6	7		
Cash	24	4	11											
					480	11	6									
Working Account			15	0	0									
					£495	11	6							£495	11	6

AUDITED and found correct.

J. L. CRAWFORD }
P. DELLOW } Hon. Auditors



METHODIST HOME MISSION DEPARTMENT

ESTIMATES INCOME and EXPENDITURE 1948

Income

1. CIRCUITS, HOME MISSION STATIONS, AND MAORI CIRCUITS:
(Actual average ordinary income for last three years).

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland District	2180	10	6			
South Auckland District	1273	7	8			
Taranaki-Wanganui District	746	9	0			
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District	1009	2	0			
Wellington District	1177	18	6			
Nelson District	509	16	6			
North Canterbury District	1428	9	6			
South Canterbury District	528	16	6			
Otago-Southland District	861	19	6			
	<hr/>			£9716	9	8

2. PROPERTIES AND INVESTMENTS 2500 0 0
 3. SPECIAL FOR MAORI WORK—M.W.M.U. Objective .. 1665 0 0
 4. MISCELLANEOUS 250 0 0

Total Estimated Income from All Sources	£14,131	9	8
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Expenditure

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Maori Work.

	£	s.	d.
Senior Maori Supt.—Stipend ..	275	0	0
Travelling ..	75	0	0
Spec'l Trav. ..	25	0	0
Invest. Funds			
Bd. Rent ..	80	0	0
Minister—Stipend ..	250	0	0
Travelling ..	75	0	0
Special Travelling ..	10	0	0
Investment Funds			
Board Rent ..	52	0	0
Minister—Stipend ..	240	0	0
Travelling ..	60	0	0
Investment Fund			
Board Rent ..	30	0	0
Home Missionary—Stipend ..	52	0	0
Travelling ..	52	0	0
Rent ..	26	0	0
Home Missionary—Stipend ..	180	0	0
Travelling ..	52	0	0
Home Missionary—Travelling ..	52	0	0
Hon. H.M.'s — Grants for			
Trav. & Gen. Exps. ..	50	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend ..	190	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend ..	185	0	0
Auck. Deaconesses—Travelling ..	45	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend ..	200	0	0
Provision for Car ..	70	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend ..	190	0	0
Provision for Car ..	70	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend ..	185	0	0
Travelling ..	50	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend ..	190	0	0
Travelling ..	50	0	0
£3061	0	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Deaconess Supply—Stipend ..	185	0	0
Prov. for Car ..	70	0	0
Probationer Deaconess—Stipend ..	160	0	0
Prov. for Car ..	70	0	0
Hon. Asst. Deaconess—			
Travelling ..	36	0	0
Deaconess Nurse (if apptd.)			
Stipend ..	200	0	0
Travelling ..	50	0	0
Invest. Funds Board for Rent—			
Ngaruawahia ..	52	0	0

Maniapoto (Central King Country) Circuit.

Minister—Stipend ..	215	0	0
Travelling ..	60	0	0
Home Missionary—Stipend ..	180	0	0
Travelling ..	100	0	0
Rent ..	100	0	0
Home Missionary—Stipend ..	180	0	0
(Kawhia Appnt.) Travelling ..	60	0	0
Home Missionary—Travelling			
and Allowances ..	153	10	0
Grant for Travelling—5 Hon.			
H.M.s. and Gen. Cir. Exp. ..	260	0	0
Special Travelling ..	10	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend ..	200	0	0
Provision for Car ..	70	0	0
Deaconess Supply—Stipend ..	200	0	0
Travelling ..	70	0	0
Invest. Fds. Board—Rent—			
Kawhia ..	60	0	0
Invest. Fds. Board—Rent—			
Te Kuiti ..	52	0	0

£4067 0 0

Home Mission Stations.

North Waitemata (2 agents) ..	125	0	0
North Hokianga ..	60	0	0

Circuits with Home Missionaries.

Onehunga (Waitangi Road) ..	85	0	0
Port Albert (Wellsford)			
(if 2nd Agent) ..	50	0	0

Aided Circuits

Whangaroa ..	25	0	0
Hokianga (M.P.) ..	35	0	0
Mangonui ..	35	0	0
Kawakawa-Kaikohu (If M.P.) ..	50	0	0
Hikurangi (If S.H.M.P.) ..	10	0	0
Otahuhu (Reducing) ..	20	0	0

£495 0 0

Home Mission Stations.

Ngaruawahia M.H.M. ..	50	0	0
Kawhia ..	45	0	0
Kawhia—Travelling ..	30	0	0
Coromandel ..	60	0	0
Ohura S.H.M. ..	50	0	0

Aided Circuits.

Waihi (if M.O.M.) ..	65	0	0
Putaruru ..	25	0	0
Opotiki ..	40	0	0
Te Kuiti (if M.H.M.) ..	50	0	0
Travelling ..	10	0	0
Taumararua—M.P. ..	70	0	0
Hauraki Plains ..	40	0	0

£535 0 0

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Maori Work.

Waikato Circuit.

Home Missionary—Stipend ..	180	0	0
Travelling ..	60	0	0
Home Missionary—Travelling			
and Allowances ..	240	0	0
Home Missionary—Stipend ..	180	0	0
Travelling ..	60	0	0
Grants for Travelling, Hon.			
Supt. Minister, 6 Hon. H.			
M.'s. and General Circuit			
Expenses ..	373	10	0
Special Travelling ..	10	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend ..	200	0	0
Prov. for Car ..	70	0	0

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

Maori Work.

Minister—Stipend ..	250	0	0
Travelling ..	75	0	0
Special Travelling ..	20	0	0
Inves. Fds. Bd. Rent ..	75	0	0
Home Missionary—Stipend ..	180	0	0
Travelling ..	60	0	0
Rent, etc. ..	75	0	0
Hon. H.M.: Grant for Trav.			
and Gen. Circuit Exps. ..	120	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend ..	200	0	0
Travelling ..	50	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend ..	190	0	0
Provision for Car ..	70	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend ..	185	0	0
Provision for Car ..	70	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Deaconess (N.P., if apptd.)—			
Stipend	160	0	0
Travelling	50	0	0
	£1830	0	0

Home Mission Stations.

Marton (if M.H.M.)	50	0	0
Patea (if S.H.M.)	10	0	0

Aided Circuits.

Taihape	25	0	0
Waitara—Travelling	15	0	0
	£100	0	0

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT

Home Mission Stations.

Waipawa	45	0	0
Foxton	30	0	0
Apti (if M.H.M.)	30	0	0

Aided Circuits.

Wairoa	35	0	0
Pahiatua	10	0	0
	£150	0	0

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Paraparaumu	50	0	0
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Aided Circuits.

Wellington East	40	0	0
Wellington East—Island Bay	25	0	0
Johnsonville-Ngaio	45	0	0
Hutt—For 2nd Agent	45	0	0
Hutt—For 3rd Agent	50	0	0
Eketahuna	30	0	0
Upper Hutt (if S.P.)	45	0	0
	£330	0	0

NELSON DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Havelock	20	0	0
Wakefield-Dovedale (if present arrangement)	20	0	0
Granity (if M.H.M.)	50	0	0
Murchison—Travelling	10	0	0

Aided Circuits.

Reefton (M.H.M.)	25	0	0
Hokitika	40	0	0
Greymouth—Travelling	25	0	0
	£190	0	0

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Tai Tapu (if H.M. apptd.)	40	0	0
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Aided Circuits.

Sydenham (if P.)	100	0	0
Springston (Reducing)	20	0	0
Lytelton (if M.P.)	30	0	0
Oxford	55	0	0
	£245	0	0

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Aided Circuits.

Timaru (Woodland St.)—			
Deaconess	40	0	0
Temuka	30	0	0
Temuka—Maori	5	0	0
	£75	0	0

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Mosgiel	40	0	0
Mosgiel—Travelling	10	0	0
Cromwell	50	0	0
Cromwell—Special Travelling	30	0	0
Bluff (if M.H.M.)	35	0	0
Balclutha	45	0	0
Edendale (if M.H.M.)	65	0	0

Aided Circuits.

West. Southland (if 2 agents)	100	0	0
Dunedin North (if M.O.M.)	50	0	0
Dunedin North—Travelling	25	0	0
Milton	50	0	0
Roslyn	25	0	0
Roxburgh	70	0	0
Port Chalmers (if M.H.M.)	50	0	0
Cargill Rd. (St. Clair)—Trav.	10	0	0
Waikouaiti-Palmerston	40	0	0
Travelling	25	0	0
Special	20	0	0
	£740	0	0

GENERAL EXPENDITURE.

Maori Work.

S.S. Materials	10	0	0
Printing & Subsidy, Maori			
Paper	60	0	0
Special South Island Travelling	15	0	0
Workers' Conference	50	0	0
Students (Deaconess and General)	100	0	0
Methodist Times	5	0	0
Car Depreciation Grant	100	0	0
Contingencies	150	0	0
South Island Deaconess—			
Stipend	100	0	0
Travelling	40	0	0
Maori Furniture	40	0	0
Maori B.C. Camps	40	0	0
National Council of Churches—			
Maori Sub-Section	20	0	0
Maori Bible Revision	150	0	0
	£880	0	0

Miscellaneous.

H.M. Removal Exes. Fund			
Grant	45	0	0
H.M. Retiring Fund—Est.	200	0	0
Deaconess Retiring Fund—Est.	220	0	0
H.M. Deputation Exes.	150	0	0
Use of Picture Plant	75	0	0
Religious Film Society (N.Z.)	100	0	0
Ministerial Supplies—Est.	100	0	0
Board of Publications	50	0	0
Deaconess Institution	150	0	0
Theological College	150	0	0
Interest and Bank Charges	325	0	0
Church Sites Fund	100	0	0
Printing and Stationery	250	0	0
Advertising Space—Methodist			
Times	12	10	0
Subsidy—L. and C. Colporteur			
Work	100	0	0
Contingencies and Sundries	400	0	0
Circulating Library	5	0	0
Spiritual Advance Committee	25	0	0
Deaconess Students	30	0	0
Natural Calamities Fund	25	0	0
Visual Material for Deputation			
Work	50	0	0
Overseas Travel—Gen. Supt.	50	0	0

£2,612 10 0

	£	s.	d.
General Superintendent.			
Stipend	350	0	0
Travelling	150	0	0
Investment Fund Board—Rent	150	0	0
	£650	0	0

Assistant Superintendent.			
Stipend	325	0	0
Travelling	150	0	0
Investment Fund Board—Rent	150	0	0
	£625	0	0

Missionary in Maori Work.			
Stipend	300	0	0
Travelling	125	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Investment Fund Board—Rent			
	150	0	0
	£575	0	0
Connexional Charges	125	0	0

General Treasurers:			
Bookkeeping	150	0	0
Incidental Expenses	20	0	0
	£170	0	0

Office Expenses.			
Secretarial	150	0	0
Rent and Phones	140	0	0
Light and Heat	10	0	0
Postages, Etc.	110	0	0
Office Equipment	50	0	0
	£460	0	0

SUMMARY OF HOME MISSION DEPARTMENT ESTIMATES

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.
Circuits and H.M. Stations ..	9716	9	8
Properties and Investments ..	2500	0	0
M.W.M.U.—Special for Maori	1665	0	0
Miscellaneous	250	0	0
	£14,131	9	8
Estimated Accumulated deficit at end of 1948	10,442	15	8
	£24,574	5	4

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Maori	10,413	0	0
General	7502	10	0
	£17,915	10	0
1947 Debit Balance Brought Forward	6658	15	4
	£24,574	5	4

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"METHODIST TIMES."

Balance Sheet as at 31st October, 1947.

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LIABILITIES.			ASSETS		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Unexpired Values—			Subscriptions Outstanding	266	10 1
Subscriptions	702	7 3	Less Prepaid	25	1 2
Advertisements	74	16 4			
				241	8 11
Contingent Reserve Account ..		777 3 7	Less Provision for Agents' Commission	18	17 0
Suspense Account		500 0 0			
Accumulated Funds	632	14 4			
Less Special Grant for Departmental House Capital A/c.	100	0 0	Advertising Accounts Outstanding		14 7 6
			Contingent Fund, Treasurers Deposits—		129 2 5
			P.O. Savings Bank	63	6 9
	532	14 4	Supernumerary Fund	1320	1 0
Transfer from Revenue A/c ..	64	0 2			
			Balance at Bank of N.Z.		1383 7 9
		596 14 6			125 9 0
		£1874 18 7			£1874 18 7

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Auditors.

Christchurch, 17th November, 1947.

N.Z. METHODIST PEACE THANKSGIVING FUND.
Statement of Receipts and Payments for Period ended 31st December, 1947.

RECEIPTS..				PAYMENTS.			
1947—Dec. 31—		£	s. d.	1947—Dec. 31—		£	s. d.
Donations—Cash	....	14,638	7 4	Expenses—			
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Donations. Noted—Promises to the Fund and not yet received amount to £3,781.</p> </div>				Salaries and Expenses	....	844	15 0
				Travelling Expenses	....	235	10 5
				Printing and Stationery	....	213	14 9
				Sundry Expenses	....	82	12 10
							1376 13 0
				Grant—			
				Corstophine Union Church		500	0 0
				Capital Balance of Fund—			
				Nat. Savings Accounts ..	10500	0 0	
				Nat. Savings Bonds	....	47	10 9
				P.O.S.B. Account	....	2000	0 0
						12547	10 9
				Cash at Bank of N.Z.	214	3 7	
							12761 14 4
							£14,638 7 4
							£14,638 7 4

We have audited the statement of receipts and payments of the N.Z. Methodist Peace Thanksgiving Fund, and in our opinion the statement correctly sets out the position of the Fund.

F. S. ALLOTT, M.Com., A.P.A.N.Z.,
Treasurer.

H. F. ARNOLD, A.R.A.N.Z.,
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