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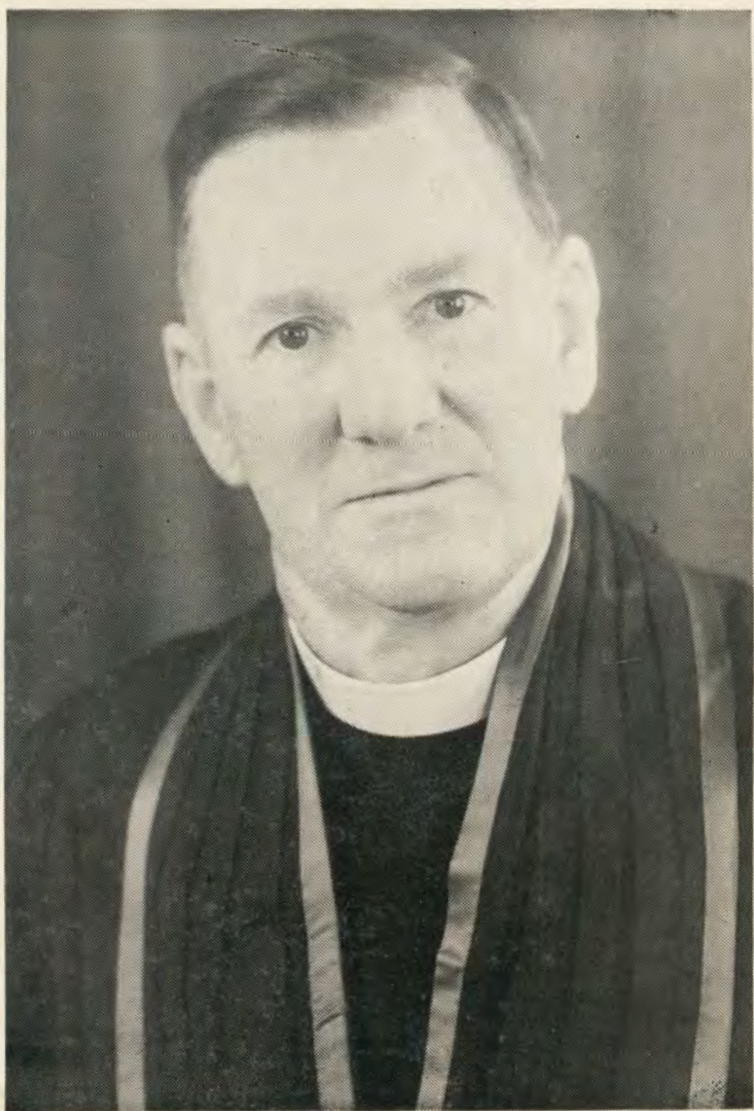
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"The Missions in Australia, Van Diemen's Land, the Friendly Islands and Feejee" were constituted by the British Conference of 1854 "a distinct Connexion, to be denominated 'The Australasian Wesleyan-Methodist Connexion,' with an Annual Conference,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

The first Australasian Conference was held in Sydney in the year 1855.

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

THE FIRST NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

of the Australasian Wesleyan Methodist Church was held in 1874.

THE TWENTY-FOURTH NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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

THE FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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

THE FIRST CONFERENCE

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Mr Francis H. Southgate 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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| *James Richards | *Arthur H. Voyce |
| *Harold A. Sharp | George I. Laurenson |
| *Walter J. Enticott | *Athol R. Penn |
| *Albert H. Fowles | Ivo M. Raynor |
| *Arthur Hopper | *A. Wharton E. Silvester |
| *Leslie B. Neale, M.B.E., B.A., F.R.G.S. | Harry V. Utting |
| *H. Leslie Richards | John D. Grocott, B.A. |
| *William Rowe | Charlie O. Hailwood |
| George B. Hinton | *Francis J. Handy |
| Frederick B. Lawrence | Charles E. Dickens |
| *Arthur H. Scrivin | *Leonard C. Horwood |
| William Walker, E.D. | Arthur T. Kent |
| *Arthur A. Bensley | *Walter Parker |
| Oswald Burnet | J. Montgomery Blight |
| William Green | Joseph C. Draper |
| Samuel J. Werren | E. Clarence Leadley |
| *Percy I. Cooke | Matthew A. McDowell |
| B. Thomas Olds | *Wesley Parker, M.A., B.D. |
| Henry J. Odell | *Thomas H. Carr |
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| *George E. Brown | Raymond Dudley, M.A., D.D., |
| Robert E. Fordyce | F.R.E.S. |
| *Edwin S. Harkness | William W. H. Greenslade |

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D. J. Donald Hickman
V. Roy Jamieson, M.B.E., E.D.
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- *J. Ainsley Daglish
A. Everil Orr
Ralph E. Patchett
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.
- *John Churchill
William R. Francis, B.A., B.D.
- *Leslie T. Norwell
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Ernest S. Hoddinott
William R. Laws, M.A., B.D.
- *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
John K. Watson, M.C., B.A.
John B. Dawson, B.A.
Haddon C. Dixon, M.A., B.D.
Leslie R. M. Gilmore, L.A.
- *Lawrence Greenslade
Alan O. Jones
Charles H. Bell, B.A.
Harold K. Brown
- *Harold A. Darvill
Gordon V. Thomas, B.A.
J. Henry Woolford, M.A.
- *R. Frederick Clement, M.A.
Alan F. Collins
- *Arthur H. Ivory, LL.B., B.Com.
John J. Lewis, M.A., B.D.
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George R. Thompson
Leonard V. Willing
J. C. Aldwyn Williams
- Stanley G. Andrews, M.A., Dip. Ed.
- *Clifford G. Brown
- *George W. Cramond
W. Selwyn Dawson, M.A.
Wilfred E. Falkingham
- *Edmund D. Grounds
- *Albert Jolly
Robert H. Allen, B.A.
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- *Leslie F. Bycroft
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- *William H. Gregory
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Benjamin H. Riseley
- *Leonard Shapcott
- *Trevor Shepherd
- *A. Francis Attwood
W. Lloyd Divers
- *Allen H. Hall, M.A.
- *Donald Haylock
- *Ian C. E. Ramage, M.A.
Edward Baker
Wilf G. Eisner, B.A.
Wilfred F. Ford
- *Basil J. Hilder
J. Stanley Olds
Edmond S. Stewart
Ernera Te Tuhi
T. Ralph Benny
- *H. Maurice Brasell
Douglas H. Burt
Clifford J. Keightley
A. Roger G. Nuttall, B.A.
- *R. Hori Pratt, B.A.
Gordon A. R. Cornwell
Colin D. Clarke, B.A.
D. Bruce Gordon
Philip D. Ramsay
Leonard P. Schroeder
Harry W. Toothill
Owen T. Woodfield
- Maori Ministers—**
- *Rakena P. Rakena
*Matarae Tauroa
Ngatete Kerei Kukutai
Ranginohoro Rogers

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"	W. F. Stock
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Auckland East	P. R. Osborne
"	F. Paine
"	E. F. Mills
"	W. J. Williams
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Devonport	T. Moor
Takapuna	A. Turner
Birkenhead	W. Patterson
Onehunga	
Otahuhu	
Papatoetoe	
Papakura	R. Craig
Pukekohe	
Bombay	
Waiuku	
North Waitemata	H. Dixon
Mahurangi	
Paparoa	
Dargaville	H. Lendrum
Ruawai	W. G. Simpkin
Whangarei	W. J. Court
Hikurangi	—
Whangaroa	H. E. Walters
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Kawakawa-Kaikohe	Mrs. R. Nuttall
Mangonui	—
Hokianga	—
North Hokianga	

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Putaruru	G. E. Martin
Rotorua	—
Tauranga	

Whakatane	—
Opotiki	—
Te Awamutu	—
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Te Kuiti	D. H. Payne
Taumarunui	—
Ohura	—

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Stratford	D. I. West
Eltham	—
Hawera	G. H. Tozer
Manaia	H. J. Berry
Opunake	P. C. Hill
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Gonville	E. L. F. Buxton
Taihape	—

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Pahiatua	—
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Palmerston North (Cuba Street)	—
Ashhurst	R. A. Currie
Feilding	T. S. Hinde
Sanson-Rongotea	C. B. Hunt

Wellington District.

Wellington Central	....	....	....	....	C. J. Freeman
"	....	....	....	....	A. Olsson
Wellington West	....	....	....	....	H. F. Hart
"	....	....	....	....	Mrs. H. F. Hart
Wellington South	....	....	....	....	H. W. Smith
Wellington East	....	....	....	....	Mrs J. C. Riddell
"	....	....	....	....	J. C. Riddell
Wellington North	....	....	....	....	—
"	....	....	....	....	C. Johns
Hutt	....	....	....	....	Miss A. E. Johnston
"	....	....	....	....	E. W. Browne
Upper Hutt	....	....	....	....	W. O. Thomas
Petone	....	....	....	....	J. Holmes
Greytown-Featherston	A. M. Gray
Carterton	Mrs. E. E. Sage
Masterton	E. M. Hodder
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Levin	Mrs H. S. Kings
Otaki	—
Paraparaumu	W. H. Potts

Nelson District.

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"	D. Allen
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"	H. J. S. Harrington
"	F. J. Vinicombe
"	H. Harrington
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"	S. Falkingham
Sydenham	W. H. Price
Addington	—
Riccarton	G. E. Hill
St. Albans	P. A. Le Brun
"	B. A. Caygill
Papanui	Mrs. B. Hodder
Lyttelton	W. Couch
Springston	H. W. Peryman
Leeston	E. Bruce Ford
Kaiapoi	—
Ohoka	F. A. Sheat
Rangiora	H. A. Bennett
Woodend-Sefton	—
Greendale	R. Anderson
Oxford	N. Dalley

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Waimate	M. E. Hayman
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Geraldine	—
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Willowby	Miss M. Lill
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"	Mrs. King
Dunedin Central Mission	H. H. Johnson
"	—
Dunedin North	A. L. Stanton

Dunedin South	Mrs. C. H. Kitchin
St. Kilda	....	....	....	....	C. H. Kitchin
Mornington	G. R. Galbreath
Roslyn	—
Port Chalmers	Miss E. C. Purdie
Milton	C. R. Sheat
Roxburgh	—
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St. Peter's (Invercargill)	—
Gore	G. H. Anderson
Western Southland	Mrs E. W. Pearce
Mosgiel	—
Edendale	Mrs. W. Frazer
Bluff	—
Cromwell	D. G. Smith

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" " "	J. C. Tietjens
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Youth Department	G. S. Gapper
" " "	Miss D. M. Jones
" " "	Miss P. Yearbury
" " "	G. C. Burton
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Contingent Fund	J. E. Horrell
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Wesley College	T. M. Pacey
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Local Preachers' Association	F. G. Colechin
Methodist Men's Fellowship	—
Rangiatea College	—
Women's Guild Fellowship	Mrs. O. Burnet
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" " "	Sister Anne Wilson
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" " "	Te Hira Ratete
" " "	Rangi Katipa

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Wellington	S. N. Roberts
Nelson	H. Oldham
North Canterbury	—
South Canterbury	—
Otago-Southland	J. McIndoe

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

Gordon A. R. Cornwell	Phillip D. Ramsay
Colin D. Clark, B.A.	Leonard P. Schroeder
D. Bruce Gordon	Owen T. Woodfield

Who have travelled three years.

Harry W. Toothill (who has travelled two years)

QUESTION III.—What Preachers remain on Probation?

Frank H. Woodfield

Who has travelled three years.

H. David Besant

Amos W. Burrough

Ivan J. Clucas

Geoffrey T. Gilbert

O. McLennan Olds

Charles H. Raynor

Idris J. Ruck

Peter A. Stead

Who have travelled two years.

Edward P. Boyd (see Question VI.)

Wilfred J. Cable (see Question VI.)

George G. Carter, M.A., Dip. Ed.

David W. Edmonds

Ronald Elsom

Ronald L. George

Loyal J. Gibson

Robert C. Groves

John Grundy, B.A. (see Question VI)

John R. Hall

Allan J. Handyside

Ernest Hepplethwaite (see Question V.)

Arthur W. R. Mead

Archibald W. McKay (see Question V.)

John A. Penman

Ian W. Reid

Percy P. Rushton (see Question V.)

Harry I. Shaw

Sidney J. Spindler

John H. Thompson

George R. Trebilco

Ronald H. Wood (see Question VI.)

Who have travelled one year.

Alfred E. Tardif

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

Frederick J. K. Baker

Peter C. Carter (See Question VI)

Hughan M. Craig

E. Raymond Le Couteur

Alan Newman

Trevor L. Nicholls (See Question VI)

E. Keith Ordish

John H. Osborne

David G. Stubbs

Edward G. P. Turner

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

Ruawai D. Rakena

Who is continuing for a fourth year

Noel D. Billinghamurst

Arthur W. Dickie

Eric R. Eastwood

Archibald W. McKay (see Question III.) (non-resident student)

Alan H. V. Newton

Wattie T. Tahere

Lane M. Tauroa

David L. Trebilco

Alexander C. Watson

Who are continued for a third year.

William K. Abbott

Trevor L. Bennett

Ernest Heppelthwaite (see Question III.)

Harvey J. Hoskin

Cuthbert F. Peart

Frank S. Rigg

Alan K. Robert

Percy P. Rushton (see Question III.)

Neville Thornicroft

Who are continued for a second year.

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

Robert S. Andrews

George L. Bennett

Edward P. Boyd (See Question III)

Wilfred J. Cable (See Question III)

Peter C. Carter (See Question IV)

John Grundy, B.A. (See Question III)

Trevor L. Nicholls (See Question IV)

Donald J. Riesterer (From President's List of Reserve)

Bruce Scammell

Brian A. Walker

Brian M. Watson

Ronald H. Wood (See Question III)

John A. Ziesler

President's List of Reserve:

Ian D. Grant

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

None.

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

None.

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?

Second Year:

G. Armitage

I. J. Fowler

G. R. Payne

First Year:

G. B. W. Bell

F. L. Johnson

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

J. Frederick Martin

Basil Metson

Home Missionaries:

John Common

Te Aho-o-Te-Rangi Pihama

Tita Taiu Wetere

Wene Wiremu Herangi

JOSEPH FREDERICK MARTIN.

Joseph Frederick Martin, born of a pioneer Methodist family in Waimate, South Canterbury on 6th May, 1879, entered the full-time service of the Church in 1905. After some memorable and very effective years spent as a travelling missionary to the men in the various work camps along the Main Trunk line, then in course of construction, he was accepted as a probationer in 1908 and was ordained four years later.

In 1913 he married Miss Letitia Graham, of Glasgow, who has been to him a stalwart helper and companion in the work of the ministry. Wherever he laboured Mr Martin endeared himself to his people as a wise and true Christian pastor. His preaching was evangelical and simple, but never superficial, and there is more than one man serving in the ministry of our Church to-day who came under a sense of Call through his proclamation of the Word. Always a man of great humility, his serenity of spirit, coupled with a kindly, humorous, but informed grasp of affairs, made him greatly beloved by his brethren, both ministers and laymen.

Superannuating in 1944, Mr Martin spent a happy retirement in Castlecliff, Wanganui, and it was largely through his initiative and guidance that a property was purchased and Methodist work commenced there in 1945.

His quiet passing into the Church Triumphant on the 28th July, 1952, set the seal upon a life of unobtrusive but splendid service in the name of Christ.

BASIL METSON.

Basil Metson was born in Temuka on 24th August, 1879. His parents were loyal members of the Primitive Methodist Church. His conversion took place at a Conference in Timaru when he was 18 years of age. His early Christian life was nourished in the Christian Endeavour Movement and he was later received into the Primitive Methodist Ministry in 1905.

Possessing social gifts beyond the average, he was always a welcome visitor in the homes of the people, for he was the soul of

understanding sympathy and strength. He was a man of true spirituality, a wise counsellor and a faithful minister of Jesus Christ. His preaching was always expository and fired with evangelical purpose. He was a vigorous advocate of social causes, being particularly active in the cause of temperance and prohibition.

In 1909 he was married to Miss Helen McNair, of Dunedin, who ably supported him in all phases of Church activity. On her decease he married Miss Jessie Duff, of Christchurch, who in both the home and the Church, has proved an ideal help-mate.

Acting on medical advice he superannuated in 1945.

The Home Call came on February 8th, 1952. Thus ended the earthly service of one who in every place where he laboured, left evidence of work well and truly done.

JOHN COMMON.

John Common was called to Higher Service on October 30th, 1952. He was born at Enfield near Oamaru in 1880 and gave a life of faithful service.

Blessed with a godly parentage his early life gave evidence of Christian training. At an early age he gave himself to Christ and spent his whole life in His service. After some years in business he heard the call of God to enter the Home Mission Work. Here began a faithful and fruitful ministry which continued until ill health forced his retirement.

During World War I he saw active service with the Medical Corps. Upon his return he re-entered the Home Mission Work. John Common was a man of choice spirit, rich experience, and strong conviction. Sincerity and faithfulness marked all his actions. In all his work he won the esteem and affection of the people. His consecrated personality was most versatile and with heart and hand he served Christ and His Church. His love to Christ expressed itself in self-sacrifice.

The Home Call came suddenly. He ceased at once to work and live. His loyalty to Christ has left an abiding influence upon all who knew him. "We thank God for every remembrance of him."

TE AHO-TE-RANGI PIHAMA.

After many years of service to his people and the Church Te-Aho-te-Rangi Pihama, our senior Maori Home Missionary, passed away in his 80th year on May 27th, 1952.

Mr Pihama was a direct descendant of a notable Waikato chief who played an active part in early Mission history—Te Awaitaia, known also as Wiremu Neero. By reason of this, and also because of his natural gifts and wide knowledge of Maori traditions and culture, he occupied a natural position of leadership and authority, and for the thirty-two years since he entered the Home Mission ranks he used his position and gifts loyally and well in the service of his Church and people. He was a gracious spirit, a gifted orator and an able and effective worker in his various appointments.

He is affectionately remembered by many Pakeha friends who came to know him through his travelling with Maori Mission parties. Of kindly and gracious manner, he won for himself a place of honour and respect among those Pakeha people who knew him, as well as among his own people.

TITA TAUI WETERE.

Tita Taui Wetera was a gifted servant of the Maori people and the Church, and his sudden death on August 6th, 1952, was a tragic and severe loss.

Born of chieftain rank in Kawhia 64 years ago he made splendid use of his education and became a man at home in two cultures. He devoted all his gifts to the welfare of his people and his wide experience made him a most valued member of various Maori executive bodies. He was an ardent champion of the King Country Pact.

Mr Wetera was a linguist of a high order, and also was co-editor of the Mission's newly launched Maori magazine. In this and many other aspects of Maori Mission life his work and counsel will be greatly missed.

His Christian experience was a living and cherished possession and in all his varied activities he witnessed to the love and power of God. Though for many years partially crippled he bore his affliction with a cheerful courage that was in itself a testimony to his faith.

Mr Wetera was a Home Missionary for only three years, but for many years his consecrated life had been a forward-looking, elevating influence.

WENE WIREMU HERANGI.

Wene Herangi came of loyal Methodist parentage. For many years he exercised a favourable influence for good among those people with whom he came into contact. Of a quiet and an unassuming nature Mr Herangi was noted for his loyalty to the church, and interest in the well being of his people. After eight years as a honorary Home Missionary, during which time he performed a quiet and sustained ministry, especially among the Maori people of Southern Kawhia, he passed on to higher service on August the 31st, 1952.

QUESTION XIII.—What Ministers continue to be Supernumeraries?

Charles H. Laws, B.A., D.D.

Henry L. Blamires

Fred Greenwood

Arthur Hopper

Edward Drake

T. Arthur Pybus

Walter J. Oxibrow

Arthur J. Seamer

William H. Speer

R. Purcell Keall

Jonathan H. Haslam

George P. Hunt

Frank E. Leadley

Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.

Benjamin J. James

Harry Ranston, M.A., Litt.D.

Albert H. Fowles

E. Percy Blamires

Henry Ryan

Thomas Coatsworth

Ernest D. Patchett

Charles M. Roberts

William Walker

Ernest O. Blamires

William W. Avery

Fred Copeland

Charles Blair

Charles B. Jordan, M.A.,

B.D. (hons.), F.R.E.S.

Harold A. Sharp

Edwin S. Harkness

William Gatman

Hector C. Orchard

Albert Blakemore

Walter J. Enticott

H. Leslie Richards

Herbert Ford

Frederick O. Prosser

Harry Cottom

George B. Hinton

Frederick B. Lawrence

John D. McArthur

William Rowe

Herbert Spencer

Robert B. Tinsley

Frank Bateup

Arthur A. Bensley

James W. Parker

William A. Burley, M.A.
John F. Goldie
Archer O. Harris
Charles H. Olds, B.A.
James Richards

Percy I. Cooke
Leslie B. Neale, M.B.E.,
B.A., F.R.G.S., E.D.
Frederick J. Parker
Arthur H. Scrivin

QUESTION XIV.—What Ministers now become Supernumeraries?

Wallace S. Neal

Henry J. Odell

WALLACE S. NEAL.

Wallace S. Neal was born at Napier in 1888, and was accepted as a local preacher in 1908 in the Taranaki St. Circuit, Wellington. In 1912 the Conference sustained his call to the ministry and he entered Dunholme College for training.

In every Circuit he gave of himself with untiring zeal in the interests of the Church and the Kingdom of God. He has always been a faithful preacher and an assiduous pastor, and his transparent sincerity has caused a responsive affection and appreciation in every place where he has laboured. His unremitting care for the elderly and the infirm has been a feature of a ministry that will have abiding consequences.

Throughout his ministry Mrs Neal has been equally stalwart in her devotion to the work of God and many young people in the Church have reason to be grateful for her leadership as a Sunday School Teacher and Bible Class leader, and for the hospitality of the parsonage.

A brotherly and friendly man, Mr Neal has a deep place in the affection of his brethren, and to Mr and Mrs Neal the Church offers its thanks, and good wishes for a long and happy retirement.

HENRY J. ODELL.

With the retirement of Henry J. Odell, our Church loses from its active ranks a most devoted, capable and highly esteemed minister.

Coming to New Zealand from the Kempsey Circuit in New South Wales as an accredited local preacher, he worked on a farm in Taranaki, and in 1909 was received as a Home Missionary and sent to the Railway Construction works on the Gisborne-Motu line. In 1912 he was accepted as a candidate for the ministry. He entered College with the first group of students to take up residence at "Dunholme". He enlisted in the Expeditionary Force in 1915 and spent more than three years in the Army, receiving a commission in the field.

After a period of most successful Circuit work he was appointed Assistant Superintendent of the Home and Maori Mission Department in 1939, in which capacity he served most effectively for seven years. He was Secretary of the District in South Auckland and Wellington, and was Chairman of the Hawkes Bay-Manawatu and North Canterbury Districts. He was elected President of Conference in 1950. In all these positions he served with devotion and distinction, and revealed a sound grasp of Church affairs, and statesmanship of a high order. As a Circuit Minister he was greatly beloved and was most successful. He was a good pastor, showing much sympathy and sound common sense. He was most acceptable as a preacher. His message was direct, and his pulpit work always showed evidence of careful preparation. His was a teaching ministry, and many have been enlightened and inspired by his messages.

In all his labours he was blessed with a loyal and capable helper in Mrs Odell. The Church wishes for them both a long and happy term of retirement.

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

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

A. L. Witheford	W. H. Wilson
H. Ashworth	H. J. Malcolm
J. W. Bayliss	W. E. Sleep
W. Sussex	R. T. Alexander
S. Keen	Roy Coombridge
T. W. Featherstone	Cyril Robinson

(b) Placed on Retired List?

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

Leslie A. D. Hayman, B.Agr.Sc.
John D. Grocott, B.A. (who is permitted to serve with the Council of Christian Education)
Ian C. E. Ramage, M.A.

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

A. Francis Attwood
William A. Mills
A. Wharton Silvester

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

D. I. Alister McDonald

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

William Green (who is transferred to the N.S.W. Conference).

Frederick W. Harland (who is transferred to the British 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?

Kenneth A. Robinson, who has voluntarily resigned

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

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(A) Examiners for Probationers.

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

Greek, N.T.—1st year : Rev. R. G. Bell, M.A.

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

3rd year : Rev. H. E. Harkness, M.A., B.D.

English Bible (O.T.)—Rev. W. R. Francis, B.A., B.D.

English Bible (N.T.)—1st year: Rev. A. K. Petch, B.A.

2nd year: Rev. R. E. Patchett.

3rd year: Rev. L. Greenslade.

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

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

3rd cycle : Rev. W. J. Morrison, M.A.

Wesley's Sermons—Rev. E. E. Sage.

Methodism—Rev. L. R. M. Gilmore, B.A.

Religious Education—Rev. W. Selwyn Dawson, M.A.

Religion and Psychology—Rev. Gordon Parker, M.A., Ph.D.

Social Ethics—Rev. W. W. H. Greenslade.

Comparative Religion—Rev. R. F. Clement, M.A.

Pre-Collegiate Course—

N.T.: Rev. A. K. Petch, B.A.

O.T. and Homiletics : Rev. W. A. Chambers, B.A.

Theology (Clarke's Outline)—Rev. V. R. Jamieson.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Tutors in Theology.

1st Cycle	....	....	....	....	Rev. H. C. Dixon, M.A., B.D.
2nd Cycle	....	....	....	....	Rev. C. H. Bell, B.A.
3rd Cycle	....	....	....	....	Rev. W. R. Laws, M.A., B.D.

Tutors in Greek.

1953	....	....	....	....	Rev. L. P. Schroeder
1954	....	....	....	....	Rev. J. J. Lewis, M.A., B.D.
1955	....	....	....	....	Rev. O. T. Woodfield

(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., B.D.

Pastoral Theology—

(a) Homiletics Rev. L. C. Horwood

(b) Pastoral Practice Rev. W. E. Allon Carr

(c) Religious Education Rev. M. A. McDowell

(C) Examiners for Candidates.

Bible Knowledge I	Rev. J. C. Draper
Bible Knowledge II	Rev. F. J. Handy
Theology	Rev. L. F. Bycroft
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English	Rev. R. H. Allen, B.A.
Theology	Rev. J. H. Bailey
Bible Knowledge	Rev. H. A. Darvill
Church History	Rev. A. R. Penn
Homiletics	Rev. A. J. Johnston

(E) Examiner for Native Probationers.

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(F) Examiners for Local Preachers.

Bible Knowledge	Rev. H. K. Brown
Theology	Rev. C. O. Hailwood
Homiletics	.....	.....	.....	Rev. A. T. Kent

(G) Examiners for Deaconesses.

Theology	.....	.....	.....	Rev. R. G. Bell, M.A.
Church History	.....	.....	.....	Rev. H. W. Payne
Old Testament	.....	.....	.....	Rev. L. G. Hanna
New Testament	.....	.....	.....	Rev. J. H. Woolford, M.A.
English	.....	.....	.....	Rev. D. G. Sherson, B.A.
Psychology	.....	.....	.....	Rev. J. B. Dawson, B.A.
Homiletics	.....	.....	.....	Rev. A. T. 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 and Hosea.

2nd year: Ezekiel.

3rd year: Job and Psalms (Selection).

Study and Reading to be directed by Examiner.

2. A. Greek New Testament.

Section for 1953 (from N.Z. B.D. course Stage I). Twelve chapters selected from St. Luke's Gospel and Philippians. (First year selection six chapters.)

1st year: Translation, Grammar and Exegesis.

2nd year: As above with retranslation.

3rd year: As for second year with greater emphasis on exegesis.

OR—B. English New Testament.

1st year: St. John's Gospel (Moffatt Commentary), and Wm. Temple's "Readings in St. John".

2nd year: Romans. C. H. Dodd (Moffatt Comm.).

3rd year: Hebrews. Peake (Century Bible), and Pastoral Epistles (Moffatt Commentary).

3. THEOLOGY. A. For 1953—2nd Cycle: "The Person and Work of Christ".

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 cycle: 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 (Nesbit); "Christian Doctrine", J. S. Whale. (Use relevant parts for each series.)

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

3rd cycle : 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 Christian Sacraments"—O. C. Quick; "World to Come and Final Destiny"—Leckie; "The Life Everlasting"—J. Baillie.

B. WESLEY'S SERMONS (with Lawson's Notes). Each cycle to be co-ordinated with A. above. (A two-hour paper.)

1st cycle : Salvation by Faith.

Justification by Faith.	The Righteousness of Faith.
Scriptural Christianity.	The Way to the Kingdom.
The Almost Christian.	The First-Fruits of the Spirit.

2nd cycle : The Spirit of Bondage and of Adoption.

The Witness of the Spirit.
 The Witness of our own Spirit.
 The Means of Grace.
 The Marks of the New Birth.
 The Great Privilege of those that are Born of God.
 Sermon on the Mount (III).
 The Original Nature, Property, and Use of the Law.

3rd cycle : The Nature of Enthusiasm.

A Caution Against Bigotry.	
Catholic Spirit.	The New Birth.
Christian Perfection.	Self-Denial.
Original Sin.	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; "The Christian Way" (S. Cave, D.D.). "The Problem of Right Conduct" (Peter Green).
- (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—Allen & 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.

N.B.—Probationers on F.M. Field take in this section, "Methodism" and "Comparative Religion".

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 in mid-January and mid-May 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 October 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 textbook, 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. Examination results shall be reported immediately to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners.
8. Examinations in the subjects 2, (Greek or English New Testament) and 4 (General) shall be conducted in May and in the subjects 1 (Hebrew or English Old Testament) and 3 (Theology) be conducted in September.
9. Book List. Every Probationer shall forward to his Chairman, not later than August 15th, a Book List as specified for the year. A

small committee, appointed by the March District Ministerial Committee, shall conduct a private examination in books on the submitted list and report to the Ministerial Committee of Synod.

When University work is taken by a Probationer he shall report to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners the results as soon as they are known.

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 Sacraments" (first half).

SECOND YEAR.

1. Bible : St. Luke (Guild T. Books).
2. McLeod's "Church, Ministry and Sacraments" (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.

1.—Old Testament.

Elementary Hebrew (Selected Students only) 1 hour weekly.
(Further stages to be taken at University College.)

O.T. Introduction—

3 year cycle—

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

O.T. Theology (3 year cycle as above).

2.—New Testament.

N.T. Greek.

Junior Year—Grammar.

Intermediate—Grammar and Translation of selected passages.

Senior—Translation with Exegesis of passages taken from syllabus for N.Z. B.D. Stage I.

N.T. Introduction—

3 year cycle:

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

N.T. Exegesis in English of passages taken from Books dealt with in Introduction (Senior Greek Class excused).

N.T. Theology—3 year cycle as above.

3.—Historical and Systematic Theology:

3 year cycle:

1. God, Man, Sin.
2. Person and Work of Christ—Christian Ethics.
3. Holy Spirit, Church, Ministry, Sacraments, Last Things.

4.—Church History:

3 year cycle:

1. History of Christian Church to 500.
2. Reformation to present day.
3. Wesley and the History of Methodism.

5.—Pastoral Theology:

Junior Year:—Pastoral I including elementary Homiletics and Religious Education.

Second and Third Years:—Homiletics and Pastoral Practice, alternately. Also every other year a class is held in Worship, Conduct of Special Services, Church Organisation, etc.

In addition, each man will attend a weekly Criticism Service followed by a Criticism class, and a class is held weekly in Voice Production and Speech Training.

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), pp. 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. 1-13 (omitting Chap. 11).

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

V.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR NATIVE CANDIDATES.

SECTION A.

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

SECTION B.

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

VI.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR HOME MISSIONARIES

FIRST YEAR

1. English.—"A First Modern English Course" (J. Stanley Jones). Part I, Chs. 1-6.
2. Theology.—"What a Christian believes and Why?" Hunter. (Whole book).
3. Bible Knowledge.—"The Preparation for Christ in the Old Testament." Adam Welch.
4. Homiletics.—"Manual for Preachers." W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D. "Craft of Sermon Construction." Sangster.

SECOND YEAR

1. English.—"A First Modern English Course" (J. Stanley Jones). Part I, Chs. 7-12.
2. Theology.—"An Outline of Christian Theology." W. N. Clarke. Pp. 1-181.
3. Bible Knowledge.—"The Life and Teaching of Jesus Christ." J. S. Stewart.
4. Church History.—"The Story of the Church." Church of Scotland Series.
5. Homiletics.—"Heralds of God." J. S. Stewart. "Art of Sermon Illustration." Sangster.

THIRD YEAR

1. English.—"A First Modern English Course" (J. Stanley Jones). Part II, Chs. 1-6.
2. Theology.—"An Outline of Christian Theology." W. N. Clarke. Pp. 182-368.
3. Bible Knowledge.—"The Religious Ideas of the Old Testament." Wheeler Robinson.
4. Homiletics.—"A Preacher's Handbook." Lewis. Book 1. (Epworth Press.)

FOURTH YEAR

1. English.—“A First Modern English Course” (J. Stanley Jones). Part II, Chs. 7-11.
2. Theology.—“An Outline of Christian Theology.” W. N. Clarke. Pp. 369-427. “Christian Doctrine.” J. S. Whale.
3. Bible Knowledge.—“Introducing the New Testament.” A. M. Hunter. (S.C.M. Press.)
4. Homiletics.—“A Preacher’s Handbook.” Book 2. Lewis. (Epworth Press.)
5. Church History.—“Our Methodist Heritage.” Henry Carter.

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), pp. 1-152.

Church History.—“A First Church History” (Vera Walker), S.C.M., pp. 1-136.

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

New Testament.—“The New Testament Writers and their Messages” (Hunter). pp. 1-110.

English.—“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), pp. 153-309.

Church History.—“A First Church History” (Vera Walker), S.C.M., pp. 137-264.

Old Testament.—“The Old Testament Writers and their Messages” (Healing). Second Half.

New Testament.—“The New Testament Writers and their Messages” (Hunter). pp. 111-303.

English.—“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 Book : “The Book Supreme”—J. I. Brice (Epworth Press).
2. Theology.—“What a Christian Believes and Why”—Hunter.

3. Homiletics.—

- (a) "Art of Sermon Construction"—Sangster.
- (b) "Heralds of God"—Stewart.

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.

DATES OF EXAMINATIONS.

Examinations for 1953 shall commence on the following dates:—
Probationers: Tuesday, May 19th, and Tuesday, September 15th.
Tutorials Commence: Greek—Feb. 1st; Theology—June 1st.
Candidates for the Ministry: Tuesday, July 21st.
Home Missionary Probationers: Tuesday, September 15th.
Deaconess Entrance: Tuesday, August 14th.

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, and he shall report the names to the Assistant Secretary.
- (3) The Examination may be taken in sections provided that the full course be completed within two years.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That Conference express its great appreciation of the work of Rev. G. R. Harris as Secretary of the Board of Examiners for the past seven years.

2. (a) That Rev. H. C. Matthews, B.A., be appointed as Secretary of the Board of Examiners.

(b) That Rev. A. R. Witheford, B.A., be appointed as Assistant Secretary.

3. That a set of rules for the guidance of examiners be prepared in order to obtain greater uniformity in Examination papers and marking.

4. That paragraph 93 of the Law Book be amended by the addition of the following regulations:—

- (a) That normally the total years spent in College and on Probation shall be six.
- (b) 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.
- (c) 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 years spent in College and on Probation may be reduced to five on the recommendation of the Board of Studies.
- (d) That when a Probationer is appointed to a non-circuit appointment, and for stationing record purposes is attached to a circuit, then for oversight of his studies and reports on his work, he be under the supervision of the Superintendent of the Circuit to which he is attached.

5. (a) That a course of Study dealing with the conduct of Services of Worship be included in the Local Preacher's Course, to be effective in 1953.

(b) That the matter of text book or course of study be referred to the secretary of the Board of Examiners and the Board of Studies.

6. (a) That the Revs. R. F. Clement, B.A., W. Selwyn Dawson, B.A., Allan H. Hall, B.A., be congratulated on gaining the M.A. degree and that these be printed in the Minutes.

(b) That Rev. C. D. Clark be congratulated on gaining the B.A. degree and Rev. Wesley Parker, M.A., on gaining the B.D. degree, and that these be printed in the Minutes.

7. That the Secretary of the Deaconess Board be a member of the Examination Committee.

8. That Theological Students be required to conduct trial services in the first and third years of their course. The report, to be given on a prescribed form, shall be presented to the Auckland District Ministerial Committee which shall adjudge the service as satisfactory or unsatisfactory and this designation shall be reported to the Conference.

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

AUCKLAND:

Avondale.—That the Avondale Circuit be divided to constitute a new circuit to be known as the **Henderson Circuit**, to include Henderson, Glen Eden, Te Atatu, Oratia, Swanson, Nihotapu and Massey, the line of division to be from Glen Eden and Te Atatu, all north and west of this line to constitute the new Circuit, the staffing to be an Ordained Minister.

SOUTH AUCKLAND:

Tokoroa (Putaruru).—That the District Executive be asked to consider the placing of an Ordained Minister at Tokoroa with a second agent at Putaruru.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI:

Hawera-Patea.—That the boundaries of the Hawera Circuit be altered to include the Patea Home Mission Station. The staffing to be an Ordained Minister and a Home Missionary.

Gonville.—That the name of the Gonville Circuit be changed to "The Wanganui West Circuit."

Wanganui.—That the name of the Wanganui Circuit be changed to "The Wanganui Central Circuit."

WELLINGTON:

Wellington North.—That the northern portion of the existing circuit comprising Tawa Flat, Porirua, Plimmerton and Pukerua Bay become a separate circuit to be known as the "Porirua Circuit."

Wellington South.—That Island Bay be included in the Wellington South Circuit, the staffing to be an Ordained Minister and a Married Probationer.

NELSON:

Richmond.—That the name of the Richmond Circuit be changed to the "Waimea Circuit".

NORTH CANTERBURY:

Hawarden.—That the oversight of the Hawarden H.M. Station be transferred from the Woodend-Sefton Circuit, to the Rangiora Circuit.

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

AUCKLAND:

Port Albert.—That the staffing of the Port Albert Circuit be an Ordained Minister, and a single Probationer (Wellsford).

Onehunga.—That the staffing of the Onehunga Circuit be an Ordained Minister and a single Probationer.

Auckland East.—That the staffing of the Auckland East Circuit be four Ordained Ministers and two Probationers.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI:

Waitara.—(a) That the staffing of the Waitara Circuit be an Ordained Minister and a Home Missionary to work the Districts of Uruti, Tongaporutu, Okoke and Pukearuhe, with a suitable grant.

(b) That this area together with the inland area towards Ohura and Awakino, Te Kuiti, be investigated by the Home Mission Department as an area where a mobile itinerant ministry on the basis of a Home Mission patrol could be established to further the work of our Church in this area.

Opunake.—That the staffing be two Ordained Ministers.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU:

Palmerston North (St. Pauls).—That the staffing be an Ordained Minister and a single Probationer.

WELLINGTON:

Wellington East.—That the staffing be two Ordained Ministers and a married Probationer. If a third Ordained Minister is appointed, a suitable Home Mission grant be made.

Upper Hutt.—That the staffing be an Ordained Minister with a suitable grant.

Greytown.—That the staffing be an Ordained Minister with a suitable grant.

Paraparaumu.—That the staffing be an Ordained Minister and a Home Missionary with a suitable grant.

NELSON:

Greymouth.—That the staffing be an Ordained Minister and a Probationer with a suitable grant.

NORTH CANTERBURY:

Woolston.—That the staffing be two Ordained Ministers and a Probationer.

Lyttelton.—That the status of the Lyttelton Circuit be referred to the North Canterbury District Executive for consideration during the year.

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

(See Question XXIV. (b).)

QUESTION XXV.—(b) From what Circuits are Preachers to be Withdrawn?
None.

QUESTION XXVI.—What New Circuits are now Constituted?

See Question XXIV. (a) Henderson, (b) Porirua.

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

Huntly is due, but is relieved for a twenty-first year.

Morrinsville (2nd) is due, and is relieved for another year.

Hauraki Plains is due, and is prepared to take a Married Agent next year.

Putaruru is due, and we recommend an Ordained Minister to be appointed.

Taihape is due, and is relieved for another year.

Wairoa (H.B.) is due, but is relieved for a 24th year.

Greytown-Featherston is due, and is asking for the appointment of a married Minister.

Wellington East (3rd) is due, and is prepared to take a married Probationer.

Wellington North (3rd) is due, but is relieved for another year.

Timaru South is due, but is relieved for an 18th 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. J. HENRY ALLEN

Vice-President : Mr FRANCIS H. SOUTHGATE

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

STATIONS OF MINISTERS, 1953

(N.B.—Each of the places mentioned in these Stations and numbered consecutively 1 to 145 and [1] to [10] for Maori Stations and the Solomon Islands Mission Circuits is the head of a Circuit or Mission, and the Minister first named is the Superintendent. The Superintendent or other Minister or Ministers stationed in or appointed to the several Circuits or Missions is or are appointed by the Conference to preach and perform all acts of religious worship and Methodist discipline in each and every one of the Methodist Churches already erected, or to be erected, in each Circuit respectively, during the current connexional year, at such time or times, and in such manner as to him or them shall be deemed proper, subject nevertheless to the Superintendent Minister and to the existing Laws and Regulations of the Conference.)

I.—AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

1. **Auckland Central**—Robert Thornley, M.A., Dip. Soc. Sc., Wesley Parker, M.A., B.D. (Kingsland) One Wanted (Richmond Avenue) One Wanted (Pt. Chevalier), A Deaconess, Leslie B. Neale, M.B.E., B.A. (Sup.).
- The Foreign Mission Department**—Stanley G. Andrews, M.A., Dip. Ed. (Gen. Sec.), J. Francis Goldie (Sup.).
- The Home Mission Department**—George I. Laurenson (Gen. Supt), Bernard, M. Chrystall, B.A. (Asst. Supt.), Harold A. Darvill, (Maori Missionary), Eruera Te Tuhi, O.B.E., (Senior Maori Supt.),
- Youth Department**—Youth Director (see Question 29).
2. **Auckland Central Mission**—A. Everil Orr, Arthur J. Seamer (Sup.), One Wanted, Two Deaconesses.
3. **Auckland South**—W. E. Allon Carr, Wilfred F. Ford (Roskill) Walter Parker (Sandringham), George P. Hunt (Sup.).
4. **Auckland West**—Harris Whitfield, One Wanted.
5. **Auckland East**—Joseph C. Draper, Alfred E. Jefferson, Leslie A. G. Brooks Haddon C. Dixon, M.A., B.D., John H. Osborne, One Wanted, Charles H. Laws, B.A., D.D., (Foundation Fellow of Trinity College) (Sup.), William Walker, E.D., (Sup.), Edwin S. Harkness (Sup.), Ernest D. Patchett (Sup.), James W. Parker (Sup.), Arthur H. Scrivn (Sup.).
Epsom Orphanage ; Chaplain, Joseph C. Draper.
Trinity Theological College ; Principal, Eric W. Hames, M.A., Resident Tutor, David O. Williams, M.A., Litt., D., John J. Lewis, M.A., B.D.
6. **Auckland (Avondale)**—George E. Brown, Ernest B. Chambers (Avondale), Phillip D. Ramsay (C.F.), Harry Ranston, M.A., Litt.D. (Fellow of Trinity College), (Sup.), Fred Copeland, (Sup.).
Mt. Albert Orphanage ; Chaplain, George E. Brown.
7. **Auckland (Henderson)**—Allan J. Handyside, Percy I. Cooke (Sup.).
8. **Auckland (Devonport)**—William M. Garner, E. Percy Blamires (Sup.).

9. **Auckland (Takapuna)**—Leslie R. M. Gilmore, B.A., One Wanted, William Gatman (Sup.), Albert Blakemore (Sup.), Henry J. Odell (Sup.), A. Wharton E. Silvester (Without Pastoral Charge).
10. **Auckland (Birkenhead)**—Athol R. Penn, A Home Missionary.
11. **Onehunga**—Albert Jolly, One Wanted, Frank E. Leadley (Sup.).
12. **Otahuhu**—Harry S. Kings.
13. **Papatoetoe**—Ronald Elsom.
14. **Papakura**—J. Francis Jack, Peter C. Carter
15. **Pukekohe**—Thomas Skuse (Who shall supervise the Bombay-Tuakau Circuit), Wesley Training College, Paerata: Principal, Edward M. Marshall, B.A., Dip., Ed.
16. **Bombay-Tuakau**—Idris J. Ruck.
17. **Waiuku**—George W. Cramond.
18. **North Waitemata**—One Wanted, A Home Missionary.
19. **Mahurangi**—Reginald Day.
20. **Paparoa**—John H. Thompson.
21. **Dargaville**—John H. Bailey, A Home Missionary (Te Kopuru).
22. **Ruawai**—John Dennis.
23. **Whangarei**—J. Henry Allen (President of the Conference).
24. **Hikurangi**—George R. Trebleco.
25. **Whangaroa**—E. Raymond Le Couteur (Kaeo).
26. **Port Albert**—J. Stanley Olds, One Wanted (Wellsford).
27. **Kawakawa-Kaikohe**—Edmond S. Stewart, A Home Missionary (Kawa Kawa).
28. **Mangonui**—John Churchill.
29. **Hokianga**—One Wanted.
30. **North Hokianga**—One Wanted.

Maori Mission—

- [1] **Auckland**—
Circuit Superintendent (One Wanted), Matarae Tauroa (Resting)
Ranginohora Rogers (Waima), 13 Home Missionaries, 6 Deaconesses

ALBANY—A Home Missionary.

BAY OF ISLANDS—A Home Missionary.

COLPORTEUR WORK—A Home Missionary.

J. HENRY ALLEN, (President of the Conference)

Chairman of the District.

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

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

II—SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

31. **Thames**—Gordon V. Thomas, B.A. (who shall supervise the Hauraki Plains Circuit and the Coromandel H.M. Station). Frank Bateup (Sup.).
32. **Hauraki Plains**—One Wanted.
33. **Paeroa**—Robert E. Fordyce, Walter J. Enticott (Sup.).
34. **Waihi**—Douglas H. Burt, A. Francis Attwood (Without Pastoral Charge)
35. **Te Aroha**—Norman W. Olds.
36. **Morrinsville**—H. Kilford Brown, One Wanted.
37. **Cambridge**—Ivo M. Raynor, Charles H. Olds, B.A., (Sup.).
38. **Hamilton**—Howard C. Matthews, B.A., Samuel J. Werren, R. Leslie George, Robert B. Tinsley (Sup.), Raglan Union Church—Pres. Appointment.
39. **Hamilton East**—Charles B. Oldfield.
40. **Huntly**—Sidney J. Spindler.
41. **Matamata**—J. Montgomery Blight (who shall supervise the Putaruru Circuit).
42. **Putaruru**—Charles H. Raynor, A Home Missionary.
43. **Rotorua**—John Silvester, M.A., Walter J. Oxbrow (Sup.), William H. Speer (Sup.).

44. **Tauranga**—Arthur T. Kent, One Wanted, Arthur A. Bensley (Sup.).
45. **Whakatane**—One Wanted.
46. **Opotiki**—One Wanted.
47. **Te Awamutu**—Donald Haylock (Who shall supervise the Kawhia H.M. Station), William A Mills (Without Pastoral Charge).
48. **Otorohanga**—James H. Hall.
49. **Te Kuiti**—Ivan J. Clucas.
50. **Taumarunui**—T. Ralph Benny (who shall supervise the Ohura Circuit).
51. **Ohura**—Geoffrey T. Gilbert.
- [2] **Waikato**—One Wanted (Ngaruawahia), 10 Home Missionaries, 4 Deaconesses.
- [3] **Maniapoto**—Ngatete K. Kukutai, 12 Home Missionaries, 3 Deaconesses.

NGARUAWAHIA—A Home Missionary.

KAWHIA—A Home Missionary.

COROMANDEL—A Home Missionary.

SAMUEL J. WERREN, Chairman of the District.
HOWARD C. MATTHEWS, B.A., Financial Secretary,

III TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT

52. **New Plymouth**—E. Thomas Olds, William H. Gregory, One Wanted, Charles M. Roberts (Sup.).
53. **Waitara**—Leonard Shapcott, A Home Missionary.
54. **Stratford**—Harry Moore.
55. **Eltham-Kaponga**—Herbert W. Payne, A Home Missionary.
56. **Hawera**—L. Gordon Hanna, A Home Missionary (Patea), Ian C. E. Ramage, M.A. (Resting).
57. **Manaia**—Charles H. Kendon.
58. **Opunake**—Clifford G. Brown, One Wanted.
59. **Wanganui Central**—George R. Thompson, H. Spencer (Sup.), Frederick J. Parker (Sup.).
60. **Wanganui North**—Edmund D. Grounds (who shall supervise the Taihape Circuit and Raetihi-Ohakune H.M. Station), One Wanted.
61. **Wanganui West**—A. Roger Nuttall, B.A.
62. **Taihape**—One Wanted.
- [4] **Taranaki-Waimarino**—Rakena P. Rakena (Hawera), 12 Home Missionaries, 3 Deaconesses.

INGLEWOOD—A Home Missionary.

MARTON—A Home Missionary.

RAETIHI-OHAKUNE—A Home Missionary.

E. THOMAS OLDS, Chairman of the District.
L. GORDON HANNA, Financial Secretary.

IV—HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT

63. **Napier**—William R. Francis, B.A., B.D., H. Maurice Brasell (Greenmeadows), Henry Ryan (Sup.).
64. **Hastings**—Thomas H. Carr; Arthur Hopper (Sup.)
65. **Gisborne**—E. Clarence Leadley, One Wanted.
66. **Wairoa**—Edward G. P. Turner.
67. **Dannevirke**—J. Ainsley Daglish.
68. **Woodville**—Arthur H. Ivory, LL.B., B. Com.
69. **Pahiatua**—Harry V. Utting.
70. **Palmerston North** (St. Paul's)—William R. Laws, M.A., B.D., One Wanted
71. **Palmerston North** (Cuba St.)—Lawrence Greenslade (who shall supervise the Foxton-Shannon H.M. Station), Thomas Coatsworth (Sup.).
72. **Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe**—Robert McGregor.

73. **Feilding**—Francis H. Parker (who shall supervise the Apiti H.M. Station).
A Home Missionary.
74. **Sanson-Rongotea**—Benjamin H. Riseley.

WAIPAWA-WAIPUKURAU—Two Home Missionaries.

FOXTON-SHANNON—A Home Missionary, William A. Burley,
M.A., (Sup.).

APITI—A Home Missionary.

NORSEWOOD—A Home Missionary..

WILLIAM R. FRANCIS, B.A., B.D., Chairman of the District.

V—WELLINGTON DISTRICT

75. **Wellington Central**—William W. H. Greenslade, J. Henry Woolford,
M.A., One Wanted, A Deaconess, Fred Greenwood (Sup.) Ernest O.
Blamires (Sup.).
- Youth Department**—Acting Senior Youth Director, Andrew J. Johnston.
76. **Wellington West**—Francis J. Handy R. Graham Bell, M.A., (Thorndon)
John D. Grocott, B.A., (Resting).
77. **Wellington South**—Andrew J. Johnston, Hughan M. Craig (Island Bay).
William Rowe (Sup.).
78. **Wellington East**—George H. Goodman, Leonard V. Willing. One wanted,
79. **Wellington North**—Reginald Grice, H. David Besant (Ngaio).
80. **Porirua**—W. Selwyn Dawson, M.A.
81. **Hutt**—Matthew A. McDowell (who shall supervise Upper Hutt Circuit),
Leslie T. Norwell, Amos W. Burrough, R. Purcell Keall (Sup.).
(Taita Union Church—Pres. Appointment).
82. **Upper Hutt**—Harry I. Shaw.
83. **Petone**—John B. Dawson, B.A.
84. **Greytown-Featherston**—Alan Newman.
85. **Carterton**—Ernest E. Sage (who shall supervise the Greytown-Feather-
ston Circuit).
86. **Masterton**—Robert F. Clement, M.A., One Wanted.
Masterton Children's Home: Chaplain, Robert F. Clement, M.A.
87. **Eketahuna**—One Wanted.
88. **Levin**—Campbell P. Lucas.
89. **Otaki**—Warren Green.
90. **Paraparaumu**—Harry W. Toothill, A Home Missionary.

GEORGE H. GOODMAN, Chairman of the District.

VI—NELSON DISTRICT

91. **Nelson**—Charlie O. Hailwood, David G. Stubbs, Charles Blair (Sup.),
Charles B. Jordan, M.A., B.D., F.R.E.S., (Sup.).
92. **Waimea**—Charles H. Bell, B.A., One Wanted, Frederick B. Lawrence
(Sup.).
93. **Motueka**—Edward Baker.
94. **Murchison**—One Wanted.
95. **Blenheim**—Alan O. Jones, Clarence T. J. Luxton (Picton) One Wanted,
John D. McArthur (Sup.).
96. **Reefton**—Arthur W. R. Mead.
97. **Westport**—Wilf. G. Eisner, B.A., A Home Missionary.
98. **Greymouth**—A. Peter Dorrian., One Wanted.
99. **Hokitika**—William E. Moore.

CHARLIE O. HAILWOOD, Chairman of the District.

VII—NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

100. **Christchurch** (Durham Street)—Ashleigh K. Petch, B.A., Alan F. Collins, Henry L. Blamires (Sup.), Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A. (Sup.), Benjamin, J. James (Sup.), H. Ford (Sup.), Archer O. Harris (Sup.).
CONNEXIONAL SECRETARY AND AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE—
 Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A., (Secretary of the Conference).
YOUTH DIRECTOR—Robert H. Allen, B.A.
101. **Christchurch Central Mission**—Wilfred E. Falkingham, A Deaconess.
102. **Christchurch East**—V. Roy. Jamieson, M.B.E., E.D., Howard E. Harkness, M.A., B.D., Ralph E. Patchett, Leslie F. Bycroft, Albert H. Fowles (Sup.), James Richards (Sup.), Wallace S. Neal (Sup.).
103. **Christchurch** (Cambridge Terrace)—Alfred M. Costain, DIP. Soc.
104. **Christchurch** (Woolston)—Wesley A. Chambers, B.A., (Who shall supervise the Lyttelton Circuit), W. Lloyd Divers (Opawa), One Wanted, Frederick O. Prosser (Sup.).
105. **Christchurch** (Sydenham)—Colin D. Clark, B.A., One Wanted.
106. **Christchurch** (Addington)—Leonard C. Horwood,
107. **Christchurch** (Riccarton)—G. Raymond Harris, Trevor L. Nicholls.
108. **Christchurch** (St. Albans)—William G. Slade, M.A., D.D., Peter A. Stead, D. Bruce Gordon, Edward Drake (Sup.), Harold A. Sharp (Sup.), George B. Hinton (Sup.).
109. **Christchurch** (Papanui)—William T. Blight, B.A., B.D., (Connexional Editor).
SOUTH ISLAND ORPHANAGE—Chaplain, William T. Blight, B.A., B. D.
110. **Lyttelton**—One Wanted.
111. **Springston**—William C. Jenkin, A Home Missionary, Harry Cottom (Sup.).
112. **Leeston**—Henry Benny, H. L. Richards (Sup.).
113. **Kaiapoi**—Oswald Burnet.
114. **Ohoka**—One Wanted.
115. **Rangiora**—Charles E. Dickens (who shall supervise the Hawarden H.M. Station).
116. **Woodend-Sefton**—E. Keith Ordish.
117. **Greendale**—David W. Edmonds.
118. **Oxford**—Basil J. Hilder.
- HAWARDEN**—A Home Missionary.
WILLIAM T. BLIGHT, B.A., B.D., Chairman of the District.
A. M. COSTAIN, Financial Secretary.

VIII—SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

119. **Timaru**—Banks Street—Donald G. Sherson, B.A., William W. Avery (Sup.), Hector C. Orchard (Sup.).
120. **Timaru** (Woodlands Street) William J. Morrison, M.A.,
MARCHWIEL UNION CHURCH, Ian W. Reid.
121. **Timaru South**—One Wanted.
122. **Waimate**—Gordon Parker, M.A., Ph.D., Leslie A. D. Hayman, B.Agr.Sc. (Resting) Jonathan H. Haslam (Sup.).
123. **Temuka**—one Wanted.
124. **Geraldine**—One Wanted.
125. **Ashburton**—D. J. Donald Hickman, A Home Missionary.
126. **Willowby**—J. C. Aldwyn Williams.
127. **Oamaru**—Cecil R. Taylor.
- DONALD G. SHERSON, B.A.,** Chairman of the District.

IX—OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

128. **Dunedin Central**—John K. Watson, M.C., B.A., (who shall supervise the Mosgiel Circuit), Leonard P. Schroeder.
129. **Dunedin Central Mission**—Raymond Dudley, M.A., D.D., John A. Penman, One Wanted, Two Deaconesses.

130. **Dunedin North**—H. Ian K. Hopper, B.A. (who shall supervise the Roslyn Circuit),
131. **Dunedin South**—Ernest S. Hoddinott, Hubert G. Brown (who shall supervise Waikouaiti H. M. Station), One Wanted (Abbotsford).
Corstorphine Union Church—Owen T. Woodfield..
132. **Dunedin** (St. Kilda)—Gordon R. H. Peterson, Robert C. Groves, T. Arthur Pybus (Sup.)
133. **Dunedin** (Morningside)—Herbert A. Cochrane.
134. **Dunedin** (Roslyn)—One Wanted.
135. **Port Chalmers**—R. Hori Pratt, B.A.
136. **Milton**—O. McLennan Olds.
137. **Roxburgh**—Clifford L. Duder (who shall supervise the Cromwell-Alexandra Circuit).
138. **Invercargill** (Central)—Arthur R. Witheford, B.A., (who shall supervise the Edendale Circuit), Frederick J. K. Baker.
139. **Invercargill** (St. Peter's)—Leslie C. Clements (who shall supervise the Bluff and Gore Circuits).
140. **Gore**—John R. Hall
141. **Western Southland**—Clifford J. Keightley. One Wanted,
142. **Edendale**—One Wanted.
143. **Mosgiel**—Alfred E. Tardif.
144. **Bluff**—One Wanted.
145. **Cromwell-Alexandra**—Loyal J. Gibson.

WAIKOUAITI—A Home Missionary.

BALCLUTHA—A Home Missionary.

LAWRENCE—A Home Missionary.

ERNEST S. HODDINOTT, Chairman of the District.

X—SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT

[5] **Roviana Circuit**—

John R. Metcalfe (Chairman), Kokengolo, Allen H. Hall, M.A., Banga, Frank H. Woodfield, Kokengolo, Two Missionary Sisters (Teachers Kokengolo), One Missionary Sister (Nurse, Kokengolo), One Lay Missionary (Technician, Kokengolo), Paula Havea, Marovo, Timothy Piani, Honiara, Kemueli Pita, Banga, Catechist, Gizo, 8 Native Catechists, 55 Native Teachers, 2 Native Medical Assistants.. (Timothy Piani to be under the direction of the Chairman of the District.)

District Training Institution—

Chairman of the District (Principal) Allen H. Hall, M.A., (Vice-Principal), Kemueli Pita, Tutor, 2 Native Teachers.

[6] **Vella Lavella Circuit**—

Trevor Shepherd, One Missionary Sister (Teacher) Wanted, Two Missionary Sisters (Nurses), 2 Native Catechists, 36 Native Teachers, 2 Native Medical Assistants.

[7] **Choiseul Circuit**—

D. I. A. McDonald, One Missionary Sister (Teacher), One Missionary Sister (Nurse), One Missionary Sister, 4 Native Catechists, 34 Native Teachers, One Native Medical Assistant.

[8] **Buin Circuit**—

A. Harry Voyce, Kihili (Who shall supervise the Teop Circuit), One Missionary Sister (Teacher) Kihili, One Missionary Sister (Teacher) Tonu, One Missionary Sister (Nurse) Tonu, John Taufa, Kietia, One Native Agriculturalist Kihili, One Native Minister (Wanted) Siwai, 3 Native Catechists, 80 Native Teachers, 6 Native Medical Assistants.

[9] **Teop Circuit**—

George G. Carter, M.A., Dip. Ed., One Missionary Sister (Nurse), One Missionary Sister (Teacher), Daniel Palavi, Tearaka, One Native Catechist, 38 Native Teachers, One Native Medical Assistant.

[10] **Buka Circuit—**

Gordon A. R. Cornwell, One Missionary Sister (Nurse), One Missionary Sister (Teacher), One Native Minister (Wanted) Kunua, 3 Native Catechists, 36 Native Teachers, One Native Medical Assistant.

Helena Goldie Hospital—

Gerald E. Hault, M.B., Ch.B., B.D.S., Kōkengolo, One Missionary Sister (Nurse) Kōkengolo, One Missionary Sister (Nurse) Wanted.
N.B. It is understood that the Chairman of the District shall have discretionary powers regarding new appointments.

HOME MISSIONARY APPOINTMENTS 1953.

Auckland District—

Youth Director—One Wanted (Dorothea Jones, B.A., (Employed by the Youth Dept.)
Auckland Methodist Central Mission (Franklin Road)—One Wanted.
Auckland Central—(Richmond Avenue) Supply A. W. McKay,
Non-Resident Student. (Pt. Chevalier—One Wanted).
Auckland, Takapuna.—(2nd, One Wanted), W. Sussex and W. H. Wilson (retired).
Auckland, Birkenhead—(Northcote) One Wanted.
Onehunga (Waitangi Road)—I. J. Fowler.
North Waitemata.—F. D. Peterson, Supply, M. R. Edgar (Kaukapapa).
North Hokianga (Kohukohu)—F. L. Johnson.
Hokianga (Rawene)—One Wanted.
Albany.—One Wanted.
Dargaville (Te Kopuru)—One Wanted.
Port Albert (Wellsford).—One Wanted.
Bay of Islands—One Wanted.
Kaikohe—One Wanted (Kawakawa).
Auckland East.—One Wanted.

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.—Houtai Mita Hohepa.
Whananaki—Nehana Pu.
Rewiti—Supply.
Dargaville—Wiremu Paki Ihaka.
Poutu (Kaipara Heads)—Paraire Paraone Kena.
Hikurangi.—Hohepa Hemara.
Rangitane (Poutu)—Henare Kapa.
Pokere (Bay of Islands)—Piripi Livingstone.
Pakiri—John Harris.
Mangamuka—Supply.
Auckland.—Huru Wiperi and Paikea H. Toka.
Auckland (Pt. Chevalier)—Hone Wilcox.
Whirinaki.—Supply.
Te Kohanga—Waaka Kukutai.
Tuakau—Ngaweke Tuhimata.

South Auckland District—

Hamilton—A. L. Witheford (Retired).
Ngaruawahia—Supply (T. Walker).
Tauranga (Te Puke).—F. J. Climo, J. W. Bayliss (Retired).
Coromandel.—One Wanted.
Kawhia—C. E. Roke.
Morrinsville (Waitoa)—One Wanted.
Hauraki Plains.—A. G. Reid.
Opotiki—J. M. Daley, B.A.
Putaruru (Tokoroa)—One Wanted.
Whakatane.—W. J. Bryant.

Maori Mission.

Waikato Circuit Superintendent Supply (Rev. A. J. Seamer.)
Te Kuiti.—One Wanted.
Kawhia—Supply.
Frankton Junction.—Hatoitoti Pihama.
Aotea Harbour.—Roi Moke.
Raglan—Tuteao Manihera.
Mokau—Supply.
Ngaruawahia.—Heemi Rihimona and Tutu Keepa.
Waimiha—Tame Ponui.
Arimiro—Enoka Marumaru.
Rakaunui.—Supply.
Horotiu.—Ngerungeru Tame Pihama.
Waitomo—Supply.
Otorohanga—Paki Manga.
Whatawhata.—Poo Kingi.
Rangiriri.—Matene Hori de Thierry.
Hangatiki.—Supply.
Taharoa—Supply.
Huntly—Supply.
Waikaretu—Mu Maihi.
Hauraki Plains—Supply.
Maketu Pa (Kawhia)—Waiwera Rangawhenua.
Te Kopua (Te Awamutu)—Supply.
Marokopa.—Nguru Winikerei.
Ngutunui—Rangi Katipa.
Makomako—Tumu Te Huia.
Aotearoa.—Wiremu Tonga and Pukerau Rangitutia (Hamilton).
Te Hoe—Tutea Rau.
Atawa—Te Urunga We're.
Mourea—Te Iwikau Waaka.

Taranaki-Wanganui District—

New Plymouth (St. Aubyns).—Miss M. Rushton (T. W. Featherstone and H. Ashworth, (Retired).
Opunake (Okato).—J. R. Hamlin.
Eltham—One Wanted (Kaponga).
Hawera.—One Wanted (Patea).
Raetihi-Ohakune—Supply (W. E. Sleep) (retired).
Wanganui North—One Wanted (Wanganui East).
Inglewood.—I. D. Grant (President's List of Reserve).
Marton.—H. R. Wright.
Taihape.—H. D. Wheatley.
Waitara.—One Wanted (Uruti).

Maori Mission :

New Plymouth—Paahi Moke.
Rahotu—Whatarau Ira Wharehoka.
Nukumarū—Supply.
Urenui—Supply.
Pariroa Pa—Supply

Kai Iwi—Supply.
Wanganui—Supply.
Whenuakura—Supply.
Rangitikei—Supply.
Raetihi—Supply.
Wanganui River—Supply.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District—

Feilding (Halcombe).—H. Prowse.
Foxton-Shannon—J. C. R. Ashworth.
Apiti.—G. C. Armitage.
Norsewood—Under Dannevirke Superintendent (Vacant).
Waipawa-Waipukurau.—Supply (C. Robinson), One Wanted (Waipukurau).
Gisborne (Second).—H. W. Kitchingman.
Palmerston North (St. Paul's).—(Second)—B. J. Bell.

Wellington District—

Paraparaumu.—One Wanted. (Paekakariki)
Masterton.—One Wanted (Kuripuni).
Otaki.—S. Keen (retired).
Eketahuna.—W. J. Henderson.
Wellington Central 3rd.—One Wanted.

Nelson District—

Blenheim (Third) —One Wanted
Murchison.—Supply, One Wanted.
Westport (Granity)—One Wanted.
Waimea (Wakefield-Dovedale)—Supply (Rev. C. Blair).
Greymouth (Second)—One Wanted.

North Canterbury District—

Christchurch (Papanui)—H. J. Malcolm (retired).
Springston (Tai Tapu)—One Wanted.
Hawarden.—Vacant (Under Rangiora Superintendent).
Ohoka.—T. Steele.
Lyttelton.—Supply.
Woolston.—One Wanted (Sumner).
Sydenham.—One Wanted (Beckenham).

South Canterbury District—

Ashburton 2nd.—One Wanted.
Temuka.—Supply (Rev. William M. Isitt)
Geraldine.—One Wanted, (Supplied from Temuka).
Timaru South.—One Wanted.

Otago-Southland District—

Dunedin Central Mission (3rd)—One Wanted.
Lawrence—Vacant (Assoc. with Milton Circuit).
Balclutha.—O. L. Christian.
Western Southland (Ohai).—One Wanted.
Waikouaiti-Palmerston.—Supply (F. E. Trim).
Roslyn.—E. J. Carter.
Edendale.—L. E. G. Sharp.
Dunedin South 3rd (Abbotsford).—Supply, (Rev. A. G. Woodnutt).
Bluff.—Supply (Rev. J. L. Gammon).

Alfred G. Woodnut is a superannuated Minister of the British Methodist Church residing in New Zealand.

NOTES

Ministers are expected to arrive in their New Circuits between the first and second Sundays in February.

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

DEACONESS APPOINTMENTS, 1953**I. Home Work.**

Sister Rita Snowden, Home Mission Dept., Auckland.
 Sister Ivy Jones, Orphanage Board, Auckland.
 Sister Margaret Taylor, Auckland (Leave of Absence).
 Sister Rona Collins, South Island Children's Home and Orphanage
 Christchurch.
 Sister Elsmo Dixon, Auckland (Leave of Absence).
 Sister Fiona Summerell, Auckland (Leave of Absence).
 Sister Marcia Powell, Central Mission, Dunedin.
 Sister Evelyn J. Taylor, Central Mission, Christchurch.

II.—Maori Work.

Sister Eleanor Dobby, South Island.
 Sister Nicholls, 61b Taylors Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland.
 Sister Arini Hobbs, South and West King Country.
 Sister Olive Bott, Hokianga.
 Sister Madeline Holland, Kurahuna School.
 Sister Heeni Wharemaru, Hamilton and Central Waikato.
 Sister Evelyn Marriott, Rangiatea School, New Plymouth.
 Sister Dorothy Pinton, Maori Centre, Auckland.
 Sister Anne Wilson, Hawera.
 Sister Ruth Hilder, Bay of Islands.
 Sister Jean Miller, Auckland Outer Districts.
 Sister Mavis Dickie, Rangiatga School, New Plymouth.
 Sister Grace Clement, Central King Country.
 Sister Rona Keightley, Upper Waikato.
 Sister Frances Smith, Hamilton.
 Sister Betty Yearbury, Opunake.
 Sister Te Atakohu Fitzpatrick, Kawhia.

III.—Solomon Islands.

Sister Winifred Poole, Bilua, Vella Lavella.
 Sister Lucy Money, Choiseul.

IV.—Retired.

Sister Mabel Morley	Sister May Ralph.
Sister Ruth Fawcett	Sister Mildred West.
Mrs W. J. Williams	Sister Lily White
Sister May Barnett	Mrs C. B. Jones.
Sister Ethel McMillan.	Sister Olive Coleman
Sister Annie Tocker	Sister Vera Cannon.
Sister Winifred Beaumont	Sister Grace McDonald.

V.—In Training.

Second Year : Misses Winnie Bennett, Joyce Gribble, Mary Whitlow.
 First Year : Misses Doreen Bulford, Gwenda Kennedy, Kathleen
 Rogers.

VI.—Solomon Islands—Missionary Sisters.

Sister Lina Jones (Retired).
 Sister Ada Lee, Buin, Bougainville.
 Sister Effie Harkness, Roviana.
 Sister Merle Carter, Teop, Sohana.
 Sister Eva Saunders, Skotolan, Sohana.
 Sister Joyce Macdonald, Bilua, Vella Lavella.
 Sister Joan Brooking, Koau, South Bougainville.
 Sister Davinia Clark, Roviana.
 Sister Jessie Grant, Roviana.
 Sister Myra Fraser, Roviana.
 Sister Jane Bond, Bilua, Vella Lavella.
 Sister Pamela Beaumont, Koau, Bougainville.
 Sister Nancy Ball, Choiseul.
 Sister Thelma Duthie, Teop, Sohana.
 Sister Helen Whitlow, Skotolan, Sohana.
 Sister June Hilder, Roviana.

Retired.—

Sister Edna White, Sister Merle Farland and Sister Grace McDonald.

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

1. CHAIRMEN OF DISTRICTS.

Auckland—J. Henry Allen (President of the Conference).
South Auckland—Samuel J. Werren.
Taranaki-Wanganui—E. Thomas Olds.
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—William R. Francis, B.A., B.D.
Wellington—George H. Goodman.
Nelson—Charlie O. Hailwood.
North Canterbury—William T. Blight, B.A., B.D.
South Canterbury—D. G. Sherson, B.A.
Otago-Southland—E. S. Hoddinott.
Solomon Islands—John R. Metcalfe.

2. DISTRICT AND STATISTICAL SECRETARIES.

General Statistical Secretary—W. C. Jenkin.
Auckland—Leslie R. M. Gilmore, B.A.
South Auckland—J. Montgomery Blight.
Taranaki-Wanganui—L. Gordon Hanna.
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Harry V. Utting.
Wellington—Reginald Grice.
Nelson—Charles H. Bell, B.A.
North Canterbury—Howard E. Harkness, M.A., B.D.
South Canterbury—Cecil R. Taylor.
Otago-Southland—Arthur R. Witheford, B.A.

QUESTION XXXI.—Who are Elected as President and Secretary of the Conference for the year 1953?

President: Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.
Secretary: Gordon R. H. Peterson.

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

REPORT, 1952.

General:

It has been necessary to contact four Circuits this year as compared with sixteen last year for correct returns.

This could have been avoided if care was taken to refer to last year's membership figures.

When the new Statistical Forms are to hand and Resolution 3 of Conference 1950 is implemented then all returns should reach Synods correct. (See page 49, Min. of Conf., 1950, Resolution 3.)

Buildings:

An increase of eight new churches is reported. The total number now being 440.

Schoolrooms now number 253 having an increase of 11 on last year. There are two more Parsonages, making the total 198.

Other Preaching Places:

The number of other preaching places now stands at 343, showing a decrease of three.

Staffing:

This reveals that we have ten more ministers and probationers than last year, the number now being 228; while the Home Missionaries number 41, being a decrease of three.

Deaconesses remain the same at 11, while the number of Local Preachers shows an increase of five, the number now being 656.

Membership:

Membership as at the 30th June, 1952, stands at 26,937, being a NET INCREASE of 519, nearly 2%.

New members received number 1,414, an increase of 276 on last year.

Membership Year has still six months to run so that the added impetus should be reflected in next year's returns.

Transfers to Circuits number 1,237 and from Circuits 1,425, a difference of 188. It is possible from the returns to account for 39 of this total but that still leaves 150 not properly transferred.

375 members have died during the year, a decrease of 13 on the previous year's total.

333 members were returned as "Ceased to Attend", a decrease of 97 on last year's figure. This is a marked improvement.

Young People's Roll:

Two district returns are still to come to hand and until these are received no comparison on a Dominion basis is possible.

Those to hand still show that in too large a number of Circuits no attempt has been made by the Superintendent Minister to implement the directions of Conference found in the Minutes of Conference, 1945 (pages 182f.). Seven years is far too great a time lag.

Baptisms and Communicants:

The number of Baptisms for the year stands at 2,689 while the Communicants have increased by 775, the total number now being 21,809.

Travelling Allowances:

Nine Circuits involving three Districts have failed to return the amount actually paid for Circuit Travelling.

Unless every Circuit returns the correct amount comparisons on a Dominion Basis will be impossible.

It should not involve any great difficulty to state the actual amount paid out for travelling in any Circuit.

As at 30th June, 27 cars were owned by Circuits and 122 by ministers.

Finances:

Circuit Finances again show an increase in Circuit Credits of £1,106/14/4, the total Credits being £9,915/19/5.

A decrease in the Circuits' Debits of £212/14/- brings the total to £985/15/10.

The Nelson Synodal District has the distinction of reporting "No Debit Balances in the Circuits within its boundaries as at 30/6/52."

Trust Accounts show an increase of £2,581/5/3 in Credits and an increase of £2,502/8/6 in the Debit Balances.

Stipends have increased for the year by £2,068/1/7.

Maori Mission Returns.

19 Churches and 250 Other Preaching Places are reported in this year's Maori Mission Returns.

While the number of ordained Ministers remains at 5 and the number of Deaconesses remains at 18, it is very pleasing to note that there are now 40 Maori Home Missionaries, an increase of 10 during the last year. This represents a 33% increase for the year under review.

Local Preachers are returned as at 60, being the same as last year. Church Membership stands at 4,106, an increase of twelve.

Junior and Infant Membership has risen by 86 and now totals 5,154.

140 Sunday Schools are returned, being staffed by 60 Teachers and attended by 5,224 scholars. Bible Classes now number 11 and the Bible Class Membership stands at 166.

Solomon Islands Returns:

These are not yet to hand but it is hoped to have them in time for inclusion in a Supplementary Report.

Conclusion:

Thanks are again due to the District Statistical Secretaries for their work, and it is hoped that soon when returns are forwarded from Synods that they will be correct and as soon after Synod as possible.

The Returns this year are a challenge to all concerned and it is hoped that our position may be consolidated, losses stopped, and the way opened for a period of real spiritual advancement in the Cause of Christ our Lord and Master.

WM. C. JENKIN,

29/9/1952.

General Statistical Secretary.

SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT RETURNS.

Supplementary Statistical Report for 1952.

The returns from the Solomon Islands District show a steady improvement and there are encouraging results for the labours expended both by our European and Native workers.

The return of 34 other Preaching Places, nine less than last year, is more than offset by the fact that eighteen new church buildings have been dedicated and are now in use. The total number of Churches now number 227.

Members and adherents together number 18,273 as against 17,651 as reported last year; this gives an increase for the year of 622.

There has been a new arrangement of the statistics as far as the Members and Adherents are concerned and from a statistical point of view this is highly commendable. Future returns will give the following information—Members, Youth Roll, and Adherents—separately. This will give a more correct picture of the situation in our Solomon Islands District.

It is a matter of regret that we cannot place the same information concerning our General Statistical Returns in New Zealand before Conference. Although other Church Communions return this information to their respective Church Courts it is not available as far as our Church is concerned and to that extent the usefulness of our Statistics when used for comparative purposes with the Census Declared Methodists is unfortunately of very little use. It is hoped that this serious omission will be rectified in the near future.

While two less Sunday Schools are reported the number now being 105, the number of Sunday School scholars is returned at 3,519, being an increase of 133 for the year.

Day Schools have increased by four and now number 209, and while the number of teachers has increased by 16 and now number 332, the number of scholars has decreased by 150 and number 5,962.

Increases are reported in the following:—

Native Ministers	1	Total now being	5
Catechists	5	" "	22
Native Teachers	8	" "	271
Native Medical Assistants	6	" "	16

This increased assistance by the members of our Native Church in the Solomon Islands District is a matter of sincere thanks to God and the added impetus should be felt in the years to come.

WM. C. JENKIN,

General Statistical Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

(1) That the Report be received and adopted.

(2) That the Rev. W. C. Jenkin be thanked for his work as General Statistical Secretary, and be re-appointed.

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

A—Welfare of the Church Committee

ANNUAL REPORT, 1952.

The Committee has given consideration to matters referred to it by Conference and makes the following report:—

Local Preachers.

According to the request of the Local Preachers' Association that suggestions be offered for the encouragement of Youth to become Local Preachers, the Committee makes the recommendations which follow. In some centres, theological classes conducted by ministers on Saturday mornings have proved of value. It would appear that some practical training in Homiletics is advantageous and that a sermon criticism class would be useful. More might be done to impress upon congregations and youth groups how much Methodism depends upon her local preachers to maintain the services of the Church, and that the office of local preacher is one of the highest available to laymen.

It is recognised that in some centres the demand for the services of local preachers is not as great as in others, but nevertheless we are convinced of the importance of this office in training men and women to conduct services of worship, and recognise that in Methodism Candidates for the Ministry derive great benefit from the work of local preaching.

Publicity.

The Committee has been directed to consider details by which an appointment of a Publicity Agent may be secured. Qualifications for such an office would require newspaper office experience, a knowledge of what is of news value, as well as a gift for journalism. There would need to be certain advisers appointed by Conference who would make pronouncements on Public Issues as the occasion required. (The President of Conference, District Chairmen and Secretaries, and the Public Questions Committee could act in such a way). This would not need to be the official Methodist pronouncement but a representative point of view. Such statements could be telegraphed to the Publicity Agent for release to the Press.

Book of Offices.

The Committee believes that there is a definite need for a revised and enlarged Book of Offices. It asks permission to make fuller enquiries concerning cost and format, and also to investigate the suitability of other Methodist Orders of Service, as it is not in a position to make a recommendation to Conference at this juncture.

E. S. HODDINOTT, Chairman.

I. K. HOPPER, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2.
 - a. That classes in Theology and Homiletics be formed wherever possible in Circuits.
 - b. That Youth be challenged at Leadership Schools and Bible Class Camps to offer for this work.
 - c. That Ministers be urged to stress the importance of Local Preachers and the value of their services to our congregations.
 - d. That Mission Bands be formed and used for training prospective Local Preachers.
3. That the Rev. L. Gordon Hanna be appointed Publicity Agent, and that he be asked to present to next Synods and Conference, through the Welfare of the Church Committee a report on the practical issues of the appointment.
4. That the Welfare of the Church Committee, in association with the Faith and Order Committee, make fuller enquiries concerning cost and format of a new Book of Offices and also investigate the suitability of other Methodist Orders of Service.
5. That Conference take steps for the appointment of a minister or other suitable person as a Welfare Liaison Officer in every District under the jurisdiction of the Child Welfare Division of the Education Department, his duties being:—
 - (a) To receive information concerning all Methodist children who are State wards in such District.
 - (b) To attend sessions of the Childrens' Court with the Child Welfare Officer when child delinquents are of Methodist background.
 - (c) To communicate with Circuit ministers in the area in regard to their respective cases.
6. That the Rev. W. S. Dawson be the Methodist Chaplain to the Porirua Mental Hospital and the Rev. Campbell P. Lucas be the Chaplain to the Levin Farm Hospital.
7. That the Secretary of Conference be asked to advise the Health Department of the names of Chaplains to Mental Hospitals.
8. That in view of the increasing responsibilities devolving upon the Chairmen of the four metropolitan areas, the Church Council give consideration to ways and means of giving some relief to Chairmen.
9. That the attention of Circuits be drawn to the desirability of notices of Church services being distributed to hotels and motor camps for display in letter racks and notice boards.
10. That the Committee be.—Revs. E. S. Hoddinott, G. R. H. Peterson, R. Dudley, J. K. Watson, H. G. Brown, H. A. Cochrane, J. A. Penman, I. K. Hopper, Mesdames E. W. Ashby, A. T. Timms, Sister Ruth Fawcett, Misses E. Purdie, M. Guthrie, Messrs. J. McIndoe, A. L. Stanton, A. H. Harman, H. C. Vince, E. Brialley, G. A. Henderson, G. R. Galbreath, H. H. Johnson, with power to add. Convener: Rev. I. K. Hopper.

B—Spiritual Advance Committee

REPORT, 1952.

Meetings of the Committee have been held bi-monthly and have been well attended. The Executive has met regularly between the meetings of the Committee. Due to considerable changes in personnel it has been a year of learning for many members.

Literature.

The Committee has continued to supply Decision Cards and Communion Cards. It is evident that some Circuits have found the Communion Card of great value in encouraging members to come to the Lord's Table. The Handbook, "Visitation Evangelism," is in process of being re-printed. This is being done because of the many enquiries, some from Ministers and workers in other Churches. The Committee has issued the booklet, "What Can One Methodist Do?" and it is very obvious that this has met a need. A World-wide Communion Card was printed and is being freely ordered. Bible Reading Cards have been available from the Epworth Bookroom. Due to late deliveries, orders for these have considerably decreased. Steps were taken to avoid delays in the future and we ask that our people be urged to use the Bible Reading Card. A Membership Year Poster was printed and sent to all Circuits and Home Mission Stations. A Ministerial Study was prepared by the Rev. W. R. Francis and used at all Ministerial Synods.

Membership Manual.

In consultation with the Board of Publications, our Committee was asked to consider this matter. The Committee has given time to the correction and revision of the booklet, "Our Fathers' Faith and Ours," and while paying sincere tribute to the usefulness of this booklet, feel that the time has arrived for Conference to take in hand the publication of two books which would be the official and studied statements of our Church. The Committee recommends a "Compendium of Methodist Theology and Polity" to be written either by a Conference appointee or by a panel of specially selected writers. It is also recommended that a smaller book be issued, to meet the needs of membership preparation classes.

Crusade for Christ and His Kingdom.

The Committee continues to give the greater part of its time to matters related to the Crusade. Sufficient time has passed for it to be evident that where the spirit of the Crusade has been caught, good results follow. There can be no room for doubt that whether our Churches act now or later, it will be along the lines suggested that they will move in order to get the best results. The programme and practical suggestions sent out are in line with those of similar movements being carried through in other countries. The method of visitation evangelism, is in all cases the accepted and successful one. While it is disappointing that many Circuits seem to have done little, it is an encouraging fact that others are now beginning to see the possibilities of the Crusade and to work it out in such ways as local conditions allow.

Membership Year.

All Circuits and Home Mission Stations were circularised twice during the year with regard to the significance of Membership Year. A comprehensive list of practical suggestions was given and the Committee feels that if carried through, the programme as outlined

would bring good results. The Committee is aware that the full result of Membership Year will not show in returns presented to the 1952 Conference. The recommendation presented later with regard to a continuing emphasis being placed on membership in 1953, will enable us to continue the task of winning members and enable us to gain a more correct picture of the result of Membership Year.

1953 Programme.

After very careful consideration the Committee recommends to Conference that Leadership Year be postponed for one year. The reason for this recommendation is best stated by quoting from a letter received from the "World Methodist Church." "Last August, World Methodism at Oxford called thirty million Methodists to undertake the greatest evangelistic adventure of this generation. After prayerful thought and a deep sense of Divine Guidance, it was unanimously decided to ask our people the world over to make the year 1952 one of intense spiritual preparation. The purpose in mind was that a prepared Methodism should become a sharp instrument of God for a world-wide evangelistic campaign in the year 1953." Information as to what is being done throughout the world has been promised by the organisers, Dr W. E. Sangster and Rev. Colin Roberts. Our Committee is convinced that the Connexion will benefit greatly by joining with other countries in this campaign and feels that eventually the Crusade will be all the more successful because we have made this decision.

Overseas Visitor.

The Committee has arranged for the Rev W. C. Poole, of California, to make a tour of the Dominion during the months of October and November. We believe that great good comes from the visits of Churchmen from overseas and are seeking to arrange for more visitors to our country.

Financial.

The Committee wishes to thank the Circuits which have sent donations during the year and to remind the Connexion that Conference urged "That all Circuits and H.M. Stations continue to give generous financial assistance to the Spiritual Advance Committee."

Crusade Director.

The Rev G. I. Laurenson has continued as Crusade Director for another year and the Committee wishes to express sincere gratitude to Mr Laurenson for his leadership and fine work in connection with the Crusade. Through his contacts in this country and overseas Mr Laurenson has been able to greatly assist the Church in her Spiritual Advance work and this he has done in an outstanding way.

W. R. LAWS, Chairman.

L. GREENSLADE, Convener.

Spiritual Advance Committee

REPORT OF THE CRUSADE DIRECTOR.

As was to be expected, the work of Crusade Director this year has had to be incidental to the duties of President of Conference, and the main task of leadership has had to lie with the Spiritual Advance Committee under their new Chairman and Secretary.

However at several March Ministerial Synods and District or regional rallies the main objectives for 1952 were presented and the challenge of the Crusade placed as urgently as possible before those gatherings.

While making the emphasis that of Membership Year, it should not mean that we have moved away from the earlier emphasis, or missed sight of the coming major emphasis. It is to be hoped that visitation evangelism, and "Home and Church" will be part of the normal emphasis in every Church from now on.

Modern conditions are continuing to create a community of young parents very loosely connected with the Church. Our Australian Church is facing exactly the same problem, and we must constantly work out to that marginal group, facing them with the challenge of personal faith and family worship.

It will be a long time before that task is anything like complete. Many of our churches have not caught up with this aspect of modern life, or swing into action to meet it. The urgency of it is growing, and the publicity of the Crusade is constantly seeping down into more and more congregations. If any church has not yet organised a training group of selected people for this special task, it is still urgently needed, and the Crusade has not really begun in that place.

It is encouraging to find that the Crusade is lying with more urgency on many consciences. Some are asking "If we are not at work in this, why aren't we?" It is out of such a sense of dissatisfaction as this that progress can come. God is calling urgently to the Church in our day to swing into action for Him.

Let this year be one of very prayerful co-operation in the "year of Evangelism through World Methodism." The Spiritual Advance Committee's report warrants loyal support from every Methodist.

GEO. I. LAURENSEN.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.
2. That a grant of £25 each be made for the work of the Committee from the Home Mission Department and the Contingent Fund.
3. That Leadership Year be postponed for one year and that there be a continuing emphasis on membership in 1953.
4. That 1953 be designated "World Methodist Year of Evangelism," and that the whole Church be called to an intensive campaign of Teaching and Evangelism throughout the year, thus joining with Methodists the world over.
5. That Conference is convinced of the effectiveness of Visitation Evangelism and again urges Circuits and Home Mission Stations to train Visitation Teams and send them out on this work.
6. That Conference express its appreciation of the fine work of the Crusade Director, the Rev. G. I. Laurenson and that he be re-appointed.
7. That the matter of a Handbook of Methodist Theology and Polity be referred to the Faith and Order Committee for consideration and that further copies of "Our Fathers' Faith and Ours" be printed and used as the official Manual for Church Membership preparation.
8. That Conference approve the following proposals for 1953.
 - (a) That separate Teaching and Evangelistic Missions be held in all Circuits and Home Mission Stations in 1953.
 - (b) That Teaching Missions be held following Trinity Sunday. That these be of two weeks duration and include three Sundays. That three evenings of each week be used for meetings. Suggested months are June and July.

(c) That Evangelistic Missions be held during the months of September or October. That these be held for one week in larger Circuits and for at least five nights in smaller Circuits and Home Mission Stations. In both cases this would include two Sundays.

(d) That there be held two separate preparation courses early in 1953, one at Palmerston North and one at Christchurch, to be attended by at least one Minister from each District, the cost to be borne equally by the Spiritual Advance Committee and the Contingent Fund.

(e) That the March Ministerial Synods be addressed by the representatives who have attended the preparation course and that if necessary the time of Synods be extended.

(f) That the December Quarterly and Leaders' Meetings consider these matters and that district arrangements be made at the March Ministerial Synods.

(g) That the season of Lent be observed as a period of preparation and that our people be called upon to undertake a specific act of spiritual discipline.

(h) That the local Minister be in his Circuit or Home Mission Station during the course of each Mission.

9. That the March Ministerial Committees of 1953 consider the membership gains made in the respective Circuits during Membership Year, and take action in respect to the continuation of the objectives of Membership Year.

10. That Conference endorse the action of the ex-President in extending an invitation to the President-General of the Australasian Conference (Rev. Dr. G. Calvert Barker), to visit New Zealand in March 1953.

11. That Conference extend an invitation to Bishop Gerald Kennardy and Bishop Ivan Lee Holt of the Methodist Church of America to visit New Zealand.

12. That Conference commend the work of the Spiritual Advance Committee to all Circuits and Home Mission Stations.

13. That the Committee for 1953 be Revs. W. R. Laws, L. Greenslade, B. H. Riseley, F. H. Parker, G. H. Goodman, C. B. Oldfield, R. F. Clement, C. P. Lucas, G. R. Thompson, E. D. Grounds, A. R. Nuttall, H. V. Utting, A. H. Ivory, W. Green, G. I. Laurensen, B. M. Chrystall, Mrs W. A. Boniface, Mrs I. A. Taylor, Messrs L. G. Potts, G. G. Hancox, T. M. Henson, I. G. Baber, G. Greathead, W. S. Thrush, E. L. F. Buxton, R. Doughty, K. Wyness, with power to add. Convenor, Rev. L. Greenslade.

C— Local Preachers' Association

ANNUAL REPORT, 1952.

In presenting this Annual Report and Balance Sheet, the New Zealand Executive desire to join all brethren in giving heartfelt thanks to God for another year of successful service to our Church and to our Lord and Master.

Obituary.

Again it is our regret to report the passing of a number of faithful brethren. Among them Bros. R. Doubleday, W. Harris (Hastings), B. J. Lynneberg (Ngaio), A. Swift (Lower Hutt), C. A. French (Auckland), L. T. Bisson (Napier, W. J. Brown (Ashburton), K. Kippenberger (Waimate).

To the relatives of these, and others whose names are not included here, the Executive desires to express their deepest sympathy

and to offer comfort in the knowledge that we shall all meet again around the Throne in our Father's home above.

Local Preachers' Examinations.

The following who have passed their examinations and who have been received as Fully Accredited, have received the Association's certificate and books:—R. Andrews, Miss C. Burton, R. Wood, Mrs. A. W. McGaughey, E. Boyd, F. S. Rigg, E. J. Ridgen, Miss J. Hartley, Miss D. Ritchie, Miss M. Blight, G. Barkla, C. V. Jones, Mrs. C. E. Taylor, D. G. Holloway, L. B. Bell, Miss R. Cowley, K. G. Fowke, N. W. Corbett, R. L. Hopwood, Miss T. Duthie, E. Beavis, G. Bennett, M. R. Barnett, Miss G. Kitchingman, H. Kitchingman, T. Nicolls, G. B. W. Bell, Miss V. L. Duske, A. H. Locks, H. S. Maslen, I. W. Early, Miss M. Crooks, S. Neal and G. Phillips.

Long Service Diplomas.

The following have received their Long Service Diplomas during the year:—Bros. W. Harris, R. Doubleday, H. W. Currie, W. Rose, E. Downer, H. A. Tunnicliffe, J. Palmer, T. W. Evans, R. G. Trebilo, J. Preddy, R. P. Kilham, C. F. Lindsey, J. H. Roberts, and C. V. Woodfield.

Food Parcels.

We are grateful to all those who are sending, or have sent, contributions to our Food Parcels Fund, enabling us to despatch again those welcome comforts to aged and ailing brethren in England. The need is still there and we must do our best to continue this good work.

Book Scheme.

Good use continues to be made of the Book List. However, the Executive would like to see wider use made of the scheme especially by our younger brethren as they continue their studies to improve their ability as bearer of the Good News. The Book List will be forwarded on application to the Secretary, 19 Shirley Road, Christchurch.

Birthday Honours.

We take this opportunity of congratulating Bro. W. J. Jordan on his Knighthood. We feel it an honour to be associated with him in the ties of our brotherhood.

Practical Work for Local Preachers.

This matter is being brought before our Conference again this year in an endeavour to raise the standard of Local Preaching throughout the Dominion.

We are asking no greater academic qualifications, but merely more practical experience before candidates attain "Fully Accredited" status.

We sincerely hope that we shall have the full support of our Ministerial brethren and our branches in this matter.

Services at Tourist Resorts.

It has come to our notice that a number of our Tourist Resorts have no provision made for the holding of any Protestant services, even though they are usually crowded at week-ends.

We would urge that Chairmen of Districts look into this matter in conjunction with other Protestant Churches.

Local Preachers' Column ("Methodist Times").

This column enables us to put our activities before a large number of members of our church. During the past year one branch in

particular, has made full use of this column. We hope that in future wider use will be made of this column by all branches. Send reports of your activities to the Dominion Secretary for inclusion.

Local Preacher Candidates

It is pleasing to note that young men and women continue to offer in goodly numbers for the work of preaching the Gospel. Concern has been felt at the obvious lack of adequate preparation of some candidates coming up for their examinations.

It is to be hoped that ministerial brethren will give adequate coaching to these young people to ensure that they are fully equipped to be preachers of the Word of God.

Local Preachers' Sunday.

In several districts pulpits were available to Local Preachers on Local Preachers' Sunday, and we trust that this feature of our work will continue to bring before our congregations the importance of Lay-Predaching and also stimulate our members to greater devoted service. We would urge that other districts adequately observe this Sunday.

Inspirational Rallies

This matter is before the Executive and we are encouraging Local Branches to hold inspirational rallies within their districts and some success is being achieved.

In concluding this Annual Report, we desire to express to all the Local Preachers who have served our Church so faithfully throughout the year, our sincere thanks, and pray that God's richest blessing will rest upon all our members.

For the Dominion Executive,

FREDERICK G. COLECHIN, President.

TREVOR E. WOODFIELD, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

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

2. That the Law Book, pars. 253 and 254, be amended as follows:—

(1) Par. 253.—After the words "on probation" add "during that period he shall preach at least three different sermons and conduct a reasonable number of services of worship supervised by a competent person who shall report thereon to the Preachers' (or Quarterly) Meeting as well as to the candidate."

(2) Par. 254. Add to (c) after "Preachers' meeting"—"and the required number of services conducted and sermons prepared and preached."

3. That L.P. Sunday (2nd Sunday in August) be observed in all churches and that Local Preachers be planned as fully as possible on that day.

4. That Chairmen of Districts, in conjunction with ministers of other Protestant churches, seek to make provision for Divine Worship to be held at all Tourist Resorts.

5. That with a view to helping local preachers in the conduct of public worship, Conference directs that a course of study dealing with the ordering of services be included in the Local Preachers' Examination Course.

6. That Conference record its appreciation of the willing service rendered by the Local Preachers' of the Church.

D—Methodist Men's Fellowship

ANNUAL REPORT, 1952.

In presenting the Second Annual Report for the Men's Fellowship since the Dominion Executive has been domiciled in North Canterbury, we feel that progress is being made steadily.

Numerous enquiries have been received from Churches in various parts of New Zealand regarding the formation of Fellowships and information in this respect has been forwarded to Kaitaia, Westport, Gisborne, Plimmerton, Palmerston North (Cuba Street) and Wellington South (Trinity).

Some Fellowships have not affiliated with our Movement, giving as their reason that men of other denominations comprise portion of their membership. We would point out that our Constitution welcomes other Church members among our members, and in an ecumenical spirit, we hope that these Fellowships will reconsider their decisions.

The Movement continues to flourish in Auckland City and environs, also in the South Auckland and Waikato Districts. We believe this has been brought about largely by the efforts of our good friends of the Auckland District Executive who have always made this a matter of paramount importance.

Fellowships in the Taranaki, Hawke's Bay-Manawatu and Wellington Districts continue to function and it is hoped that more Fellowships will be formed as time goes on.

In North Canterbury, the Dominion Executive works in close co-operation with the District Executive, and our relations are most harmonious. In the south, Fellowships are active in Dunedin City, Invercargill City and Gore.

We thank the Auckland District Executive for continuing to act as the North Island Branch of the Dominion Executive and feel that this responsibility is in good and faithful hands.

The annual retreat of men of the Auckland District was held at Camp Wesley again this year. This is an important function in connection with our Fellowship Movement and it is hoped that this will continue for many years. A retreat is at present under consideration for North Canterbury men to be conducted on similar lines.

Branch Secretaries are reminded that we are privileged to have a Fellowship Page in the "Methodist Times." Reports of Fellowship activities, for inclusion in that paper, will always be gratefully received.

The Annual Meeting of the Fellowship will be held during Conference at Nelson in November next when a warm invitation to all members attending Conference will be extended.

Information has come to hand from time to time concerning the vital part being played by the Men's Fellowship Movement in the Methodist Churches of North America. Working together as "Methodist Men" in nearly all the States of the Union, increasing emphasis is being placed on personal evangelism and there is evidence of much quickening of the spiritual life of many congregations. While recognising the importance of much of the work already undertaken by our Movement in New Zealand and rejoicing that new Fellowships are coming into being, we believe that it is only through absolute surrender to the claims of Jesus Christ that we can hope

to find complete spiritual stature. Let us, therefore, accept the challenge as a "Priesthood of believers" and re-dedicate every gift that we possess to His Service.

For and on behalf of the Dominion Executive,

GEO. H. COLEY, President.

FRED W. PITCHER, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference express its appreciation of the work of many branches of the Men's Fellowship in connection with Home Mission deputations during the past year.

E—New Zealand Women's Guild Fellowship

ANNUAL REPORT, 1952.

The 2nd Annual Conference was held in Auckland on November 1st, 1951, when delegates from all districts in the N.Z. Fellowship, and many observers attended. The President, in her address, stressed the point how much consecrated women were needed in this world of turmoil, and how they could help.

The Secretary reported on the year's work of the Executive, and of each district in the N.Z. Fellowship, each showing a healthy interest in Guild and Church affairs.

Southland and Westland Districts were welcomed in; this makes a total of 7 Districts. Of the 257 known Guilds in New Zealand 166, with approximately 3,348 members, are in the N.Z. Fellowship.

The Treasurer reports that 5 Districts have sent in returns as follows, as having been raised by subscriptions, donations, bring and buys, jumble sales, sales tables, fairs, and other means.

AUCKLAND (with 52 Guilds), £3,000. No details.

WELLINGTON (with 26 Guilds), £3,000—Trust, £402; Circuit, £331; Parsonage, £726.

NELSON (with 8 Guilds), £500. No details.

NORTH CANTERBURY (with 43 Guilds), £1929/-—Trust, £369/-; Circuit, £300/-; Parsonage, £510/-; Linen Fund, £180/1/2; Missions, £56/15/4; Other Objects, £168/6/4.

SOUTH CANTERBURY (with 10 Guilds), £567/1/5—Trust, and Circuit, £265/-; Parsonage, £108/19/5; Missions, £2/10/-.

Total raised, £8996/1/5.

This is the first time the finance of our Guilds has been known.

The 3d per member levy is proving sufficient for the working of the Executive.

Remits were received protesting against liquor being allowed on football fields, and against known cases of cruelty to children not having been reported, suggesting that it be made an offence if such cases are not reported. The N.Z. Fellowship passed a resolution of protest, and that it be published in the daily papers.

Helpful discussions on Guild work also took place.

The President's annual letter to each Guild is much appreciated and favourable mention has been made by many Guilds in districts where, as yet, there is no Fellowship functioning, and from many

Guilds enquiries have come as to the possibility of forming a Fellowship in their district.

During the year Mrs Francis, N.Z. Vice-President, and Mrs Reed, Wellington District Secretary, have visited England; both were warmly welcomed and entertained by the English Guild Fellowship, and were shown many places of historical interest especially to Methodists. We have received several letters from the English President congratulating us on our efforts in New Zealand, thus strengthening the bond between us.

The next N.Z. Fellowship Conference will be held in Nelson on November 5th next. An invitation is given to all women representatives to Church Conference to attend as observers. The Auckland District will be the next location for the N.Z. Fellowship. The new officers will be dedicated at Nelson.

In conclusion, as this is the final term of office for the present Executive, and as they retire, they wish the incoming officers God's richest blessing, as they seek to continue the work of co-ordinating and strengthening the spiritual life of the Guilds of N.Z. Methodism.

D. M. BURNET, President.

L. W. FIRTH, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. **Parsonage Allowance and Kitchen Utensils:** (a) That from the 1st February, 1953, the amount paid annually to the Minister's wife for upkeep of linen etc., be increased to a minimum of £12/10/-, and (b) That utensils at present in parsonage be left for use until such time as they are worn out.

F—Church Council

REPORT, 1952.

The Church Council has considered the matters referred to it by last Conference and reports as under:—

1. **Supervision of Members' Rolls** (Mins., page 49). The Council is of the opinion that no additional powers are necessary as the Laws of the Church are such that Chairmen of Districts have the right at their discretion to inquire into the affairs of any circuit in their District and may request that all Circuit records and books be produced for inspection. (Law Book, para. 163). In its opinion Chairmen should exercise this right to ensure that Circuit records are kept in accordance with the law.

2. **Members having ceased to attend** (Mins., page 49). The Council regards the present law as adequate, but recommends that in the Law Book, after Para. 154 (k), a note should appear in brackets (see para. 7, page 2.)

3. **Ministerial invitations** (Mins., page 51). The Council approves in general the invitation system but feels it could be strengthened by the definition of the steps to be taken by Circuit Stewards. It is recommended that the Law Revision Committee draft regulations to meet this need giving particular attention to such matters as the following:

(a) The time when a list of men moving could be most usefully compiled and made available.

(b) Circuit Stewards consulting the members of the Circuit through the Leaders' Meeting.

(c) The minister at the time stationed in the circuit being informed of the projected move.

(d) Circuit Stewards first consulting their District Chairman before approaching any minister.

(e) District Chairmen being supplied with a list of ministers intending to move, by the Secretary of Conference.

4. **Schools and Colleges** (Mins., page 51). The Council recommends that the policy of the Church in the matter of Church Schools and Colleges be as follows:

(a) As Wesley Training College, Paerata, is the only Methodist College we have, it should be made as efficient and worthy as possible.

(b) While not favouring the establishment of further Church Schools as a general policy our assets in the Prince Albert College Trust be considered for the possible setting up of a Girls' College in the future.

(c) With these exceptions the Church Council favours the establishment of Church Hostels in the vicinity of selected State Schools.

5. **Powers of District Executives** (Mins., page 60). The question of the powers of District Executives is still under review by the Church Council and it requests Conference to allow it to continue its investigations.

6. **District Boundaries** (Mins., page 60). Bearing in mind that considerations other than that of size enter into the constitution of Synodal areas, the Church Council without expressing an opinion on the desirability or otherwise of an adjustment of Synodal Boundaries to allow for an amalgamation of North Canterbury and South Canterbury (with the Oamaru Circuit being included in the Otago Southland Synod), and the division of the Nelson District between the Wellington and the North Canterbury Synods, recommends that the proposals be submitted to the Synods concerned so that their mind on this matter may be secured.

7. **School for Christian Workers**. The Council recommends that this matter be referred to the Deaconess Board for report to Synods and Conference.

8. **Church Council and Methodist Social Service Association**: Recommendations were made by the joint meeting of the above as set out in (7)-(11) below:—

E. W. HAMES, Chairman.

W. R. FRANCIS, Acting Secretary.

H. L. FIEBIG, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

2. **Members Ceased to Attend**.—That after Par. 154 (k) of the Law Book, there be added in brackets "see par. 7, page 2)".

3. **Ministerial Invitations**.—That the Law Revision Committee draft regulations to be harmonised with the present law for the purpose of defining more clearly the procedure to be followed in connection with the issuing of invitations. The proposals (a)-(e) in the body of the report are referred to the Committee for consideration.

4. **Powers of District Executives**.—That the Council continue its study of this matter in 1953.

5. **District Boundaries**.—That this matter be considered by the

following Synods: Wellington-Nelson, North Canterbury-South-Canterbury, Otago-Southland.

6. School for Christian Workers.—That the Deaconess Board consider this matter.

(7) That the relationship of central City Churches and Circuits to the work of Central Missions be investigated by Area Committees of the M.S.S.A. and be referred to the Church Council and the N.Z.M.S.S.A. for consideration in 1953.

(8) That the Dunedin Hostel Trust confer with the Otago District Executive regarding the future of Leith House.

(9) That the Wesley Trust confer with the Wesley Church Social services Trust re the establishment of a Youth Hostel, Wesley Church Wellington.

(10) That District Executives be requested to explore the possibility of School or University Hostels within their areas, seeking evidence of the need, preparedness of School Boards to co-operate, etc., and report findings to the N.Z.M.S.S.A.

(11) That the Inter-Church Council on Public Affairs investigate the relationship between Church Hostels and Labour Laws and awards governing such hostels.

12. That the Church Council define the relationship of institutions and Ministers appointed to them, to the Circuit within which they are situated.

13. That the Church Council consider ways of avoiding the present clash between the sessions of the Examination Committee and the time-tables of university examinations.

G—N.Z. Methodist Social Services Association

REPORT TO SYNODS AND CONFERENCE, 1952.

The Committee appointed, met at Wellington on May 5th, 1952, and as Directed by Conference, clarified its objectives and constitution, in terms of the recommendations hereunder.

The Committee met in conjunction with the Church Council the day following, to consider the formulating of a policy for social work in cities and large centres and the relation of such to existing central Churches and Circuits, and to give consideration to the proposal of a policy for the establishment of Methodist Youth Hostels. The recommendations made will be found under "Church Council".

W. H. GREENSLADE, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

2. The N.Z. Methodist Social Service Association:—

Establishment.

There is (hereby) established an Association to be known as the N.Z. Methodist Social Services Association.

General Purposes.

To initiate, develop and co-ordinate the social service work of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

To ensure adequate publicity and practical support for the Social Services of the Church.

To receive and administer funds and assets given for the Social Service work of the Church.

To develop and administer:

- (a) General staffing policy for the social services of the Methodist Church.
- (b) Plans for the recruiting and training of staff.

Membership.

There shall be a N.Z.M.S.S.A. of such Social Services as City Missions, Social Service Trusts, Community Centres approved by Conference, Orphanages, Eventide Homes, Hostels, Maori Social Welfare work, and all similar organisations recognised by Conference.

A Connexional Committee.

The N.Z.M.S.S.A. shall meet as a Connexional Committee comprised of representatives of each organisation in the Association.

Personnel.

The personnel of the Association shall consist of the President of the Conference, two representatives each from the Home Mission Department, the Auckland, Christchurch and Dunedin Central Missions, the Wesley Church (Wellington Central) Social Services Trust (Incorp.); and one representative each from the Orphanage Boards, the Community Church, Ponsonby, and any other organisation recognised by Conference. Also one layman, not engaged in social service, from each area, nominated by District Executives.

Officers.

The Chairman shall be the President of the Conference or his deputy, who shall preside at all meetings of the Association at which he is present, and in his absence the Committee shall appoint its own chairman.

The Association shall nominate to Conference for appointment annually, a Convener and an official Representative.

Purposes Defined.

1. The N.Z.M.S.S.A. shall discuss and make recommendation regarding all policies and enterprises related to the social services of the Methodist Church of N.Z., and shall through its convener make report annually to the Conference.
2. No specific unit of Social Service activity requiring continued public support beyond the Circuit boundaries shall be commenced until after discussion with the N.Z.M.S.S.A. and the approval of the District Executive and the Area Committee of the N.Z.M.S.S.A.
3. Any new project requiring urgent decision shall be referred for approval to the Area Committee of the N.Z.M.S.S.A. in consultation with the President of the Conference and his Committee of Advice.
4. Conference shall establish a N.Z.M.S.S.A. Fund which shall be administered by the General Purposes Trust Board on the recommendation of the N.Z.M.S.S.A. All gifts and bequests made to the Association without direction as to disposal shall be allocated by Conference on the recommendation of the N.Z.M.S.S.A.

Area Committees.

Area Committees of the N.Z.M.S.S.A. shall be appointed by Conference on the nomination of Synods through the District Executives on the following basis:—

Two representatives of the Home Mission Department.
 Two representatives of the District Executive.
 One representative of each Orphanage.
 Five representatives of City Missions or Social Service Trust.
 Area Committees may co-opt the services of corresponding members resident within the Area.
 Area Committees shall have power to elect their own officers.
 Area Committees shall make survey of the Social Service needs within their areas and where necessary shall make recommendation to the N.Z.M.S.S.A. and/or District Courts, District or local Trusts or Circuits.
 Area Committees shall be responsible for their own publicity and shall encourage financial support for approved Social Service projects within their area and for the N.Z.M.S.S.A. General Fund.

Social Service Areas shall be:—

- Area 1. Auckland and South Auckland Synodal Districts.
- Area 2. Wellington, Hawke's Bay-Manawatu, Taranaki-Wanganui Synodal Districts.
- Area 3. North Canterbury and Nelson Synodal Districts and that area within the South Canterbury Synodal District as far south as the Rangitata River.
- Area 4. Otago-Southland Synodal District and that area of the South Canterbury Synodal District as far north as the Rangitata River.
3. That the official Representative and Convener of the N.Z. M.S.S.A. be the Rev. W. H. Greenslade.
4. That for the purpose of establishing Area Committees the following interim Area Conveners be appointed: The Revs. A. Everil Orr, W. E. Falkingham, W. H. Greenslade, Dr. Raymond Dudley.
5. That the association of all Social Service work with the Methodist Church be evident in all descriptive titles adopted.
6. That the constitution as amended be referred to the Law Revision Committee.
7. That the Directors of Social Work inform the Superintendents of Circuits when visits are to be made within their Circuits.

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

Youth Department

ANNUAL REPORT, 1952.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES, PUBLICATIONS & FINANCE.

Statistics:	1952	1951
Easter Camps:		
No. of Camps held	28	31
Total attendance	2,914	2,783
Reported decisions for Christ	514	570
Leadership Schools:		
Advanced Schools held	—	1
Attendance	—	17
3-day Schools held	9	9
Attendance (approx.)	450	450

Leadership Courses:

Diploma Course Enrolments	30	75
Examinations:		
Entrants	26	39
Subjects	36	50
Passes	30	41
Completion of N.C.C. Diploma Course	1	—
Advanced Recreational Course passes	8	—

Home Sunday School:

No. of Pupils:		
Pakeha	221	196
Maori	120	110
Attendance at Holiday Camp	48	51

Publications in 1951-52.

Posters and publicity for Youth Week, publicity for "Christian Education." Studies for Easter Camps and Leadership Schools. B.C. Study and S.S. Lesson material in connection with Solomon Islands Mission Jubilee. "A Time to Remember," Worship Resources for Youth Services, Hymn and Chorus Booklet, "Christian Education." Reprints of "Christian Marriage," "Follow the Gleam," Greetings and Congratulation Cards for Cradle Roll, Sunday School Registers, Young Worshipers' League Albums.

Literature Sales in 1951-52.

Trading Department Turnover (approx.)—£6,000.

Accounts operating at present—1,300.

Graded Literature issued—200,000 scholars' monthly folders, 15,000 scholars' bi-annual Workbooks, 3,500 booklets for Home Sunday School scholars, 5,000 teachers' handbooks, 5,000 Bible Class Syllabus, 400 Leaders' Handbooks.

Finance.

	Amount Allocated	Amount Received	
1951-52	£3,478	£2,849	82%
1950-51	£2,355	£2,297	97%

It should be borne in mind that the allocations for this year are those approved by the 1950 Conference. It is encouraging to see the response of the Church in its effort to reach the new target. We are confident that the Department will have the continuing support of the circuits in this way to enable it to maintain and develop its important work.

Introduction.

The work of the Church among children and youth has been carried forward under the guidance of the Youth Department with a sense of purpose and achievement. The full round of activities on national, district and local church levels has been maintained and through them youth has been won for Christ, His Church and His Kingdom.

In this report reference is made only to those activities which reflect the encouraging results already apparent as the out-working of the policy of each director giving particular attention to certain fields of activity, and to future developments in this connection. It is believed that the general worth of the work of the Department is now so well established and maintained that it is not necessary to attempt to give detailed reports year by year.

SUMMARY OF WORK OF DIRECTORS AND BOARD.

1. Work of Directors.

During the early part of the period under review Miss Jean Hartley (now Mrs E. S. Stewart) and the Rev J. K. Watson continued to render valuable service to the Church in its work among youth.

The two new Directors, Rev R. H. Allen and Miss D. M. Jones took up their appointments in February, and with them commenced the changes in policy approved by last Conference.

Despite the difficulties caused by the fact that there has been throughout the year no Senior Youth Director, we believe that the new policy has already begun to prove its worth. As results begin to be more clearly seen we are confident that its wisdom will be definitely established. Both fields at present receiving attention are of crucial importance to our whole work.

(a) Church and Home.

In her work in this field, Miss Jones has met D.Y.C.'s, L.Y.C.'s, groups of teachers, Cradle Roll Superintendents and executives of Young Mothers' Groups, collecting information about existing activities and making suggestions for more effective "Church-home" co-operation.

In most circuits Cradle Roll Superintendents are faithfully carrying out their work, but as yet it covers a very restricted field, and suggestions are being made for the widening of this work into a "Nursery Department."

Efforts are being made to establish Cradle Roll Workers' Fellowships in other centres on the model of one which already exists in Christchurch and to link all Superintendents by means of a regular newsletter.

Because of the need of the Church to reach back into the homes from which Cradle Roll and Sunday School children come, contacts have been made with the Executives of Fireside Clubs. Junior Guilds and Women's Evening Circles, which are providing fellowship for the younger women of the church, and their co-operation sought in the strengthening of the bond between the Church and the home.

(b) Leadership Training.

Mr Allen has during the year given special attention to leader and teacher training. The response and interest of all groups met have shown that there is an appreciation of the value of this emphasis. District Youth Councils are considering the formation of leadership committees which will survey the position of leadership and leadership training within the district.

In accordance with the Board's recommendations particular attention has been given this year to planning leader and teacher training in the practical fields of teaching techniques. Experimental "Workshop Method" courses are planned for New Plymouth, Stratford, Wellington and Lower Hutt. The response of teachers and leaders to the suggestion of such activity reveals the fact that many are aware of their need of such training.

An Advanced Leadership Course to be held at Rotorua from August 23rd to September 5th places a similar emphasis on practical aspects of Sunday School teaching work.

"Equipping for Leadership" is the theme for the Youth Conference to be held from December 28th, 1952, to January 6th, 1953.

It is hoped that through this Conference the challenge to give Christian leadership within both the church and community will be presented to the youth of the Church.

This leadership training emphasis is seen to be supremely important when viewed in the light of the expected growth in the number of children and young people to whom we will be ministering.

(c) General.

While each of the Directors has paid particular attention to a special part of the work among youth, they have at the same time given advice and leadership over the wide general field of activity. They have attended camps and schools, prepared material for special activities, represented the Board on the Y.C.N.C.C., assisted national committees and generally worked wherever they have been able to serve the Church in its approach to youth. In October, 1951, Mr Allen attended the triennial Conference of the Australasian Joint Board of Graded Lessons.

2. Work of the Youth Board.

The Board through its regular meetings and committees, with the full co-operation of the office staff, has had a busy and exacting year. The outstanding devotion and service of the Board's Secretary, Miss P. Yearbury, has been invaluable to the smooth running of the work and the leadership given to the youth life of the Church. National Committees on Leadership and Recreation and Leisure, centred in Christchurch, have contributed effectively to the work of the Department.

Missions and Ecumenical.

Missionary interest has been strengthened by the publication of the pageant, "A Time to Remember," by Mr H. W. Beaumont, the distribution of study and lesson material on the Solomon Islands to Sunday Schools and Bible Classes, the operating of a pen-friend scheme, and the establishing of personal links between districts and missionaries on the field.

Interest in ecumenical affairs will be quickened by the fact that Mr Rua Rakena, a third-year student of Trinity College, will this year attend the World Conference of Christian Youth at Travancore, as one of the six New Zealand representatives.

Order of St. Stephen.

Miss Thea Jones and Mr George Bennett, both of whom have completed their year of service, have been received into the Order. Miss Phyllis Hounsell is at present working in the Hutt Valley, and enquiries have been received from several other young people about possible service under the Order.

District Organisers and Part-time Youth Workers.

The Board has given considerable thought to the matter of the appointment of District Organisers and Part-Time Youth Workers and has communicated with D.Y.C.'s outlining the policy in this regard.

Devotional Life.

Throughout the year emphasis has been placed on this important aspect of Christian life, and in Convention, Camps and Schools corporate prayer has been encouraged. Pledged Members' Groups are more and more playing their part in training young folk in the disciplines of prayer life.

Youth and the Crusade.

Efforts have been made to relate the work among youth to the

aims of the Crusade for Christ. It is not an exaggeration to say that our young people have been among the first to respond to the challenge of the Crusade, nor that through them its spirit and the techniques of visitation evangelism will be carried on in the life of the Church.

Home Sunday School.

Rev W. A. Burley has undertaken the superintendency of the Home Sunday School with characteristic enthusiasm and thoroughness, and we can look forward to a continued growth and development of this important section of our work.

Residence of Senior Director.

Through the consideration of one of our Methodist laymen, the Board has secured, at a reasonable cost, a very fine home for the Senior Youth Director.

Visit of Rev. D. T. Niles.

This outstanding visitor made an invaluable contribution to the vision and thinking of youth leaders, ministers and laymen. The Church is greatly indebted to him.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

Leadership Training.

The matter of leadership training must continue to be emphasized in the future. Not only is the number of young people increasing, but developments are taking place in lesson material prepared by the Joint Board of Graded Lessons and used by most Sunday Schools, to bring it more into line with modern educational techniques. The wide range of extra activities which form part of our Movement also require trained leaders.

"Church-Home" Relationships.

The Youth Board has approved of the establishment in Auckland of an experimental committee on "Church-Home" relationships. This committee will undertake research into developments in this field of activity overseas and make suggestions to our youth leaders.

Nursery Department.

Our work on this level is at present largely limited to the activities of the Cradle Roll. There is, however, a wide range of other work which could be established under the leadership of a Nursery Department to strengthen "Church-Home" relationships and help build Christian homes.

Rural Work.

Miss Jones has prepared a booklet on the problems and opportunities which must be faced in country districts, and ways of overcoming them. It is hoped that we may move forward constructively in this field of our work.

Camps.

Easter Camps have played a very important part in the youth life of our Church over many years. There is, however, in several places a searching for new patterns of camp life. Junior camps and family camps are some evidences of this changing pattern. It appears that we have reached a stage for a re-examination of our present "Camps policy" and the Board is undertaking this task.

SENIOR DIRECTOR

Throughout the year the Board has given constant attention to the matter of securing a suitable nomination for this important position, but without success and for the following reasons.

After investigating the qualifications of certain applicants from overseas it was considered that none of these reached even the minimum requirements for the position. Further enquiries revealed that those possessing the desirable qualifications had larger fields of opportunity open to them in their own countries than would be the case in New Zealand. It appears, therefore, that there is little prospect at the present time of securing an appointment from overseas.

Within New Zealand the Board approached first a minister and then a layman with a view to securing consent to nomination, but in neither case did the one concerned feel that he had the necessary qualifications or that the position presented the sphere of service in which he could best serve. The Board is confident that there are other Circuit ministers who could give capable and even outstanding leadership in the position, but having regard to the importance of the circuits to which they are appointed and the present shortage of ministers for such appointments, the Board believes that it cannot fairly ask for the release of such men for the position.

At the present time the Board is investigating the possibility of making a part-time appointment in order to give essential administrative leadership to the Department until such time as a full-time Senior Director is available. In the event of the proposal proving to be practicable, and if possible, full details will be sent direct to Synods.

In the meantime the Board asks for the understanding and prayers of all our people in seeking Divine guidance in making a nomination that will promote the highest interests of the Youth work of the Church.

GEO. H. GOODMAN, Chairman.

R. H. ALLEN, D. M. JONES, Youth Directors.

PEGGY YEAREURY, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Annual Report, Statistical Reports, Financial Statement and Budget for 1953 be received and adopted.

2. That during 1953 the Youth Board give special consideration to the planning and implementing of activities which will strengthen "Church-Home" relationships.

3. That Local Youth Councils examine ways in which they may increase membership in all sections of their work, and thus support the aims of the Crusade for Christ in 1953.

4. That District Youth Councils be urged to give greater attention to youth work in rural areas, encouraging the use of study material and programmes adapted to the special needs of country young people.

5. That Conference notes with pleasure the intention of the Youth Board to examine our Methodist Youth camping activity with a view to giving:

- (a) Further assistance to those at present conducting camps.
- (b) A lead in the development of camping policy in the coming years.

6. That the Australasian Joint Board of Graded Lessons be asked to give consideration to alterations in the subject matter and presentation of Bible Class study material to:

- (a) Provide more direct Biblical exposition and doctrinal teaching.

(b) Bring more variety into methods of presentation in order to encourage greater member-participation in study.

7. That in view of the increasing importance of Retreats in the Youth work of the local Church, the Youth Board be asked to continue to collect and/or prepare suitable studies and make them available for these Retreats.

8. That District Youth Council's endeavour to assist Local Youth Councils in the establishment of Pledged Members Groups in local churches.

9. That in view of the general support by D.Y.C.'s of the proposed change in the date of Youth Week, including the Youth Department's Annual Appeal, Youth Sunday, on which the appeal is made, be observed on the third Sunday of July, the week prior to this Sunday to be observed as Youth Week.

10. That as statistical returns show many circuits which have not established, or are not maintaining, an accurate Master Youth Roll, the attention of Circuits be again drawn to the law of the Church in this vitally important matter.

11. That the Youth Board give consideration to, (a) the place of the Bible Class as basic to Bible Class study material. (b) the disquieting tendency to use new versions of the Bible which leave youth ignorant of the accepted words of Scripture.

12. That Conference urge our people to stand loyally by the Youth Department in the use of the Australasian Graded Lesson material, and where it is felt that improvement is necessary, possible recommendations on these matters be sent to the Youth Board for consideration by the Australian Board.

13. That the Youth Board for 1953 be.—Chairman: the Chairman of the Wellington District. Ministers: Revs. M. A. McDowell, J. D. Grocott and W. H. Greenslade and one other. Lay Reps.: Messrs S. Fellows, G. C. Burton, G. E. Brown and W. H. Kelly. Y.W.B.C.: Misses M. Heggie, N. Menzies and P. Yearbury and one other. Y.M.B.C.: Messrs C. Couch, H. Hart, H. Kelly and C. Carmen. S.S.: Miss B. Stewart, Messrs G. F. Briggs, A. G. Worboys and T. Kennedy. Youth Directors.

DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCILS*

AUCKLAND.—Ministers: Revs. R. Thornley, J. J. Lewis, W. F. Ford. Lay Representatives: Miss B. Brooke, Messrs W. Behan and W. Patterson. Y.W.B.C.: Misses A. Adams, G. Cherney and M. Utting. Y.M.B.C.: Messrs J. Ashley, G. Cameron and J. Mannall. S.S.: Messrs F. Davidge, G. Mitchie and F. Paine. Secretary: Mr F. Paine.

NORTHLAND-SUB-D.Y.C.: Ministers: Revs. J. Dennis, E. S. Stewart and J. S. Olds. Lay Representatives: Mesdames Nicolas, McKenzie, L. Andrews, and Williams, Misses L. Taylor, I. Clark and O. Warth, Messrs. A. Palmer, S. Neal, R. Williams and G. Grounds. Y.W.B.C.: Mrs. Lane, Misses B. Parlane and E. Braithwaite. Y.M.B.C.: Messrs. K. Abercrombie, A. P. Lane and H. Lendrum. S.S.: Miss A. Hills, Messrs. L. Corkill and R. Pearce. Secretary: Mr. R. Lindsey.

SOUTH AUCKLAND—Chairman: The Chairman of the District, Rev. S. J. Werren. Ministers: Revs. D. Haylock, H. K. Brown and J. H. Hall. Laymen: Messrs W. S. Beer, E. Smart and Miss V. Eastwood. Y.W.B.C.: Mrs. M. Clist, Misses G. Thomas and J. Simpson. Y.M.B.C.: Messrs W. S. Gilbert, G. Dyson and J. Bycroft. S.S.: Mr. M. Turnpenny, Misses G. Holmes and H. Fear.

Bay of Plenty Sub-Council—Revs. A. T. Kent (Chairman), J. Silvester, W. J. Bryant, J. Daley, F. Climo; Mesdames R. Brown, E. Lewis; Misses D. and J. Abbott, R. Jurd, L. Christian, J. Robinson; Messrs. E. Lewis, A. F. Barwell, K. Floyd, A. Young, J. Sanne and F. Olsen. Secretary—F. Climo.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI—Ministers: Revs. E. T. Olds, L. Shapcott and H. Moore. Lay Representatives: Mr. A. N. McGaughey, Miss D. Harkness and Mr. H. Furness. Y.W.B.C.: Mrs. D. E. Hanna, Misses P. Ranford, R. H. Tozer. Y.M.B.C.: Messrs. A. Symmans, C. Reisterer and G. Burgham. S.S.: Mr. T. P. Hughson, Mrs. L. C. Jago and Mr. N. Ashworth. Secretary: Miss M. Nicholson.

Wanganui Sub-D.Y.C.—Ministers: Revs. G. R. Thompson, A. R. Nuttall, E. D. Grounds and H. R. Wright. Lay Representatives: Messrs. A. Taylor, J. Beaven, and Miss I. Suddaby. Y.W.B.C.: Mrs. S. Whyte, Misses A. Good and V. Walsh. Y.M.B.C.: Messrs. D. Newport, N. Barlow and D. Groves. S.S.: Messrs. S. Whyte, S. Laurenson and A. Scott. Secretary: Mr. A. Scott.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU—**Hawke's Bay**: Ministers: Revs. W. R. Francis, H. M. Brasell and T. H. Carr. Lay Representatives: Messrs. J. Johnson, E. Downer and D. Hopcroft. Y.W.B.C.: Misses M. Lyth, A. Martin and A. Lindon. Y.M.B.C.: Messrs. M. Downer, T. Loach and A. McGregor. S.S.: Messrs. P. Mercer, J. Doherty, and Miss H. Clough. Secretary: Mr. T. Loach.

Manawatu—Ministers: Revs. W. R. Laws, L. Greenslade, F. H. Parker and H. V. Utting. Lay Representatives: Messrs. J. Fabrin, A. H. Fisher and R. Martin. Y.W.B.C.: Mrs. J. Fabrin, Mrs. H. Smith, and Miss D. Martin. Y.M.B.C.: Messrs. J. L. Boniface, D. G. Roberts and G. Woodfield. S.S.: Miss D. Collins, Messrs. E. Lock, and K. M. Simpson. Secretary: Mr. D. Roberts.

WELLINGTON—Chairman of the District. Ministers: Revs. R. G. Bell, L. V. Willing and J. H. Woolford. Lay Representatives: Messrs. A. Olsson and S. Goudge, Miss L. Crisp. Y.W.B.C.: Misses M. Kenyon, M. Fox and B. Hay. Y.M.B.C.: Messrs. D. Jones, H. Moseley and M. Welsh. S.S.: Miss L. Rands, Messrs. A. Angel and R. Sullivan.

Wairarapa Sub-Council—Ministers: Revs. R. F. Clement, E. E. Sage, A. Newman and W. J. Henderson. Lay Representatives: Mr. H. C. Wood, Mrs. W. Henderson and Mrs. J. Cross. Y.W.B.C.: Miss E. Willis. (Two to be appointed.) Y.M.B.C.: Mr. A. D. Griggs and Mr. T. F. Mannell, (one to be appointed). S.S.: Messrs M. Greathead and W. Layton and Hrs E. E. Sage. L.Y.C. Representatives: Miss Rita Smith, Mrs. A. Ross and Miss D. Jamieson.

NELSON—Ministers: Revs. C. O. Hailwood (Chairman), C. H. Bell, E. Baker, and David G. Stubbs. Lay Representatives: Messrs: B. Buchanan, G. B. Trathen and I. Holdaway. Y.W.B.C.: Mrs. Masters, Misses R. Boyers and J. Ching. Y.M.B.C.: Messrs. D. W. Silvester, S. Wratt and A. F. Thomas. S.S.: Misses M. Toomer, J. Heberd and P. Manderson. Secretary: Mr. D. W. Silvester.

Sub-District Youth Council—Ministers: Revs. W. E. Moore, A. P. Dorrian, W. G. Eisner and A. W. R. Mead. Lay Representatives: Messrs. M. W. T. Moore, N. Parker and F. C. Lindbom. Y.W.B.C.: Misses C. Muir, E. Watson and Mrs. M. Nelson. Y.M.B.C.: Messrs D. A. Nissen, R. J. Honey and L. Tregurtha. S.S.: Mr. L. Tregurtha, Mrs. S. J. Airey and Mr. K. Robinson. Secretary: Mr. N. A. Nissen.

NORTH CANTERBURY—Ministers: Revs. R. E. Patchett, W. L. Divers and L. F. Bycroft. Lay Representatives: Messrs. E. Smith, K. James, and one to be appointed. Y.W.B.C.: Misses M. Robinson, L. Kent and D. Radburn. Y.M.B.C.: Messrs. O. Smith, W. McHarg and L. Ayers. S.S.: Miss O. M. Duder, Messrs. T. Battersby and R. Williams. Secretary: Rev. L. F. Bycroft.

SOUTH CANTERBURY—Chairman of District, Ministers: Revs. W. J. Morrison and I. W. Reed. Lay Representatives: Messrs C. Hopwood, A. McKenzie and A. Brown. Y.W.B.C.: Misses E. V. Duggan, M. Smaill and M. Beswarick. Y.M.B.C.: Messrs C. Wills, and M. Lloyd. S.S.: Misses H. McCone, G. Verity and Mrs. G. Thin.

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Southland—Chairman: Mr. E. Humphries. Ministers: Revs. A. R. Witheford, L. C. Clements, C. J. Keightley and J. R. Hall. Invercargill Central: Miss L. Kelly. St. Peter's: Mr. M. Farley and Miss L. Cruickshank. Gore: Mr. B. Hoskin and Miss A. Garrick. Western Southland. Mr. W. James and Mr. R. Keen. Bluff: Misses Govan and Wilcox. Edendale: Rev. L. Sharp and Miss A. Botting. Secretary: Mr. E. Butler.

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

A— Public Questions Committee

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The Committee held six meetings between Conference and Synod, with a good average attendance.

Industrial Relations.

The Committee has given most of its time during the year to the question of Industrial relations. On four occasions speakers were invited to address the Committee. The following were the subjects dealt with:

1. The economic background of industrial relations by an economist.
2. Existing relationships by an officer of the Labour Department.
3. Managerial relationships by a personnel manager.
4. The organisation and functions of the Trades Union Movement by a Trades Union secretary.

It is the intention of the Committee to bring forward a full report later, since the subject requires such considerable study that only an interim report can be given at this stage. The Committee has two main purposes in view in undertaking this enquiry: we desire to understand the reasons for the apparent estrangement of large sections of the working community from the Church; and, we wish to ascertain the causes of present industrial unrest in New Zealand, with a view to a better understanding of the manner in which our Church can exercise a reconciling influence in this field.

Betting Agencies and Gambling Facilities.

The Committee has given consideration on several occasions to questions of gambling. The repeated endeavours of people and organisations to secure further facilities for gambling appear to the committee to be not only a symptom of the present disturbed and unbalanced economic situation, but also as the inevitable results of the lowering of moral judgments and ethical standards. It is essential that our people should constantly remember their responsibility of stewardship: and that they should restrain their inclination to trust to gambling rewards, rather than to legitimate service and the rewards of labour. It is also an evidence of a lack of charitableness and a defect in our sense of compassion if, as some charitable organisations appear to believe, the exploitation of the gambling motive is necessary to persuade the public to finance charitable activities.

Our resolutions and our approach to the authorities are made with the hope and the endeavour that we may keep the Christian virtue of stewardship alive in New Zealand.

Law and Sedition.

At the request of Conference, the Chairman and the acting convener appeared before the Statutes Revision Committee of the House of Representatives in order to express the concern of the Conference at the stringency of the proposed Police Offences Amendment Act. The Government later considerably modified the Bill in the light of the criticisms made from many quarters, before it became law.

Immigration.

The Committee has had correspondence with the Government on immigration questions. Our particular concern has been at the closing down of the International Refugee Organisation, and the Government's decision to accept no further commitments in respect of European refugees. New Zealand received 4,500 refugees, which was, relatively, a substantial contribution, though the European situation continues to be serious. Correspondence was received from the Minister just prior to the preparation of this report and a statement will be prepared for presentation direct to Conference if any alteration in Government policy is made meanwhile.

Approximately 15,000 immigrants are entering New Zealand each year, and their assimilation is of very great importance. This can only be accomplished through the increasing exercise of Christian neighbourliness and hospitality. Endeavours are being made to secure further assistance from the authorities to facilitate the reception of the immigrants by the appropriate churches.

Immigration Officer's Report.

During the year, the Immigration Officer, Rev. W. H. Greenslade, through the Immigration authorities, received notification of the arrival of Methodist New Settlers. The Connexional Secretary also notified him of the arrival of certain unaided New Settlers. In all cases, local ministers have been advised immediately.

Unsuccessful endeavours have again been made to obtain information concerning incoming non-British settlers.

Mr Greenslade has also been able to make representations on behalf of members of our Church who have sought to sponsor the settlement of Displaced and other persons.

Asian Minorities.

The Committee is informed by the immigration authorities that where the bona fides of applicants are proved there is little difficulty

in securing entry for Asian people except on health grounds. Where there is a genuine desire to unite a family, no serious obstacle is raised. The disproportionate number of Chinese men as against Chinese women in New Zealand is not solely the result of immigration law.

The disproportion is greater with Indian people. They rarely desire to bring wives or daughters to the country but frequently seek to bring sons. It is a social and racial problem which cannot be resolved by alterations in immigration laws. If an Asian immigrant desires to bring his sons to New Zealand but does not wish his wife or daughters to come the Government views the application with some concern.

United Nations.

The Committee communicated with the Government concerning the abstention from voting of the New Zealand representatives on the occasion of the request for deputations to appear before the United Nations on behalf of the Herero and Ewe peoples. The Minister replied at length outlining the problems involved in coming to decisions on such issues. Without expressing a judgment on the decision, the Committee has asked the President of the New Zealand United Nations Organisation to meet the Committee on a suitable occasion to discuss this and other relevant matters. The Minister expressed pleasure at the interest of the Committee, and the Committee expressed appreciation of the carefully prepared reply of the Minister.

World Peace.

In the spirit of the Resolution passed last Conference, the Committee forwards a resolution requesting that definite action be taken as an expression of our concern at the danger and implications of war. It was felt that while "statements" of the attitude of the Church have value, the present need is for a call to action. It is important that at this juncture, constructive avenues of peace-making should be opened up before our people, and particularly our young people, in order that their concern and enthusiasm may be directed towards useful ends. Recommendations on this matter are appended.

Committees.

(a) The Council for Christian Education.

The Council continues to develop its new organisation. The establishing of active District Committees in various Education Board Areas is encouraging. On the return of the General Secretary from Great Britain the Council set up committees for special research activities. There are three major undertakings at the moment:

1. The consideration of ways and means of establishing courses in Religious Education. These would necessarily be of approved academic standing and acceptable to the Churches.

2. The preparation of an Agreed Syllabus to be used under the Nelson system in every school throughout New Zealand.

3. The discovering of ways in which the Council may be of service to Secondary Schools. The Council was so impressed by the importance of the task before it that a special Council meeting was summoned for August for the purpose of studying the Report of the General Secretary and taking action thereon.

The Methodist members on the Council have been most valuable. The Rev. G. H. Goodman is the Chairman of the Standing Committee and the Rev. M. A. McDowell and Mr G. F. Briggs are members of it.

The Council is deeply appreciative of the financial support given by the Methodist Church.

(b) Inter Church Council on Public Affairs.

The Inter Church Council is increasingly active and attends to a great volume of business. Mr T. C. Brash is the present chairman. A great number of immigration questions have received attention. Industrial relations; Taxation on Charitable Bequests; Prisoners' Aid; Betting Shops; Pacific Islanders' Welfare; Maori Welfare, have also been the subject of discussion and action.

A Women's auxiliary has been formed, and is examining questions relating to the welfare of women in New Zealand.

Thanks.

The Committee greatly appreciates the work done by the Rev. W. Selwyn Dawson during the absence overseas of the Convener.

G. H. GOODMAN, Chairman.

J. D. GROCOTT, Convener.

SOME SOCIAL PRINCIPLES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH.

(To be read from all pulpits on the Sunday nearest Labour Day and to be the subject of occasional preaching.)

"The ethical and social ideal of the Methodist Movement is the ideal of essential Christianity. Methodism's impact on the life of the eighteenth century was due in some degree to the re-discovery of a social message. In 1743 John Wesley wrote* (*An Earnest Appeal to Men of Reason and Religion): "We see, on every side, either men of no religion at all, or men of a lifeless, formal religion. We . . . should greatly rejoice if by any means we might convince some that there is a better religion to be attained, a religion worthy of God that gave it. And this we conceive to be no other than love; the love of God and of all mankind; the loving God with all our heart, and soul, and strength, as having first loved us, as the fountain of all the good we have received, and of all we hope to enjoy; and the loving every soul which God hath made, every man on the earth as his own soul."

Believing this and recognising that society at present falls far short of the Christian ideal, the Methodist Church stands for:

1. The sacredness of human personality and the equal value of all men in the sight of God.

2. Adequate opportunities of employment for all those willing and able to work, and reasonable standards of living for those who, because of age or infirmity, are not able to work.

3. The co-operation of employers and employees for the benefit of the community.

4. The duty of all to render conscientious service, the condemnation of scamped work, of sweated labour and of consumer exploitation.

5. The right to a just return for services rendered and the right to good housing, and a healthy environment.

6. The wise use and careful conservation of the world's physical resources.

7. The removal of the root causes of poverty, unemployment and war.

8. The promoting of social and industrial reforms by lawful means.

9. The right to freedom of conscience, constitutional liberty, secrecy of the ballot and access to the Courts.

10. Christian influence in politics and civic affairs.

11. The conviction that the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ contains the message that will promote effectively the regeneration and reconstruction of society.

The Methodist Church reminds her people that Christian ethics cannot be maintained without Christian faith. The good life of the Christian and faith in Christ are inseparable. Where one fails the other cannot last.

PROPOSED COMMON BASIS OF RELIGIOUS TEACHING IN STATE SCHOOLS

Christianity Affirms:—

That God is the creator and sustainer of all life; and that man can therefore neither truly understand nor rightly live his life unless he consciously relates it to the will of God.

That every human soul is precious in the sight of God, whose purpose in creation and history is that man should come to know and love him, and should thus enter into life eternal: this purpose has been marred by man's rebellious self-assertion which makes him try to live without God.

That in the human life of Jesus Christ there is embodied the very nature of God: that through Jesus God restores to man his lost power to live as God means him to live: so that to Christians Jesus is both Lord and Saviour.

That in the death of Jesus on the Cross there are laid bare the evil in man which fights against God, God's condemnation of that evil, his power to overcome it, and His forgiving love by which man is delivered from his self-centredness, and set free to serve God.

That in the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead there is declared God's vindication of the triumph won on the Cross, and the assurance of eternal life.

That through the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus there is given, in the fulness of His truth and power, the Holy Spirit of God, by whose inspiration man grows in grace and understanding into the life of Christian community.

That therefore the Christian life of personal dedication to the worship of God and the service of man is not only an individual life, but one lived in the community of those who owe a common allegiance to Christ.

That this community, the Church of Christ, though broken and divided, is still the sphere in which, through worship, prayer, the hearing of God's word, and the receiving of His sacraments, God's Spirit works for the salvation of His world.

That it is the will of God to gather into one all those who confess the name of Christ; and, by the final judgment of His all-knowing justice, to establish His reign of righteousness, love and truth.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the usual grant of £20 be made from the Contingent Fund.

3. That the work of the Council for Christian Education be commended to all Churches.

That the representatives on the Council for Christian Education be:

The Chairman of the Wellington District, The Rev. M. A. McDowell, Mr. G. F. Briggs; proxies, Rev. A. J. Johnston and Mr. H. W. Kelly.

4. (a) That the representatives on the Inter-Church Council on Public Affairs be the Chairman of the Wellington District, the convener of the Public Questions Committee, and Mr A. E. Hurley. Proxy, Rev. W. S. Dawson. (b) That the representatives on the Women's Auxilliary be Mrs. S. Field, Miss A. E. Johnson, and Mrs. J. A. Bruce.

Gambling.

5. That the Methodist people of New Zealand be reminded that the present expansion of gambling facilities arises from a denial of the Christian principle of stewardship of wealth and talents; that the Churches be asked to seek ways and means of encouraging charitable organisations to appeal to the compassion of the public rather than to the gambling motive, and that the Methodist people accept the principle of personal responsibility for the needy, the unfortunate, and for worthy causes.

That Conference support the Education Department and the Education Boards in their attempts to prevent gambling and raffles in State Schools and draw the attention of Quarterly Meetings to the prevalence of gambling methods being practised in Primary and Secondary Schools for the purpose of raising school funds. It further urges that through Education Boards, School Committees and Parent-Teacher Organisations, Methodist people vigorously oppose the practice and its consequent temptation to children.

That Conference through the Public Questions Committee urge the Government to legislate that before a betting agency is opened in a particular district the people of that district be given the opportunity of exercising their vote as to whether or not an agency be opened.

That Conference, being concerned about the present attempts at the institution of State Lotteries as providing increased facilities for further gambling, calls upon the Government to maintain its declared and commendable policy against the lotteries.

Immigration.

6. That, while Conference appreciates the action of the New Zealand Government in granting domicile to 4,500 new settlers from European countries in past years, and realises that to bring in further settlers from certain areas creates difficulties, yet, in view of the urgent plight of such people, Conference is convinced that New Zealand should take a still greater share, and make facilities for further groups of European refugees to enter New Zealand, and urges the Government to take steps to this end.

New Settlers.

7. That Conference requests every Quarterly meeting to give careful consideration to ways and means of welcoming new settlers with special concern for people who come from countries where the language, social customs, and national traditions make it difficult for them to become accustomed to life in New Zealand.

Asian Minorities.

8. (a) That the Conference expresses its strong disapproval of the vote recently given by the N.Z. delegate against consideration by the United Nations Assembly of the South African racial issue. It recalls that New Zealand at the United Nations Councils has on more than one occasion abstained from or negatived resolutions relating to racial discrimination, and urges a reconsideration in harmony with Christian principles of our National Policy regarding racial issues.

(b) That the Public Questions Committee together with the N.C.C. Commission on International Affairs study the apartheid problem and report to the Synods and Conference of 1953.

South Africa.

9. That Conference send greetings to the Methodist Conference of South Africa, assuring it of the prayers and good will of the New Zealand Church in the present period of tensions and disturbance.

World Peace.

10. Conference having previously urged "The mobilising of the forces of the Christian Church for a consecrated effort in the name of the Prince of Peace to prevent the present drift towards a further world war." (See Conf. Min., 1951, p. 77.)

a. It now draws the attention of our people to the fact that in giving support to efforts being made for world peace, the primary responsibility of the Christian is to engage in those activities which reveal the distinctively Christian approach to this task, rather than those which are made primarily for political economic or utilitarian reasons.

b. Conference urges individual Methodists and local churches to become conversant with, and to actively support, the efforts being made by the Church for world peace. In particular that Conference ask every Circuit to support all Inter-Church aid projects, recognising that by sharing the burdens of others we can help to reconcile differences between peoples.

c. Every Circuit is called upon to offer all possible fellowship and hospitality to alien settlers living in their midst.

d. Conference urges our people to support the United Nations Organisation in any endeavour to promote conditions which make for Christian peace.

e. That the Public Questions Committee be instructed to continue its representations to the Government for a more compassionate approach to refugee people.

f. That a Committee to consider the question of world peace be set up in South Canterbury District with the following personnel: Revs. W. J. Morrison, D. G. Sherson, G. Parker, J. C. A. Williams, Messrs M. A. Hall, P. Woodnorth, A. Marshall, R. Verity, J. Diack, J. A. D. Thompson, M. E. Hayman with power to add. Convener: Rev. D. J. D. Hickman.

g. That in order to give effect to the Conference resolutions on world peace the Committee undertake the task of exploring avenues of practical action, and of mobilising the goodwill of Methodist people for the carrying out of specific tasks. That a grant in aid be given to the committee, so that regular bulletins may be issued over the signature of President and Secretary of Conference, and educational

propaganda undertaken. That is be the task of the committee to maintain contact with such bodies as Corso, and the United Nations Association, and also to work closely with such committees within the Church as the Youth Board, the Board of Publications and the Public Questions Committee.

h. That the Committee give consideration to the formation of a Methodist Peace Fellowship and report to Conference.

i. Believing that the establishment of world peace on a lasting basis is of paramount importance to all nations, Conference urges through the National Council of Churches, that the World Council of Churches should endeavour to arrange one or more gatherings where Christian people of all nations can come together for purposes of fellowship, discussion and action in the interest of the peace of the world.

Council for Christian Education.

11. That the Conference approve of the Common Basis of Teaching as set out in the statement above and commends the Syllabus in process of formation to all voluntary teachers of religion in the State schools.

Housing Shortage.

12. That the Public Questions Committee give consideration to the moral and spiritual issues involved in the present housing shortage in New Zealand.

Use of Sunday.

13. That the whole question of the Christian use of Sunday be referred to the Public Questions Committee for report to Synods and Conference of 1953.

Borstal Chaplains.

14. That Conference commends the action of the Department of Justice in appointing a part-time chaplain to the Invercargill Borstal Institution and looks forward to similar appointments at other prisons and institutions.

That the attention of the Public Questions Committee be drawn to the practice of the British Government Hospital Boards in appointing paid chaplains to hospitals (general and mental) in Britain. That an approach be made to the N.C.C. and through that Council appealing to the appropriate Government department for similar action in New Zealand.

Capital Punishment.

15. That the question of Capital Punishment be referred to the Public Questions Committee for consideration and report to Synods and Conference 1953.

Spiritual Healing.

16. Conference recognises the growing awareness within and also outside the Church of the unique contribution which the Christian Faith can make to the prevention and relief of bodily and mental illness.

Conference therefore requests that the Public Questions Committee consider in correspondence with the Rev. Dr. D. O. Williams and others, the nomination to Synods and Conference of a Committee to be appointed by Conference to consider what steps might be taken in order that an increasing contribution might be made by the Church to the work of maintaining and restoring bodily and mental health and the healing of the "whole man" within the community, and to report to Synods and Conference.

17. That the Rev. W. H. Greenslade be thanked for his services and reappointed, the title of the office to be, "New Settlers' Liaison Officer."

18. That the Committee for 1953 be: The Chairman of the District, the Revs. F. J. Handy, J. D. Grocott, W. H. Greenslade, M. A. McDowell, W. S. Dawson, J. B. Dawson, R. Grice, J. H. Woolford, A. J. Johnston, L. T. Norwell. Mrs. E. Chapman, Misses G. Blamires, E. Paul and R. McBride, Messrs D. Hay, A. E. Hurley, H. W. Kelly, M. R. Jones, G. F. Briggs, N. Marris, A. R. Low, Dr. W. A. Brooker. Convener: Rev. J. D. Grocott.

B—Temperance Committee

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Temperance Education.

The Committee feels that greater use could be made of available Visual Aids in Temperance education, and calls attention to the fact that there is good material in the film and film strip libraries held by the Religious Film Society, the W.C.T.U., and several other bodies. A comprehensive list of material available for hire may be obtained at any time from the Secretary of the N.Z. Alliance.

Licensing Control Commission.

Certain published reports of the findings of the Licensing Control Commission give cause for grave concern. For instance at Papatoetoe the Mayor convened a public meeting which was attended by 168 persons of whom 73 per cent voted against the granting of an Hotel license. A petition asking that no license be granted was signed by 1684 residents. These facts were placed before the Commission as evidence. No one appeared to ask for a license in the area—yet the Commission granted a license.

At Greymouth the Commission apparently forgetful that it had been "charged with the responsibility of strengthening the enforcement of our laws," appeared to look with favour on the after-hour trading which was said to be widespread on the West Coast and actually found that "under the mode of spread drinking . . . many of the mischiefs associated with the consumption of liquor in other places are absent." The Commission further allowed the impression to be created that drunkenness is not so common in Westland as in other parts of the country, and went so far as to quote the counsel for the Licensed Victuallers Association, who spoke of an "absence of drunkenness and crime in Westland." Such a remark is completely falsified by official Department of Justice figures which show for instance, that during the year 1949-50, Greymouth's convictions for drunkenness were 4.7 per thousand; a figure which compares most unfavourably with the total Dominion percentage, 1.8 per thousand; A further interesting comparison to be found in Department of Justice figures, reveals that for annual indictments covering the years 1948-50, Greymouth has 7.7 per 10,000, compared with Timaru 2.9 and Blenheim 2.1.

The Commission also made the misleading statement that Westland leads New Zealand in respect of the white gloves ceremony in the Supreme Court. The statement was inaccurate according to Department of Justice figures, which places Nelson in the lead over the past ten years. It also overlooks the important fact that Westland is a comparatively small district from a population standpoint.

Food Shortages.

In view of the continuing shortage of food in many parts of the world, and warnings of probable further shortages within New Zealand, the Committee feels that attention should again be drawn to the fact that valuable food continues to be destroyed in the manufacture of alcohol.

New Zealand has experienced a shortage of sugar. Informed men have issued warnings of a coming shortage of bread, unless New Zealand farmers can be induced to grow considerably more wheat than at present. It is an opportune time to call attention to the wastage of food constantly taking place in New Zealand breweries.

Figures recently published as having been supplied by the New Zealand Census and Statistical Department, show that in the year 1950-51 New Zealand breweries used 1,153,115 bushels of malt, and 5,659,920 lbs. of sugar. The quantity of beer brewed (35,100,000 gallons) was double that for the year 1938-39.

The Government's campaign for more wheat could profitably be linked with an effort to reduce the quantity of grain (though it is barley, not wheat) consumed in the manufacture of beer. Preachers should help to inform public opinion.

We wish to emphasise the fact that New Zealand's present importation of wheat from other countries is drawing on the world's inadequate wheat pool, while countless millions in other parts of the world are starving.

By way of commendation we would mention the fact that there are christian farmers who decline, even at financial loss, to use their land for the production of such products as are required by breweries.

E. S. HODDINOTT, Chairman.

H. G. BROWN, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That the list of Temperance Films and Film Strips for hire, compiled by the N.Z. Alliance, be commended to Ministers and Youth Leaders.
3. That Conference urge Ministers and Laymen to be alert for opportunities of presenting the Temperance case from the public platform.
4. Conference heartily commends those in various centres who have successfully petitioned the commission against the granting of licenses in their respective areas and calls on all ministers and laymen to be alert to the granting of licenses in new areas and assures them of the wholehearted support of the Connexion.
5. Conference views with the greatest concern the action of the Licensing Control Commission in granting of a license in spite of of and in opposition to the evidence placed before it and the express wishes of a large number of electors in the case of Papatoetoe and Manurewa and affirms the democratic right of electors to decide whether a license shall be granted in their district.
6. Conference deplores the fact that the Licensing Control Commission in its Greymouth findings passed favourable comment on the breach of the law which occurs in after hour trading. It also regrets that the Commission has lent weight to the impression that drunkenness is less common in Westland than in other parts of the country in direct opposition to the statistics of the Department of Justice.

7. Conference urges upon our people to use every opportunity both by word and action, to strengthen the demand for more effective enforcement of the licensing law as it stands.

8. That Conference protest against the inadequacy of the licensing laws to protect children and youths from the evils of intoxicating liquors and asks the Government to amend the licensing laws to make it illegal for intoxicating liquor to be offered to or received by a minor on licensed premises.

9. That the General Superintendent of the N.Z. Alliance be congratulated on the compilation of his Handbook of Statistics and commend to all concerned with Temperance Education.

10. That our people be urged to take a greater interest in the Licensing Committee elections and, where possible, to accept nomination for service as members of the Committee.

11. That the Government be commended for alterations in the law making it illegal for intoxicating liquor to be offered to or to be received by a minor on licensed premises.

12. That the Wellington District Executive appoint three representatives to the Executive of the Alliance, as requested by the latter.

13. That the Revs. G. I. Laurenson and G. H. Goodman prepare a suitable resolution of protest to the Government relative to the proposed Bill for a referendum on the introduction of liquor into the King Country, this in terms of the South Auckland District statement.

14. That the Committee for 1953 be: Revs. E. S. Hoddinott, A. E. Tardif, E. J. Carter, H. G. Brown, R. H. Platt, Dr. R. Dudley, Mrs W. Dickinson, Miss T. Muir, Messrs A. L. Stanton, A. S. Hancock, H. H. Johnson, C. Chirnside, J. Adam, M. McIndoe, A. W. Barnes and C. Scarf. Convener: Rev. H. G. Brown.

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

A.—GENERAL REPORT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.

The following table summarises the financial activities of Trusts in respect to our Church properties.

1.—Trust Accounts.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.
Credit Balance from last year—General Account	.....	35,383	13	7
Balance from last year held for Special Purposes	.....	202,482	18	9
Loans from Church Building and Loan Fund	.....	6,520	0	0
Loans from other sources	.....	36,429	8	5
All other Receipts	.....	224,301	0	4
Total Receipts	.....	505,117	1	1
Debit Balances	.....	15,664	2	4
TOTAL	.....	£520,781	3	5

EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.
Debit Balance from last year		12,512	13	1
Loan Fund Instalments		5,001	19	4
Other Loans repaid		17,845	11	8
Interest on Loans and on Bank Overdraft		2,379	18	8
Purchase of Land, Erection or Additions to Buildings		118,761	2	7
Rents, Rates, Cleaning, Lighting, Repairs, etc.		98,410	2	10
Total Expenditure		254,911	8	2
Credit Balances		42,106	6	11
Balances held for Special Purposes		223,763	8	4
TOTAL		£520,781	3	5

2.—Total of Fire Insurances £1,567,863 0 0

3.—Debt. £ s. d.

Mortgage Debt at end of previous year	87,331	0	11
Add New Loans received during year	43,508	16	6
TOTAL	130,839	17	5
Deduct Loans repaid during year	25,972	12	3
Amount of Mortgage Debt at end of year	£104,867	5	2

Full details of the extensive building programme which the Church as a whole has in hand at present are set forth in the report of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee.

The over-all picture reveals that during the current year some £62,500 more than last year was received by Trusts for property purposes in the way of general income. Approximately £19,000 more also was arranged for in the form of loans.

Expenditure for purchase of sites, erections of and additions to buildings was approximately £39,000 more than last year, while expenditure for general costs and charges exceeded last year's total by some £22,400.

Mortgage indebtedness increased by £16,365. The amount held in trust for special purposes has increased by £20,340.

In general terms the amount expended for all property purposes would average out at a little less than £10 per Church member. In making that average calculation it must be remembered that a proportion of such expenditure would be from income derived from sources other than the personal contributions of members.

4.—District Secretaries for Church Property.

Auckland—Mr. S. E. Chappell, 27 Balmoral Rd., Epsom, Auckland.
 South Auckland—Mr. W. B. L. Williams, 214 River Road, Hamilton.
 Taranaki-Wanganui—Mr. J. Drake, 22 Muir St., Gonville, Wanganui.
 Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Mr. Gordon E. Bisson, Box 40, Napier.
 Wellington—Mr. S. N. Roberts, Box 62, Wellington.
 Nelson—Mr. H. Oldham, 24 Leitrim Street, Blenheim.
 North Canterbury—Mr. E. D. Sincock, Box 315, Christchurch.
 South Canterbury—Mr. P. G. Woodnorth, Box 254, Timaru.
 Otago-Southland—Mr. J. McIndoe, 17 James Street, Dunedin.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That thanks be tendered to the District Secretaries for their services and that the appointments for 1953 be as named in the Report.
3. That Conference tender to Mr. J. W. Hillary, Christchurch,

its best thanks and deep appreciation of the valuable and devoted service rendered by him as District Secretary of Church Property for North Canterbury during the past 19 years.

4. That where moneys are raised for special purposes, they should not be used temporarily for other purposes, as such breach of trust involves the trustees in personal liability.

5. That all moneys 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.)

B—Church Building and Loan Fund Committee

ANNUAL REPORT, 1952.

The report for the year ending 30th June, 1952, indicates an encouraging degree of activity in all Synodal districts in respect to the provision of properties of every kind necessary for the adequate carrying on of our work. Perhaps no surer evidence of the faith of our people can be found than in this fact—faith in the Church, her place in the community and in the Gospel which she is commissioned to preach.

Put into concise terms, the projects approved by the Committee during the current year may be summarised as follows:—

- a. 9 New Sites have been purchased; total cost, £5,370.
- b. 9 New Churches are in course of erection, costing approximately £43,000.
- c. 11 New Sunday Schools and Youth Centres are being built at an approximate cost of £24,000.
- d. 4 New Parsonages have been bought or erected, costing about £11,600.
- e. Additions to 11 Halls or Parsonages are in hand, costing some £10,000.
- f. Also purchased are one Eventide Home, one Hostel, and one Youth Centre, total cost approximately £28,000.

In other words, during this current year our people have committed themselves to some 50 new projects costing approximately £122,000. This all represents undertakings which have not previously been reported. No figures have been given for the new Children's Home contemplated in Auckland or the Wesley Eventide Settlement, Wellington.

Loans.

During the year the Committee has received applications for loans totalling £11,850. When it is remembered that the capital of the Fund is less than £23,000 the difficulties facing the Committee will be realised. Increasing costs make the interest-free loans of the Fund more and more attractive to Trusts. It is urged upon Conference that opportunity must be found in the near future for an appeal to our people to increase the capital of this Fund which is of such vital importance in the whole work of the Church.

Prepaid loans are of great assistance to the Committee, and in this connection mention is made of the following Trusts:—Whangarei, Aramoho, Bryndwr, Addington, and Caversham.

The amount on loan at present is £20,394/6/5 advanced to 70 Trusts. A detailed statement has been submitted to each District showing the state of loans current therein.

The attention of the Otago-Southland Synod has been drawn

again to the fact that nothing has been repaid in connection with the loan to St. Clair since it was first advanced.

New Loans Advanced.

New Loans advanced during the year are as follows:—Russell £500, Papatoetoe £1,000, Hawera £1,000, Foxton Beach £500, Pukerua Bay £250, Plimmerton £170, Otaki £1,000, Christchurch Central Mission £500, Oamaru North £450. Total £5,370.

Sites Fund.

The following grants have been made in connection with the purchase of new sites:—Takapuna (Rothsay Bay) £50, Hastings (St. Aubyn St.) £50, Upper Hutt £50, North New Brighton £75, Hoon Hay (Christchurch) £50, Knowles St. (Christchurch) £50, Alexandra £25. Total £350.

Observance of Regulations.

It is necessary to draw the attention of Conference to a breach of our regulations by the following Trusts. Pitt Street Trust entered into an agreement for the sale of the Point Chevalier parsonage without the prior consent of the Committee, and while the question of policy in that area is recorded in the Minutes of last Conference as still being under discussion, Papatoetoe Trust erected additional rooms without informing the Committee and obtaining its approval. It needs to be emphasised that our Conference regulations are framed in the best interests of the Church as a whole and due and careful observance of the same is necessary if our polity is to be effective.

Correspondence.

Several cases have come to the notice of the Committee of correspondence forwarded in its name to Trusts not being brought before the same. Oversight in some instances might possibly account for this but not in every case. It is a serious matter if and when official correspondence is withheld from Trustees' meetings, and it is urged that this matter be carefully watched by superintendent ministers and Trust secretaries.

Attention must also be drawn to the fact that a great deal of the correspondence which comes to the Committee does not proceed from the Trust Secretary but from the minister. While there may be reasons for this in some instances, it needs to be pointed out that such correspondence is the concern and responsibility of the appointed Secretary and should be faithfully dealt with accordingly by him in virtue of his office.

District Advisory Committees.

District Advisory Committees consisting of the Chairman, District Secretary for Church Property, together with at least one other minister and one layman, are to be nominated to Conference by each Synod.

Central Committee.

Since last reported to Conference, the Committee has lost the valued services of the Rev. Dr. R. Dudley, who was a member for 13 years and Chairman for 3 years. The following Committee for 1953 is nominated to Conference:—

Connexional Secretary, District Chairman, Revs. E. Drake, A. O. Harris, A. M. Costain, V. R. Jamieson, W. G. Slade, Messrs H. de R. Flesher (Lay Treasurer), M. J. S. Harrington, W. Melville Lawry, R. A. Marsh, A. G. Harris, L. A. Swift, C. A. Waters, J. H. Lecke and E. A. Crothall.

SALES

The Committee has sanctioned the sale of the following properties. If not acted upon by the 31st January, 1954, the sanction will lapse.

Auckland District.

Probert Chambers (£30,000 approx.), Parnell Church (£4,000), Redhill (Dargaville) exchange, Pt. Chevalier Parsonage (£3,500), Aoroa (dedication), Waikowhai (33 per.) £300, Warkworth Parsonage £1,700.

South Auckland.

Kopu (22 per.) £50, Puru (1/5th acre) £500, Taneatua Church and land (£860), Rotorua Parsonage (£1,400).

Taranaki-Wanganui.

Tataraimaka (1 rd. 25 per.) £10.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu.

Gisborne (Bright Street) Church and land £6,000

Nelson.

Hokitika (14 per.) £100, Reefton Parsonage £400.

North Canterbury.

View Hill (32 per.) £10, Waddington Parsonage £600.

South Canterbury.

Waimataitai (1 rd. 33 per.) £1,500.

Otago-Southland.

Hillside Road, Dunedin (22per.) £1,100.

LAND PURCHASES.

The following purchases of land have been approved:—

South Auckland District.

Beerescourt, Hamilton (2 rds.), £1,015; Puru (14 per.), £150; Pureora (2 rds.), lease.

Wellington.

Wilton's Bush (33 per.), £350; Pinehaven (Hutt) (33.98 per.), £390.

North Canterbury.

North New Brighton (1 rd. 2.8 per.), £450; Hoon Hay (Christchurch) (2 rds.), £800; Knowles Street (Christchurch) (1 rd. 23.1 per.), £1,200; Shirley (10.6 per.), £200.

South Canterbury.

Marchwiell (Timaru) (1 rd. 19.8 per.), £475.

Otago-Southland.

Alexandra (1 rd. 17.6 per.), £340.

PURCHASES, ERECTIONS AND ALTERATION OF BUILDINGS.

Approval has been given as under. In some cases estimate of cost only has been given at present.

(P, Purchase; E, Erection; A, Alteration or additions.)

Auckland District.

(E) Sandringham, Church, £5,000; (P) Auckland West, Te Atatu Community Centre, £5,000; (E) Campbells Bay Church, £6,273; (P) Glenbrook, Hall and Cottage, £1,850; (A) Dominion Road, £1,400; (E) Keri Keri S.S., £1,000; (E) Auckland Orphanage; (E) Warkworth Parsonage, £3,750; (A) Papatoetoe S.S., £1,000; Auckland Central Mission (House and Land, 41 acres) (Gift); (P) Browns Bay, House and Land (1 rd.), £1,575.

South Auckland.

(E) Maeroa S.S., £2,000; (E) Mt. Maunganui, Church Hall, £3,600; (E) Otorohanga Church, £5,000; (A) Te Kuiti Parsonage, £400; (E) Puru, Church Hall, £500; (A) Kawhia Parsonage, £200; (E) Claudelands S.S., £5,000.

Taranaki-Wanganui.

(P) Westown Parsonage, £1,535; (A) Marton S.S., £400; (A) Urenui Church, £100.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu.

(E) Hastings (St. Aubyn St.), Church Hall, £400; (E) Feilding (East Street), Hall, £2,400; (E) Gisborne Church and S.S., £12,000; (A) Roslyn (P.N.), Church Hall (Gift); (P) Wairoa S.S. Hall, £320.

Wellington.

(E) Taita, Church Hall, £4,000; (E) Waiwhetu, B.C. Rooms, £2,400; (E) Tawa Flat, Church Hall, £4,000; (a) Upper Hutt, Church, £400; (A) Karori Church and S.S., £3,500; (P) Senior Youth Director Parsonage, £3,300; (A) Paraparaumu Parsonage, £450; (E) Wesley Eventide Settlement.

Nelson.

(E) Reefton, Parsonage, £3,000.

North Canterbury.

(E) Hills Road (Christchurch), Church Hall, £4,000; (E) Addington Church, £5,000; (P) Eventide Home, £19,000; (P) Maori Girls' Hostel, £3,750; (E) North Beach, Church Hall (part), £1,150; (A) Somerfield Church, £35.

South Canterbury.

(A) Marchwiell (Waimataitai), £1,500; (E) Methven, S.S., £1,200.

H. J. ODELL (Chairman).

H. L. FIEBIG (Secretary).

Christchurch, 1/7/52.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

2. That the Report be printed in the "Methodist Times" with a suitable exposition.

3. That the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee be asked to investigate the possibility of Trust and Connexional Funds held for special purposes and locally invested, becoming voluntarily available through the Committee and on terms of long or short term call, for loans for development and extension work.

District Advisory Committees.

4. That the Committees be as named, together with the District Property Secretary and District Chairman in each case. Convener, District Chairman.

AUCKLAND: Revs. J. C. Draper and A. E. Jefferson, Messrs. H. M. Patrick.

SOUTH AUCKLAND: Revs. H. C. Matthews and C. B. Oldfield, Messrs. W. B. Young and W. A. Smith.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI: Rev. W. H. Gregory, and Mr. M. S. Hughson.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU: Revs. W. R. Laws, L. Greenslade and T. H. Carr, Messrs. A. H. Fisher, C. V. Woodfield, J. P. Boyd, J. H. Oldham and L. A. Davis.

WELLINGTON: Rev. R. Grice and Mr. T. M. Pacey.

NELSON: Revs. A. O. Jones and C. T. J. Luxton, Messrs. J. S. White and F. H. Southgate.

NORTH CANTERBURY: Nil.

SOUTH CANTERBURY: Rev. W. W. Avery and Mr. H. C. B. Withell.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND: Revs. G. R. H. Peterson and A. R. Witheford, Messrs. A. Froggatt, R. T. Sando and E. McLeod.

C—Report of Custodian of Deeds, 1952

For the year ending June 30th, the following matters have had attention.

1. New Trusts.

The following new Trusts have been registered:—

Auckland District—Glenbrook, Brown's Bay.

South Auckland—Puru.

Wellington—Porirua Parsonage, Youth Department (Parsonage).

North Canterbury—North New Brighton.

Otago-Southland—Corstorphine, Alexandra, Newfield.

2. Deeds.

Title Deeds have been received for property in connection with the following Trusts:—

Auckland District—Pt. Chevalier, Taharota Road, Rotheray Bay (Takapuna), Waipapa (Kerikeri), Newmarket, Warkworth, Paparoa, Papatoetoe, Glenbrook.

South Auckland—Pirongia.

Taranaki-Wanganui—Douglas, Opunake, Eltham.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—St. Aubyns (Hastings), Ashhurst.

Wellington—Eketahuna.

Nelson—Dovedale (Camp Site), Reefton.

North Canterbury—Hoon Hay (Christchurch), Kairaki Beach (Mission Cottage).

Otago-Southland—Company Bay, Alexandra, Coal Creek.

3. Trustees.

Changes in the personnel of Trusts have been registered as follows:—

District.	Trusts.	Removals.	Registrations.
Auckland	36	62	118
South Auckland	12	21	25
Taranaki-Wanganui	14	28	27
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	10	16	31
Wellington	12	30	29
Nelson	3	6	4
North Canterbury	17	25	38
South Canterbury	10	22	32
Otago-Southland	13	33	39
	127	243	343

H. L. FIEBIG,

Custodian of Deeds.

Christchurch, 1/7/52.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report be received and adopted.

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.**

Auckland, 4th August, 1952.

The Board has pleasure in submitting its Annual Report.

The Revenue is up £178. The General Expenses are down £453, due mainly to the fact that £1,275 expended on fire escapes for Probert Chambers, was capitalised. (The Board's liability for fire escapes on its other properties has been taken care of in previous years.)

Matters regarding the sale of Probert Chambers to the Central Mission progressed during the year, and valuers were employed by both sides to arrive at an equitable and reasonable figure for the sale thereof.

The price was fixed at £31,800, and we understand that the larger half of this amount has been collected and there is every promise that the whole sum will be raised before Synod.

In accordance with the terms of the mortgage, the building will be handed over on 1st September next.

It will be noticed that legal fees and valuation fees are much larger than usual, but this is largely due to the months of work that has been put into rent adjustments.

The year has been very good—what with increased rents and the satisfactory sale of Probert Chambers. We can see no reason why we should not maintain a future contribution to Trinity College of £1,500 per year.

The members of the Trust are:—Revs. E. W. Hames, J. C. Draper, Mr. Justice Stanton, Messrs. A. E. Astley, J. H. Blackwell, P. Dellow, T. L. Hames and W. E. Lewisham.

JAS. TYLER, Chairman.

F. M. W. IZZARD, Secretary.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.

**2—PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUST
REPORT OF TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDING
30th JUNE, 1952**

The Trust Board has pleasure in presenting its Report for the year ended 30th June, 1952.

There has been no change in the tenancies during the year, the rents involved in the property being all paid up to date.

In the Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year, the amount for rates is higher this year by £56, but the amount to be paid for the ensuing year is subject to adjustments in rateable value and the rate struck by the Auckland City Council, and the total will be reduced by £128 on last year's amount.

The charge for repairs and maintenance is greater this year by £342, representing the balance of cost of fire escape installations, and complete repairs to the roofs of the shops.

The Board was pleased this year to make a grant of £300 to Trinity Theological College, and a further sum of £1,000 has been

paid in reduction of the mortgage to the Bank of New Zealand, leaving a principal sum of £9,500 still owing.

ROBERT THORNLEY, Chairman.

P. DELLOW, Secretary.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.

3—THE JAMES AND MARTHA TROUNSON BENEVOLENT TRUST BOARD.

That the Financial Statement be received and adopted.

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

ANNUAL REPORT FOR CONFERENCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1951.

We have pleasure in presenting to the Conference the Annual Report and Accounts of the Board for the year ended 31st December, 1951.

As in previous years, our main function has resolved itself into the collection of income from the investments of the Board's capital, for the maintenance and support of the Children's Home at Masterton. In addition the Board has assisted the Rangiatea Maori Girls' College Board by maintaining its annual grant of £600.

Masterton Children's Home: Cordial relations exist between the Home Committee and the Board, and we place on record the Board's grateful appreciation of the untiring efforts of the Committee members in the interests of the children.

Staff: We are indeed fortunate in the loyal staff of the Home, which has remained unchanged for the past nine years, and we sincerely trust that the Master and Matron, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bateup, together with their assistants, Misses Fell and Potter, may long be spared to care for the children in their charge.

Following its usual practice, the Masterton Committee has reported direct to the Conference, and the Committee's recommendations are endorsed by the Board.

Rangiatea Maori Girls' College: Our Board has been represented on the College Board by Messrs. A. E. Hurley, T. M. Pacey and A. D. Priestley.

Whilst some progress has been made towards the development of the major scheme, the College Board continues to face a number of exasperating hold-ups.

Finance: Income remains fairly static, being £9 more than last year. It has been difficult to arrange investments on mortgages in competition with lending institutions which are not bound to adhere to the 66 2/3rd limit which the "Trustees Act" imposes on the Board, but it would appear that changes in the investment market may result in an increased income in the future.

"Rates and Land Tax" was the only expense item showing considerable fluctuation, being £19 more than last year.

Balance of ordinary income carried down was £1,188, a drop of £18 on the figure for the previous year.

There has been a considerable increase of £530 in the net remittances to Masterton Home, but several expenditure items are of a non-recurring nature and include labour-saving devices for the

Home, a light tractor for the Home farm, and large purchases of blankets.

Expenditure for the year exceeded income by £223/15/-.

Requests totalling £1,309/16/6 have been received on behalf of the Masterton Children's Home, and, transferred to the Capital Account of the Home, bring the balance to £13,716/13/6.

Chairman: It is the unanimous wish of the Board that the Rev. G. H. Goodman be re-appointed Chairman for the ensuing year.

On behalf of the Board,

G. H. GOODMAN, Chairman.

J. A. KELLOW, Secretary.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.

5—KAI IWI FARM TRUST.

ANNUAL REPORT, 1952.

First of all we would pay a sincere tribute to the memory of the late Mr. F. G. Beaven who was the Secretary-Treasurer of the Kai Iwi Farm Trust for many years and who was called to Higher Service during the past year. The death of Mr. Beaven and the retirement of the Trust Chairman from the active ministry left only one Trustee in the person of Mr. L. H. Bassett of Wanganui.

The Estate books were handed to Mr. W. S. Thrush by the late Mr. Beaven's solicitors and were later collected by the Rev. G. R. Thompson who with Mr. Bassett disbursed the income according to past procedure until the appointment of new Trustees. Three new Trustees in the persons of Messrs. E. L. Buxton and H. P. Whitlock and the Rev. F. J. Parker have been elected and duly registered. Mr. E. L. F. Buxton has agreed to undertake the duties of Secretary-Treasurer.

* The income from the Farm each year is £311/0/6. Disbursements for the year ending 30th June, 1952, were:—Rangiatea College, £150; Home Mission Department, £100; New Building Fund, £50; balance for Land Tax and incidentals.

The amount now held in the National Savings Account for the new Farm House is £767/19/8, which includes 11 years' accumulated interest amounting to £117/19/8 entered in the Pass Book this month.

GEORGE R. THOMPSON, Chairman.

E. L. F. BUXTON, Secretary.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.

6—GREY INSTITUTE TRUST.

That the Financial Statement be received and adopted.

7—ROBERT GIBSON TRUST.

The year's farming operations show a further increase in the net profit, which was £2,568/4/2, as against £2,184/15/1 for the previous year.

The following gives an analysis of the butterfat produced from each farm during the year:—

	Top Farm. (D. O'Leary)	Lower Farm. (J. W. Davis)
Number of cows milked in herd	92	87
Total lbs. butterfat produced	29,058.04	26,787.76
Average price received	3/-3d.	3/-3d.
Average butterfat production per cow	315.848	307.905

The sharemilking agreement with Mr J. W. Davis, which was for a term of 3 years from 1st July, 1949, expired on 30th June, 1952, and the sharemilker gave notice that he did not intend to seek a renewal. To replace Mr Davis, Messrs B. G. Hughes and N. H. Tids-well have been engaged as sharemilkers for a term of 3 years to 30th June, 1955, under a sharemilking agreement the terms of which are principally the same as those of the agreement with Mr Davis.

The sum of £6,333/0/8 has been accumulated towards the fund to be set up for the purpose of erecting the orphanage and other buildings.

W. E. HOLDGATE,
District Public Trustee.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.

QUESTION XXXVIII.—What is the Report of the Board of Con-nexional Insurance?

ANNUAL REPORT, 1952.

The audited financial statements are presented to Conference with this report. These indicate another successful year's operations. No fire losses have been incurred and that fact added to a large volume of new and additional insurance written up has resulted in a favourable financial position.

Additional Insurance: New and additional insurance has been effected for 63 trusts amounting to £237,926. This reflects the very large building programme which the Church as a whole has in hand, as well as the very heavy costs for same. The position in regard to adequate cover held on Church properties in general has steadily improved of recent years.

Income: The earned income from all sources for the year ended 31st May, 1952, was £4171/19/1, made up as follows:—Premiums, less re-insurance, £2375/19/1. Mortgage, Debenture and Deposit interest, £1796. After payment of office expenses amounting to £701/7/- the sum of £3470/12/1 was transferred to Profit and Loss Appropriation Account.

Adding to this amount the balance brought forward from last year, £1631/18/3, the total in this account is £5102/10/4. Grants paid, as approved by last Conference, amount to £1611. The sum of £1500 has been transferred to the Fire Loss Reserve Account, while £200 has been added to the Investment Contingency Reserve Account. Grants recommended to Conference this year amount to £1665. Thus, transfers and anticipated grants amount to £4976, leaving a net surplus of £126/10/4 to carry forward.

Accumulated Fund and Reserves: The Accumulated Fund stands at £33,500. After provision made as above, the Fire Loss Reserve is £12,115, while the Investment Contingency Reserve stands at £1,236/5/8.

Grants Recommended: The following grants are recommended to Conference:—Home Acquisition Fund, £380; Home Mission Fund, £150; Home Mission Removal Expenses Fund, £50; Foreign Mission Fund, £150; Church Building and Loan Fund, £200; "Methodist

Times," £200; Trinity College, £150; Deaconess House, £100; Youth Department, £100; Natural Calamities Fund, £100; Church Sites Fund, £50; Supernumerary Benevolent Fund, £25; Maori Ministers' Home Acquisition Fund, £10. Total, £1,665.

Insurance for Ministers and Voluntary Workers: Reference is again made to the fact that under the recent Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, it is now possible to arrange for insurance of ministers against accident and also of people engaged in voluntary work in or about Church property. Full information can be obtained from the Connexional Office. Circuits are urged to avail themselves of this provision.

Board for 1953: The following are nominated as the Board for 1953:—Connexional Secretary, District Chairman, Revs. E. Drake and A. M. Costain, Messrs. E. R. Caygill (Lay Treasurer), C. H. Perkins, A. A. Dingwall, W. H. Price, W. A. Bascand and F. S. Allott.

EDWARD DRAKE, Chairman.

H. L. FIEBIG, Managing Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS.

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

2. That the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund Board consider the possibility of refunding a percentage of the premium paid by Trusts with large insurances, or a reduction of premium in line with competitive rates of other Insurance Companies.

3. That the Board investigate the advantage to the Church in making it compulsory for all insurances to be arranged through the Connexional Office and report to Synods and Conference 1953.

4. That the Board investigate the desirability of all full-time agents and voluntary workers employed by the Church being covered by insurance.

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

Connexional Secretaryship Committee

ANNUAL REPORT, 1952

It is with regret that we record the loss sustained in the passing of the late Mr. J. E. Purchase, who at the time of his death was chairman and lay-treasurer of the Committee, a position which he had filled with great acceptability for ten years. His many gifts and graces were all brought to the service of the Church which he loved and served in many ways. He ever evinced a keen personal interest in the Connexional Office, its staff and the work carried out. We place on record our gratitude for a life of such devoted service to the Church.

The work of the various departments has been attended to during the year in a very satisfactory manner. The nature of the work varies of course greatly as between the seven different branches covered and considerable flexibility in organisation is necessary to maintain the necessary degree of efficiency. The reports and financial statements submitted to Conference indicate the nature and extent of the work involved. In addition to these the books of the S.I. Orphanage are attended to in the office.

The following appropriations are requested for the ensuing year: Supernumerary, H.M. and Deaconess Retiring Funds and General

Purposes Trust Fund, £800; Fire Insurance Fund, £650; Church Building and Loan Fund, £400; "Methodist Times," £325; Contingent Fund, £300.

The following Committee is nominated for 1953:—District Chairman, Connexional Secretary, Rev. A. M. Costain, Lay Treasurers of the Supernumerary Fund, Church Building and Loan Fund, Fire Insurance Fund, "Methodist Times" and Contingent Fund.

W. T. BLIGHT, Acting-Chairman.

Christchurch, 1/9/52.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.

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

Trinity Methodist Theological College Council

ANNUAL REPORT, 1952.

A. COUNCIL REPORT.

The Council is pleased to be able to report another excellent year of activity and gives thanks to God for the contribution the College is making to the life of the Church. During the year there have been 27 Divinity students in residence, in addition to two student pastors, one on rehabilitation grant, one from the Solomons, and one supporting himself. There has been an excellent spirit amongst the students and between students and staff. The Class Meeting in the College has fostered a fine atmosphere and the work of Dr. Williams and the students in establishing Class Meetings in various Circuits is proving of great value to the whole Church.

Staff.

The Principal's absence overseas during part of the year has thrown much extra work and responsibility upon Dr. Williams, and appreciation of his work and that of Revs. J. J. Lewis and H. C. Dixon is expressed. Tribute must also be paid to the work of the domestic staff. Although some changes have taken place everything in that department has run very smoothly.

Upon his return the Principal made a special report to the Council on his observations of Theological College work in Great Britain. His suggestions for the improvement of our own work have been noted and more will be heard of these from time to time.

Finance.

The increased number of students in training has placed a heavy burden on the finances. Further reference to this will be found in the Treasurer's report. Under the new arrangement adopted by last Conference, financial support for the College now comes under the control of the Central Finance Fund and our people are asked to remember the larger needs of the College when contributing through the annual appeal for that Central Fund. College Sunday will not now be accompanied by a financial appeal, but it can be used to bring this important work before the Circuits.

There has been an encouraging support during the year for the "Friends of Trinity" scheme and much credit is due to the Secretary, Mr. K. Lawry. The number of "Friends" now stands at 300 and the amount contributed by them in the past year was £207.

Accommodation.

The time is drawing near when consideration will have to be given to providing extra accommodation at the College. A good

deal of repair work has been necessary to the house at 134 Grafton Road, and much of this, including painting, was done by the students, at great saving to the Council. The house is at present let at a satisfactory rental and a loan of £200 to cover the cost of putting the house in order has been secured from the Home Mission Board. A considerable amount of repair work to the College buildings has also been done by the students, who have been thanked by the Council.

Preliminary consideration has been given to the building of a new College Chapel.

Some improvements have been made to furnishings in the College and Leigh House. A washing machine was purchased for use by the students and is being paid for by them on an instalment basis.

Brakenrig Lecture.

The annual Brakenrig Lecture was given on April 25th, when Dr. D. O. Williams spoke on "The Evangelical Experience as Illustrated by Chas. Wesley's Hymns."

Outside Activities.

In addition to the conducting of many services in Auckland circuits and assistance in establishing Class Meetings, the students have conducted successful missions at Ponsonby, Dominion Road and Tauranga.

White Memorial.

Under the will of Miss A. M. White, of Rotorua, a legacy of £100 has been received. The income from this will be applied to a prize in Church History, to be known as the John White Memorial.

College Film.

The colour film on the work of the College, taken by Rev. B. H. Riseley, is being screened on deputation work by Rev. B. M. Chrystall and is giving excellent publicity.

World Conference Representative.

We are proud to report that a great honour has been conferred upon our Church and the man himself in the selection of Student Rua Rakena as one of a small party to represent New Zealand at the World Christian Conference of Youth to be held at Travancore, India, in December.

Gifts to Library.

The College continues to receive valuable gifts for the Library and thanks are expressed to the donors, a list of whom will be found in the report of the Custodian of Deeds.

Appointment of Additional Tutor.

For some years past it has been the policy of the Council to appoint an additional Tutor, in view of the increased number of students and the wide range of subjects taught in the College. The Conference of 1950 agreed that this should be done at the earliest possible opportunity (Minutes 1950, p. 100). Since Dr. Ranston's retirement, the College has lacked an expert in Biblical languages, to direct the Department of Biblical Languages, Literature and Teaching. In fact, we have not maintained the standard of Biblical teaching reached in the 1930's. No action has been taken for lack of money, except that since 1949 the Rev. J. J. Lewis has given part-time assistance in New Testament.

Just before the Conference of 1951 the Council learned that the Student Christian Movement had approached Mr. Lewis with a view to a part-time appointment as Chaplain to the S.C.M. in Auckland. Under these circumstances the Council felt justified in recommending

the appointment of Mr. Lewis to the College Staff. The Conference received the suggestion and "commended" the name of Mr. Lewis to Synods and Conference of 1952 for appointment in this connection.

The Council anticipates being able to carry the full cost of the appointment in 3-5 years' time, and we are assured that in the meantime the S.C.M. will be happy to share the cost in return for part-time Chaplaincy service.

Mr. Lewis is 34 years of age and in the tenth year of his ministry. He holds the degrees of Master of Arts and Bachelor of Divinity, and has been engaged for some years past in extensive research in the realm of Biblical studies. He is an examiner in Hebrew for the Divinity Degree of the University of New Zealand. He will be required for expert work in the languages and the contents of both Testaments (including a knowledge of the LXX and the Vulgate), and in this respect he has better technical qualifications than any other man in our active ministry. During the past four years he has commended himself to the Staff and the Students of the College, both by his competence as a teacher and by his grace of personality.

Our Church is fortunate in having a number of scholars in its younger ministry from whom a choice might be made for a College appointment, but for this particular post Mr. Lewis has pre-eminent qualifications. Moreover, collaboration with the Student Christian Movement will make it possible to fill this important position without delay.

A. H. SCRIVIN, Chairman.

A. R. PENN, Secretary.

B. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT.

The College is enjoying a successful year, with a roll of 32 students, 27 of whom are in residence. The opening of the Congregational College has relieved us of responsibility for students of a sister Communion. Thirteen men are attending lectures at the Auckland University College, and the standard of teaching in general has been maintained. While the men vary in attainments and in educational background, even to an extent that is a problem to their teachers, they discover a unity of faith and purpose which binds them into an effective fellowship. Under the leadership of the Senior Student, Mr. D. G. Stubbs, they have given unstinted loyalty to the Staff of the College. A warm devotional life within the fellowship is seeking an outlet, and under the immediate guidance of the Resident Tutor, the Senior Year men have conducted missions at Dominion Road and at Tauranga, while the Junior Year men assisted the Rev. H. C. Dixon in a survey of a new area in Panmure. Our men are well received in the Circuits, and they provide the most effective propaganda for the College.

During the year the Principal has taught Systematic Theology (God, Man, Sin) New Testament Theology, and Church History. He has also conducted a class in Worship, Church Organization, etc., and the Intermediate Greek class. The Resident-Tutor has taught Pastoral Theology, Stages I and II, and has conducted the Sermon Criticism Class, with additional instruction in Radio technique, and a class in Voice Production. Also he teaches New Testament Introduction (Johannine Literature, Hebrews, General Epistles) Old Testament Studies (The Prophets) and the Junior Greek class. The Rev. J. J. Lewis has visited the College twice weekly and taught Senior Greek, N. T. Exegesis, and Elementary Hebrew. We also

welcome representatives of various Departments of the Church as visiting lecturers.

With the growth of New Zealand and the insistent demand for more Agents, it is clear that we shall need to plan our theological education on a larger scale than seemed necessary or possible when Trinity College was built. In this matter the Church needs to think in big terms, and to act boldly and wisely. During my trip abroad I was able to make contact with our Colleges in Australia and in Britain, and from what I have seen I am satisfied that in general we are making the best use of our limited resources. Our College was founded on sound lines, and its main emphasis is correct, and true to our evangelical heritage and our evangelistic purpose. With an additional Tutor appointed to our staff, we should be able to meet present requirements adequately. In particular we are making a more thorough and expert approach to the problems of the pastorate, in preaching, teaching and pastoral oversight, than any College I visited in my travels. I consider however that in view of our isolation in New Zealand, it is particularly desirable that we should find ways and means of sending an occasional student abroad for further training. In this way we would maintain vital links with overseas Methodism, and at the same time be building up an enlightened leadership for the future.

E. W. HAMES,
Principal.

TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

C. TREASURER'S REPORT, YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1952.

In presenting the Annual Accounts of Trinity College, I have to report that the year closed with a debit balance of £126/16/5.

This is less than the budget estimated deficiency of £446, and it is necessary to clarify this. One item of expenditure included in our budget of £200 for the House, 134 Grafton Road, has been carried forward by a mortgage of £200 arranged with the Home Mission Department. If this had been included, our debit balance would have been £326/16/5.

Four students were held back this year and it has meant a considerable saving in the estimated expenditure in the House and Service Account. The House and Service Account is actually £437 less than we estimated in our budget. This I feel reflects great credit on Dr. and Mrs. Williams for their careful and efficient administration and the loyal co-operation of the staff. We must also thank the students for their help and support. It must be noted that these savings offset funds not received in our budget.

Our expenditure on repairs, renewals, furnishings, etc., last year was £433, this year £677/13/3. We must expect that an increasing amount will be necessary to maintain the College and property. If this maintenance work is not kept up, it will result ultimately in heavier costs.

An additional item of income this year was rent received for the Principal's residence of £102/16/8. This will not be a recurring item.

Our financial position is quite satisfactory, but we must endeavour to reduce our mortgage and debit balance and we are called on to meet increasing commitments in our tutorial staff.

Our thanks go to Mr. K. Lawry and his Committee, who have so ably organised the Friends of Trinity and College Sunday appeal. We received a total of £663/12/10. (Made up of: Appeal College Sunday, £456/12/10; Friends of Trinity, £207.)

Our grateful thanks go to all friends of Trinity for their loyal and encouraging support.

We wish to record our thanks to the various Trust Boards and Connexional Funds for their financial assistance and support of the College.

W. F. WINSTONE, Hon. Treasurer.

TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

PROPOSED BUDGET.

For the Year ended 30th June, 1953.

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.
Probert Trust Board	1,500	0	0
Emsly Trust	60	0	0
Contingent Fund	1,400	0	0
Connexional Fire Insurance Fund	150	0	0
Home Mission Fund	150	0	0
Foreign Mission Fund	75	0	0
Central Finance Committee	£800	0	0
Friends of Trinity	200	0	0
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Collegiate Church	1,000	0	0
Students' Contributions	60	0	0
Hostel Fees	30	0	0
Prince Albert College Trust	2,500	0	0
Student Christian Movement	400	0	0
Rents	150	0	0
Rehabilitation Account	100	0	0
Estimated Deficiency, 30th June, 1953	160	0	0
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	£8,350	0	0

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Debit Balance, 30th June, 1952	126	0	0
House and Service	3,900	0	0
Stipends and Allowances	1,378	0	0
Tutors' Fees	30	0	0
Connexional Charges	180	0	0
Bursaries	240	0	0
Rates	250	0	0
Insurance	80	0	0
Telephones	52	0	0
University Fees	200	0	0
Furnishings	300	0	0
Repairs	600	0	0
Printing, Postages and Stationery	50	0	0
Advertising Church Services	8	0	0
Rent Board Room	15	0	0
Sundries	21	0	0
Special Renovation, Furnishing, 134 Grafton Road	700	0	0
Interest and Mortgage Repayment	220	0	0
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	£8,350	0	0

WILFRED F. WINSTONE, Hon. Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Reports be received and adopted.
2. That the Rev. J. J. Lewis, M.A., B.D., be appointed to the Staff of Trinity College as Tutor in Biblical Languages, Literature, and Teaching, the appointment to take effect in 1953.

3. That in view of the expansion of our country and the great need for trained workers to direct the Christian witness in new areas, the Conference recommends that all ministers and youth workers be alert to recognise and to encourage young men and women who may be called to the full-time service of the Church. We especially recommend the annual observance of College Sunday in all congregations, in order that the mind of the Church may be directed from time to time to its peculiar responsibility under God for the preparation and training of the future ministry.

4. That Conference commends to the Church the organisation known as the Friends of Trinity College, and recommends that in every established congregation there should be an agent appointed to enrol "Friends" and to represent the interests of the College.

5. That Conference express its appreciation of the work of the students in maintenance of the College property.

6. That Conference express its appreciation of the service rendered by the Treasurer, Mr. W. F. Winstone, and Mr. Walter C. Browne.

7. That Conference place on record appreciation of the high standard of work being maintained at Trinity College, of the services of the Principal, Resident-Tutor and assistant tutors, and of the fine spirit existing between staff and students.

8. (a) That the following Committee consider measures for raising the general level of ministerial training from Candidature to Ordination: The President, Vice-President and Secretary of Conference. Secretary of the Board of Examiners, the chairmen of Districts, Revs. W. G. Slade, G. R. Harris, J. D. Grocott, B. M. Chrystall, R. Dudley, H. E. Harkness, W. R. Laws, J. Silvester, E. M. Marshall, G. I. Laurenson and S. G. Andrews. Messrs G. S. Gapper, M. S. Hughson, A. D. Priestley, W. E. Donnelly, R. C. A. Marshall, C. N. Nicholls, E. Macfarlane, J. H. Oldham, H. W. Beaumont, G. G. Hancox, G. C. Burton, Mesdames A. B. Cochran and D. Smith. Dr. Brian Low. Convenor: Rev. J. J. Lewis.

9. That the Council for 1953 be:—Revs. E. W. Hames, M.A. (Principal), D. O. Williams, M.A., Litt.D. (Resident Tutor), J. J. Lewis, M.A., B.D., H. Ranston, M.A., Litt.D. (Fellow of Trinity College), W. Walker, E. D. Patchett, A. H. Scrivin, G. I. Laurenson, A. E. Orr, J. C. Draper, R. Thornley, M.A., G. E. Brown, A. R. Penn, W. E. A. Carr, H. C. Dixon, M.A., B.D., Messrs F. E. Sutherland, T. L. Hames, J. S. Caughey, L. W. Peak, C. K. Wigglesworth, J. H. Blackwell, W. Robson, W. F. Winstone, C. W. Firth, K. J. Rosser, G. S. Gapper, H. Halstead, E. V. Moore and K. Lawry. Life Member: Rev. Dr. C. H. Laws. Council Officers: Chairman: Mr. G. S. Gapper; Vice-Chairman: Rev. R. Thornley; Secretary: Rev. A. R. Penn; Treasurer: Mr. W. F. Winstone.

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

Wesley Training College

A.—REPORT OF THE BOARD, 1952

The Board has pleasure in reporting that the income surplus for the year ended the 31st December, 1951, was a record figure of £4,761 and that, with capital profits during the year amounting to £4,576, the Board's Accumulated Funds, at that date, stood at £157,840.

In consequence of the general wage order and the special increases granted to the teaching profession it was decided, during

the year, to increase the College Fees by 15 per cent, fixing the maximum fee at £138 per annum. This increase, which took effect as from the commencement of the second term, enabled the College to reduce its operating loss to £801, after absorbing an increase in Salaries and Wages amounting to £1,900, and undertaking Beneficiary work totalling £1,455. The College annual wage bill is now £9,160. The cost of provisions was held to an increase of only £175 by the college garden providing the entire vegetable requirements for the greater part of the year while other expenses were kept at their former level by the exercise of various economies.

Farm production was at a high level and, with buoyant market prices being maintained, the careful management of the Farm resulted in a record profit being struck at £2,251 despite the cost of Wages increasing by £700 to £2,471.

Once again, the Preparatory School suffered a substantial loss, £958, but as from the 1st January, 1952, a lease has been granted to the School for the Deaf for a commencing term of five years at an annual rent of £983. Instead of being a constant drain on the Board's resources the Preparatory School should now become an income-earning property enabling the Board to concentrate its energies on its adopted plan for the full development of the College at Paerata. When the Preparatory School activities were concluded the Board placed on record in its minutes "The Board's gratitude to Mr and Mrs W. E. V. Lowe and the thanks of the Methodist Church throughout the Dominion for their loyal, efficient and untiring service rendered in conducting the Wesley Preparatory School and the Harding Estate, at Mount Wellington, for the past four years."

Increased workings on the Board's scoria deposits brought an additional £500 in royalties received and this was the amount that the Wellington Park income improved on the previous year's result. Unfortunately, the Board is unable to control the extent of the quarrying activities on this property and as this income forms the greater portion of the earnings, the net result from the property is liable to fluctuate in direct sympathy with the Public Works undertaken in and around Auckland City. Thus the record surplus of £2,201 shown on this occasion may not be maintained.

During the year the Board has proceeded with its plans for the development of the College at Paerata. A scheme for the building of an Assembly Hall and Recreation Room has been adopted and the approved plan is now in the hands of the Board's Architects at the final drawing stage. In addition to this projected major undertaking other capital improvements include the completion of the new 8 acre sports field, which provides two full playing Rugby Football fields with an area for the main Cricket Pitch between, at a cost of £3,250, the purchase of a tractor, gangmowers and other ground maintenance equipment for £915 and the equipping of the Woodwork instruction block with £350 of power tools. The Board recently received a most generous donation from Mr W. Blomfield in the form of a motor tractor-plough for use in the orchard and garden.

That the College is taking its rightful place in the forefront of the Dominion Secondary Schools is borne out by the District Senior Inspector who, in enclosing the confidential report of the Inspectors of Post Primary Schools on their recent visit to the College, offered the Board his congratulations "on the capable and efficient running of the College."

J. TYLER, Chairman.

L. KNIGHT, Secretary.

Auckland, 17th July, 1952.

B.—PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Roll.

As at July 1st, 1952, the roll is 130 Boarders, six of whom came from the Preparatory School into Standard 4. The total number in Primary and Intermediate Departments is thus higher than usual, a total of 32. The number in Forms 5 and 6 is 35.

Staff.

The teaching staff has been complete to date, but it is with regret that we have received the resignation of the First Assistant, Mr F. Parks, M.A., who leaves at the end of Term Two to take up an appointment in the South. Mr Parks has given excellent service during his three years at the College. Mr. Howard Prosser, B.A., has now been appointed to this position.

The domestic position is a little easier than it was a year ago. Faithful and generous help continues to be given by Miss Cliff (Senior Matron), ably assisted by Miss M. I. Taylor (Assistant Matron).

During the year recognition by Board, Old Boys, and School was given to Mr M. B. Knott who in June completed 25 years of service as Grounds Overseer and Lorry Driver. He will long be remembered with appreciation by boys and staff.

Successes in 1951.

Passes in School Certificate were 17 out of 19 who sat for the examination; in University Entrance 2; qualifying for Higher Leaving Certificate 2; completing Local Preachers' Examination 2.

The Old Boys' Association.

It is gratifying to report that the Association has more than doubled its strength in the past 12 months. At the Annual Reunion held on June 7, Old Boys presented to the College some handsome furniture for the library, and unveiled a plaque in the Chapel in memory of Old Boys who fell in the 1939-45 war.

Extensions and Improvements.

The new sports field has now been formed and should be ready for use in the new year. It will be of great benefit to the College, providing us with ample playing area for football, cricket, softball and athletics.

The erection in the near future of a large Hall to provide for assemblies, concerts and indoor recreation marks another step forward in the development of the school. Because of it we shall be able to establish another small dormitory and increase our maximum Roll to 140.

During the year the Board has completed the task of equipping the woodwork room with power tools. Under Mr T. I. Malcolmson, full-time woodwork instructor, boys receive instruction in cabinet-making, carpentry and trade drawing, with ample opportunity to work in hobbies. Machines now in use are a cross-cut saw, thickener, lathe, drill press, and bandsaw.

The Farm.

As will be seen from the financial report, the farm has continued to flourish. Mr H. J. Barber, Farm Manager, is to be complimented on his careful oversight of stock, pastures, and production.

General.

It has always been our policy to provide a full opportunity for a boy of any race, no matter what his ability, to find some activity in which he is at home. There are three distinct courses from which to choose. There are 13 subjects taught to School Certificate level,

and eight to University Entrance. There is instruction in Farm Management, Woolclassing, and Shearing; in Art, Music, Choral Speaking; and in Divinity subjects; training in leadership and self-reliance is given prominence in Hostel management, Scout Troop, Ambulance Brigade, and Sports. How successfully this is done will be seen in the years to come when the present pupils become Old Boys and take their place in the world. We seek to train not only in good citizenship, but in right thinking and personal integrity.

E. M. MARSHALL, Principal.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Reports be received and adopted.
2. That the Financial Statements be received and adopted.
3. That Conference express appreciation of the work being done by the Principal and staff.
4. That the College Board consider offering to train at least one selected student from say Indonesia or Malaya.
5. That the Board for 1953 be:—Revs. F. Copeland, W. Walker, A. H. Scrivin, E. Te Tuhi, E. W. Hames, G. I. Laurenson, Messrs J. T. Bryant, Stuart Caughey, P. Rushton, A. C. A. Sexton, J. Stanton, A. W. Wesley, E. P. Salmon, C. N. Nicholls, C. Darby, R. D. Miller, H. Denton, T. L. Hames and A. H. Winstone.

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

1—Supernumerary Fund Board

ANNUAL REPORT, 1952.

The audited financial statements for the year ending 30th June are presented to Conference with this report. These indicate a satisfactory year's operations.

Annuitytants and Contributors: The number of annuitytants at date is 54 supernumeraries (54) and 44 widows (43). The figures in brackets are those reported as for last year. Four supernumeraries and one widow have died during the year. Four new annuitytants came on to the Fund and two widows became beneficiaries during the year. The number of ministers at date who belong to the Fund is 191.

Annuitytites: The sum of £8,362/14/10 was paid out during the year for annuities, with £480 for furniture grants. These latter payments were on the higher scale authorised by last Conference.

Commutation and Withdrawals: Three Ministers exercised the option of commutation, the total amount involved being £2,722/4/5. Two ministers transferred to the Australian Fund and one minister who had temporarily withdrawn from the work on account of ill-health rejoined the Fund. The net movement of funds in these cases totalled £442/7/1.

Arrears of Subscriptions: The position in this connection is very satisfactory. Only two cases have necessitated special attention.

General Finance.

(a) **Accumulated Funds** now amount to £130,237/18/7. After adding to the amount brought forward from last year the surplus of £633/4/7 from the revenue account, and deducting amounts commuted and transferred as noted above, a net decrease of £2,531/6/11 is shown. In respect to commutation, there is a compensating

decrease in the amount of annuities over a period of years. In this way the actuarial balance of the Fund is not disturbed.

(b) **Investments** are represented in the following categories:—
1. Mortgages £63,803/4/11. 2. Government Stock and local body debentures, £62,202/1/4. (This includes £42,154/2/8 held on behalf of allied Funds.) 3. Freehold property (Epworth Chambers), £48,712/8/5 less depreciation reserve, £9250.

Interest Earnings: The interest earnings on the actuarial formula represent an over-all rate of 4.29% which must be considered satisfactory.

Allied Funds.

Home Acquirement Fund: There are at present 181 contributors herein, their personal accounts totalling £18,891/17/11. Four Super-numeraries received benefits on retirement this year, totalling £1,046/2/5.

Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund: There are 30 contributors to this Fund, deposits on their behalf totalling £4,471/6/7. Four contributors on retirement from the work received benefits totalling £2,238/2/2. The amount of £281/6/- was transferred to the Super-numerary Fund and Home Acquirement Fund on behalf of Home Missionaries received on probation.

Deaconess Retiring Fund: The sum of £9,663/14/4 is held on behalf of 43 contributors. One contributor on retirement received benefits to the amount of £1,070/12/3.

In these three funds benefits are in the form of cash payments in full on retirement.

Increasing Annuities and Contributions: The Board has been greatly encouraged by the reaction of the District Synods to its proposals to take steps which will make possible an increase in annuities. Eight out of nine Synods have approved of these proposals. Full details concerning this matter are set out in special reports submitted to Conference.

Board: (a) The Board records its deep sense of loss in the passing of Mr W. Charles Francis who at the time of his decease was its Chairman. In that capacity, as well as a Board member for many years, he rendered conspicuous service in connection with this aspect of the work of the Church. His sound judgment and business experience as well as his devotion to the Church were of great value to the Board.

(b) **Board for 1953:** The following are nominated as the Board for 1953:—The Connexional Secretary (Managing Treasurer), Revs. E. Drake, A. O. Harris, V. R. Jamieson, W. T. Blight and W. G. Slade, Messrs G. S. Salter (Lay Treasurer), L. G. K. Steven, R. G. Pearce, W. A. Hadlee, J. E. Horrell and R. H. Smith.

L. G. K. STEVEN, Acting Chairman.

G. S. SALTER, Lay Treasurer.

H. L. FIEBIG, Managing Treasurer.

2—REPORT TO SYNODS, 1952.

The audited financial statements together with the main annual report will be presented in due course to Conference in the usual manner.

The reports submitted herewith deal with the special matter concerning increased annuities and contributions. A report, with recom-

mendations, was submitted to the Synods of last year. Six Synods approved the report and recommendations in toto. The Conference committee did likewise. Three Synods, Auckland, Nelson, and Otago-Southland, expressed the view that recent increases in benefits under the scheme as for Social Security Age Benefits and/or Universal Superannuation called for a modification of the Board's recommendations or for a review of the policy of our Supernumerary Fund in the light of present Social Security legislation.

The Board's reply to the attitude of the three Synods in question was set forth in the supplementary report which was sent down to Conference. This in turn was adopted by the Conference Committee.

In view of the importance of the matter and the desirability of giving more time to it than was possible in full Conference last year, it was decided to refer the matter back to Conference of this year with priority on the Agenda.

In the meantime the Board sends down to all Synods for their information the two reports previously referred to. It reiterates its conviction that action along the lines indicated in the report and recommendations is vitally necessary for the well-being of our supernumeraries or widows. It has received with interest and gratification the approval of the six Synods concerned, and commends the matter now to those Synods which previously were in doubt about its recommendations.

WILLIAM C. FRANCIS, Chairman.

G. S. SALTER, Lay Treasurer.

H. L. FIEBIG, Managing Treasurer.

SPECIAL REPORT, 1951.

The Conference of 1950 authorised the Board to investigate the matter of increasing annuities payable to members of the Fund, together with the related matter of raising the level of personal contributions and Circuit levies. This has been done in consultation with the Board's actuary, who submitted a full memorandum on all the matters involved, and on the basis of same the following facts are stated and recommendations made. The facts fall into three categories.

(a) Future entrants to the Fund. The present scale of annuities is basically related to a stipend of £250 per annum. While the standard minimum stipend has been increased during the past twenty years from £250 to £376/5/-, with a recommendation from the Standing Committee that it be raised to £402/11/9 per annum, no corresponding increase in personal subscriptions and Circuit subsidies has been made during that period. The subscription is at present £10 p.a. with Circuit subsidy £15 p.a. On the £250 standard stipend, that represents a total percentage contribution of 10%, the minister paying 4% and the Circuit contributing 6%. To maintain the 10% contribution (which is reasonable and necessary) on the proposed new standard of £402/11/9, the total payment should be £40, that is Minister 4% (£16), Circuit subsidy 6% (£24). Such payments will maintain the correct relation between stipend and annuity, that is 60%, and would enable a similar percentage increase in pensions, that is 60%.

(b) Existing Contributors. If the above rates of subscriptions, i.e. £16 and £24, are adopted for existing contributors, the extra income that the fund will receive will not be sufficient to raise by 60% the benefits which will become payable in respect of these mem-

bers. Some members will retire on pension immediately after the proposed new arrangements come into force; they will have contributed throughout practically the whole of their service on the present scale and therefore the Fund will have little above the amount necessary to pay their benefits on the present scale. At the other extremity some members will have joined the Fund just before the change takes place; they therefore will contribute on the new scale throughout practically the whole of their service, and the Fund will have sufficient funds in hand when their benefits become payable to pay at practically the new rate. Thus for all existing members the new subscriptions will be sufficient to increase the rate of benefit from 0 to 60 per cent., the actual increase in each case depending upon the proportions of the member's service under the present and the new bases respectively.

(c) **Present Annuitants.** Increasing subscriptions for future entrants and current contributors will not provide any additional funds with which to increase the annuities now being paid. If these are to be increased the finance must be sought elsewhere.

The particular problem which faces the Board in connection with existing annuitants is found in the fact that most of them are in receipt of income from sources other than our Fund. In most cases, it is revealed, to grant a straight-out increase in annuity would mean a decrease in benefits obtainable from other sources. That there are anomalies here is freely recognised, but at present there is no way out of the difficulty. The problem facing the Board is to give our beneficiaries *real* benefit and not imaginary or fictitious benefit. The Board would like to effect a general increase in the scale of benefits, but it is obvious that to merely do that would not meet fully the situation. Circumstances vary so much in respect to different beneficiaries that every case practically must be considered on its own merits.

It is pointed out that future contributors will be able to receive full benefits under Social Security legislation because of our new system of commutation. That, however, does not apply to the majority of the present annuitants.

It is clear then that to assist present beneficiaries some arrangement must be made other than effecting an increase in annuity. This is the subject of a special investigation which is being pursued at present, the results of which will be reported on later.

Whatever method is adopted it will mean raising a substantial capital sum. For example, our Actuary has indicated that to effect a 60% increase in present annuities the Board would have to increase its capital by some £45,000. The sum that is actually raised will determine of course the amount of additional benefits which can be made available.

Home Acquisition Fund. The Board was also instructed by last Conference to consider the matter of increasing the contributions by ministers to this Fund.

This matter has been examined, and in view of the recommendations which the Board is making concerning payments to the Supernumerary Fund, its judgment is that no alteration should be made to the regulations in connection with this Fund. The following reasons are given: If the personal contribution to the Supernumerary Fund is raised to £16 p.a., that amount, added to the present compulsory contribution to the Home Acquisition Fund of £4, will raise the minister's payment to £20 per annum, which is 5% of his stipend, which is a reasonable proportion. Compulsory contribution should

not go beyond such a figure. On the other hand, under the existing regulations the way is open for any minister who is able to do so to pay more than the minimum £4. No subsidy, however, is received on any such additional payments. The Fire Insurance Fund subsidises the present payment by a contribution of £2 p.a. It is improbable that that Board could raise the subsidy without decreasing grants made to other Church departments. It is also pointed out that under our new system of Commutation, the amount made available in a lump sum is so received to be invested in a home. Under the proposals of the Board for increased benefits in the future from the Supernumerary Fund (based on increased payments) the amount so commuted will be greater than at present. In other words, ministers on retiring will be in receipt of a larger cash sum to put into their home, and this should largely enable them to meet the situation created by the continuing currency inflation.

Furniture Grant. Our present regulations provide for a grant of £75 to be made to each minister when he superannuates. The Board is recommending that this be increased to £120.

Home Missionaries' and Deaconesses' Retiring Funds. The Board received no instruction concerning these Funds. However, in the light of present-day conditions and in view of increases in stipends, it is making recommendations as set out below. These have been considered in consultation with the Home Mission Board and the Deaconess House Board and the recommendations have their approval. The nett result in each case is that the over-all contributions to the Funds is raised to approximately 10% of the new standard stipend, this being the principle followed throughout. All benefits in these Funds are received in the form of a cash payment in full on retirement. The increases recommended will effect a more balanced relationship as between stipends and the contributions made and the benefits received.

General. The Board is confident that its recommendations will receive the sympathetic support of the whole Church. No appeal has been made on behalf of the Supernumerary Fund for many years. It will be freely recognised and acknowledged that at any time adequate provision for old age should be made for those who give a lifetime of service to the Church and because of that service must largely be dependent upon the Church for such provision. Present-day conditions demand that there be a stepping-up of benefits received in order that they may be more in harmony with living costs.

L. G. K. STEVEN, Acting Chairman.

G. S. SALTER, Lay Treasurer.

H. L. FIEBIG, Managing Treasurer.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT, 1951.

The Board, as directed by Conference, submitted to Synods a report dealing with the question of increasing annuities, with the related matter of increasing personal subscriptions and circuit levies. The same principle applied to the retiring funds for Home Missionaries and Deaconesses. The Board made certain recommendations, the details of which are set forth in that report. Six Synods adopted them. Three Synods (Auckland, Nelson and Otago-Southland), expressed the view that recent increases in benefits under the scheme as for Social Security Age Benefits and/or Universal Superannuation called for modification of the recommendations of the Board or

for review of the whole policy of our Supernumerary Fund in the light of present Social Security legislation. It will be of value to examine the matter in the light of this attitude.

The Board cannot agree that benefits obtainable under that legislation make unnecessary any extension of benefits from our Fund. Its judgment is that in order to enable ministers on retirement in the future to make adequate provision for their latter years, something additional will be required over and above what our Fund now makes available together with maximum benefits obtainable from the State.

The following table illustrates the position. It is impossible to make an exact statement but it is sufficiently accurate for the purpose.

1. A.B. husband, £2/17/6; wife, £2/17/6; other allowable income (see 5), £1; total (at present), £6/15/-. Commutation (40 years), say £1,200; Home Acquisition Fund, say £400; total £1,600.

2. Presuming the cost of house and furniture to be £2,600 (?), an additional £1,000 would be required to provide an unencumbered home.

3. If annuitant cannot live rent free, his income would have to provide (say) £50 p.a. interest, plus (on the average) £75 for maintenance, leaving £4/5/- per week for other living costs.

4. A widower or widow would have £2/17/6 per week less than in the above table. A widow's annuity is less than two-thirds of the minister's scale. A widow who came direct on to the Fund would commute also on the widow's scale.

5. Note: £1/10/- is the present allowable income—but the figure of £1 has been used as it enables a larger sum to be obtained in commutation. The ultimate result is not altered either way. If the higher sum is received in the form of annuity the commuted amount will be decreased in proportion, between £200 and £250.

6. The position under Universal Superannuation at its maximum would be no better than as shown above, except that "allowable income" could be greater—but—where is it to come from for the average supernumerary?

7. It is possible that the Age Benefit will be increased in the future. It may also be assumed that any such increase will only be adopted to keep pace with a parallel rise in general living costs.

On the other hand the position of an annuitant would be greatly improved if he were in the position of being able to live rent-free. The important question then is that of a house to live in. How can the average minister on stipend received, accumulate enough to provide an unencumbered house? Ordinary income received makes that an impossibility. The Supernumerary Fund with its provision for Commutation provides the answer to a very large extent. Increased benefit under Commutation would put into his hands a larger cash sum with which to procure a home and to save him from having to use his income for this purpose. As stated in the earlier report the maximum increase under the proposed new scale would be 60%. That would mean a commuted sum of say £1,800 instead of £1,200 as at present.

To make available a larger sum in this way the Fund must receive greater income. That is the reason for the recommendations made by the Board in its earlier report. The crux of the matter is this—that Universal Superannuation (or increased Age Benefit) is

not the answer to the problem as far as our ministers are concerned.

One Synod recommended that payments into and benefits from the Supernumerary Fund should remain as at present but that attention should be given to providing a more reasonable Home Acquisition Fund. Two observations should be made. Firstly, it is evidently recognised that the acquiring of a home is the major problem. That has been dealt with above. Secondly, it must be asked—how is this more reasonable Home Acquisition Fund to be provided? It can only be created by increased payments and/or subsidies. It was pointed out in the earlier report that it cannot be assumed, for example, that the present subsidising Fund (the Fire Insurance Fund) will be able to grant increased subsidies without penalising other organisations of the Church which at present benefit from its grants. To double the present subsidy to ministers (that is £4 instead of £2) would mean another £350 per annum from its surplus. On the other hand the system of Commutation is the best method of ensuring that an adequate cash sum could be made available to a minister on retirement. To that sum the minister himself contributes regularly and the Church subsidises his payments.

The Board therefore reiterates its conviction that the most effective method of assisting ministers to make adequate provision for their old age is through increased personal contributions to the Supernumerary Fund subsidised by increased levies.

The Board also stresses the necessity of receiving the assistance of the Church in its efforts to increase its capital in the immediate present and so enable it to grant added assistance to present annuitants. The result of discussions with governmental authorities is that under present conditions each case will have to be taken on its merits and dealt with individually. Variation in circumstances will determine the action that will be possible in each case. The main avenue of approach will have to be that of commutation. The situation that confronts the Board is that a real need still exists for assistance to present beneficiaries. By stabilising the Fund and increasing its capital something can be done. Until that step is taken, however, nothing can be done. By an examination of the situation as it affects each annuitant the Board will take such steps as are necessary and practicable to enable present supernumeraries or widows to grapple with the economic problems they face today.

It therefore emphasises the importance of the recommendations sent down to Synods and now submitted to Conference.

L. G. K. STEVEN, Acting Chairman.

G. S. SALTER, Lay Treasurer.

H. L. FIEBIG, Managing Treasurer.

Christchurch, 8/10/51.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Financial Statements for the Supernumerary Fund, Benevolent Fund, Home Acquisition Fund, Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund and Deaconess' Retiring Fund be received and adopted.

2. That the Special Reports be received and adopted.

3. (a) That as from 1st February, 1953, for present contributors and future entrants to the Supernumerary Fund, personal contributions shall be at the rate of £16 per annum and the Circuit Levy at the rate of £24 per annum.

(b) That annuities and/or benefits for such present and future

contributors be determined according to the new scale to be recommended later by the Board's Actuary.

4. That in order to increase the capital of the Fund and so enable an increase in benefits to be made available to present annuitants, the Board be empowered to solicit special gifts from our people and that this appeal be given first priority in 1953.

5. That as from 1st February, 1953, the contributions to the Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund be as follows:—

a. Personal	.....	£12 per annum
b. Circuit	.....	£ 9 " "
c. Department	.....	£ 9 " "

6. That as from 1st February, 1953, the contributions to the Deaconess Retiring Fund be as follows:—

a. Personal	.....	£12 per annum
b. Circuit	.....	£ 9 " "
c. Department	.....	£ 9 " "

7. That the Supernumerary Fund Board be requested to examine the possibilities of making available to supernumeraries, funds or houses by way of mortgage on favourable terms.

8. That the Supernumerary Fund Board give consideration to the making of increased and adequate provision for the widows of ministers who die while in the active ministry.

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

A.—ANNUAL REPORT, 1952.

During the year the following new Trusts were accepted for administration:—M. G. Shepherd Est.; C. M. Hawken Est.; Murray Young Memorial Centre. New deposits have been received on behalf of the following Church Trusts:—Douglas and Waitati. A deposit was also received on behalf of the Ina Davison bequest (Te Puke). Synodal Districts have also deposited for the first time moneys on behalf of the Special Connexional Appeals Fund recently established by Conference.

The Board now administers 89 Trusts varying greatly in nature, with a total of assets amounting to £50,983/5/4.

B.—WINSTONE MEMORIAL TRUST FUND.

Conference will again appreciate the usefulness of this Fund out of which this year grants amounting to £549/1/4 were made to 16 Ministers and Home Missionaries who had not received from their circuits the standard stipend. The best thanks of the Church are due to those who created this trust for the very useful purpose which it serves year by year.

L. G. K. STEVEN, Acting Chairman.

G. S. SALTER, Lay Treasurer.

H. L. FIEBIG, Managing Treasurer.

RECOMMENDATION.

That the Reports and Financial Statement be received and adopted.

3—Methodist Children's Fund

Treasurers' Report.

In presenting the Financial Statement for the Children's Fund for the year ended 30th September, 1952, we would advise that the grant in respect to each child was at the rate of £7 as compared with an amount of £6.15.0 for the previous year. It will be appreciated

that, with the total sum available for distribution set at a fixed annual amount, the amount payable in respect of each child must necessarily vary from year to year depending on the number of children claiming on the Fund. Authority to vary the payment was given by the 1949 Conference and reaffirmed by subsequent Conferences. The total levy on Districts for the past year remained unchanged at £1800, while the sum expended in grants and expenses amounted to £1787 16/-. A total of 255½ allowances for children have been provided, the district allocations being as under:—

Auckland	61½
South Auckland	35½
Taranaki-Wanganui	16½
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	20½
Wellington	27½
Nelson	20½
North Canterbury	44
South Canterbury	6½
Otago-Southland	23½
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	255½

The number of allowances provided in 1950 was 253½ and in 1951, 258½.

From information received to date it is apparent that the number of allowances to be provided in 1953 will exceed those of recent years and it will thus not be possible to increase the grant. Indeed it may be necessary to again reduce it. The Treasurers again recommend that the decision of the 1949 Conference be adopted for the coming year.

Conference is advised that, in our Reports for the past three years, reference has been made to a loan of £100 being due for repayment to the Fire Insurance Fund. The amount originally received from the Insurance Fund in 1949 to assist in meeting an emergency which had then arisen was £150, and we were under the impression that, of this sum, an amount of £50 was by way of grant and thus leaving a sum of £100 to be repaid in due course. It now transpires that the suggested grant of £50 was, in fact, never confirmed by the Fire Insurance Fund Board. There is thus a debt of £150 now due to that Fund and arrangements will need to be made for its repayment. This will probably involve a further temporary reduction in the grant per child.

In earlier reports we have stressed the need for Ministers to give more prompt advice of the birth of children. This surprising reluctance to give prompt advice continues and, in some extreme cases, has involved the parents in financial disadvantage. It is stressed that, to qualify for inclusion in next year's distribution, now arrivals should be notified to the Treasurers, care Box 1792, Wellington, by 31st December next.

Wellington,
30th September, 1952.

W. H. GREENSLADE,
T. M. PACEY, Honorary Treasurers.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.
2. That the Treasurers be thanked for their services 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:—Trinity College, £1,400; Connexional Office, £300; Deaconess Institution, £125; Methodist Times, £150; Methodist Times (Editor's expenses), £12; Overseas Travel Fund, £50; University Fees, £60; Natural Calamities Fund, £25; Spiritual Advance Committee, £25; Public Questions Committee, £20; World Council of Churches, £34; National Council of Churches, £6; Ecumenical Committee, £5; World Methodist Council, £10; Wesley Historical Society, £5.

3. That the estimated budget for the coming year as presented by the Treasurers be approved.

4. That the Consultative Committee be the President of Conference, the Connexional Secretary, Messrs G. S. Gapper, F. E. Sutherland and J. H. Blackwell.

5. That Mr. J. C. Wigglesworth, B.Com., A.P.A.N.Z., A.C.S.N.Z., be thanked for his services as Honorary Auditor and be re-appointed.

6. That the Treasurers, Rev. W. Walker and Mr. Alan H. Winstone, be thanked for their services and be re-appointed.

7. That the amount of grant for Bibles presented to Ordinands and Deaconesses being dedicated, be £2.

5—Removal Expenses Fund Committee

REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1952.

In presenting the report of the Removal Expenses Fund Committee, we have to advise that removal costs again show an upward trend.

In spite of the fact that this Committee endeavours to arrange contracts on a competitive basis and to keep costs as low as possible, conditions are such that rising costs have been the cause of increases in charges over the last few years.

During the year, 60 removals were made at an average cost of £43 7s. 2d., as compared with an average cost of £32 1s. 9d. last year.

The greatest cause for concern is in respect to long distance removals.

It is appreciated by this Committee that long distance moves cannot be avoided, and as this point is raised each year, it seems that consideration should be given to some alternative such as long periods between removals or removals to be made for shorter distances.

Each year £2500 approximately is spent by this Committee and this may increase, since last year freight charges have again increased and this Committee feels that it cannot ask for an increase in current levies.

The financial position of the Fund is satisfactory, and after consideration, no increase in levies is being sought this year.

We would ask, however, that serious consideration be given with a view to eliminating long distance and costly moves, and in view of the fact that no increase in levies is sought, it is to be hoped that the Stationing Committee will avoid wherever possible, making long distance moves.

Every endeavour has been made to have removals carried out as quickly as possible, and the Committee will continue to give of its utmost.

Mr C. H. Elmsly, who has been Treasurer of the Fund for the past four years, finds that he cannot continue owing to increased responsibilities, and he has with regret, found it necessary to tender his resignation. The Committee with great reluctance accepted his decision. It is pleased to report that Mr Elmsly will continue as a member of the Committee and will act as co-treasurer pending the appointment of a successor.

W. T. BLIGHT, Chairman.

L. C. HORWOOD, C. H. ELMSLY, Treasurers.

RESOLUTIONS.

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

2. That the levy for the ensuing year be £2500.

3. That the Committee for 1953 be: The Chairman of the District; the Connexional Secretary; the Revs. V. R. Jamieson; A. K. Petch and L. C. Horwood; Messrs S. H. Maddren; M. Hosking, B. A. Undrill, J. T. Eltoft and C. H. Elmsly.

4. That the Rev. L. C. Horwood be thanked for his services and be re-appointed clerical treasurer for 1953.

5. That Mr C. H. Elmsly be cordially thanked for his most efficient services as Lay Treasurer during the past four years. The Conference recognises the value of his work during this period and in accepting his resignation, does so with deep regret and conveys to him its appreciation of the faithful and efficient manner in which he filled this important office.

6. That Conference is of the opinion that many removals could be arranged by private transport more economically than is the case at present, and therefore requests the Committee to investigate the position.

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

Foreign Mission Department

ANNUAL REPORT, 1952

"There is no participation in Christ without participation in His mission to the world." No place is too foreign or too near to home for the exercise of this mission. We must consider the work of our special field in the Solomon Islands in the light, both of our missionary responsibilities at home and of the world-wide responsibility to witness for the Master. The wider vision provides a standard by which to check our planning.

Mission Strategy.

The missionary strategy of the Methodist Church of New Zealand must include provision for regularly informing our members of the missionary task of our Church and for securing their personal, financial and prayerful participation in that task.

Events in Asia are teaching us that missionary initiative will rest increasingly with the local baptised community. It is our privilege to assist our Island Christians to capture and maintain that initiative. Our missionaries need release from the load of adminis-

tration and routine for their primary work as evangelists, pastors and leadership trainers. The most effective employment of our resources will be in the development of local Christian leadership. Since the limited economic resources of our islands church render inadvisable the employment of a very numerous full-time ministry, we must maintain and develop the use of unremunerated service, which has been part of the genius of Methodism, both in sending countries and on the mission field.

Basically, the witness of the church is the witness of each Christian. The Pacific Islands churches need an increasing flow of Christian lay people into the various openings in business, industry and government service. As a church we have not been nearly alert enough to the need and opportunity of Christian witness through these openings. While the call to full-time missionary service is one that our youth will not seek to evade, the wide opportunities for partnership in witness with our Islands Christians also challenge our attention.

Golden Jubilee of Solomon Islands District.

Our whole church joined with the Methodist people of the Western Solomons in praise of God, rendering thanks for His guidance through fifty stirring years. The President of Conference led the delegation of New Zealand Methodists who visited the main mission stations and who took part in the principal celebrations at Roviana on May 23rd-25th, 1952. There was great rejoicing, that the pioneer Chairman, the Rev. J. F. Goldie, who had recently suffered such a critical illness, was able to participate in the celebrations.

Appropriately the time of Jubilee was marked by the first stirrings of interest among the native Christians in a measure of self-determination, and a desire to take part in the forward move recently launched in the New Guinea highlands.

The first distribution of church members' tickets is awakening our people to the deep significance of membership in the church. The apparent decline in membership recorded in the statistics is explained by the division of the membership into adult members and youth roll. The total number of members and adherents has increased by 662 to 18,272.

Ministerial Staff.

The prospective appointment of the Rev. D. I. A. McDonald, now recommended to Conference, should enable the Choiseul Circuit to be filled. The Rev. A. W. E. Silvester is applying to remain without pastoral charge for a year prior to returning to the home work. As Student G. G. Carter will be resuming his status as a probationer, the Islands Synod has recommended a restationing of Ministers to staff Vella Lavella Circuit.

Medical.

Prior to commencing his second term of service, Dr G. E. Hoults has been studying at Sydney for the Diploma in Tropical Medicine. Two wards of the new Helena Goldie Hospital at Roviana are under construction. An out-patients' ward and a permanent doctor's house remain matters for future attention. At Bilua and Sasamuqa we still have inadequate medical facilities. Good progress is being made in the treatments at the Leprosarium under the skilled management of Sister Winifred Poole. The D. C. Alley Memorial Hospital at Kekesu was recently dedicated by the President of Conference. The building of the Elizabeth Common Hospital at Skotolan will shortly be commenced.

During the year a grant of £1,500 has been received from the Lepers' Trust Board, as well as a further sum of £4,500 as first instalment towards the cost of a proposed new vessel. Similar grants have been made to the Presbyterian, Melanesian and Roman Catholic missions, representatives of which have recently conferred in Auckland with four members of the Lepers' Trust Board. The proposal is to build four small vessels, each to cost some £12,000, to be named in honour of Mr P. J. Twomey, the first secretary of the Lepers' Trust Board.

Having now completed her training, Sister June Hilder left for the field in August to replace Sister Grace McDonald.

Educational.

Sisters Helen Whitlow and Thelma Duthie took up their appointments at Skotolan and Kekesu respectively in January, 1952. The whole district rejoices at the return to Kihili of gifted and experienced Sister Ada Lee. A replacement is necessary for Sister Joyce McDonald who will leave the field at the end of the year.

The General Secretary was encouraged by the reputation already gained for the new District Training Institution at Banga Island by the work of the Rev. Allen Hall. In the attempt to lift the standards of our village work and education, there is nothing of greater importance than the training of our pastor-teachers. Our staff realises too that closer supervision by the sisters in each circuit of the work done in village schools is very desirable.

Building and Engineering.

In the face of frustrating delays in supply and shipment of materials, our builders have maintained steady progress in the reconstruction programme. Minister's and sister's houses at Vella Lavella are now complete; likewise a missionary's house at Roviana and the D. C. Alley Memorial Hospital at Kekesu. Work is in progress on the hospitals at Roviana and Choiseul and on the minister's house at Skotolan. The last annual meeting of the Board sanctioned an appeal for one more builder. For different reasons, our builders' prospects of service all appear to be brief, so that it is necessary to seek replacements without delay.

Our missionaries speak highly of the efficiency and devotion of Mr H. L. J. Newton of Woolston, Christchurch, who recently gave sixteen months to honorary service on the field. We regret to learn of Mr Newton's misfortune and sickness since his return to New Zealand.

Our people will be pleased to hear that Mr C. D. R. Palmer, who returned disabled from the poliomyelitis epidemic of last year, will shortly be fit enough to take up light employment in New Zealand. In his place, Mr Robert Mannall has been appointed as missionary engineer.

Home Base.

The Rev. A. H. Scrivin retired from the post of General Secretary on 29th February last, after 19 years of service. The Rev. S. G. Andrews succeeded him. Although two months' absence from the Dominion at the time of the Solomon Islands Jubilee has not allowed Mr Andrews much time for deputation in the North Island this year, he has made brief visits to the main circuits in each Synodal district. By the end of the year he hopes to have visited each Synodal district in the South Island. To district conveners and to all who helped, the best thanks of the Department are due. Assistance with deputations has been afforded by the Rev. G. A. R. Cornwell, Student Carter and a number of honorary deputationists.

During the year while Mr G. S. Gapper, Lay Treasurer and Accountant, has been visiting England, a heavy load has fallen on the Rev. A. Blakemore, as Clerical Treasurer, who also acted as General Secretary during the absence of Mr Andrews overseas. The Board desires to record its appreciation of the conscientious and devoted service of the Clerical Treasurer and the Office Secretary.

M.W.M.U.

Once again the Department has been helped and encouraged by the enthusiastic support of our ladies through their auxiliaries. A large part of the funds necessary for the support of our sisters has again come from the M.W.M.U., who also continue to provide the usual box money. The visit of the M.W.M.U. representatives, Mrs Hallam (Dominion President), and Sister Edna White, to the Solomon Islands Jubilee celebrations was greatly appreciated by the Islands Methodists.

Literature.

(a) **"Open Door"**: From many quarters have come words of appreciation of the Jubilee issue of the "Open Door", edited by the Rev A. H. Scrivin.

The new editor is proposing to allot a main theme to each issue of the "Open Door". For example, the September number featured "Christianity and the Race Problem". Later issues will feature the M.W.M.U. Jubilee, Medical Work, Women's Work, the Native Ministry and so on. Each number will also include news and articles on the Solomons.

When subscriptions for the "Open Door" were first increased, the magazine was produced without heavy loss. This year, however, further increases in printing costs have caused a deficit.

(b) **"Methodist Times"**: In the two pages on "Overseas Missions" news and reports of the Solomon Islands, and a series "World Methodism at Work" are appearing in alternate fortnights.

(c) **"Lotu"**: Thanks are due to the Rev. A. A. Bensley for his continued and effective editorship.

(d) **Translation Work**: A new hymn book and book of offices in the Bamatana language was published as part of the Choiseul Circuit's Jubilee effort. A complete Roviana New Testament and Dictionary, and Bougainville Hymn Book are ready for publication. Other translation work in Bougainville languages is proceeding.

(e) A number of requests have been made to the Department to provide missionary literature for the benefit of the church at home, both for children's and adult consumption. The rising costs of printing, which are making the financing of the "Open Door" and "Lotu" more difficult each quarter, will restrict what can be done in the provision of other literature for circulation.

Missionary Exhibition.

A combined missionary exhibition will be held in Auckland in March, 1953. The National Missionary Council is planning a rotation of these exhibitions between the four main centres. Our Department considers that secondary centres might well be allowed to organise missionary exhibitions at times convenient to them.

Youth Department.

The Foreign Mission Department commends the Youth Department for its continued missionary emphasis illustrated this year by the help given to the Rev. A. W. E. Silvester and Sister Jane Bond, and by the publication of special Mission Jubilee studies and the

pageant "A Time to Remember" by Mr. H. W. Beaumont. This Department is gratified by the response of our young people to the call for missionary service, and appreciates the recognition by the Youth Department of the importance of correctly and forcibly presenting this appeal to our young people, especially in their camps and Bible Class studies.

W. GREEN, Chairman of the Board.
S. G. ANDREWS, General Secretary.

1/10/52.

FOREIGN MISSION DEPARTMENT **TREASURERS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED** **31st AUGUST, 1952**

Circuit Income.

For purposes of comparison it is necessary to tabulate Circuit Income for the calendar year instead of the financial year. Such comparison shows a steady increase in the income from Circuits. Over a period of four years the following are the figures:—

1948	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	£11,939
1949	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	£13,165
1950	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	£13,893
1951	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	£14,858

(Not including the contributions from the M.W.M.U.)

Unfortunately costs are rising much more rapidly than the income and this disparity gives your officers much concern.

Legacies.

During the financial year the funds benefited from 19 legacies amounting to £4,290. This sum has been allocated as follows:—

Solomon Islands Building and Equipment Fund	£4,190
Leper Fund	£100

The M.W.M.U.

The M.W.M.U. continues to give generous support to the overseas work. The sum of £2,645 was contributed during the financial year towards the cost of Sisters' Salaries. In addition to this a considerable sum has been sent direct to the sisters or credited to their personal accounts for their use in the work. Sister Edna White renders valuable help in this as also in other ways. During the year the M.W.M.U. contributed £2,381/10/4 for the erection of girls' hostels at Roviana and Bilua. Of this sum £839/5/11 has been expended during the year on the Bilua project.

Leper Fund.

This fund has again received generous support from the Lepers' Trust Board. £1,500 was received for general leper work and in addition the sum of £4,500 has been paid as a first instalment towards the Leprosy Relief Vessel.

Boat Insurance Fund.

In accordance with the decision of the last Annual Meeting, £3,000 was transferred from the Exchange Account into the Boat Insurance Fund and this fund now stands at £8,168.

Rehabilitation Fund.

A large amount of rehabilitation work has been done during the year and as a result £12,697 has come to charge.

Government Grants.

The Solomon Islands Church.

The Solomon Islands Church continues to generously support the work on the mission field, £7,610 being raised during the year. Of

this sum £5,000 was credited to the General Fund and £2,610 to the Solomon Islands Jubilee Fund for the erection of the new District Training Institution at Banga Island. The Jubilee Fund now stands as £10,682/9/4.

Government Grants for medical and educational work amounted to £3,238. A new feature in the statement is £31/10/- received for services rendered in connection with Meteorological information supplied.

Printing.

Costs under this heading still continue to rise. This is particularly seen in the cost of the publications, the "Open Door" and the "Lotu". A year ago the subscription rates for both papers were increased but on present prices there is still a deficit of £45 for the "Open Door" and £65 for the "Lotu", calculated on a full year. The paid circulation of the "Open Door" is 7,000, and for the "Lotu" 8,500.

Financial Position.

By the transfer of £2,870 from the Exchange Fund it has been possible to balance the Income and Expenditure account. This action was anticipated in last year's estimates. Taking all factors into consideration this seems a very satisfactory position.

ALBERT BLAKEMORE, General Treasurer.

FOREIGN MISSION DEPARTMENT.

Estimates, 1952-3

HOME BASE EXPENDITURE:	£	£
General Administration:		
General Secretary's Stipend	460	
House Maintenance	100	
House: Special	50	
Hospitality	25	
Travelling	100	
Clerical Treasurer's Expenses	60	
Connexional Charges	76	
Office Assistance	460	
Rent of Office	110	
Printing	120	
Annual Reports	175	
Office—General Expenses	120	
Auditor's Fee	21	
Deputation Expenses	100	
Annual Board Travelling	40	
Legal Expenses	10	
Telephones	50	
Other Expenses:	2,077	
"Methodist Times"	20	
Youth Department (Literature Grant)	5	
National Missionary Council	48	
Orphaned Missions (2 years)	200	
Publications	50	
Literature (special)	100	
Annuity and Children's Allowance	40	
Trinity College	75	
Deaconess House	25	
Special Grants	300	
Jubilee Film	300	
	1,163	
SOLOMON ISLANDS ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE	3,240	
	32,334	
	£35,574	

ESTIMATED INCOME:

	£
New Zealand General Income	16,900
Interest General Account	700
Medical Income: Interest and Donations	2,000
Lepor Fund (Two-thirds anticipated Grant)	1,000
Solomon Islands Income	11,000
Exchange Account Credit at 31/8/52	2,965
Anticipation of favourable exchange	1,009

£35,574

SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT

Estimates, 1952-53

SPECIAL EXPENDITURE:

	£	£
Roviana:		
C.T.I. Common Room	200	
C.T.I. Cookhouse and Washhouse	130	
Electrical Plant	750	
District Training Institution:		1,080
Electrical Plant		500
Choiseul:		
Electrical Plant	500	
Hospital (half cost)	550	
Buin:		1,050
Tractor	1,300	
Sister's House	150	
Teop:		1,450
Cattle	160	
Electrical Equipment	500	
Printing Supplies	50	
Buka:		710
Wharf		30
District: Munda Engine		700
Lepor Work:		
Dinghy	200	
Other Expenditure	2,100	
		2,300

Total £7,820

Above Expenditure is to be met by the Building and Equipment Fund £5,520 and Lepor Fund £2,300.

REHABILITATION EXPENDITURE:

Roviana:		
One Mission House	3,000	
Dormitory	600	
Choiseul:		3,600
Half Cost Hospital	550	
Mission House	3,000	
Sister's House	3,000	
Cattle Fencing	100	
Buka:		6,650
Minister's House	3,000	
Elizabeth Common Hospital	1,650	
		4,650
Doctor's House		3,000
Buildings to complete Helena Goldie Hospital		800

To be met from Rehabilitation Fund £18,700

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Annual Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Treasurers' Report, and Income and Expenditure Account, and the Balance Sheet, be received and adopted.
3. That the Estimates of Home Base, Solomon Islands Ordinary, Special and Rehabilitation Expenditure be adopted.
4. That Conference record its gratitude to God for the service of the late Mr W. C. Francis on the Foreign Mission Board following an earlier period of service as lay-missionary in Papua and that the sympathy of the Conference be extended to those bereaved by the passing of Mr Francis.
5. That mindful of the many years of service of the late Mr W. E. Burley as member and Minute Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, Conference place on record its gratitude to God and our sympathy to his loved ones.
6. That Conference place on record its gratitude for the many years of devoted service and technical advice rendered by the late Mr. J. Tyler as a member of the Foreign Mission Board and express sympathy with those bereaved by his passing.

Congratulation

7. That the congratulations of the Conference be extended to Dr G. E. Hoult, on his successful completion of the course for the Diploma of Tropical Medicine.

Greetings.

8. (a) **To the Methodist Church in the West Solomon Islands:** The Methodist Church of New Zealand congratulates you on the attainment of the fiftieth anniversary of the commencement of Christian missionary work in the Solomon Islands mission district. We rejoice with you in the successful completion of the Jubilee celebrations, and render thanks to God that your pioneer Chairman, the Rev. J. F. Goldie, was granted strength to return and share in your rejoicings. We are also delighted that it proved possible for our President and other appointed representatives to make the journey and to take part in the services of thanksgiving. May 23rd, 1952, was prayerfully remembered in our Methodist circuits throughout New Zealand.

Our Board and Conference rejoices to know that the work of God is in good heart amongst you. We express our thanks for your love gifts made to our representatives and for your continued prayers on our behalf. We learn with interest of your desire to share in the work of Christian missions beyond the borders of the Solomon Islands, and assure you of our approval and support in this new venture.

We look forward into the new decades of Christian service that are opening before you, with promise of deepened faith and continued growth in grace. We assure you of our support and interest in the work of God in your own community.

We commend especially to your loyal support and self-sacrifice, the establishment of the Methodist Centre among your fellow Westerners at Honiara, the selection and training of an indigenous ministry and pastorate, and the need for zealous evangelism among your younger people. Again we commend to you our Saviour "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever."

(b) **To Missionaries:** The Board and Conference send their affectionate greetings to all their colleagues on the Mission staff and congratulate them on the successful completing of the Jubilee cele-

brations. Your visitors were well aware of the added strain to which the tour must have subjected you following the difficult post war years. They share your satisfaction that it was possible for so many Board members and representative New Zealand Methodists to visit the field and to gain fuller understanding of your work and needs of our mission field.

We are grateful to know that during the year, your difficulties have been steadily surmounted. Although we have been concerned to learn of the sickness and operation of Sister Jane Bond, we offer thanks to God that your numbers, health and efforts have been so well maintained, and that new volunteers are appearing to fill the remaining gaps in your number. May you be strengthened in your service in the coming year.

(c) **To the Rev. J. F. Goldie:** That the Conference convey to the Rev. J. F. Goldie its congratulations and deep thankfulness that it was possible for him to take part in the Jubilee celebrations of the Solomon Islands District, and assure him of our prayers that he will be sustained and strengthened through the coming years.

(d) **To the Australian Board of Missions and Mr H. L. Nash:** That fraternal greetings be forwarded to the Overseas Missions Department of the Methodist Church of Australasia, with the assurance of our continued desire for increased co-operation through the years to come. In particular that the thanks of the Board be extended to the Rev. C. F. Gribble and to Mr H. L. Nash for their help through the past year, and that Mr Nash be congratulated on the completion of 25 years of service as Accountant at the Sydney Office.

(e) **To the Methodist Women's Missionary Union:** The Board and Conference learn with great pleasure of the continued progress of the M.W.M.U. and warmly thank the Dominion Executive and all members of the Union for their continued generous support in financing the salaries of our missionary sisters. We were gratified that it was possible for both Mrs Hallam and Sister Edna White to represent the M.W.M.U. at the Solomon Islands Jubilee celebrations. This visit and their subsequent tours on deputation have proved a fitting climax to the triennium of service by the Christchurch Executive.

We fully share in your rejoicing that this year also marks the Golden Jubilee of the establishment of the first auxiliary group in the Dominion; we congratulate the Dunedin ladies on the occasion, and extend our cordial greetings to the new Dunedin executive as they take office.

Fiji Hurricane Appeal Fund

9. That Conference approves the recommendation of the Foreign Mission Board that the Fiji Hurricane Appeal Fund be applied to the replacement of the married students' quarters at Davuilevu and the hostel buildings at the Navuso Agricultural School in such proportions as the Fiji-Fijian District may decide.

Literature.

10. (a) **Literature:** (i) That the Foreign Mission Board proceed with the production of a history of the Solomon Islands mission.

(ii) That the Foreign Mission board consider the possibility of a biographical sketch of the Rev. J. F. Goldie.

(b) **Publications:** That the Conference associate itself with Synod resolutions of congratulation and appreciation of the services of the Revs. A. H. Scrivin and A. A. Bensley in producing the special Jubilee issues of the "Open Door" and "Lotu" respectively.

(c) Literature for Home Consumption:

(i) That the Foreign-Mission Board be requested to prepare adequate supplies of attractive and informative literature about our work in the Solomon Islands for distribution not only among our own people, but also among people outside the Church.

(ii) That Conference commend to the Foreign Mission Board the suggestion that suitable articles from the "Open Door" be reprinted in pamphlet form.

(iii) That circuits be asked to extend the circulation of the "Open Door" and the "Lotu."

(iv) That the Youth Department be asked to make available to the youth of the Church information regarding the world-wide foreign mission interests of the Methodist Church.

(d) Avenue of Service within the Church: (i) That the Consult with other interested Departments of the Church with a view to preparing literature setting forth the avenues of service open to young people in New Zealand and abroad. Such literature to give details in respect to types of service, qualifications, remuneration, etc.

(ii) That the Youth Board be asked to continue setting before our young people the demands of Christian service and endeavour to bring together those interested in such service for study and fellowship.

Solomon Islands Jubilee Film.

11. (a) That the officers of the Board be authorised to spend up to £300 to make the most suitable purchase of the film record prepared by the Rev. B. H. Riseley.

(b) That the thanks of the Conference be accorded to the Rev. B. H. Riseley for his generosity in making available the cinematograph record of the Solomon Islands work and Jubilee.

12. That the possibility of changing the name of the Department, substituting "Overseas" for "Foreign," be investigated by the Foreign Mission Board.

Islands Deputationist.

13. That Conference requests the Foreign Board to arrange for a Native Deputationist as soon as a suitable person is available.

Rev. W. Green.

14. That the thanks of the Conference be expressed to the Rev. W. Green for his service as a member and as Chairman of the Foreign Mission Board.

Solomon Islands District Recommendations.

15. **Amendments to the Law:** That the Kook of Laws be amended as under:—

(a) Page 109, Sec. (25)—Delete after European Probationers "in charge of circuits."

(b) Page 109, Sec. (26)—Delete Sec. (b).

(c) Page 110, Sec. (e)—Substitute "from each territory", for "from each section of the District." Incorporate after "Sisters of the District", "from those who have served one complete term."

(d) Page 110, Sec. (30)—Substitute "No member of the Staff shall leave the District without the consent of the Chairman."

16. That the following resolutions re Native Ministry be referred to the Law Book Revision Committee in consultation with the Foreign Mission Board for report to Synods and Conference.

Native Ministry: That the following amendments be inserted under the headings of "The Ministry" and "The Foreign Mission Department", to deal with the Native Ministry in the Solomon Islands District, which should be separated in the Minutes from the Maori Ministers in native status.

A. The Native Ministry of the Solomon Islands District shall include:—

(1) All Native Ministers and Probationers admitted by the Conference on the recommendation of the Solomon Islands District Synod to exercise their ministry in the Solomon Islands Districts; and

(2) All Native Ministers and Probationers transferred from Conferences under the control of the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia for appointment within the Solomon Islands District.

B. The Course of Training and Probation for each Native Probationer in the Solomon Islands District shall be determined by the Board of Examiners in consultation with the Solomon Islands District Synod.

C. Native Ministers and Probationers in the Solomon Islands District shall exercise their ministry under the supervision of the Chairman of the District and the Superintendent of the Circuit to which they are appointed.

17. **Retirements:** That Conference confirm the resolution of the Foreign Mission Board in respect of the retirement of the Rev. A. W. E. Silvester from the Field.

Rev. A. W. E. Silvester: With deep regret the Conference agrees to the retirement of the Rev. A. W. E. Silvester.

For seventeen years he has served on the island of Vella Lavella; he gave of his best and his services have been invaluable.

His genial personality endeared him to native and European alike. His pastoral work took him far and wide and in these duties he was not infrequently accompanied by Mrs Silvester.

During the war he remained with the natives until there was no longer danger from the invaders and was largely responsible for the high morale of the people of Vella Lavella. For unique service rendered to U.S.A. forces he was awarded the Congressional Medal for Merit.

Since the war he has enabled the Mission to regain much of its pre-war standing and has the joy of knowing that he leaves his circuit well organised and in a high spiritual tone.

In all his work he has been ably supported by Mrs Silvester. To them and to their daughter Ngaire we extend our good wishes, and pray God's blessing on them as they return to the Home Church.

18. That Conference place on record its appreciation of the services of the following workers in the Solomon Islands who are retiring from service of the Foreign Mission Department. Sister Joyce McDonald and Messrs H. L. J. Newton, C. D. R. Palmer and G. H. J. Yearbury.

19. **Rev. J. R. Metcalfe:** That Conference accredit the Rev. J. R. Metcalfe as a visitor to the British Conference 1953.

20. **Church of the "Lotu" Readers:** That Conference approve and adopt the recommendation of the Solomon Islands District Synod that the proposed church for which the "Lotu" readers have raised

funds be erected as a chapel for the John Francis Goldie College.

21. New Guinea Highlands Mission: That Conference accord its hearty approval of the proposal of the Solomon Islands District Synod that two of its pastor teachers participate in the New Guinea Highlands Mission and commends the volunteers to the Australasian Board for appointment as native missionaries provided and supported by the Methodist Church of the Solomon Islands.

22. Visit of the Rev. A. H. Scrivin to Tonga: That the report of the visit paid as Conference representative on the occasion of the opening of the new church at Nukualofa be received.

23. Closer Relations: That Conference request the Foreign Mission Department in consultation with the Overseas Missions Department of the Methodist Church of Australasia to investigate the principles and practicability of a closer constitutional relationship between the overseas mission department of the two churches.

Appointments.

24. (a) Board, 1953: Revs. J. H. Allen (President of Conference), S. G. Andrews (General Secretary), A. Blakemore and Mr G. S. Gapper (Treasurers), Revs. E. W. Hames, A. H. Scrivin, F. Copeland, W. Walker, A. W. E. Silvester, J. C. Draper, A. E. Jefferson, A. E. Orr, R. Thornley, W. E. A. Carr, G. I. Laurensen; Messrs T. L. Hames, L. W. Peak, J. H. Blackwell, R. T. Garlick, W. Elliott, H. Denton, S. E. Chappell, R. N. Rowe, Mrs H. Nicolson, and Miss E. Rishworth; Revs. A. A. Bensley, Dr. R. Dudley, C. T. J. Luxton, E. C. Leadley; Messrs H. Oldham, J. H. Oldham, G. C. Burton and H. L. J. Newton; Miss E. Purdie, Mrs T. Hallam, Mrs M. E. Virtue, Sisters Edna White and Lina Jones, and President of Auckland District M.W.M.U. Council; Rev. H. C. Dixon and one other Youth Department representative; Rev. J. R. Metcalfe. Honorary Life Member: Rev. J. F. Goldie.

(b) Representatives to National Missionary Council: Rev. S. G. Andrews, the Convener of the Wellington District Foreign Missions Committee, Mr G. C. Burton and Mrs E. M. Riddell.

(c) District Foreign Mission Committees:

AUCKLAND: The District ministerial committee. Convener: Rev. F. E. Leadley.

NORTHLAND SUB-DISTRICT: The Northland Sub-District Executive. Convener: Rev. John Churchill.

SOUTH AUCKLAND: Ministers of Te Aroha, Hamilton and Hamilton East Circuits, Messrs P. Rushton, W. A. Clark, E. P. Baty; Presidents of the Morrinsville, Hamilton and Hamilton East Women's Missionary Auxiliaries; two youth representatives to be appointed by Morrinsville and Te Aroha. Convener: Rev. D. Haylock.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI: District Chairman, Ministers and Foreign Mission Secretaries of New Plymouth and Waitara Circuits. Convener: Rev. W. H. Gregory.

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU: Ministers of Napier, Hastings, and Gisborne Circuits; Messrs A. Tunnicliffe, W. E. Donnelly and J. H. Oldham. Convener: Mr J. H. Oldham.

MANAWATU SUB-COMMITTEE: Ministers of Palmerston North and Feilding Circuits and Miss Hopwood. Convener: Miss Hopwood.

WELLINGTON: The District Executive. Convener to be appointed.
NELSON: Revs. C. T. J. Luxton, A. O. Jones; Messrs H. Oldham, W. B. Harris, H. J. Savage, M. A. Nightingale. Convener: Rev. C. T. J. Luxton.
NORTH CANTERBURY: The District Executive. Convener: Rev. A. F. Collins.
SOUTH CANTERBURY: Revs. D. G. Sherson, W. W. Avery, W. J. Morrison; Mrs L. G. B. McAlister, Messrs S. Smith, T. Simmons, A. Dale. Convener: Rev. W. J. Morrison.
OTAGO-SOUTHLAND: The District Executive. F.M. Convener: Rev. H. G. Brown.

Methodist Women's Missionary Union

SUMMARY OF REPORT PRESENTED TO CONFERENCE, 1951.

Executive: Your Executive has met monthly to transact the business of the Union. Once again the devotional period has been very willingly led by the members in turn and has set a high note for the transacting of the business that has followed.

Extension: New Auxiliaries have been formed at Waimamaku and Matakoho in the Northland District; Waihi and Paeroa Evening, in Thames Valley; and Mt. Wellington in Auckland District. Whakataane has recommenced; Paparoa, Glen Eden and Ngatea have ceased to function, and Aokautere members have become Gleaners. This makes our total 205, an increase of 2.

Gleaners' Groups have been formed at Lincoln Road and Cashmere Fireside, in the North Canterbury District. Bombay Auxiliary have been the means of forming two groups in the Franklin District.

In the Wairarapa District a group of women, interested in missions, has been formed and are contributing to the Kurahuna Fund. We hope that this may be the forerunner of an Auxiliary.

Membership: It is indeed pleasing to report a good increase, for unless our membership increases our interest and finance do not progress. The District Schedules give the total membership as 5,413, an increase of 222.

Gleanings membership is 1,338, and the financial return shows a large increase.

Conventions: District Conventions have once again been the order of the day, and it is in these gatherings that the members receive the more intimate details of our missionary work. The Conventions that were able to be visited by our President have made reference to her visit as the "highlight" of the year.

President's Monthly Letter: Auxiliaries, through their District Secretaries, all pay glowing tributes to these letters. A vast amount of time and thought is put into the compiling of same, and as the work has progressed more letters have had to be printed, 1,800 being the number issued each month.

District Councils: The number remains at 18, and all are working very satisfactorily. Many and varied are the means employed to raise funds for the work, but by whatever means, we know that when it is attempted in His name, the efforts are always crowned with success. All Districts have once again worked unceasingly towards the Special Objective for "Native Girls' Hostels at Bilua and Roviana."

Stamps: The total income for the year is £501/16/10, which is a splendid result as the stamp market to-day is certainly not what

it was a few years ago. Next year we hope the issue in commemoration of the Royal visit will help considerably in again increasing our income."

Gleanings: This year the number of Gleaners has further increased by 83, and the amount received from boxes has increased by £46 14s. At the end of the year the total number of Gleaners was 1,338, and the amount raised £938 12s. 5d.

Home Sisters' Parcels: The Sisters working amongst the Maoris have once again been in receipt of parcels of used clothing sent to them by the Auxiliaries. The number forwarded this year was 411, which shows a decline on last year's figures of 42.

F. H. HALLAM, President.

C. FEATHERSTON, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference express its appreciation of the work of the retiring Dominion Executive of the M.W.M.U. in Christchurch and the work of the M.W.M.U. during the year.

QUESTION XLIV.—What are the Resolutions of Conference on the Home Mission and Church Extension Fund?

Home Mission Department

ANNUAL REPORT, 1952.

We are grateful to Almighty God for the steady year of service that has been possible through another year.

Absence of the General Superintendent.

For twelve weeks in the early part of the year, the General Superintendent was absent as President of the Conference, first as the representative of the Conference at the Jubilee Celebrations in the Solomon Islands. We are glad as a Board to have been thus represented officially in this special field of the Church activities. Following the Jubilee celebrations, Mr Laurenson visited all the capital cities and many of the States in Australia as General Superintendent of Home and Maori Missions and received a cordial and co-operative welcome everywhere. This visit was in return for the helpful visit of Rev. A. G. Manefield last year to New Zealand. It has resulted in many helpful exchanges of views on policy and strategy in Home Mission and Church Extension fields.

Rev. B. M. Chrystall.

The Board would like to record its appreciation of the able and efficient manner in which Mr Chrystall has carried the responsibilities that have fallen upon his shoulders during the last two years. He has carried a heavy load of additional work and he has fulfilled his duties with efficiency and great credit.

Literature and Colporteur Society.

The Bookroom Manager reports that the turnover in trading for the year should reveal an increase of about £1,000 over the previous twelve months. At the time of reporting, the Society has not closed its books for the year, but we trust that we shall be able to report a satisfactory position. The Society is finding a steady consolidation in its business although it is faced this year with a very heavy in-

crease in overhead charges in the way of rent and rates. The various Theological Colleges in Auckland are showing an increasing dependence upon our Bookroom for the supply of text-books and in other ways the work is giving encouragement.

Staff.

Obituary. We regret to report the death early in the year of Mr James Caldwell who has for some years been our Home Missionary Supply at Wairoa, Hawkes Bay. In the interim between leaving Wairoa and taking up his new appointment at Coromandel, he took seriously ill, and passed away. We would like to record our sincere gratitude for the manner in which Mr Caldwell served our Church at Wairoa.

Just on the eve of Conference we learned of the death of a greatly honoured retired Home Missionary in the person of John Common. His record in Home Mission service is a very fragrant one.

New Agents. Since last Conference the following men have been received as Home Missionary Probationers:—

Mr G. B. W. Bell, appointed to Whangaroa Circuit.

Mr T. L. Nicholls, appointed to Onehunga, Waitangi Road.

Mr H. D. Wheatley, appointed to Hauraki Plains.

Mr O. A. Kitchingman, appointed to Raglan Union Church.

We were particularly glad to have the application of Rev. W. Lloyd Gammon, a Congregational Minister, who has been appointed to supply the appointment in the Bluff Circuit.

Finance.

The Special Debt Reduction Appeal has been a great help to the Funds of the Board. The special gifts amounted in all to the sum of £2,193. This together with a parallel lift in the general Circuit Income last year, greatly reduced the overdraft from £6425 to £2851 as at the end of January last. It was resolved by last Conference to add part of this (one third) to the targets of each of the three following years, so as to endeavour to wipe out the balance within three years at least. We have been greatly encouraged already by the number of Circuits and Home Mission Stations that have reached or exceeded their targets thus far on the new basis. We again urge our Ministers and officials and members to look on the targets set, as the minimum amount needed by the Department to fulfil its task as set out each year by the Conference.

Church Extension.

The challenge of the new housing areas in every large town and city of the Dominion is confronting us with the need of increasing men and funds for the staffing of the new areas, and secondly of funds for the erection of buildings. This task must be faced as a Connexion. The Home Mission Fund will need to be strengthened to enable the Conference to commit itself to the appointment of new workers to deal adequately with the pastoral task in these new areas. In addition the whole Church will need to develop means whereby the places of special need will be assisted by the whole strength of the Church throughout the Dominion in the erection of buildings. The Special Loans Account of the Home Mission Board is working at the full limit of its present capacity, and we have a large and urgent list of applications waiting attention as funds become available. Any gifts to the Capital Funds of the Department will greatly assist this work. Legacies especially provide additional funds, and we would urge all our people to remember the Department when preparing their Wills. The consecrated legacies of former members of the Church who have thus provided for the Department, are making possible to-

day many pieces of vigorous Church Extension work that would otherwise have been quite impossible. We are able by this means to stand alongside the Church Building and Loan Fund in its great work, and at the same time by the charging of a small rate of interest to assist the general Fund of the Department.

Conclusion.

These days call for a steady pressure by the Church upon the unchurched community. The quiet and persistent efforts of many people to establish a pagan Godless society, can only be overcome by an alert and active Church which will bring constantly before every available group or individual the claims of Jesus Christ. To this task we are committed, with our motto of "New Zealand for Christ." We confidently appeal to the Church for its best possible support.

WM. GREEN, Chairman of the Board.

GEO. I. LAURENSEN, General Superintendent.

J. C. DRAPER, Secretary to the Board.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Financial Statements be received and adopted.
3. That the Estimates for Income and Expenditure of the Home Mission Fund for 1953 be received and adopted.
4. That the Home Mission Board consider how the Epworth Bookroom may increase its operations through the whole Connexion by such methods as :—

1. The better publicising of its supplies.
2. By the establishing of sub-agencies in other centres.
3. By the careful selection of books for sale at Easter Camps and Leadership Schools.
4. By carrying adequate stocks of books published by the Epworth Press.
5. By making available material published by the Board of Publications.

5. (a) That Conference extends to the Conferences of the Methodist Church in Australia, through the Rev. A. G. Mansfield, its appreciation of the arrangements made for, and the hospitality extended to the President of Conference, the Rev. G. I. Laurensen, during his visit to the Australian States.

Conference also learns with gratification of the worth of the visit to the Churches and rejoices in this further strengthening of the fraternal bonds which bind the forces of Methodism in these lands.

6. That the Treasurers, the Rev. B. M. Chrystall and Mr F. Penn be thanked for their services and be reappointed.

7. That the auditors, Mr J. L. Crawford and Mr S. Verry be thanked for their services and be reappointed.

District Home Mission Committees.

AUCKLAND: Appointed by District Executive. Convener: Rev. H. Whitfield.

Northland: Northland Sub-District Executive.

SOUTH AUCKLAND: Appointed by District Executive. Convener: Rev. H. K. Brown.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI: The Chairman of the District. Ministers of New Plymouth, Opunake, Waitara and Stratford Circuits, Messrs T. P. Hughson, A. K. Surrey, W. H. C. Clemow. Convener: Rev. H. Moore.

Wanganui Sub-Committee: Ministers of Wanganui Circuits, Messrs. E. L. F. Buxton, F. Whitlock, W. S. Thrush. Convener: Rev. E. D. Grounds.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU: District Chairman, Ministers of Palmerston North, Ashhurst and Sanson Circuits; Mrs. H. Richards, Messrs. L. H. Bycroft and O. Greathead. Convener, Rev. B. H. Riseley.

Hawke's Bay Sub-Committee: Ministers of Napier and Hastings Circuits; Messrs. D. G. Laws and M. Craven. Convener: Rev. T. H. Carr.

WELLINGTON: Appointed by District Executive.

NELSON: Revs. A. O. Jones (Convener), C. O. Hailwood, C. T. J. Luxton; Messrs. H. Oldham, H. J. Savage, E. S. Wratt, and R. C. A. Marshall.

NORTH CANTERBURY: Appointed by District Executive. Convener: Rev. W. A. Chambers.

SOUTH CANTERBURY: Superintendent Ministers of Ashburton, Willowby and Geraldine Circuits; Messrs. W. B. Ellwood, A. H. Barker and Miss A. Clucas. Convener: Rev. J. C. A. Williams.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND: District Chairman, Revs. R. Dudley, G. R. H. Peterson, H. G. Brown, H. A. Cochrane, E. J. Carter; and Messrs. C. H. Kitchin, J. R. Brain, A. S. Hancock, H. H. Johnson and G. R. Galbreath. Convener: Rev. H. A. Cochrane.

9. That the Mission Board for 1953 be:—Revs. G. I. Laurenson, B. M. Chrystall, H. A. Darvill, E. Te Tuhi, S. G. Andrews, E. D. Patchett, L. R. M. Gilmore, A. E. Orr, H. Whitfield, A. E. Jefferson, J. C. Draper, W. Walker, A. Blakemore, J. J. Lewis, W. E. A. Carr, A. R. Penn, W. F. Ford, R. Thornley, G. E. Brown, F. D. Peterson, L. A. Brooks, E. W. Hames, E. B. Chambers, Mesdames T. Carter, H. Nicholson, Misses E. Rishworth, E. M. Pearce, Messrs. F. Penn, L. T. Hayman, J. H. Blackwell, H. M. Patrick, H. S. Crowe, S. E. Chappell, J. C. Tietjens, P. Dellow, T. W. Hemer, G. S. Gapper, R. G. Laking, J. S. Bayes, G. E. Spooner, W. A. Woodward and S. Sayers. Corresponding Members, Rev. H. L. Fiebig, Life Members, Revs. A. J. Seamer, Dr. H. Ranston; Secretary, Rev. J. C. Draper.

QUESTION XLV.—What is the State of the Maori Work, and what can be done to Promote its Interests?

Maori Mission Report

Once more in presenting our report for Synods and Conference we acknowledge our dependence upon our Heavenly Father for the carrying on of this work, and our gratitude for Divine Help throughout another year.

Obituary.

Our hearts have been saddened by the death of Te-Aho-o-te-Rangi Pihama, our senior Home Missionary, who became known to thousands of our people in earlier years during the visits of the Maori Choirs. We associate ourselves with the whole Church in the obituary tribute which will be forwarded through his Synod to Conference.

We have also lost during the year one of our prominent Local Preachers and Leaders in the person of Mr Rore Erueti, O.B.E., of

the Waikato District. Mr Erueti has for many years stood for good things among his people and he will also be greatly missed.

We regret to record the passing of Mr John Walters, a prominent Maori leader in the Te Kopuru area, and an honoured Local Preacher.

Greatly to be regretted also is the passing of Mr. Tita Tau Wetere, Joint Editor of our Methodist Maori magazine, "Maataapuna", and one of our loyal and able Maori Home Missionaries in the Waikato and Wene Herangi.

New Appointments.

We gladly welcome to our staff the following new honorary Home Missionaries: —

Mr Ngerungeru Tame Pihama, son of the late Te Aho-O-Te-Rangi Pihama.

Mr Hone Wilcox, nephew of the late Rev. Pou Wilcox.

Mr Hohepa Hemara.

Mr Matene Hori De Thierry.

Mr Hatoitoi Pihama.

Mr Tutu Keepa.

All these men will be a great assistance to the work in their respective districts.

Mr Maharaia Winiata.

We have been greatly encouraged by the granting of a Nuffield Fellowship in Anthropology and Ethnology in the University of Edinburgh to Mr Maharaia Winiata, M.A., Dip.Ed. Mr and Mrs Winiata have left New Zealand, and they carry the good wishes of the whole of our Mission.

Mr Rua Rakena.

We rejoice with Mr Rua Rakena in his selection as one of the three New Zealand Students who are to attend the World Conference of Christian Youth at Travancore, India, at the end of this year. Mr Rakena is a son of Rev. R. P. Rakena, and grandson of the late Rev. Piripi Rakena, and he is a third year student at Trinity College.

Our Maori Mission Paper.

Our Department has resolved this year to stand behind the publication of a new parallel column English-Maori paper to be known as "Maataapuna." The first number has been published and has already won very favourable comment. This magazine will be a means of publicising our Maori work, but it will have a broad basis of appeal and should greatly assist in placing before our Maori people, young and old, a varied programme of cultural material.

Rev. H. A. Darvill.

The time has come again to review the appointment of our full time Missionary among the Maori people, and we have pleasure in submitting a recommendation bearing upon this.

Maori Centres.

Te Kuiti. The Te Kuiti Maori Centre is now an established fact, and we have been encouraged by the recognition by the Maori people of the district of the helpfulness of our action in procuring this building for the purpose.

Dargaville. A keen group of voluntary workers are still busy in the erection of this building which is eagerly awaited by the workers in the North. We hope to have this in working order before long.

Hawera. We continue to have appreciative and happy comments about the Robert Tahupotiki Haddon Memorial Centre in Hawera. Rev. R. P. Rakena and Sister Ann Wilson have now an excellent location for the work in this important centre of Maori life.

Auckland. The work at Airedale Street in our Maori Centre continues to give some satisfaction. There are many problems associated with the large group of Maori families in Auckland City and there are many competing influences. However our workers maintain a loyal programme with a constant appeal to the people of the Maori community.

Hostels.

1. **Te Rahui** in Hamilton is still the cause of much satisfaction to us. A fine group of girls are under our care, and the staff are doing a great job in leading them as well as continuing their great fields of District work.

2. **Rangiatea** in New Plymouth has seen a change in staff this year. Sister Evelyn Marriott has now as her assistant Sister Mavis Dickie who has exchanged with Sister Betty Yearbury in the appointment at Opunake.

3. **Kurahuna**, which is run by the M.W.M.U., is fulfilling a steady ministry to our young girls there under the fine and helpful leadership of Sister Madeline Holland.

In all these centres there is much valuable training being given to these girls who are entrusted to our Church for their training.

4. **Christchurch Central Mission.** The Board very gladly loaned the necessary money to enable the Central Mission in Christchurch to purchase the building that is to be opened as a Maori Girls' Hostel in Christchurch. We are grateful for the Government assistance by way of subsidy which alone made possible the venture. We commend this special work to the people in the South Island in particular. Our Board will be faced with some responsibility by way of subsidy for annual maintenance for a while.

Supporters.

We would express again our special thanks to the M.W.M.U. for their splendid assistance to the Board for Sisters' Salaries and for their help through Kurahuna. The Youth Department are also giving much valuable help in their campaign of Missionary Education which includes assistance to the Maori work in support of several of our workers.

Maori Section, National Council of Churches.

It was a great joy to us to be able this year to act as hosts for the Maori Section Annual Meeting at Ngaruawahia Pa. Princess Te Puea very graciously put the facilities of the Pa at our disposal, and in every way co-operated with us in this important function. The gathering was a great occasion for our people.

Visit of Rev. E. Te Tuhi to Solomons.

We felt honoured when the native church invited us to send an official delegate as their guest at the Jubilee Celebrations in the Solomons. Our representative was our Senior Maori Superintendent, Rev. E. Te Tuhi, O.B.E., who spent almost five weeks in the Mission Field and nearly three weeks on deputation work in New South Wales. In all these contacts Mr Te Tuhi represented us with great credit and with helpfulness on all occasions.

Church Building.

Our people at Pouto, Kaipara Heads, are in the midst of a rebuilding scheme for their church which has become seriously affected by decay. They are showing splendid enthusiasm and zeal in the raising of funds and the carrying through of the actual rebuilding plan. At Whananaki, near Hikurangi, our people are also busy raising funds for the purpose of building a small Maori Church in the name

of our Methodist community. We commend these people for their interest and loyalty.

Conclusion.

We seek the continued prayerful support of our people throughout New Zealand.

WM. GREEN, Chairman of the Board.
GEO. I. LAURENSEN, General Superintendent.
E. TE TUHI, Senior Maori Superintendent.
J. C. DRAPER, Secretary of the Board.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Rev. H. A. Darvill be designated for appointment by the Conference of 1953 for a further three years as European Missionary in the Maori Work.
3. That Conference endorse the protest of the Auckland Synod against any proposal of the Government to submit to a combined Maori-Pakeha vote the future of Licensing in the King Country. Furthermore Conference agrees with the Auckland Synod's submissions that the Licensing Amendment Act, 1948, recognised the principle with which the present Government when in Opposition concurred that this is a Maori question and that no new evidence has been produced since then to justify the proposed change.

Conference is of the opinion that the submissions made by the Maori Sacred Pact Committee concerning the findings of the Chairman of the Royal Commission on Licensing and since placed in the hands of the Attorney-General, deserve careful consideration and reveal the necessity for further thorough legal investigation into the existence and validity of the King Country Pact.

4. That the Law Revision Committee be requested to take the necessary steps to have the resolutions passed by a previous Conference concerning representation of the Maori Mission Circuits in the Synods and the Conference included in the Laws and Regulations of the Church.

5. That the Home and Maori Mission Department be authorised to open and publicise appeals for (a) the establishment of a Hostel for Maori girls in Auckland, and (b) of a Hostel for Maori boys in Hamilton.

6. That Conference records its appreciation of the work of the Editorial Committee of the new Maori Magazine "Maataapuna", and congratulates those responsible for its successful establishment.

7. That the Conference express to King Koroki, Mr Tumokai Katipa and the people of the Maori race generally our profound sympathy in the passing of Princess Te Puea. We have watched with admiration her strong leadership, and great efforts for the moral and material welfare of her people . . . especially in her endeavours to restrain the evils of the Liquor Traffic and attempts to open the King Country to Licensed Hotels. She has always encouraged our Maori Mission workers and used her best efforts to bring her people under the guidance of Christian leadership. We pray that Divine Comfort may be given to all in their sorrow, and that the Maori people will always remember and carry forward the ideals for which she has stood.

RANGIATEA MAORI GIRLS' HOSTEL.

ANNUAL REPORT, 1952.

Throughout the year, there has been a full Hostel with eleven school girls in residence and one working girl.

Six of the group attend the local High School and the other five Primary School.

The boarders are happy in the easy, happy environment. As the group is small it is fairly informal; this is made possible by the numbers and also something in the old home in which we live. We are looking forward to increasing the numbers and to having more space and convenience. Winter time in the present building is a great trial to all.

The staff consists of Sister Mavis Dickie as part-time staff member, and Miss M. Livingston domestic help, and the Matron, Sister E. Marriott.

Like any normal family the girls are interested in all school activities, especially sport. They are keen members of a Youth Club at St. Aubyn Church and on Sunday mornings assist with the choir at Whitely Church. Junior Church is conducted weekly by the girls in the Rangiatea Chapel.

At the end of 1951 several of the Secondary boarders carried off awards for different subjects in their particular forms and one Primary girl won a special cup for the best all round pupil.

Little more can be said of the activities in a report of this nature. Life in a schoolgirls' hostel is so much like the life of any private home, with its constant day by day training and the making of adjustments to different experiences, that progress is difficult to report. Each day brings its glorious adventure to youth—these things cannot be written in the annals of adults.

E. B. MARRIOTT, Matron.

RESOLUTIONS.

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

2. That the Board be: Revs. E. T. Olds, G. I. Laurenson, E. Te Tuhi, R. P. Rakana; Mrs. W. H. Aburn, Misses C. Trewin and E. B. Cannell, Messrs A. E. Hurley, T. M. Pacey, A. D. Priestley, F. Penn, M. S. Hughson, W. P. Griffith and H. T. Awarua.

QUESTION XLVI.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting City Missions?

A—Auckland Central Mission

ANNUAL REPORT, 1952.

As life becomes more complex, the variety of demands made upon a City Mission are very exacting. While its objects are the same as the ordinary Church, its methods of presentation and of service must needs be of wider application.

Special problems arising from the needs of elderly people demand that all sections of the community should shoulder the responsibility in assisting in a national and civic task.

Children below par, the housing shortage, broken homes, the loosening of the marriage tie, the sponsoring and accommodation of immigrants, the training and guidance of youth, countless correspondence, 'phone calls, private conferences, administrative work, as well as visitation of the sick and prisoner are part of our daily programme. New Premises.

The negotiations with the Probert Trustees resulted in the Conference agreeing to the Mission Trustees purchasing the property.

Since the middle of February, the Rev. L. B. Neale and the Superintendent have been making a canvass for the Building and Extension Fund, including the purchase of the Probert Chambers. The amount in promises to date is £29,000, of which amount we have received in cash £15,550/5/-.

The amount standing in the original Building Fund, together with legacies and investments, now totals over £53,000. Detailed plans of this large civic enterprise are being prepared in conjunction with the interested parties for approval.

Appreciation.

The association of Rev. L. B. Neale, O.B.E., with the Mission, has meant the intensifying of the Building Fund Extension Appeal, and we desire to place on record our very deep appreciation of the devoted and valuable services of a Supernumerary Minister at this stage of the Mission's history.

Gift of Waiheke Property.

Recently, Mr and Mrs A. E. Hayman of Auckland, gave to the Mission, 41 acres and a cottage, situated at Pegler's Bay, Waiheke. The property will be used during the summer season as a holiday house, for families needing a break and who would otherwise be without a holiday. The ultimate use of the property will be decided later.

Sunday Services.

The preaching has been largely carried on by the staff and students of Trinity College, retired Ministers and other preachers. The attendances have been well-maintained and the spirit of the congregation has never been more buoyant.

Youth Work.

The two Sunday Schools have a roll of 100. A number of the children are transported in the Goodwill Van. Through Bible Classes, Scouts, Cubs, Guides, Clubs our young folk are challenged to a life of service and are encouraged, in conjunction with the Church, to run their own affairs.

To supplement religious education, vacation schools have been conducted at Campbell's Bay Health Camp and the Mission Centre under the direction of Sister Fiona. The large proportion of scholars who sit for Scripture examinations is very encouraging.

Campbell's Bay Health Camp.

For some months the Camp has had no grant from the Health Stamp Fund which necessitates minimizing the number of children treated. Week-end retreats, vacation schools, holidays for pensioners and others needing a break, as well as assisting with housing for immigrants, has occupied the premises most of the time. The pine trees have been trimmed, further plantings made, the buildings have been painted and the property is in good order.

THE AGED.

(a) Astley House.

The House has been visited by members of Her Majesty's Government and has been recognised as a pioneer in setting a high standard for the future. We rejoice to know that the ladies are no longer inmates in an institution, but guests in a modern private hotel. The extensions will be made as funds are available. The house has been extremely well-managed by Mrs I. Palmer (Matron) and Miss L. Kirkpatrick (Sub-Matron). To these good folk, together with the guests, our thanks are due for the homely atmosphere and the excellent running of the house. The ladies continue to work and raise funds for the amenities of the house.

(b) Wesley Convalescent Hospital.

The Hon. W. A. Bodkin, Minister of Internal Affairs, as recently reported by the daily Press, stated "conditions here could not be bettered in any part of the world." This tribute is largely due to the conception of the Trustees and to the Matron, Sister Arline Preece and her loyal staff, for the high standard of efficiency. The house is always full and over 130 are receiving medical and nursing attention each year.

(c) The elderly people's fellowship meets every fortnight under the capable and devoted service of Mrs A. Davis, when the elderly folk receive spiritual food, drink tea together, and are generally cared for by the Mission visitors.

(d) The Mission is represented on the Auckland Old People's Welfare Council which is pioneering a specific undertaking. Recently the appointment of a full-time agent, supported by the Internal Affairs Department in conjunction with the Auckland City Council, was investigated, and he is about to be appointed. We record our grateful thanks to the Minister of Internal Affairs for his missionary zeal and concern for the elderly people of the Dominion.

(e) Many emergencies have necessitated our calling upon elderly people living in rooms. Fuel, hot-water bottles and blankets have been supplied and their mental and spiritual needs ministered to. We record our thanks to the Wellsford Church of Christ for two trucks of firewood.

Goodwill Industries and Community Service.

The goodwill store is a blessing to those with small incomes. Mrs N. Gallavin, who has been in charge of this Department for twelve years, has also distributed goods to the value of £1500.

Handicapped folk and others are still glad to help themselves through "not charity but a chance." We are grateful to the J. R. McKenzie Trustees for their grant of £50. The Superintendent represents the Church on the Immigration Committee, the Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society, the Society for the Protection of Women and Children, the Honouring Age Committee and other community welfare organisations.

Franklin Road.

Services are held on Sunday mornings. There is a Sunday School of forty children and a worthy Ladies' Guild operating.

Immigration.

The most difficult aspect of those seeking entry to New Zealand is accommodation. This we have successfully carried out for many families who are now happily absorbed into New Zealand life. The language difficulty is the most serious factor militating against the absorption into our way of life of displaced persons.

Deaconess Work.

Sister Fiona Summerell continues her Ministry among the women and children, and visitation of the sick and aged. We are grateful for her devoted and loyal service and trust that she will be guided in her future studies.

Property Matters and Finance.

All properties are in good order and condition. It is hoped to sell the parsonage property in the near future, and to erect a new one adjacent thereto. The present debts on all our social services amount to £3218/5/-. Legacies of £2750 have been received from the Estates of Mary Elizabeth Clark £2400, Rev. Arthur Mitchell £50, Miss L. Blick £100, a further amount from James Coe £200.

Staffing.

Though last Conference was unable to supply a ministerial probationer to assist the Superintendent, there is urgent need for the appointment of an associate Minister. We are grateful to Miss P. Chorley for faithful secretarial work. To our office bearers, ladies' guilds, ladies' auxiliary committees, youth workers, choir master, organist, the Press, Minister and laymen, auditors, subscribers and a large band of voluntary workers, the Board of Management extends its sincere appreciation. We trust that the work will continue to commend itself to people of goodwill and inspire the necessary resources to maintain and extend the Kingdom.

A. EVERIL ORR, Superintendent.

F. M. SOUSTER,

WALTER WOOD, Circuit Stewards.

JAMES TYLER, Hon. Sec. and Treas. to
the Board of Trustees.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference place on record its appreciation of the devoted and valuable services rendered to the Mission for over 50 years by the late Mr. J. Tyler, who for the last 10 years has been the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.
3. That Conference set up a Commission to examine the place of Central Missions in the light of modern trends. The personnel of the Commission to be as follows: Revs. Dr. D. O. Williams, W. E. A. Carr, B. M. Chrystall and R. Thornley (Convener), with power to add.
Board of Management for 1953.
4. Supt. Central Mission (Chairman), Supt. Home Mission Department, Chairman of District, Revs. H. Ranston, E. W. Hames, H. Dixon, L. R. M. Gilmore, G. E. Brown, J. C. Draper, A. J. Seamer, Mesdames M. Spurge, I. Young and Miss E. Booth, Messrs J. Trenwith, L. J. Moor, F. Penn, E. A. Astley, C. K. Wigglesworth, R. Garlick, J. S. Caughey, L. Simpson, L. T. Hayman, L. C. Crawford, R. Mortimer, R. W. Verry, W. Woodward, A. E. Hayman, together with the Circuit officials and the Trustees of the Mission properties.

B—The Christian Community Centre, Ponsonby

REPORT, 1952.

The Christian Community Centre has maintained its numerical strength and influence in the City and the Auckland West Quarterly Meeting is thankful to God for continued opportunities to cater for the Psychological, Cultural, Social and Spiritual needs of people of all ages.

Because his counsel and help has been sought, the Director's contact with human problems all over the city has further established the work of the Centre. This work has been recognised with commendation by the Government, Justice Department, influential societies and associations in and around Auckland and numerous lives have been changed and brought to God.

St. John's and other Churches' Sunday Schools and Adolescent Rolls have greatly benefited by the comprehensive club life of the Centre. Thus the whole Church life has been strengthened.

It has been a most arduous year because Conference was not

abl to appoint an Assistant Minister. Our appreciation is extended to those who have sacrificially given voluntary help and leadership. An ever growing problem in the City of Auckland is the Youths who, through lack of control or contact with undesirable elements, are in danger of going downhill instead of developing into useful and good citizens. We want to give the right environment and a home worthy of the name Opportunity Youth Hostel, so that selected and privileged young people may have the chance of living a natural and normal life in a Christian atmosphere.

The Trustees propose to commence building operations immediately, as outlined in the Conference Minutes, 1951. They are grateful for the outstanding generosity of many citizens of Auckland and to the Government for a substantial grant. Because of the importance of this new method of Evangelism and growing social services on behalf of the Church, the Auckland West Quarterly meeting urges Conference to appoint a suitable Probationer to assist in this specialised work.

The Trustees of the Property supported by the Quarterly Meeting, seek permission to register the "Youth Opportunity (Auckland) Trust Board" under the Religious, Charitable and Educational Trusts Act, 1908," and accordingly submit to Conference a draft of the proposed Constitution. The Trustees of the Youth Opportunity (Auckland) Trust Board are:

L. C. Barker, R. M. Barker, S. E. Chappell, C. A. Davidson, H. Hansen, L. T. Hayman, J. H. Luxford, A. Matheson, W. Calder Mackay, D. W. Mewa, J. Prescott, T. E. Price, F. E. Sutherland, P. R. Osborne.

HARRIS WHITFIELD, Chairman

P. R. OSBORNE, Secretary.

T. L. HAYMAN, Treasurer.

RESOLUTION

That the Report be received and adopted.

C—Wesley Church (Wellington Central) Social Services Trust, Incorporated

ANNUAL REPORT, 1952.

Eventide Homes Settlement.

By the time this Report is received the construction of the first phase of the scheme should be under way. Existing contracts provide for the erection of one detached Ward of Flats which is to include a nurse's flat and charge-room, a nest of self-contained private Villas, a Porter's Lodge, the kitchen for the full settlement, the roading and installation of all services, the estimated cost of these being approximately £40,000. Because of the added necessity to first lay out the property and construct now costly service units which will later serve the entire settlement, the amount of accommodation to be provided by this first phase is limited, and but a small fraction of the total number of those already applying for entry can be served. Under terms of the State subsidy granted, the Trust is committed to proceed to the development of further blocks of Wards of flats and also the erection of a Geriatric Hospital so as to provide a complete coverage of needs for the aged.

The Superintendent Minister has continued to take every oppor-

tunity to make a personal appeal for support throughout the Social Service Area which, by conference decision on behalf of another scheme, was reduced for this year to the Wellington Synodal District. Fortunately, through the endeavours of Mr Greenslade, three-quarters of the finance required for this first phase of the scheme is in hand: more especially so in view of the fact that he now has no assistance whatsoever in his ministry at the Central Wesley Church or in Social Service.

It is pleasing to report that among the Villas donated, is the "Owen Eaton" villa, given by a Methodist layman as a memorial to the son of a Methodist Parsonage who was killed while working as a Presbyterian medical missionary in China.

Youth Hostel.

Wesley Church Trust resolved that upon receipt of a satisfactory report from an architect, it would immediately proceed to establish a hostel for youth at the old Parsonage, Taranaki Street. The report proved unfavourable. Upon gaining occupation of the building further investigations were made which indicated the entire unsuitability of this old building for conversion into a hostel. The trust is now exploring other possibilities.

WM. H. GREENSLADE, Chairman.

T. M. PACEY, Hon. Secretary.

M. C. PEARCE, Hon. Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the General Purposes Trust Board advise the Wesley Church (Wellington Central) Social Services Trust concerning matters in its constitution as it relates to the Methodist Model Deed.

D—Christchurch Methodist Central Mission

ANNUAL REPORT, 1952

This year has been one of strenuous yet purposeful activity. New avenues of social service work have opened up, and we record our gratitude to Him Whom we serve.

As the representative of Methodism in the field of social service work, the Board of Management is mindful of its privilege and responsibility.

Sunday Services and Evangelism.

Believing that the preaching of the Word, and a vital centre of worship, must be the foundation of all our work, we are pleased to report that the Sunday evening service has been the means of bringing new members into the fellowship of the Church.

Consideration is being given to a two months' Evangelistic Campaign in the Tivoli Theatre. We are indebted to Mr R. E. James for his generous offer to pay the rent for the theatre for this period.

Eventide Home Established.

We have purchased a magnificent property for the purposes of a Home for the Aged. It is situated within half a mile of the Square and commands a lovely view of the Avon River and Hagley Park. Thirty-eight old folk will be accommodated and provision is made for married couples as well as single men and women.

The Home is built of double brick throughout and has an English slate roof and an automatic central heating plant. There is an acre

of land set out in lawns, specimen shrubs and attractive gardens.

The purchase price was £19,000. Staff rooms have been built on the third floor which was formerly an attic, and the cost of alterations will be approximately £7,000. A Government subsidy has been received for half of the price and also for half the cost of the alterations. To build an Eventide Home for this number today would cost in the vicinity of £65,000. It is estimated that the total debt when the Home is opened will be approximately £8,000.

Sister E. Borrows has been appointed Matron. We aim to be ready for opening in September of this year.

Maori Girls' Hostel.

A Home originally run as a Hostel by a city firm has been purchased by the Mission for the purpose of a Hostel for Maori girls who are working or studying in the city. In view of the fact that many Maori girls find it difficult to secure satisfactory accommodation, and that, therefore, they have to accept undesirable accommodation, we feel it is a challenge to the Christian conscience to accept some responsibility for their welfare. The Board therefore decided to establish a hostel, and thus provide a healthy Christian environment for the Maori girls of Christchurch. We are thankful for the opportunity to serve our Maori folk.

Mrs Moss, formerly Sister Ropata in our Maori work, has been appointed Matron and Mr Moss disciplinarian.

The Home Mission Board has provided a loan of £2,500 to establish this work, and £1,875 will be available as a Government subsidy. The cost of the property was £3,750. At present 14 girls are in residence. It is proposed to build a new wing when finances permit to accommodate a further 20 girls.

Staff.

The Mission staff works as a team and all are well qualified in their respective spheres. We are aware, in all our work, that people matter most and it is pleasing to report that many individuals and families have received guidance and Divine help through the sympathetic and understanding ministry of members of the staff. With increasing pressure of work, it has become evident that consideration must be given to the employment of another full-time office worker.

Deaconess Work.

Sister Evelyn Taylor is establishing our Deaconess work, and making valuable contributions in many directions.

She has charge of the Saturday evening meetings for friendless men and women. This is a great work and presents a constant challenge as many are the victims of alcoholism. Regular visits are made to the Women's Prison and the Mental Hospital and Homes for unmarried mothers. Sister Evelyn also has charge of the Sunday School and, at the present time, arrangements are in hand to provide a bus to bring children to Sunday School from distant areas that are not served by our Church.

Miss O. G. Searle, Social Service Secretary, is engaged in the leadership of women's meetings and social service visiting.

In one day our Deaconess and Social Service workers see more of the drama of life—its joy and sorrow, tragedy and comedy, bravery and weakness—than most other women see in the course of years.

Goodwill Store.

We are indebted to the willing voluntary service rendered by Mesdames R. Smith, H. G. Stewart, M. A. Jobberns and B. Patterson. This Store which is open daily, is of great help to many who, for reasons of sickness, etc., find it difficult to adequately clothe them-

selves. The Store was enlarged on February 25th and since then some 4,500 garments have been made available to over 1,000 families.

Women's Work.

Mrs J. Richards, as Director of Women's work, has rendered valuable service during the past year. The work is now consolidated and outstanding service is being given by this group. Because of the many and varied meetings associated with our work, catering is always a big responsibility.

City Premises.

Situated in Cathedral Square, the Mission is in a strategic position for its community work. Nevertheless, lack of space for new ventures envisaged, such as "Clubland", "Old Peoples' Centre" and Cafeteria, the fact that our Chapel is on the third floor, and rising costs are matters giving concern to the Board of Management and Trustees.

The day must come when we acquire our own building in a central position.

Finance.

With the development of our Social Service work, the Mission has won the confidence and goodwill of many in the community, with the result that financial support has been steadily growing.

The total income from all sources for the year was £23,432. This includes a grant of £9,500 from the Government for the Eventide Home.

The Emily Turner bequest of £4,150 will be available from the General Purposes Trust Board for the Eventide Home in the near future.

Since the end of the financial year a Street Day Appeal for the Eventide Home realised £915. £750 was raised at the Community Fair. We were encouraged by the support of 33 North Canterbury Methodist Guilds who participated in this effort.

General.

A 16 m.m. Talkie Projector has been purchased and is being used extensively. A new office has been built for the Deaconess and the Goodwill Store extended.

The Superintendent has continued Chaplaincy work at Paparua Prison, and Sunnyside Mental Hospital. Personal counselling, pastoral visitation and executive work has also been a constant task.

Thanks.

We are grateful to the many consecrated workers who have served so faithfully and helped to extend the work. Were it not for the loyalty of the Mission members and officials, the vision and enterprise of the Board of Management, the progress reported would not have been possible.

We believe that our work is a vital witness to Christ our Lord, and constant testimony to the Truths we have embraced in terms of practical Christianity.

The Board expresses appreciation to all who have given time and thought, service and finance to prosper the work in this formative period.

We praise our Heavenly Father for all that is past and we believe He will lead us on to greater ventures and more effective service in the years ahead.

W. E. FALKINGHAM, Superintendent.
S. D. WALLIS, Secretary.
S. W. AYERS, Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Board of Management for 1953 be: The Revs. W. T. Blight, H. Sharp, V. R. Jamieson, A. K. Petch, H. L. Fiebig, W. E. Falkingham, W. L. Divers, Sir Ernest and Lady Andrews, Messrs A. Dingwall, E. A. Crothall, F. Christian, G. S. Salter, J. E. Colechin, F. Pitcher, B. A. Allen, P. A. Le Brun, J. D. Gray, N. Rhind, B. A. Caygill, Dr. S. Peddy, Mrs P. A. Le Brun and Messrs S. W. Ayers, S. D. Wallis, R. E. James, together with Trustees and Leaders of the Mission.

E—Dunedin Central Mission

SIXTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT, 1952.

The Methodist Central Mission, Dunedin, faces the human situation today conscious that its primary task is Christian evangelism, and that its ministry of the Word and its social welfare services must be directed toward this end. In presenting its Sixty-second Report, it does not desire unduly to accent nor minimise certain grave issues with which it is faced.

I. The New Administration.

It is too early in the new General Superintendent's ministry for a complete statement on policy, but certain changes in the programme of the worshipping Church and in the Social Services of the Mission are contemplated. Administrative changes involve the constitution of a Social Service Management Board, the personnel of which will include representative laity outside the Mission. In addition, the main departments of the Mission's activities will be financially separate, and, where possible, self-supporting. Further, in view of the ramifications of the Mission's activities, and the need for careful administration, especially in these days of economic uncertainty, there has been instituted a new system of accounting and office management.

II. A Centre of Christian Evangelism.

(a) *The Worshipping Church.* We are convinced that the M.C.M., situated as it is in such a strategic position in the heart of Dunedin, should, in harmony with the genius of Methodism, be a centre of evangelism. Its Christian witness, as suggested in the 1951 report, has unfortunately not been very effective in recent years. This has largely been due to the establishment and extension of our Eventide Home and Hospital Settlement at Company Bay where, through the enterprise and vision of the former Superintendent, the Methodist Church of New Zealand has been given a visibility quite unique in this particular field of Social Service in the Dominion. Nevertheless, it has been quite apparent that with the growth of this branch of Christian welfare work, with its tremendous demands on the time and energy of the General Superintendent, there has been a marked corresponding decline in the effectiveness of the work and witness of the worshipping Church. Congregations today, though gradually improving, are still not considerable. We believe that both effective preaching and pastoral work must coincide with the practice of the Social Gospel. There is no substitute for personal and direct evangelism. Further, a Superintendent constantly available for personal counselling, help, and spiritual leadership is of incalculable worth, especially in a Central Cause.

We envisage, therefore, as a primary obligation, the up-building of a centre of Christian witness where the Gospel will be preached and souls won. One of our aims is to provide for all, through the

widening organisation of youth and adult groups, the redeeming fellowship of a Church in action.

(b) **Social Service Department.** The Mission is resolved upon an extension of its Social Service witness, which for some years past, owing to the magnitude and complexity of the task, has, with the exception of its Clubland facilities, largely been confined to the care of the aged. The new trend, with suggested changes in the existing facilities, may be noted in what follows.

(i) **Eventide Home and Hospital for Ladies, Company Bay.** At present there are in all 90 ladies in residence. One-third are over 80 years of age, and many are permanently bed-ridden. Serious consideration is being given to the appointment of a qualified occupational therapist at the Home, and decision will be reached after consultation with officers of the Department of Health and others.

(ii) **Clubland.** Under the direction of skilled instructors in wood-working, printing, photography, etc., this organisation for adolescents, and those of an older age group, instituted some years ago, has shown remarkable progress during this year, and we are now faced with a need for more commodious premises.

(iii) **Goodwill Store.** This new Mission project is being established in one of the M.C.M. shops in the Octagon in July, and already a considerable quantity of new and good used clothing is in hand. The primary purpose of the Store is help for the needy.

(iv) **Handicapped Adolescents.** The Mission expects during the next few months to commence work amongst Handicapped Adolescents, for whom very little provision is made. The use of facilities similar to those in Clubland is contemplated. The Mission hopes to co-operate with a widely representative Committee of educational leaders and social workers.

(v) **General.** With a view to the extension of the Mission's Social Services, future consideration is to be given to the establishment of Homes for Aged Couples and elderly men, provided that the State assumes an adequate financial responsibility. The provision of hostel facilities, a Christian Aid Service, and Family Guidance Clinic are also envisaged.

III. Finance.

It is not generally known that in all, the financial transactions of the M.C.M. amount to £750 per week. Much of the work is big business, demanding wise and careful administration.

The Annual Accounts, which include a part repayment in June of £5,750 of loan moneys, reveal the following position:—

	Income.	Expenditure.
Social Service Department	9,042 14 0	16,185 14 3
Eventide Home (no Depreciation)	24,585 16 9	23,723 7 7
Circuit	1,909 17 10	1,861 8 0
Trust	4,545 17 9	10,522 5 10
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	£40,084 6 4	£52,292 15 8
Total Deficit:		
Debit Balance	12,208 9 4	
Liabilities:		
Purchase of Land	1,000 0 0	
Unpaid Loan	4,000 0 0	
Unpaid Accounts	500 0 0	
Depreciation, not provided for	3,000 0 0	
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	£20,708 9 4	

It will be seen that the present financial position, aggravated by the construction of the Chapel, which to date has cost over £16,000, is not good, especially in view of the desperate condition of the premises in the centre, and the necessity of facing heavy overdue expenditure for maintenance and specific capital works at the Home. Certain economies, without impairing efficiency, have already resulted in a saving of £1500 p.a., and others are contemplated, but careful thought is necessary and prudent finance must be a guiding principle in the future.

The M.C.M. Trust, which administers the Octagon property, has for many years financed Social Services, especially the constructional work at the Home and the purchase of the farm. This factor largely accounts for the heavy Trust overdraft, to which special attention is now being given. Rents for the shop premises have been recently revised, and will increase income by at least £250 p.a.

IV. Farm.

The farm at the Eventide Home Settlement has distinctive value in that it is the source of the water supply there and provides fresh produce daily. Nevertheless, it is not an economic unit, and is a very serious drain upon the finances. The position will be closely examined during the current year.

V. Staffing.

(a) The Assistant Superintendent, the Rev. J. A. Penman, has made an excellent start. His outstanding gifts are commending themselves to a wide constituency. Sister Margaret Taylor, after six years' splendid service faithfully rendered, is applying for twelve months' leave from Deaconess work. She will be missed by a large circle of friends. A new experienced Deaconess to succeed her will be necessary.

(b) Several staff changes in the Social Service Department have been considered by the Committee. Miss E. L. Geddes, who has been in the M.C.M. Office for 20 years, left in July, and was suitably farewelled. Sister M. Frampton, Matron at our Eventide Home and Hospital, is due to leave in September. Further, Mr R. Robson, the Grounds Supervisor at Company Bay, having recently purchased a farm, leaves after six years' service. We express our thanks and best wishes for the future in each case. In order to fill the vacancies created, the officials of the Mission are carefully considering the general question of staffing, with a view to possible changes in policy, and do not anticipate serious difficulty in satisfactorily filling the positions. The general staffing position has remained stable for the last two years, though there are still some vacancies on the nursing and domestic side.

VI. Road Encroachment.

In February it was discovered that there had been at the road entrance to the Eventide Home Settlement an encroachment by the M.C.M. on the adjoining property, which is being subdivided into building lots. In order to solve the problem and to ensure continued privacy for our Home and Hospital, it was decided to recommend purchase of an area of land, approximately $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres.

VII. Amalgamation of Circuits.

As desired by Conference, discussions on the possible amalgamation of the M.C.M. and Trinity Church have been held. At the first combined meeting of Leaders, the Mission officials formally presented a Basis for Amalgamation, which, after reference to the "sin of disunity" and the ecumenical ideal, suggested that the two respective congregations should unite, that the Morning Services be held at

Trinity Church, and the Evening Services be conducted in the Octagon Hall. It was proposed that the Church life should revolve about Trinity Church, which would be regarded as the ecclesiastical centre of Dunedin Methodism, and which could accept as little or as large a share in the present social enterprises of the Mission as it desired. Combined Leaders' Meetings on separate occasions were addressed by the ex-President of the Conference, the Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A., and the Secretary of the Conference, the Rev. H. L. Fiebig, B.A., on whose suggestion a Joint Committee, including representatives of the District Executive, was set up to continue conversations. The proposals, especially that relating to the closing of Trinity Church on Sunday evening, was not entirely acceptable to the Trinity officials, who, in the resolution of the Joint Committee, were asked to come to a decision. A report just to hand indicates that Trinity Church officials have said "no" to the proposals, but express willingness for "fullest co-operation" during the ensuing year, and the re-opening of amalgamation proposals if necessary.

VIII. The Church, the Welfare State and Social Services.

(a) While recognising that it is the duty of the Church to minister to all human need, and that the ministrations of Christian Institutions cannot be as effectively performed by secular management, nevertheless we believe that the Church must re-think its policy regarding certain Social Services. With the advent of the Welfare State, much that formerly fell to the lot of the Church is now the recognised responsibility of the State. Yet it surely is an anomaly that the latter commits itself freely to hospitalizing the sick and providing maternity services, but largely leaves the care of the old in Eventide Homes to religious and charitable organisations, providing only a present capital outlay of up to 50%. In a day when problems of management, maintenance and staffing are so complex, the State should surely assume larger responsibility, even to that of providing full facilities for such welfare services, in which case the Church could consider the possibility of furnishing some form of Christian administrative aid service.

The M.C.M. suggests that the Church give consideration to the question of a Conference of representatives of institutions for the care of the aged, with a view to considering future action.

(b) Further, we believe that the Church should consider whether in this secular age its Ministers, specifically trained for a Distinctive Office, are serving the highest interests of the Kingdom and of their Call by an absorption in social welfare work which very often necessarily militates against the effective fulfilment of their preaching and pastoral functions. The appointment of consecrated and efficient laymen on the administrative staff of our community welfare institutions could at least release Superintendents from much that at present would seem to be irrelevant to the Separated Ministry.

IX. The Radio Church of the Helping Hand.

The Sunday broadcasts at 9.30 a.m. from Station 4XD, Dunedin, illustrate the double-sided witness of the Mission, which seeks not only to proclaim the Word of God, but minister to human need through the contributions of Radio Church members. Unfortunately, owing to regulations which prohibit financial appeals over the air, membership shows a constant decrease year by year. The broadcast facilities, however, are a powerful weapon for the Christian Gospel.

Conclusion.

The thanks of the Church are due to all officials and members of the Mission staff, Medical Adviser, Auditors, and other loyal and devoted workers.

The report cannot close without a word of gratitude to God for His guidance and grace, and the goodly heritage that belongs to all who seek to extend the Kingdom of our Lord through the work and witness of the Mission.

RAYMOND DUDLEY, Superintendent.

J. A. PENMAN, Asst. Superintendent.

W. G. H. EDWARDS, Secretary.

ALAN VIVIAN, Treasurer.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report be received and adopted.

QUESTION XLVII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference with regard to the Training of Deaconesses?

Methodist Deaconess Board

ANNUAL REPORT, 1952.

Students in Training.

The training of Deaconesses was resumed this year, and three students entered Deaconess House in February. Good progress reports have been received, both from their tutors and from superintendents of circuits in which they are employed.

Candidates.

Four young women have offered for service as Deaconesses, and, subject to their passing the required tests, will enter for training next year. Once again we have a fine type of young woman offering this year.

Matron and Staff.

Mrs G. E. Gauntlett commenced her duties as Matron at the beginning of the year, and has proved most capable and efficient, her motherly interest in the girls endearing her to Deaconess and Hostel students alike. The domestic staff continues its good work, and well merits a word of recognition and appreciation.

Deaconesses in the Field.

While it would be quite impossible to do justice here to the work of our Deaconesses in the various departments at home and overseas, a brief summary of their activities is given. Three Deaconesses in Central Mission work in Auckland, Christchurch and Dunedin are rendering devoted service. Two are proving valuable assistants to Circuit ministers in Wellington and Invercargill. The Papanui Children's Home is fortunate in having the services of a Deaconess who has endeared herself to the children and is doing excellent service there, while the Auckland Children's Homes have as their efficient Secretary-Treasurer a Senior Deaconess whose experience is invaluable. Seventeen Deaconesses are working among the Maori people, who have accepted these consecrated women as friends and counsellors. The work entails travelling long distances, over bad roads, conducting services, Sunday School classes, Bible-in-Schools, Youth camps and clubs, organising clothing sales and visiting isolated homes; yet to quote one Sister, "there is always reward and encouragement enough to carry on." Our two Missionary Deaconesses in the Solomons are doing a splendid work, often under trying conditions. Both these young women combine the ministry of healing with that of the Word, one having been appointed to the new Leper Station at Ozama. No report on Deaconess work would be complete without mention of a senior Deaconess who through her writing and

her lectures while abroad has brought distinction to our New Zealand Deaconess Order. We are rightly proud of the fine record of consistent and selfless service rendered by the Order since its inception.

Mr. J. E. Purchase.

The passing of the late Mr J. E. Purchase was a loss to many of our Connexional Committees, and although he was forced through ill-health to resign from the Board some time ago, we wish to place on record the long and devoted service rendered by this very gifted Christian gentleman.

New Curriculum.

After many delays, the Special Committee set up by Conference 1950 has been considering suggestions made by corresponding members representing interested departments of our Church. A detailed report will be presented to Conference.

Ladies' Guilds.

To meet the anticipated heavy financial demands in the painting of Deaconess House, some interior alterations, and the erection of fire escapes, the Ladies' Guilds have been appealed to for assistance this year. A very satisfactory response has been forthcoming, and several Guilds are now subscribing regularly to the Fund.

Christian Aids.

The Board has given consideration to the suggestion that an Order of Christian Aids be set up. This would consist of women who, though not desirous of entering Deaconess work, would be able and willing to render assistance as superintendents, matrons, domestics, etc., in our Orphanages, Eventide Homes, and general social service. Such an Order would not only provide an avenue of Christian service for many of our young women, but also help materially to overcome some of the staffing problems in such institutions.

ASHLEIGH K. PETCH, Chairman.

A. F. COLLINS, Secretary.

METHODIST DEACONESS INSTITUTION.

Budget for Year Ending 31st March, 1953.

Income: Hostel Receipts £2,250, Rents £130, Subscriptions and Donations £15, Interest £5. Grants (presumed): Home Mission Department £100, Foreign Mission Fund £25, Fire Insurance Fund £100, Contingent Fund £125. Total £2,750.

Expenditure: House £900, Power, Lighting and Fuel £150, Wages and Salaries £1,200, Telephone £15, Repairs £200, Rates £115, Advertising £10, Stamps and Stationery £25, Insurances £50, Depreciation Allowance £100, Uniforms £30, Travelling Expenses, Tutors, etc., £40. Total £2,835.

Estimated excess of expenditure over income £185.

Cost of Boarding Deaconess students is £101 per annum. On basis of six students during 1953 the total cost of boarding, tuition, etc., will be approximately £675, as against grants received from Church sources of £350.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report, Financial Statement and Budget for 1953 be received and adopted.

2. That Conference recognises the need for establishing an Order of Christian Aids and requests the Deaconess Board to investigate the principles and conditions affecting such an order, and report to Synods and Conference of 1953.

3. That Law Book, page 122 par. 22 (Term Examinations) be amended to read "Written examinations shall be held half-yearly."

4. That Misses Doreen Mavis Bulford, Gwenda Violet Kennedy and Kathleen Ellen Rogers be received for training in 1953.

5. That the Board for 1953 be: The Chairman of the North Canterbury District, Superintendent Ministers of the Durham Street, St. Albans and Riccarton Circuits, the Connexional Secretary, and Revs. H. E. Harkness, A. O. Harris, A. F. Collins; Messrs A. A. Harrow, H. W. Beaumont, R. G. Pearce and A. G. Harris; Mesdames P. A. LeBrun, C. Colechin, H. W. Beaumont, W. McHarg, F. Crespín, E. McNeill and A. K. Petch; Corresponding Members: President, Deaconess Association and Woman Youth Director.

QUESTION XLVIII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Connexional Orphanages?

A—Auckland Children's Home and Orphanage Mt. Albert and Epsom

THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT, 1952.

In presenting this Report of the past year's work, we gratefully acknowledge the guidance and blessing of our Heavenly Father. The problems of management, staffing and supply have been met and every child in our care has been well fed, housed and clothed.

The Family.

Across the lives of each of these children a dark shadow has fallen. Both or one parent has died. With some the remaining parent has ceased to care except to pay the weekly maintenance. All are deprived the right to grow up in a normal home and in an atmosphere of affection and security. Community life is thoroughly enjoyed and it is a happy sight to witness the joy and excitement as each one returns to the family after a holiday away. Our family at present consists of 62 young people. There are five small boys and 28 girls at Epsom and 29 boys (8 to 15 years) at "Wesley". During the year there have been 22 admissions and six discharges. Four of our big boys have taken positions on farms. All the children attend Sunday School and Bible Class and join in the activities of the Church. Girls Brigade, Cubs and Scouts and St. John Ambulance are well attended and the majority of the boys are keen footballers.

Staff.

The Board and the children owe much to the Matrons and staff who give of their time and strength in caring for the physical and spiritual welfare of these little ones. Their contribution and devotion is greatly appreciated and we are fortunate in having men and women for whom this work is a vocation. Their loving service gives the children a sense of being loved and wanted and this brings to them a security that young people need.

During the year we said farewell to Miss Grove who for nearly six years has been Matron at "Wesley". We record our appreciation of the service she rendered and the courage with which she carried on through staff shortage and periods of ill health.

In February, Mrs Butterworth, who for many years was "Mother" at our Girls' Home, rejoined the Staff as Matron of "Wesley". Her years of experience in Children's Homes, her ability and understanding of the needs of young people, has already born fruit in a smooth running and happy household.

Miss Archer has already given four years of service as Matron of Epsom, having served previously on the staff at "Wesley".

Ladies' Committee.

The Ladies' Committee continue in their good work. The Officers and Executive keep the needs of the Homes before the members of the Ladies' Guilds. They organise mending groups and under the leadership of Mrs Wigglesworth and Mrs Myers the House Committees meet regularly, giving advice and help in replenishing the clothes and crockery cupboards. We are grateful to those faithful helpers who mend and patch and to the Guild ladies who supply money to help clothe our large family.

United Orphanage Council.

We are indebted to the devotion and energy of this Council. Their work among the business community and Men's Organisations, as well as their Street Day Appeal, has been invaluable to us. As well as treats and gifts received through this avenue we acknowledge the gifts of bolts of flannelette which are being made into pyjamas by the members of the Travel Club. Our share of the Street Collection was £1,085. Our Secretary was asked to give an interview on Orphanage work, which was broadcast from 1YA.

Property:

Our two Homes are still being maintained and kept to a reasonable standard. Our Chairman, Rev. Allon Carr, who is keenly interested in this work, gave of his time and services in supervising the necessary alterations at "Wesley". These were essential to provide extra conveniences for staff and to improve storage for the children's clothing.

New Building Project.

The New Building Project is being pushed along. Sketch plans have been prepared and approved by the Board. Approval of these plans has been given by the Health Department and the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee. The new building will accommodate approximately 60 children, and a staff of 12. Our Architect, Mr Marshall, is now busy preparing the plans for the purpose of obtaining Estimates. We trust that in this undertaking the Auckland and South Auckland Districts will be behind us in prayer and support.

Finance.

For three years in succession our income has not been equal to our expenditure, but this year we report a credit balance of 482/16/4. If our people are prepared to give more liberally then the stress and strain of much of the work would be lifted. If our membership would take a greater interest in the work being accomplished we are sure donations would steadily increase. The Board appeals to Ministers, Home Missionaries and Deaconesses to acquaint themselves with this worthwhile work and realise that it is a great privilege for us as a Church to have the moulding of these young lives.

Bequests.

Bequests this year total approximately £2,367. We remember with gratitude those people who have remembered this cause in their Wills.

Thanks.

This Report would not be complete without recording our gratitude to the many people who give in time, service and goods to this work.

To our Chaplains, Revs. J. C. Draper and Geo. Brown, to Drs H. J. Mail and Clifford James for medical advice and care.

To Mr F. C. Matthews, who not only gives oversight to the Epsom grounds, but purchases all live stock needed. He also supervises the care and maintenance of the van.

To the many friends who provide outings, holidays, fruit and provisions. The officials of Churches who donate their Harvest Festival produce. Especially do we thank our Church people and friends who open their homes to the children at Christmas time.

These Homes exist because the need exists. It is the work of the Methodist Church to keep the doors of these Homes open for those who qualify for admittance. It is an opportunity for service for all our people and a challenge to our Church membership to provide the necessary money to enable us to provide shelter, food and clothing. These children depend on us for their all.

W. E. ALLON CARR, Chairman.

IVY H. JONES, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

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

2. That the M.S.S.A. be asked to give consideration to the future policy of Children's Home work including the most suitable size of Children's Home units.

3. Board of Management.—Chairman: Rev. W. E. Allon Carr. Life Members: Mesdames W. R. Emerson and A. H. White, Mr. J. E. Astley and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Faulkner. Secretary-Treasurer: Sister Ivy Jones. Lay-Treasurer: Mr. P. Dellow. Revs. E. W. Hames, W. Walker, Walter Parker, A. E. Orr, F. Copeland, A. H. Scriven, the Ministers of Mount Albert, Dominion Road, Epsom and Remuera Churches, Mesdames A. L. Caughey, C. J. Burton, C. K. Wigglesworth, R. C. Hemmings, C. M. Myers, Miss C. Wagstaff, Messrs. F. Penn, A. L. Caughey, R. T. Garlick, C. K. Wigglesworth, C. E. Goode, F. C. Matthews, N. North, B. R. Burton, Gordon Matthews, and the Chairman and Secretary of the South Auckland District.

B—Masterton Methodist Children's Home

ANNUAL REPORT, 1952.

The Committee is grateful for the opportunity for service which is afforded through the Home and thanks God for what is done from year to year in nurturing and training the young lives who are members of its family.

The service rendered by the Master, Matron and staff is outstanding and to them must be given most of the credit for what is achieved.

We now have 20 boys and 14 girls in the Home. During the year there were eight admissions and 11 departures. We are pleased to report that almost all those who left were able, through changed circumstances, to return to parents. Of those entering employment in the period under review one girl has taken up clerical work, another is a companion-help and two are telephone exchange operators. The boys have taken up grocery, plumbing and farming positions.

The annual accounts show total expenses for the year to be

almost identical with the previous year. Maintenance fees collected and circuit collections were higher than previously. In view of prevailing conditions the cost of running the Home (about £88 per child per annum), is considered to be satisfactory.

The drives and a portion of the yard have recently been tar sealed. A small garden tractor and implements have been purchased and put to good use. Preliminary plans have been prepared for the construction of a new room for recreation and general purposes, which it is hoped will ultimately be of considerable benefit in the everyday life of the Home in relieving the over-taxed common room.

Legacies of £1,110 from the estate of the late Mr George Jones, and £1,000 from the estate of the late M. E. Chowen, were received and, together with £94/12/6 income from various estates, were remitted to the Wellington Board for credit of the capital funds of the Home.

The Committee wishes to acknowledge with thanks the response from church people to its appeal for increased contributions. There was also a splendid response to the call for holiday homes for the children at the Christmas and New Year period. The Masterton Trust Lands Trust grant of £20 for school stationery is acknowledged with appreciation. Many friends of the Home have given assistance in various forms and to them all we are very grateful.

We record with appreciation the services rendered to the Home by Mr C. D. Shoosmith, who has resigned from the Committee for health reasons. Mr Shoosmith was a real friend of the children and gave freely of his time for their benefit.

The following Management Committee is nominated for the ensuing year: Mr A. K. Hodder (Chairman), Mr D. E. Lyttle (Vice-Chairman), Mr W. R. Nicol (Manager), Mr J. F. Cody (Secretary and Treasurer, Rev. R. F. Clement, Dr. N. H. Prior, Mesdames J. H. Conly, A. K. Hodder, D. E. Lyttle, C. D. Shoosmith, R. F. Clement and H. C. Wood, Misses L. Cocker and M. Burton, Messrs J. H. Conly, A. H. Daniell, W. E. Layton, T. F. Mannell, K. J. Orams, F. E. Wells and H. C. Wood.

A. KEITH HODDER, Chairman.

J. F. CODY, Secretary.

RESOLUTION.

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

C—South Island Children's Home

ANNUAL REPORT, 1952.

In presenting this Report of the work of our Home for the past year, we would record our thankfulness to God for His goodness and for the measure of success which has attended our efforts. Only the love of God can inspire and sustain such a service as this. We are deeply grateful, too, for the spirit of dedication to the highest which is being shown by all the members of the staff. Mr and Mrs G. Howells continue to show a real concern for the welfare of the children. This is reflecting itself in the general atmosphere and kindly discipline of the Home. There have been a few changes in Staff personnel. Miss Melville, who returned to us during the year, has again had to relinquish her position. Miss Dale, who was assist-

ing for some months in the Boys' Block, has also moved on. Mr L. Riley, our very efficient gardener, has resigned. Up to the present his position has not been filled. To these workers, who gave of their best for the Home, we tender our grateful thanks.

Children.

At the present time there are 59 children in the Home, 34 boys and 25 girls. In age these range from three to sixteen years. Several children have been found permanent homes, where, we believe, they will be well provided for and given their opportunity in life. This has come about through the practice followed at Christmas time of arranging for holiday homes for the children. On the whole the health of the children has been excellent. To Dr S. C. Peddie, our Honorary Physician, we are greatly indebted for his ever ready services.

Ministerial Visit.

The Home was recently visited by the Minister of Internal Affairs, the Hon Mr Bodkin, and Mr McAlpine, M.P. Both expressed themselves in the highest terms of commendation of the Home. This was afterwards conveyed by letter to Mr Howells. Such visits must be productive of good.

Committee Work.

The various Committees, which have the oversight of work at the Home, have met regularly, giving valuable time and service. The Building Committee keeps a watchful eye on the maintenance of the property. This year very considerable renovations have been necessary, with more to be done next year. The Ladies' House Committee looks well to furnishings. Their deft touches lend brightness to dormitories that would otherwise be dull, while their suggestions concerning what might be done lead to efficient and progressive work. The Grounds Committee keeps watch over gardens, pastures, and playing fields. In addition to what is home-grown, much is donated to assist in feeding the family. To the kindly donor, who for many years has given sufficient wheat for the fowls, we express our thanks. Also to those friends who year by year donate potatoes, eggs, jam, etc., we say "Thank you."

Entertainment.

Members of Rotary and the Savage Club have continued their good service in providing outings and entertainments. Mr Ern Smith and members of the Bible Classes have continued to arrange for games evenings. The service of the Bible Classes has been outstanding in connection with the Annual Appeal. Their house to house canvass has been thorough, with excellent results.

In all and above all our aim is to win and hold the children for Christ. Some of them have found the Saviour during the year. For this we thank God. May they prove in years to come that "His service is perfect freedom."

Thanks.

We express our thanks to those who provided holiday homes for the children; also to Mr W. Worner, retiring member of the Board, for his devotion to the children for many years.

The following are nominated as members of the Board for 1953: The Chairman of the District, Connexional Secretary, Superintendent Ministers of Durham Street, Cambridge Terrace, Christchurch East, St. Albans and Woolston Circuits, Revs. A. N. Scotter and A. O. Harris, Messrs H. de R. Flesher, H. J. S. Harrington, F. A.

Sheat, A. A. Harrow, C. L. Palmer, P. B. Birkett, R. Barnett, Mesdames M. A. R. Pratt, F. C. Thornton, R. A. Marsh, A. Black, B. M. Hodder and Miss D. Horrell.

W. T. BLIGHT, Chairman.

A. O. HARRIS, Secretary.

RESOLUTION.

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

QUESTION XLIX.—What are the Resolutions of Conference respecting Connexional Literature?

A—Methodist Times Committee

ANNUAL REPORT, 1952.

Circulation.

The Committee is able to report another successful year's operation. Our circulation figure now stands at 4,750, a nett increase of 100 for the year.

We again emphasise the fact that while circumstances may differ, intensive activity within our Churches can almost invariably result in a substantial increase in the number of contributors. Recently a Church which previously had 47 subscribers, which was an average proportionate figure for its Church membership, sent in the names of 34 new readers, making a total of 81. In one Home Mission Station there has been a steadily increasing enrolment each year for the past four years with the result that there are now 46 subscribers, that is 44% of the membership, which must mean a paper in almost every home in the Station.

Question 8 in the Law Book agenda for Quarterly Meetings provides the opportunity for consideration of this matter. It is to be regretted that in many cases this is either completely ignored or passed over all too quickly. It cannot be stressed too strongly that a Church membership which is steadily being informed by its Church journal is a spiritually richer membership and a more vital force. Ample evidence of that fact abounds within our various circuits. In this connection we do ask that Quarterly Meetings give every support to the circuit agents who are rendering us such valuable service. This will perform a dual service. It will bring to more members the benefit to be derived from their Church paper. It will assist in meeting the increased cost of production referred to later in the report.

We again present a percentage table to indicate the position in our Synodal Districts :

Auckland	13.29	Wellington	15.77
South Auckland	16.03	Nelson	17.17
Taranaki-Wanganui	17.58	North Canterbury	16.37
Hawkes Bay-		South Canterbury	18.35
Manawatu	18.00	Otago-Southland	15.12

Finance.

Increasing costs constitute a seemingly inescapable problem. As indicated in our report to last Conference we anticipated that increased revenue from subscriptions and advertising would enable us to meet during the current year rising costs of printing and distribution. Fortunately that expectation has been realised and we closed the year with a small credit balance of £5/12/6.

We are now faced with still greater charges in respect to the

cost of the paper which we are using. At the time when this report was prepared we were advised by our publishers that we must face an increase of 6½d per lb. for the quality paper being used (and which is necessary for satisfactory work.) That will mean an additional cost of approximately £535 per annum for paper alone. The Committee has considered the alternatives open to it, namely: (a) reverting to newsprint, which costs considerably less; (b) reducing the size of the paper; (c) Increasing the subscription; (d) ways and means of increasing revenue from advertising. It is pointed out that the subscription was raised last year from 7/6 to 10/- per annum, also that charges for advertising were raised last year very considerably. The use of quality paper on a restricted scale is being tried, this being an expedient to meet a situation which it is hoped is only temporary, and which may be eased in the not distant future.

Editorial.

The Committee again expresses its appreciation of the splendid work being done by our Editor, the Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D. Under his general guidance the paper is fresh, interesting and informative, and commends itself increasingly to our people.

His associate, the Rev. H. S. Kings, has indicated to his Quarterly Meeting that he will be seeking a change of circuit next year. Mr Kings has served the paper and the Church with great devotion and success during the past seven years and we take pleasure in recording our deep appreciation of his untiring efforts in this connection.

Those who contribute regularly to special columns are of great assistance to the Editor and the quality of their work continues at a very high level—Sister Rita Snowden (Home Circle), Rev. J. Silvester, M.A. (Question and Answer), Rev. G. V. Thomas, B.A. (Quiet Hour), Rev. H. A. Cochrane (Home Missions), Revs. A. H. Scrivin and S. G. Andrews, M.A. (Overseas Missions), R. H. Allen, B.A. (Youth Page), and Mr H. W. Beaumont, M.A. (L.Y.M. page).

E. H. ANDREWS, Chairman.

H. L. FIEBIG, Business Manager.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D., be cordially thanked for his able editorship and that he be reappointed for a period of three years.
3. That the Rev. H. S. Kings be cordially thanked for the valued service he has rendered the paper and the Church as Associate Editor during the past seven years.
4. That best thanks and appreciation be accorded to all regular contributors and to our circuit agents for their continued valued and willing service.
5. That the "Methodist Times" Committee be commended for recent printing improvements and be requested to continue the use of good quality paper, even if this necessitates raising the subscription rate.
6. That the Rev. Campbell P. Lucas, L.Th., be appointed as Associate Editor.
7. That the Committee for 1953 be Connexional Secretary, Revs. E. Drake, A. O. Harris, W. T. Blight, L. C. Horwood, H. E. Harkness and A. K. Petch, Sir Ernest Andrews, Messrs H. de R. Flesher, D. McHarg, H. W. Beaumont, B. Bascand, and the Chairman and Convener of Publications Board.

B—Board of Publications

ANNUAL REPORT, 1952.

The Board of Publications has been encouraged by the increasing opportunities it has had of serving the Church and by the reception which Circuits have given to its publications.

The volume of work being done by the Board's Officers has swelled considerably during the year. Some relief has been given by an arrangement with two professional men on the Board whereby the technical work of cover-preparation, format, and estimates is done by them under the control of the Board. The Board is most grateful for this generous assistance which is given at no extra cost to the Board.

Arrangements have been made with the Youth Board and the Connexional Office to handle orders from Circuits in their respective areas. This co-operation is greatly appreciated.

General Publications.

(1) "The Church and Me"—C. O. Hailwood. Circuits have been most appreciative of the quality of this booklet and of its usefulness as a challenge to adherents to come into the full life of the Church. The initial impression of 7,000 copies has been almost completely sold and, as the booklet will continue to be of very real value, a further impression will be necessary.

(2) Aldersgate Sunday Order of Service. The Board, at the request of the President and Secretary of Conference, accepted the responsibility of publishing and distributing the Order of Service. 5,000 copies were printed and sold. As a result of this encouraging response it has been suggested to the Ecumenical Committee that an Order of Service be prepared which could be used for several years.

(3) "Christian View of Capitalism and Communism." By arrangements with the printers of the Minutes of Conference the Board reprinted the statement of the 1951 Conference on the Christian View of Capitalism and Communism, which was given general approval and commended to our people as a basis for study. A number of Senior Bible Classes and Men's Fellowships are making use of this publication.

(4) "Let's Think Again"—Joan Cochran. This booklet will be very useful for bookstalls and in pastoral work. It is a well reasoned statement of the case for Christianity.

(5) Future Publications. Preparatory work continues on a booklet explaining our doctrine of Baptism and a further one dealing with Mormonism. The Board has agreed that an effort should be made to provide the following three publications: (a) Advocating the religious education of a child. (b) Practical helps to parents in conducting family worship. (c) A presentation of the Christian values for society to replace the practical materialism which measures success in terms of wealth and power. The Board is in consultation with the Youth Board and Spiritual Advance Committee over these proposals.

Finance.

The appeal for a Working Capital Fund had resulted at the 30th June in a total of £303 14s. being received from 51 Circuits. The Board cannot believe that this is the measure of the Church's support for a progressive programme of Methodist Publications. A capi-

tal fund will make it possible to finance a larger number of publications and to provide some free literature to Circuits. Circuits are urged to honour the appeal.

This Report is presented under the growing conviction that more effective use can be made of the written word to help our people grow in the Faith as well as to reach those who rarely hear the Gospel preached. The Board hopes, with the co-operation of Circuits, to help the Church make better use of Methodist Publications for these purposes.

Nominations for the Board and Financial Statement will be presented to Conference.

W. E. A. CARR, Chairman.

W. F. FORD, Convener.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Circuits which have not made the appeal for the Board's Working Capital Fund do so as soon as possible.

3. That the Board be: The Chairman of the Auckland District, the General Superintendent of Home Missions, the General Secretary of Foreign Missions, the Principal of the Theological College. Revs. W. E. A. Carr (Chairman), D. O. Williams, A. R. Penn, B. M. Chrystall, J. J. Lewis, L. R. M. Gilmore and W. F. Ford (Convener), Mr. J. C. Wigglesworth (Lay Treasurer), Sister Rita Snowden, Misses L. Hendra and M. Reader. Messrs F. Penn, L. T. Hayman, H. J. Beavis, E. P. Salmon, W. Haythorn-Thwaite, B. R. Burton. Corresponding Members: The Connexional Secretary, the Connexional Editor and the acting-Senior Youth Director.

QUESTION L.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference concerning Military and Naval Chaplaincy Affairs?

Armed Services Chaplaincy Committee

ANNUAL REPORT, 1952

Navy.

The Rev. W. Green, Devonport, is the only honorary Naval Chaplain, who has much contact with Naval personnel and reports from trainees testify to his interest in their welfare.

Army.

The Revs. R. F. Clement and Wesley Parker have each done a tour of duty this year, the Rev. Clement at Waiouru and the Rev. Parker his second tour of duty at Papakura. Both report enthusiastically on the opportunities for effective work and speak in praise of the help given by the camp authorities. Other Chaplains have been called upon for occasional services with Territorial Units. Three Chaplains have been granted short term appointments—three years—but the denominational representation did not necessitate our making a nomination. Our obligation remains to nominate one Chaplain annually for a ten weeks' tour of duty with Territorial Force Trainees.

Air Force.

Favourable reports continue to be received of the work of the Rev. P. D. Ramsay. The Air Force has made an opening for a resident Chaplain at Woodbourne. While the Ch. D.A.C. would not overrule our wishes it has been favourably disposed towards the transfer of Mr Ramsay from Whenuapai. After reviewing all

aspects of the case our Central Committee has consented to the transfer. At Woodbourne Mr Ramsay's work will be mainly with a younger age-group than the personnel at Whenuapai. The Air Force has appointed Mr Ramsay to a Short Service Commission in the Chaplain's Branch of the R.N.Z.A.F., with effect from the 16th February, 1950, for a period of five years.

V. R. JAMIESON, Senior Chaplain.

RESOLUTIONS.

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

2. That Messrs A. J. Johnston and R. Hardie Boys be thanked for their services as Treasurers and be re-appointed.

3. That Conference protest, through the N.C.C. to the Military Command, against the holding of compulsory Sunday parades where no alternative is given to our youth.

4. That in view of the importance of Chaplaincy work in the training camps, priority should be given to the appointment of the ministers most suited for this service. In order to facilitate such appointment, the making of suitable ministerial supply be the responsibility of the District Chairman in consultation with the President of Conference.

5. That Conference congratulates the Senior Chaplain, Rev. V. R. Jamieson, M.B.E., on being awarded the Efficiency Decoration.

6. That the District Advisory Committees be as under.—

Northern: Revs. W. Walker, A. E. Orr, H. Whitfield, J. C. Draper, Wesley Parker and W. M. Garner. Mr. F. E. Sutherland.

Central: Revs. W. H. Greenslade (Chairman), V. R. Jamieson (Senior Chaplain), R. F. Clement, W. S. Dawson, J. B. Dawson, Messrs T. M. Pacey, R. Hardie Boys, A. J. Johnston and H. J. Steptoe.

Southern: Revs. V. R. Jamieson, A. F. Collins, Messrs A. A. Dingwall and H. G. Smith.

QUESTION LI.—What is the Report of the Custodian of Early Church Records, Libraries and Museums?

A. CONNEXIONAL OFFICE.

The following books and documents have been received during the year and duly acknowledged:—

Primitive Methodist District Minutes, 1911—Rev. A. E. Orr.

Ngaruawahia Q.M. Minutes—Rev. T. Walker.

Halcombe, Trust Minute Books—Rev. H. R. Wright.

Morrinsville Trust Minute Books, etc.—Rev. G. R. Thompson.

Otago-Southland Synod Journal—Rev. W. R. Laws.

North Canterbury Centennial Committee records—Mr. C. H. Perkins.

Woodville Minute Books (various)—Rev. C. B. Oldfield.

Removal Expenses Fund Committee Minute Book—Rev. L. C. Horwood.

Christchurch Conference 'Arrangements Committee, Treasurer's Records—Rev. H. E. Harkness.

H. L. FIEBIG, Custodian of Early Records.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report be received and adopted.

B.—TRINITY COLLEGE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM.

Many gifts have been made to the library during the year. The following call for special mention: Mrs Grigg made available to the College and to the Students a very large number of well-chosen volumes from the library of the late Rev. Wm. Grigg. Six volumes recently published have been added to the Alex. Reed Memorial Library, through Mr A. W. Reed. Mr J. Belton and the Rev. W. E. Allon Carr make discriminating gifts from time to time. Through the Rev. T. Carr we have received several pamphlets and lectures by John White from the estate of the Misses White, Rotorua. Others too numerous to mention individually add volumes to our shelves, and we are grateful.

The Rev. A. H. Scrivin has presented to the museum his extremely valuable collection of weapons and curios from the Solomons. From Mrs White of Blockhouse Bay we have received early missionary letters of considerable interest. Miss Gladys Luxford has presented the pocket Communion Set used by Colonel Luxford on Gallipoli. Through the Rev. A. Everil Orr we have received a copy of the Auckland Circuit Plan 1851.

We appreciate the vigilance and the historic sense of our friends, as well as their generosity.

E. W. HAMES, Principal.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report be received and adopted.

C. WESLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY. (N.Z. Branch)

ANNUAL REPORT, 1952.

The 1951 Annual Meeting was a memorable one, about one hundred people being present in the Trinity College Library to hear Miss Margaret Blight, M.A., lecture on "**The Life of James Buller**". The work of the Society has proceeded quietly during the year, rising printing costs having made it necessary to curtail our publication programme. Proceedings circulated this year are:—

Vol. 10, No. 1. "Yes, God is Good" (Tawa Flat).

Vol. 10, No. 2, "Some Yesterdays of Motueka Methodism."

Vol. 10, No. 3. (to be published in December) will be "John Whitely—Missionary Martyrs" and will include in addition a list of members of the Society.

The Society has also co-operated with Forward Books in the publication of the Rev. E. P. Blamires' "Youth Movement" (a history of the Christian Youth Movement in New Zealand)—a book which we commend to the whole Church.

Efforts are being made to secure Government assistance in the publication of two important missionary biographies:

"John Hobbs", by Mr. T. G. M. Spooner, M.A., and

"James Buller", by Miss Margaret Blight, M.A.

It is noteworthy that we celebrate this year the 125th Anniversary of the establishment of our Mission work in the Hokianga District. Plans are being made for suitable celebrations in January, 1953.

The lecturer for the Annual Meeting, 1952, is Mr. F. W. Smith, who will speak on "The Rev. Samuel Ironside and the Cloudy Bay Mission".

It is felt that the time has come when we must seek Connexional assistance to maintain our work, otherwise important historical material must remain unpublished.

E. W. HAMES, President.

L. R. M. GILMORE, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That a grant of £5 be made from the Contingent Fund to further the Society's publication programme.
3. That the Secretary of the Society be its official representative on the Board of Publications.

QUESTION LII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on matters previously remitted to Synods for Committees for Report?

1—Church Union Committee

REPORT, 1952.

One meeting of the Executive of the Church Union Committee, at which the President presided, and two meetings of the Joint Standing Committee have been held this year. It was not felt necessary, under the circumstances, to call together the full committee.

At its meeting on Wednesday, July 30th, the Executive, after consideration of a draft report of the Joint Standing Committee, and at the request of the Joint Standing Committee, gave approval to the principle of presenting such a report each year to the chief courts of the three Churches through their respective Church Union Committees. The report for this year is appended. The following matters received attention during the year:—

Reciprocal Church Membership.

The following procedure in regard to Reciprocal Church Membership (see 1951 Conf. Mins., p. 160), agreed to by the Joint Standing Committee and adopted by the 1951 General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, is now presented for adoption by the Conference:—

Preamble. The three Churches have already, in time past, declared their willingness to accept into their membership members from the other two Churches.

(a) When a member from one of the other two Churches is received on the Membership Roll, the previous Church allegiance should be noted on the roll.

(b) It should be understood that should the Church of such a member commence a cause in that district, he should be encouraged to join the same should he so desire.

(c) On leaving the congregation, such a member should be referred to the Minister of his previous denomination, if it is operating in the district to which he is shifting, and the member should be encouraged to join the Church of his previous denomination.

It is envisaged that, as part of the educational programme on Church Union to be initiated next year by the Joint Standing Committee, such recommendations will be brought to the notice of ministers and members through publicity in Church papers and other approved ways.

Union Churches.

With a view to preparing a factual report concerning the progress of Union Church parishes, the Joint Standing Committee arranged

for official visits by representatives of the Committee to Marchweil (Timaru) and Corstorphine (Dunedin) Union Churches. It was not possible to make a similar visit to Raglan Union Church this year, but the committee has kept in close touch with developments there and now receives copies of the minutes of meetings of the Oversight Committee. The latter committee has been asked to furnish the necessary information for the report. No special visitation to Taita Union Church was felt to be necessary seeing that four members of the committee are also members of the Committee of Oversight and were in a position to provide the facts required.

The completed report will be presented to the forthcoming Conference.

Proposed Union Church at Wainui-o-mata.

Because of the decision of the last General Assembly to defer decision on the question of establishing a Union Church at Wainui-o-mata (Wellington), a further vote on the issue by the local congregation was taken at the request of the Committee of Guidance. All who worship, at present, in the Methodist Church there were eligible to vote. Thirty-seven people were present when the vote was taken and the voting was virtually unanimous. Two neutral votes were recorded. This accounts for the paragraph in the report of the Joint Standing Committee, requesting the General Assembly to give approval to the establishment of a Union Church at Wainui-o-mata.

Following the taking of the vote the congregation, which is comprised mainly of Methodists and Presbyterians, unanimously requested that, if Assembly approval was not forthcoming, there be but one Church in Wainui-o-mata to cater for the needs of Methodists, Presbyterians and Congregationalists. At the moment the only Church in the locality is a Methodist Church.

Other Matters.

Other matters under consideration are: An Institute for the Training of Lay Workers of the three Churches; the possibility of the occasional interchange of lecturers as between the Theological Colleges; Lay representation of Union Churches in the courts of the negotiating Churches.

Report of the Joint Standing Committee.

The Joint Standing Committee was set up in 1951, as a result of a Conference of the Church Union Committees of the three negotiating Churches. Through the channel of the appropriate Union Committee, it now begs to submit the following report for the consideration of the supreme courts of the three Churches.

The Joint Standing Committee has received a statement of "Preamble and Ten Points" in which the Presbyterian Church expressed its mind in the 1951 Assembly concerning the Unity of the Church and Church Union. As a first step towards basic agreement, the Joint Standing Committee now respectfully requests the other two negotiating churches to consider this statement, and if it is consistent with their approach to the subject, to adopt the principles embodied and accept it as a basis for an educational programme on the principles and history of Church Union.

The next logical step to take is indicated in No. 7 of the "Ten Propositions" which reads: "It is the duty of the separated denominations of the Church to examine their differences with a view to discovering whether the grounds of their separation are any longer of essential importance, and where no fundamental principles are found

to divide them, it is their duty to enter into corporate union as soon as it is convenient and practicable."

The Joint Standing Committee has given due consideration to this point in relation to the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational Churches of N.Z. and is unanimously agreed that it finds no matters of essential importance which necessitate continued division between the three denominations they represent. Furthermore, the Joint Standing Committee affirms its conviction that corporate union between the three denominations named above is both desirable and practicable.

The Methodist Church has already declared itself in the following terms (see 1950 Conf. Mins., pp. 150-1):

(a) That Conference re-affirm its conviction that union with the Presbyterian and Congregational Churches is the will of God, and is a matter of increasing urgency.

(b) That Conference request the Church Union Committee to approach the Church Union Committees of the Presbyterian and Congregational Churches with a view to re-opening negotiations in regard to organic union.

(c) That should the combined meeting of representatives of the three negotiating churches reveal a position favourable to the re-opening of negotiations for organic union, the Methodist representatives be empowered to enter into such negotiations.

Should either of the other two churches believe that there are any insuperable obstacles which would make corporate union impossible, they are respectfully invited to submit these points through their own Union Committee to the Joint Standing Committee that they may be thoroughly examined.

As a means of removing misunderstanding concerning the unity of the Church, and of directing the attention of Church members to a matter which we believe is the will of God for our day, the Joint Standing Committee requests that, as part of its educational programme, the unity of the Church be a subject for prayer and preaching within all our churches and that a special World Communion Sunday study be prepared on the subject for the Bible Classes that day; and that, wherever possible, neighbouring Methodist, Presbyterian, and Congregational Churches be encouraged to meet together for worship and/or social activities about that time; and that, where convenient, united services be held.

A special report on Union Churches is being presented to each of the main Church Courts. In view of the re-affirmation by the Wainui-o-mata congregation of their desire to form a Union Church, and in view of the approval already given by the Methodist Conference, the Joint Standing Committee requests the General Assembly to approve the establishment of a Union Church parish at Wainui-o-mata.

The Joint Standing Committee requests the three co-operating churches to authorise the designing and use of a common Baptismal Certificate.

No information of difficulties arising from inter-denominational co-operation at the local or district level have been referred, this year, to the Joint Standing Committee.

The Committee believes it desirable that, at a reasonably early date, e.g. 1955, meetings of the Conference, the Assembly, and the Congregational Union be held, simultaneously, in the same centre, with a view to certain united acts of witness.

G. I. LAURENSEN (President of the Conference), Chairman.
A. K. PETCH, Convener.

Preamble and Ten Propositions re the Unity of the Church and Church Union as adopted by the Presbyterian Assembly, 1951.

It was a great encouragement to receive the following "Preamble and Ten Propositions relating to the Unity of the Church and Church Union" adopted by the 1951 Presbyterian Assembly, as representing its mind on the principles affecting Church Union. We understand that this is the first time the Assembly has declared its mind concerning the principle of organic union, and, in this regard, propositions 7 and 10 are of particular interest.

At the request of our Church Union Committee this "Preamble and Ten Propositions" is presented to Synods and Conference for general approval of the principles embodied in the statement, and for its acceptance as a basis for a joint-educational programme on the doctrine of the unity of the Church.

Preamble. The Church is the body of Christ, the fellowship of the redeemed, created and continuously maintained by the eternal Word of God made man in Christ and always vitalised by the Holy Spirit.

The Church is essentially one, holy, catholic and apostolic. In its visible form it consists of all those, together with their children, throughout the world who profess faith in Jesus Christ as their Saviour and their Lord. Its unity, holiness, catholicity and apostolicity are in process of realisation through the Spirit of the Lord working in its members.

The Church is not a static society but a living, growing organism guided by the Holy Spirit into a knowledge of the truth and of life eternal.

The marks of the Church are:—

- (a) The true preaching of the Word.
- (b) The right administration of the Sacraments.
- (c) Ecclesiastical discipline.

Salvation from God through Jesus Christ is imparted to the individual through the operation of the Holy Spirit making effective the outward and ordinary means of grace—the Word, the Sacraments and Prayer, and received by faith alone. These God has given to the Church. However, the Holy Spirit may work when and where and how He wills.

The Ten Propositions Relating to the Unity of the Church and Church Union.

(1) The Church is the divinely appointed body of believers who acknowledge Jesus Christ to be the Son of God, Lord and Saviour of men, and who are united to one another by their common redemption and fellowship in Him. The Church is primarily not an organisation, nor a voluntary association of Christians.

(2) Membership in the Church is not something added to salvation, for salvation involves membership in the Church. Salvation creates a unity of the saved, since there is only one Saviour, Who in saving, includes in Himself all the saved.

(3) The Church becomes visible through its members, and is hampered in its work, weakened in its witness, distorted in the visible expression of its truth, and disrupted in its organisation by the sins of its members.

(4) The Church depends upon God and not upon organisation, but so far as its visibility is concerned, it cannot exist without organisation.

(5) When the unity of the Church does not find visible expression in its organisation, it means that the essential spiritual unity is distorted and in some ways lacking although it by no means ceases to exist.

(6) Where believers in one locality or nation are divided into separate congregations or denominations respectively for worship, fellowship and witness, except on the grounds of convenience, there is a breach of unity which it is a duty to seek to overcome.

(7) It is the duty of the separated denominations of the Church to examine their differences with a view to discovering whether the grounds of their separation are any longer of essential importance, and where no fundamental principles are found to divide them, it is their duty to enter into corporate union as soon as it is convenient and practicable.

(8) The Assembly acknowledges that the division of the Church into denominations is evidence of weakness, dis-unity and sin in the Church.

(9) The Assembly acknowledges that it is the will of God for His Church in this age that she should seek to express her inner unity in Jesus Christ in terms unmistakable to the world and that she should use her resources in a manner that will transcend all denominational rivalry and best promote the interests of the Kingdom of God.

(10) The Assembly, believing it to be the will of Christ that His disciples should be all one in the Father and in Him, that the world may believe that the Father hath sent Him, recognises the obligation to seek and promote union with other denominations of the Church in which it finds the Word to be purely preached, the Sacraments administered according to Christ's ordinance, and discipline rightly exercised, and acknowledges the right of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand to unite with other denominations on a basis consistent with its acknowledged standards and constitution.

METHODIST STATEMENT ON THE UNITY AND REUNION OF THE CHURCH.

The Methodist Conference welcomes the Statement on the unity of the Church and Church Union as adopted by the Presbyterian Assembly of 1951, and believes that it will provide a fitting beginning to further negotiations for the organic union of the Presbyterian, Congregational and Methodist Churches of New Zealand. The Conference affirms its belief that union with the above Churches, providing that a satisfactory basis of union, both as to creed and polity can be agreed upon, is the will of God.

The Conference reaffirms the doctrine of the Church as set forth in "The Nature of the Christian Church" (Statement approved by the Methodist Conference, Bradford, July, 1937) and draws attention to the affirmations made therein (p. 38) and especially to the following passages:

"The Church of Christ is the home of the Holy Spirit, and is therefore a family with a unique and developing life."

1. God, Who has given us the Gospel for the salvation of the world, has appointed His Church to witness by life and word to its redeeming power. Through His revelation in Jesus Christ He had called His people to live under His rule and to be the instrument of His eternal purpose. The Church of the living God rests ultimately not on the will of men, whether as individuals or societies, but on the creative will of God. As members of the Church, men have

freely and gladly rendered their consent to the call of their Father, but it was His choice of them and not their choice of Him, that is the origin and renewing power of the life of the Church. Of this Church, Jesus Christ is the Head, the Holy Spirit its continuing Life.

2. The Church of Christ on earth is a redeemed society of believers, whose duty and privilege it is to share in the gift of the Holy Spirit, and to enjoy that communion with God the Father which has been granted in the forgiveness of sins through our Lord Jesus Christ. As they share in that gift, so they share in their allegiance to Jesus Christ Who gave it; they share in that message which is Jesus Christ Himself, and they proclaim the message not only by preaching Christ, by worshipping Christ in the Sacraments and assemblies for fellowship, but also by showing forth Christ in daily life. The mission of the Church is to be the instrument of God's purpose for mankind; to multiply the number of those redeemed persons who share the gift of the Spirit and reveal the power of God in their lives; to bring every human activity into the obedience of Christ; and, as a sacramental society, to testify that ordinary life may be holy, and that the common things of God's creation may be the revelation and tokens of His love.

3. The Church today is gathered for the most part in certain denominations or "Churches." These form but a partial and imperfect embodiment of the New Testament ideal. They are already one in Christ Jesus; they have not to create that unity; it is there; and it is the gift of God. But it is their duty to make common cause in the search for the perfect expression of that unity and holiness which in Christ are already there.

The marks whereby, since the days of the Apostles, the Church has been known of men are: "The possession and acknowledgment of the Word of God as given in Scripture, and as interpreted by the Holy Spirit to the Church and to the individual; the profession of faith in God as He is incarnate and revealed in Christ; the observance of the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper; and a ministry for the pastoral office, the preaching of the Word and the administration of the Sacraments. But while the nature of the Christian Church must be described by what it has, as well as by what it is, the real significance of what it is can only be understood when its members manifest that living faith which is fellowship with God and Jesus Christ His Son, and which is expressed in prayer, in worship, in all the means of grace, in the acceptance of the task to preach the Gospel to every creature, in the pursuit of holiness, and in the service of love to all mankind."

The Conference also reaffirms its own statements previously made regarding the unity and reunion of the Church (Minutes of Conference, 1939, p. 63; 1940, p. 83; Report of the Faith and Order Committee, 1952):

1. The Methodist Church of New Zealand believes that there is One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.

2. She believes that it was the intention of our Lord that the members of His Church should be visible to the world as one in spirit and love, one in faith, purpose and hope, and that this unity should be a witness to the world of her Divine character (John 17/21.) Her inner unity is Divinely given and is found in her allegiance to one Lord Jesus Christ and in her experience of the one Spirit of God.

3. She believes that the Church of the New Testament days and of the first four centuries was not only one inwardly in spirit and

love but also was recognisable by the world outwardly as one. The Church of the New Testament was cradled in and continuous with the People of God in the Old Testament who in their corporate life displayed both an inner and outer unity.

4. She believes that the Church of today is divided and her conception of the Church both as the Body of Christ and as the People of God compels her to view division seriously and pray and strive for an outward expression of her inner unity. She believes that the present divisions of the Church weaken her witness to the world and, wherever the competitive spirit enters, impair her efficiency as the instrument for extending the Kingdom of God. She believes that a Divine imperative is laid upon the Church to heal her divisions and to work towards the goal of a Church united not only in spirit, love, faith, purpose and hope, but also in an order which permits within it liberty and diversity. She believes that the time calls for an emphatic assertion of Brotherhood in Christ which transcends all differences of class, race and nation.

5. She believes that, though many divisions have evoked insights and loyalties which have enriched the whole Church, in view of changing historical circumstances, it may become sinful to perpetuate division. It would be sinful to be content to remain in separation from the Presbyterian and Congregational Churches when union could be achieved without loss of principle. She believes that it is her duty to submit herself to the Holy Spirit with due penitence, regard for the interests of the Kingdom of God, and petition for grace, seeking to be a truer Church and responding to every God-given pressure both from within and without towards union.

6. She reaffirms her conviction that it is the will of God for His Church in this age that she should seek to express her inner unity in Christ Jesus in terms unmistakable to the world, and also that she should use her resources in a manner that will transcend all denominational rivalry and best promote the interests of the Kingdom of God. She rejoices in the growing unity and material understanding manifest among Christian people, and declares her readiness to co-operate heartily in any effort initiated with a view to bringing about a measure of Church Union with the Presbyterian, Congregational or other Churches.

7. She affirms that the motive behind this desire and search for a united Church is missionary.

RECOMMENDATION.

That the Methodist members of the Joint Standing Committee on Church Union be asked to consider the above Methodist Statement alongside that of the Presbyterian Assembly and that both statements be used as a basis for a joint educational programme.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

2. (a) That the Preamble and Ten Propositions on the unity of the Church, and Church Union as adopted by the Presbyterian Assembly, 1951, be received.

(b) That the "Methodist Statement on the Unity and Reunion of the Church" be received and adopted.

(c) That the principles embodied in these statements be approved and accepted as a basis for an educational programme by the Joint Standing Committee.

3. That the report on Union Parishes be received and gratification expressed at the strengthening of the work in these parishes.

4. That Conference approve the recommendations concerning Reciprocal Membership and instruct Ministers and members to faithfully observe the procedure outlined.

5. (a) That Conference authorises the preparation of a Baptismal Certificate to be used where reciprocal membership is in practice and in Union Churches.

(b) That the Joint Standing Committee, in consultation with the Methodist Faith and Order Committee and similar Committees in the Presbyterian and Congregational Churches, give approval to the above Baptismal Certificate.

6. That Conference approve the principle of simultaneous meetings, at some future date, of the supreme courts of the three churches, in the same centre, for the purpose of certain united acts of witness.

7. That Conference urge Circuits to implement the programme of activities associated with World Communion Sunday as outlined in the report of the Joint Standing Committee. (p. 148).

8. That the Church Building and Loan Committee and the Home Mission Investment Fund Board consider the procedure for making finance available to Union Parishes for property requirements.

9. That the Joint Standing Committee be asked to study the implications of the Ceylon Scheme of Union in relation to the present discussions on Church Union.

10. That the Joint Standing Committee be urged to keep before the three negotiating Churches the necessity of ensuring that any new building as far as possible be so located as to be suitable for a continuing centre of work and worship should Union eventuate.

11. That the Church Union Committee for 1953 be: The President and the Secretary of Conference, Chairmen of Districts, The General Secretary for Foreign Missions, The General Superintendent of Home Missions, The Senior Youth Director, the Revs. E. W. Hames, W. G. Slade, B. M. Chrystall, E. Te Tuhi, J. D. Grocott, R. Dudley, M. A. McDowell, R. F. Clement, W. J. Morrison, W. S. Dawson, A. T. Kent, W. R. Laws, J. B. Dawson, J. J. Lewis, A. K. Petch (Convener), the Vice-President of Conference, Messrs, T. M. Pacey, J. H. Phillipps, H. de R. Flesher, S. N. Roberts, M. S. Hughson, E. L. F. Buxton, E. M. Hodder, L. A. Davis, R. H. Ellis and Mrs. A. B. Cochran.

12. That the Executive members for 1953 be: The President and the Secretary of Conference, General Superintendent of Home Missions, General Secretary of Foreign Missions, the Legal Adviser, the Convener of the Church Union Committee, and the Rev. W. G. Slade, together with Wellington members of the Committee, viz., Senior Youth Director, Revs. G. H. Goodman, M. A. MacDowell, J. D. Grocott, R. F. Clement, W. S. Dawson, W. R. Laws, J. B. Dawson, J. J. Lewis and Messrs T. M. Pacey, J. H. Phillipps, S. N. Roberts, R. H. Ellis and Mrs A. B. Cochran.

13. That the Methodist representatives on the Joint Standing Committee for 1953 be:—Revs. G. H. Goodman, M. A. McDowell, A. K. Petch and Messrs R. H. Ellis and S. N. Roberts.

2—Central Finance Committee

INTERIM REPORT, 1952.

After last Conference the Committee obtained particulars of the amounts required for the various funds and organisations, appeals for which are now included in the General Appeal.

The amounts required for the various funds and organisations are as follows:—

Trinity College	£800
Armed Services Chaplaincy Fund	100
National Council of Churches	300
Council of Christian Education	200
Hospital Chaplains	255
University Chaplains	120
New Zealand Alliance	100

Conference directed the Committee that the amount to be raised should be allocated throughout the Districts on a membership basis.

After careful consideration the Committee decided that the basis of the appeal should be 1/6 per member.

District allocations are as follows:—

	Members.	Allocation.
Auckland	5810	£435 15 0
South Auckland	3186	238 19 0
Taranaki-Wanganui	2178	163 7 0
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	2708	203 2 0
Wellington	3005	225 7 6
Nelson	1491	111 16 6
North Canterbury	3922	294 3 0
South Canterbury	1558	116 17 0
Otago-Southland	2560	192 0 0
	26,418	£1,981 7 0

The procedure suggested for the appeal is set out in the 1952 Minutes, pages 165 and 166.

Last June the Acting-President and the Committee gave their approval for Hawkes Bay-Manawatu District Executive to make an appeal for £40 for the Hospital Chaplain at the Palmerston North Hospital.

For the Committee,

H. de R. FLESHER, Convener.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

1953 Appeal.

The Committee have received the following requests:—

Trinity College	£800
Armed Forces Chaplaincy	100
University Chaplain	120
National Council of Churches	300
Hospital Chaplains	435

The Temperance Committee was unable to assist the Committee in regard to the amount to be included in the Budget for the New Zealand Alliance. It is recommended that the sum of £100 be again included for the New Zealand Alliance.

It has been reported to the Committee that in some areas local branches of the Alliance were still approaching Circuits and congregations. The New Zealand Alliance had already been advised that the amount of £100 included in the Budget for 1952 would be made on condition that there were to be no appeals to Circuits or congregations. It is recommended that the grant of £100 be made on the condition that no appeals on behalf of the Alliance be made to Circuits or congregations.

The Committee has had some difficulty in ascertaining the posi-

tion with regard to appeals for the Council of Religious Education. Last year a sum of £200 was included in the Budget. Information was later received that funds for the Council were to be raised on a district basis by that organisation. Recently it has been reported that other Churches are now making direct grants to the Council. Therefore the Committee recommends that the sum of £200 be included in the Budget for the Council of Religious Education.

It is now apparent to the Committee that for the Budget system to work smoothly it will be necessary for some funds to be kept in reserve. It is not fair to keep, for example, Hospital Chaplains waiting until after the annual appeal is made. It is quite possible that there might be an urgent demand by one of the funds for assistance during a year.

In order to meet the present requests and at the same time to provide working capital and a reserve the Committee recommends that the basis of the appeal for 1953 be at the rate of 2/- per member.

Committee.

It is with sincere regret that the Committee records the death of Mr. W. C. Francis, who had been a most helpful member of the Committee since its inception.

Mr. H. Chapman, who has been a valued member of the Committee since its inception, tenders his resignation and it is with regret that the Committee accepts it.

The Committee nominates Messrs. E. R. Caygill and C. H. Perkins to fill the vacancies.

WM. T. BLIGHT, Chairman.

H. de R. FLESHER, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Budget for 1953 be:

Trinity College	£800
Armed Forces Chaplaincy	100
University Chaplain	120
National Council of Churches	300
Hospital Chaplains	435
Council for Christian Education	200
New Zealand Alliance	100

3. That the rate for 1953 be two shillings (2/-) per member.

4. That after the initial stages of the new system of budgeting is over, the Central Finance Committee give consideration to the question of making a per capita addition to the allocation and using the amount raised to undertake annually in New Zealand some piece of extension work in the name of the whole Church; this to be operated on some agreed order of priorities as determined under the direction of Conference.

5. That District Executives investigate the needs of Hospital Visitation throughout their Districts.

6. That the Central Finance Committee be asked to give consideration to:

(a) The practice of some Circuits paying their allocation to the General Connexional Appeal or some portion of it only, out of Circuit Funds.

(b) The withholding by Circuits of amounts raised in excess of their allocation.

7. That if there be any surplus after allocations have been made this year, a further amount be paid to the N.Z. Alliance and that an endeavour be made to increase the allocation next year for the N.Z. Alliance.

8. That the Central Finance Committee consider the matter of Stipends and Allowances paid to Ministers appointed to Connexional Departments and Institutions.

CENTRAL FINANCE COMMITTEES.

A. CENTRAL COMMITTEE: District Chairman, (North Canterbury), Connexional Secretary, Messrs. L. G. K. Steven, E. R. Caygill, C. H. Perkins, and H. de R. Flesher (Convener).

B. DISTRICTS:

AUCKLAND: President of Conference, Deputy District Chairman, District Financial Secretary, Messrs A. Turner, H. P. Mourant, G. S. Gapper and W. J. Court.

SOUTH AUCKLAND: District Chairman, Revs. H. C. Matthews (Convener), Messrs. B. Williams, W. B. Young, W. F. Walters and P. Rushton.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI: District Chairman, Rev. L. G. Hanna, Messrs. M. S. Hughson and H. J. Craig.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU: District Chairman, Revs. W. R. Laws, L. Greenslade, F. H. Parker, Messrs. A. H. Fisher, H. Bycroft, W. N. Brewer, J. H. Oldham and L. A. Davis.

WELLINGTON: District Chairman, Rev. M. A. McDowell, Messrs. T. M. Pacey, A. J. Johnston and D. Tayler (Convener).

NELSON: District Chairman, Rev. C. H. Bell, Messrs. H. J. Savage, E. S. Wratt and F. Southgate.

NORTH CANTERBURY: District Chairman, Rev. A. M. Costain, Messrs. M. Hosking, W. E. Clothier and F. Baird.

SOUTH CANTERBURY: District Chairman, Messrs. E. Hight, H. C. B. Withell and P. G. Woodnorth.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND: District Chairman, Rev. G. R. H. Peterson, Messrs. J. McIndoe, H. H. Johnson and A. L. Stanton.

3—Transport Trust Board, Inc.

ANNUAL REPORT, 1952

Availability of Cars.

The Board is pleased to report that the urgent needs of Ministers and Home Missionaries appear to have been met. The motor car supply position has so improved during the past year that those requiring cars have been able to make their own arrangements for delivery and to select a type of car best suited for each particular need.

Tyres.

Enquiries were again made during the year as to the possibility of acquiring, on a wholesale basis, tyres for cars being used for Church purposes. This was found to be impracticable both as regards the obtaining of a price concession and also as regards effective distribution.

Travelling Allowances.

The Board has found no need for recommending any change in the scale of travelling allowances as approved by the 1951 Confer-

ence, costs having remained reasonably constant. For purposes of convenience, the scale now in operation is stated as under:—

Mileage	Up to 9.5 h.p.	9.6 to 14.5 h.p. (inclus.)	Over 14.5 h.p.
Up to 1,000	6½d.	7½d.	8½d.
1,001—2,000	5½d.	6½d.	8 d.
2,001—3,000	5½d.	6½d.	7½d.
3,001—4,000	5 d.	6 d.	7½d.
4,001—5,000	5 d.	5½d.	7 d.
5,001—6,000	4½d.	5½d.	6½d.
6,001—7,000	4½d.	5½d.	6½d.
Over 7,000	4½d.	5½d.	6½d.

There is good reason for believing that an increasing number of circuits are loyally adopting the Conference scale. It is known, however, that some Ministers and Home Missionaries are struggling to carry on with totally inadequate allowances to the material disadvantage of themselves and their families. The Board urges all Circuits to loyally adhere to all Conference decisions in this connection.

Further it is noted that, in printing the new Law Book, there has been omitted reference to the following resolution of 1945 Conference:

"That there be added to the questions of the June Quarterly Meeting the following, 'Have adequate arrangements for travelling been made with the Ministers and Home Missionaries of the Circuit?'"

The Board asks Conference to re-affirm this resolution to the end that all Quarterly Meetings will review Circuit travelling arrangements at least once a year.

Equalisation of Travelling Costs.

As directed by the 1951 Conference, the Board has again considered the suggestion that travelling costs throughout the Connexion be pooled under some form of equalisation as between town and country circuits. The Board has been in consultation with the Home Mission Board and both bodies are firmly of the opinion that the development of such a proposal would be unwise and impracticable. It would be difficult to administer, compulsion would cause resentment, and there would undoubtedly be a substantial overall increase in the figure for travelling for the whole Church. The Board fully supports the view of the Home Mission Department, that the equalisation of travelling burdens throughout the Dominion should be through the Home Mission Fund on a voluntary basis. This is already being largely achieved, and there is already machinery for ensuring that the costs of essential travelling are reasonably well covered.

Insurance.

The Board would point out that the Connexional Fire Insurance Department of the Church is able, through the Insurance Company with which it is associated, to arrange comprehensive insurance policies on Motor Cars; rates of premiums are reported to be as favourable as elsewhere and the Department can offer a full insurance service. In addition the Church as a whole will benefit to the extent that the Department will be able to increase its financial help to important sections of Church activity. The Board urges Ministers and Home Missionaries to support this worthwhile activity, when arranging or reviewing insurance policies.

Financial Assistance for the Purchase of Cars.

This section of the Board's activities has been developed during the past year. Advances have been made to 14 Ministers and Home Missionaries to a total value of £4,298/19/-. Acting under authority granted by the last Conference, the Foreign Mission Department has rendered very real assistance, which the Board gratefully acknowledges, by loaning the Board a sum of £3,000 at a rate of interest 1% lower than that applicable for ordinary bank overdrafts. This saving of 1% has been passed on to borrowers whose loans are now subject to interest at the rate of 4½%. At the time of writing this report, all repayments are up to date.

Financial Statement.

The annual accounts submitted show a deficit for the year of £26/12/2. It will be noted that this is due to initial legal expenses which will not be recurring.

Personnel of Board for 1953.

During the past year members residing at a distance from Wellington have found it difficult to attend meetings. Further the nature of the Board's operations do not now justify members being obliged to travel long distances to attend meetings. It is, therefore, suggested that the Board for 1953 consist of the present Wellington and Hutt Valley members and that at present more distant members be appointed as Consultants. Pursuant to Clause 3 of the Constitution, the following are accordingly nominated as members of the Transport Trust Board for 1953:—

The Chairman of the Wellington District, the Superintendent of Home Mission Department, Rev. R. Grice, a Minister to be nominated at Conference, Messrs A. J. Johnston, S. Roberts, C. A. Russell, D. Tayler, J. C. Riddell, W. King, J. H. Phillips, R. Hardie Boys, G. E. Turney, F. Torrence and T. M. Pacey.

The following are nominated as corresponding consultants:—

Revs. B. M. Chrystall, B. H. Riseley, Messrs J. B. Beeche, W. J. Court, W. F. Walters, C. V. Woodfield and E. M. Hodder.

G. H. GOODMAN, Chairman.

T. M. PACEY, Hon Secretary

D. TAYLER, Hon. Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS.

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

2. That there be added to the questions of the June Quarterly Meeting the following: "Have adequate arrangements for travelling been made with the Ministers and Home Missionaries in the District?"

4—Closer Relations With Australia Committee

REPORT, 1952.

This year's work has been confined to routine business, and general attention to matters which are the prerogative of the Committee.

The visit of the President to Australia in his official capacity, and also as Superintendent of the Home and Maori Mission Department, is felt to be significant. This visit is a reciprocal one, the Rev. A. G. Manefield having visited New Zealand last year. Such visits are part of the policy of the Committee who encourage and help where possible in arranging for leaders from both countries to make such contacts. It is felt this will further the end the Conference has in mind, and forge a further link in good relations.

The most important anticipation of the C.R.A. Committee is the closer co-ordination of the Overseas Mission Departments under some arrangement with the General Conference and our own. The matter has been in mind over a long period of time and is now receiving further attention by the Boards in both countries. When the new General Secretary is established we contemplate further action in this direction.

The Youth Department is in touch with Australia on youth matters, and it is hoped to arrange visits from such men as Dr. When, Youth Director of New South Wales.

It is the hope of the committee that a suggestion made for assisting visitors by having information centres in each place will bear fruit, and that the Connexional papers will increasingly feature the work of other Conferences and seek to further the ends for which this committee and its Australian counter-part exist.

With the advance in communication and travel, and the fact that the destiny of the two countries is linked so closely, the committee feels its work is of the utmost importance and will prove of lasting value.

E. D. PATCHETT, Chairman.

W. E. A. CARR, Convener.

RECOMMENDATION.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

QUESTION LIII.—Who are the Members of the Committee of Privileges?

The President, Vice-President, Secretary of Conference, Revs. W. A. Burley, W. W. H. Greenslade, and G. H. Goodman, Messrs. S. N. Roberts, T. M. Pacey, and H. de R. Flesher. Secretary of Conference, Convener.

Committee of Exigency to be the Wellington members of the above Committee.

QUESTION LIV.—Who are the Members of the District Executive Committees?

AUCKLAND: Chairman of the District, General Superintendent of the Home Mission Department, General Secretary of the Foreign Mission Department, Principal of Trinity Theological College, Superintendents of Auckland Central, Auckland East, Auckland West, Auckland South, Central Mission, Avondale, Takapuna, Birkenhead, Devonport Circuits, Rev. L. A. Brooks, and Messrs. S. E. Chappell, T. L. Hames, C. K. Wigglesworth, R. Laking, A. E. Freeman, E. Dalley and H. G. Taylor. Convener: Rev. L. A. Brooks,

NORTHLAND: Rev. J. H. Allen (Chairman), all Northland Ministers, and Messrs. E. A. Fenwick, R. Dunn, W. G. Simpkin, H. E. Walters, H. Neal, Rhys Williams, George Pearson, G. Ferguson, W. J. Court (Secretary).

SOUTH AUCKLAND: The Chairman of the District; the Superintendent Ministers of the Hamilton, Hamilton East, Cambridge, Te Awamutu, Te Kuiti, Matamata, Te Aroha, Morrinsville and Thames Circuits; Messrs. W. B. L. Williams, W. B. Young, W. A. Collins, J. R. Cullen, G. E. Simpson, W. A. Clark, P. Rushton, W. F. Walters, and one from the Thames area. Convener: Rev. J. M. Blight.

Bay of Plenty Sub-Executive: The Ministers of Rotorua, Tauranga and Whakatane Circuits; Messrs. F. N. Christian, N. Pachoud and A. F. Barwell. Convener: Rev. A. T. Kent.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI: Taranaki: Revs. E. T. Olds (Chairman of the District), L. Shapcott, H. Moore, H. W. Payne and L. G. Hanna; Messrs. K. F. Andrews, M. S. Hughson, D. I. West, W. Greenwood and J. Harding.

Wanganui: Revs. G. R. Thompson, E. D. Grounds, A. R. Nuttall and H. Wright; Messrs. J. Thomson, W. Thrush, E. L. Buxton, S. Laurenson, and a representative from Taihape and Raetihi.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU: Manawatu: Revs. W. R. Laws, L. Greenslade, F. H. Parker, A. H. Ivory and H. V. Utting; Messrs. A. H. Smithers, J. R. Grigg, T. M. Henson, I. G. Baber, J. G. Bleakley and L. Gwynn.

Hawke's Bay: Revs. W. R. Francis, T. H. Carr, H. M. Brasell, E. C. Leadley and J. A. Daglish; Messrs. L. A. Davis, J. P. Boyd, W. E. Donnelly, W. Holloway and J. H. Oldham.

WELLINGTON: District Chairman, Revs. W. H. Greenslade, J. H. Woolford, F. J. Handy, R. Grice, M. A. McDowell, W. S. Dawson, L. V. Willing, J. B. Dawson and A. J. Johnson; Messrs. C. G. Lovatt, C. J. Freeman, S. N. Roberts, W. S. White, T. H. Galbraith, D. Chisholm, R. Sullivan, Mrs. A. Bruce, Misses V. Roughton, A. Johnston and J. H. Hopley. Convener: Rev. R. G. Bell.

NELSON: Revs. C. O. Hailwood, C. H. Bell and E. Baker; Mrs. L. G. White; Messrs. H. J. Savage, M. A. Nightingale, R. C. A. Marshall, A. Winn, C. E. Jordan, E. S. Wratt, D. W. Silvester, A. A. Leaper and G. Everett.

Sub-District Executive Committee:—

Westport: Rev. W. G. Eisner and Mr. L. McDonald.

Reefton: Rev. A. W. R. Mead and Mr. Mason McLean.

Greymouth: Rev. A. P. Dorrian and Mr. E. W. Cock.

Hokitika: Rev. W. E. Moore and Mr. M. W. T. Moore.

NORTH CANTERBURY: Revs. W. T. Blight (Chairman of the District), H. L. Fiebig, V. R. Jamieson, W. G. Slade, G. R. Harris, A. M. Costain, H. E. Harkness, A. K. Petch, W. E. Falkingham and W. A. Chambers; Messrs. H. de R. Flesher, B. A. Caygill, S. D. McHarg, W. A. Clothier, J. Pryor, J. H. Yarr, G. E. Hill, H. Falkingham, W. D. M. Jamieson and E. D. Sincock.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND: Revs. E. S. Hoddinott, G. R. H. Peterson, T. A. Bybus, H. I. K. Hopper, L. P. Schroeder, R. Dudley, J. K. Watson, H. G. Brown, H. A. Cochrane; Misses E. Wilson, E. C. Purdie; Sister Ruth Fawcett; Messrs. J. McIndoe, H. H. Johnson, A. L. Stanton, E. D. Smyth, G. R. Galbreath, E. H. James and C. Chirnside.

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 REVISION COMMITTEE.

Report, 1952.

The following matters have been referred to the Committee:—

- (1) Proposal to amend Question 39 of The Synod Agenda, page 66, so as to include a reference to other Social Service activities (1951 Minutes, page 138).

In view of the fact that Conference will be considering the constitution of the Methodist Social Service Association it is recommended that no action be taken this year. It is more than likely that some amendments will be necessary consequent to the adoption of the constitution of the Association.

(2) Relationship of Faith and Order Committee to Ecumenical Committee (1951 Minutes, page 185).

Under the present law the Ecumenical Committee is to consider matters affecting the World Church (paragraph 488, page 91).

In the opinion of the Committee the Ecumenical Committee should deal only with matters affecting our Church relationship in general to the World Church.

The Faith and Order Committee, as its name implies, should deal with matters of doctrine and polity relating intimately to our own Church. This Committee would recommend to Conference on matters affecting our Church. The Ecumenical Committee will then apply such recommendations in our relations with other Churches.

The Committee is of the opinion that the provisions of paragraph 488 sufficiently define the duties of the Ecumenical Committee. It, however, recommends that there should be added on Page 91 the following:—

X. a. Faith and Order Committee.

488a. A Faith and Order Committee shall be appointed at each Conference. The Committee shall consider matters relating to the doctrine and polity of the Church and report thereon to Synods and the Conference.

(3) District Chairman—years of status (1951 Minutes, page 176).

Last year the Committee pointed out that the office of District Chairman was one to which an experienced Minister should be appointed and recommended that a District Chairman be a Minister of at least ten years' standing. This was referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

A perusal of the duties of a District Chairman show that it is a position to which an experienced Minister should be appointed. He must have an adequate background of Circuit and Connexional life and work. He requires a knowledge of his brother Ministers. He is not only concerned with matters of his own District but he is the representative of the Conference in the District. It must be remembered that as well as being Chairman he is also a Circuit Minister. Both Ministers and Laymen of his District look to him for advice and leadership.

Therefore it is submitted that it is in the interests of the Church that experienced Ministers should be appointed Chairmen. The President of the Conference must be a Minister of not less than fifteen years' standing. The Secretary of Conference must be a Minister of not less than ten years' standing. The Committee is of the opinion that a Chairman of a District should be at least as experienced a Minister as a Secretary of Conference. Under the present law it is possible for a Minister who may have served in only one Circuit or who has never been a Circuit Superintendent to be appointed a Chairman.

Therefore the Committee recommends that provision be made to the effect that a Chairman of a District must be a Minister of not less than ten years' standing.

(4) Collection on Home Mission Sunday.

It has been pointed out to the Committee that no provision has

been made in sub-paragraph 24 on page 115 for the Department to receive the Sunday collection.

The Committee therefore recommends that the following be added to sub-paragraph 24:—

"The provisions of (a) and (b) sub-paragraph (13) of paragraph 504 (page 108) shall *mutatis mutandis* apply."

(5) **Committee.**

As Rev. H. J. Odell will be leaving Christchurch the Committee recommends that he be appointed a corresponding member and that the Rev. W. T. Blight be appointed in his place.

H. de R. FLESHER, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That section (1) be adopted.

2. That section (2) be adopted and the Law Book amended accordingly.

3. (a) That section (3) be received.

(b) That the Law Revision Committee be requested to re-examine during the year the question of the eligibility of ministers for election as District Chairmen and the method of such election and report to Synods and Conference 1953.

4. That this section be adopted and the Law amended accordingly.

5. That the Law Revision Committee consider alteration of regulations 288 and 462 of the Law Book by substitution of "A member of the N.Z. Society of Accountants" for "Registered Accountant" and "Public Accountant" respectively.

6. That the Law Revision Committee consider the whole matter of the method of presentation of reports to Conference.

7. That the Committee for 1953 be: Revs. Dr. C. H. Laws, W. A. Burley, E. Drake, H. J. Odell, W. T. Blight and H. L. Fiebig. Mr. H. de R. Flesher (Convener).

QUESTION LVI.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on other Questions?

1—Ecumenical Committee

ANNUAL REPORT, 1952

The Ecumenical work of the Church this year has been more largely carried out by circuits and by Synods than formerly. At the request of the National Council of Churches various questions related to the Church, Ordination, Authority and the Scriptures were submitted to District Ministerial Committees and other Church courts. The questions were reframed by Rev. John Silvester and distributed to districts. Districts reported their replies to the Faith and Order Committee which will make a report to Synods. The replies when approved by Conference will be forwarded to the National Council of Churches in preparation for a later Faith and Order Conference. Budget, National Council of Churches.

The increasing financial response of the Church to meet the N.C.C. budget has continued. In 1948 our contribution toward the budget of £300 was only £140, but since then we have met the full allocation.

This year the new method of raising the budget under the Central Finance Committee has created a temporary difficulty which

will require adjusting. The N.C.C. year ends on June 30th and the budget allocation of £300 is due by that date. Because of the Central Finance Committee appeal several circuits have not been able to contribute to the N.C.C. budget before June 30th. The Home Mission Board has advanced £125 to fulfil the allocation and will be repaid when the later income is received.

Future Activities.

The Committee welcomes a definition of duties because the work of three Ecumenical committees overlaps and there is danger that some important activities will be overlooked.

Youth Committee, National Council of Churches.

The Committee congratulates student Rua Rakena on the great honour and opportunity of representation of New Zealand Christian Youth at Travancore.

It is a signal honour and distinction for the Methodist Church and we hope Mr Rakena will be able to bring back to New Zealand the inspiration of the Youth Conference and we have every confidence that he will be a worthy representative.

Overseas Councils.

The Convener, since last report was presented had the very great privilege of attending the Central Committee of the World Council, the Study Department, an Inter-Church Aid Consultation, a Mission of Friendship of the W.C.C. to Greece and Yugoslavia and meeting of the British Council. In several districts he has been able to give public addresses on the ecumenical movement as he has seen it and the first hand information has been of considerable value. After-Church social hours have been most fruitfully used. The message he has brought back of the world task of the Church in this century should strengthen Methodism's ecumenical activities.

Thanks.

The Committee is grateful for the work done by the Acting-Convener, the Rev. J. H. Woolford, during the convener's absence.

National Council of Churches.

The annual report indicates a variety of important tasks undertaken in the name of the Constituent Churches. The Rev. A. T. McNaughton, M.A., B.D., who succeeded the Rev. A. A. Brash as Secretary has established himself in his office and is evidencing his suitability for this position. Inter-Church Aid Appeals for relief of Korean and Arab refugees resulted in some £9,919 being contributed. Displaced persons finding a new home in New Zealand were ministered to by the appointed Chaplain at Pahiatua. Young men in military camps have received guidance through the booklet "You and the Padre." A successful conference for theological students in Christchurch in August, 1951, was attended by 50 students representing six colleges, and made for closer fellowship and mutual understanding.

The Women's Committee has again provided a helpful series of study booklets. The World Day of Prayer was again observed throughout New Zealand. Offertories received at these services amounting to £652 were used for reconstruction of various Mission properties in Fiji and elsewhere destroyed or damaged by hurricanes.

An outstanding feature of the work of the Youth Committee was the visit of the Rev. D. T. Niles of Ceylon. This proved an inspiration to the whole Church. An advanced Recreational Leadership Training Course again proved highly successful this year. Bible

Classes and Sunday Schools throughout New Zealand contributed £2,400 toward an appeal for "orphans of Korea". Examinations have been arranged for a Diploma in Youth Leadership, enabling young people to equip themselves for effective Christian service.

The Annual General Meeting of the Maori Section was held at Ngaruawahia, when members were the guests of Princess Te Puea and King Koroki and the Methodist Church was host. The Executive attended to questions arising from the need for religious education and the Maori Social and Economic Act. Representations have been made to the Government concerning the very vexed questions of the proposed use of the Marae at Orakei as a public reserve. Though the Executive gave active support and pressed the Maori claims the Government made no change in its decisions.

The Maori Section shared with Princess Te Puea great concern at the ravages of the drink evil among Maori people and has given renewed earnestness in proclaiming the need for personal temperance and a solid group of people pledged to total abstinence. The section is very active and has good standing among the Maori people.

Alterations in Constitution (N.C.C.).

Conference is asked to approve the undermentioned alterations. These do not involve any change in policy but are machinery clauses:

- (a) Executive: Read 8 members shall be elected to the Executive (instead of 5 as hitherto).
- (b) Replace designation of "Chairman" and "Vice-Chairman" (of the Council) with "President" and "Vice-President."
- (c) Add, "Where the President or the Vice-President is unable to act as chairman of the Executive Committee for the year, the Executive Committee shall be empowered to select its own chairman."

ECUMENICAL COMMITTEE.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

Ecumenical Committee:

Since the Synod Report was prepared the following urgent matters were referred to the Committee and we now submit them to the Conference:—

Change in Constitution of the National Council of Churches.

- (1) That a new Clause (7) be added, reading:
"Where the President or Vice-President is unable to act as Chairman of the Executive Committee for the year, the Executive Committee shall be empowered to elect its own Chairman."
- (2) That in section (c) Officers, the words "Chairman" and "Vice-Chairman" be replaced respectively by the words "President" and "Vice-President".

(A) That Conference approve of the changes in the Constitution of the National Council of Churches, which are for the more efficient handling of Committee work and affect no principle.

(B) United Evangelistic Nation-wide Crusade:

The Committee received the following comments from the National Council of Churches:—

"At the Annual Meeting of the Council on July 29 and 30 of this year, a good deal of time was given to considering a far-reaching proposal by Lieut.-Commissioner R. A. Hoggard, who suggested that the Council might consider a Nation-wide Crusade to reach the unchurched. This was very sympathetically examined by the Council which approved the under-noted four resolutions:—

- "1. This Council affirms the responsibility which rests on the constituent Churches to make visible from time to time their common conviction and to make a common impact upon the national life.
- "2. The Council feels that the time has come to consult the Churches with the object of considering some form of united evangelistic effort.
- "3. Encouraged by the special evangelistic efforts being made by the constituent Churches, the Council invites the Churches to consider appointing representatives to meet together in dependence upon the promised guidance of the Holy Spirit, to learn what God will say to our Churches about their common task.
- "4. The Council agrees that these resolutions be sent by the Executive to the forthcoming Annual Meetings of the courts of the Churches with the request that if agreeable they intimate their willingness to engage in preliminary consultation as early as practicable."

The Committee recommends:

That Conference give its enthusiastic support to the proposal outlined and asks the whole Church to remember the proposals in its prayers and Church programme and that representatives be appointed to meet together with representatives of other Communions for guidance.

(C) World Council Finance:

The Methodist Church of New Zealand contributes £34 per year to the World Council of Churches as its contribution to the working expenses of the Council. This amount has been considerably less than a proportionate contribution and other branches of the Council have had to meet a larger allocation to compensate for the deficiency in the New Zealand contribution. The matter has been raised by Mr. F. Northam, of the Department of Business and Finance of the World Council, and he has asked that we meet a proportionate allocation, £98 per year, for the World Council.

The Committee recommends to Conference that the Methodist Church of New Zealand contribute £98 per year to the budget of the World Council, and that we make the contribution as from 1954.

G. H. GOODMAN, Chairman.

J. D. GROCOTT, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Revs. H. L. Fiebig, J. D. Grocott, A. K. Petch and Dr. R. Dudley be representatives on the Council of the National Council of Churches and that the Rev. G. H. Goodman be alternate.
3. That the representatives on the Women's Section be Mesdames R. Pearce, H. Ford, P. A. Le Brun and A. B. Cochran (corresponding member).
4. That the representatives on the Maori Section be Revs. G. I. Laurenson, E. Te Tuhi and H. A. Darvill and Sister Heeni Wharemaru.
5. That the following grants be authorised: £300 to the budget of the N.C.C.; £6 affiliation fee to the N.C.C.; £34 to the World Council through the N.C.C. and £5 to the Ecumenical Committee.
6. That the N.C.C. Christmas Appeal be commended to the circuits.

7. That the representatives on the Youth Committee be: Revs. A. J. Johnston and R. H. Allen; Miss D. Ritchie and Mr. H. W. Beaumont.

8. That Conference approve of the changes in the Constitution of the National Council of Churches as set out in supplementary report (1) and (2).

9. That Conference give its enthusiastic support to the proposals outlined regarding a Nation-wide Evangelistic Crusade and asks the whole Church to remember the proposals in its prayers and Church programme and that representatives be appointed by the President to meet together with representatives of other Communion for guidance.

10. That the Church be again called to observe World Communion Sunday and that the Communion card prepared by the Spiritual Advancement Committee be commended to Circuits.

11. That the Contingent Fund Treasurers consider raising the contribution to the budget of the World Council, to £98 per year, commencing in 1954.

12. That the Secretary of Conference and the Ecumenical Committee be asked to give publicity to the representation required from the Methodist Church at various World Conferences with a view to discovering members and ministers who may be travelling at the time, being able to represent the Church.

13. That when a deputation from another Church concerned with Church Union is invited to attend the Conference sessions, it be the session when the Ecumenical Committee's Report is considered.

14. That the Ecumenical Committee be requested to investigate the steps to be taken to ensure that our Church is represented at the General Assembly of the World Council of Churches at Evanston, Illinois, U.S.A. in 1954.

15. That the Committee for 1953 be: The Chairman of the District, the Revs. J. D. Grocott, M. A. McDowell, F. Greenwood, W. S. Dawson, R. G. Bell, L. V. Willing and J. H. Woolford; Misses P. Yearbury and R. McBride; Mr. R. Sullivan Convener: Rev. J. D. Grocott.

2—Faith and Order Committee

1. Ordination of Ministers, Probationers, Deaconesses, and Senior Home Missionaries.

(Ref: Minutes of Conference, 1949, p. 29, par. 9; p. 118, par. 7; p. 155, par. 2.)

The Committee having given serious attention to the questions submitted for consideration has discovered that large and important issues are involved. These matters were not able to be discussed without reference to the whole question of the doctrine and practice of Ordination. Information has been sought from the British Methodist and American Methodist Conferences and from the United Church of Canada and the findings of the Committee have been based largely upon the doctrine and practice of Ordination in Methodist Conferences overseas as well as upon consideration of local conditions. The Committee considers it to be a matter of importance that the Church should be clear as to her own position in these questions and that she should regularise her practice especially in view of ecumenical discussions and relationship with other Communion.

A. The Ministry and Ordination.

(a) The Ministry is of Divine appointment and is a perpetual ordinance in the Church. Within the Church there is a universal ministry since all Christians are ministers in virtue of their membership in one Body. Within that universal ministry there are those who are called to be "servants of the Word". The "Ministry of the Word and Sacraments" is a special gift of Christ to His Church. "In the New Testament the ministry of the Word and the Sacraments is a divine gift to the Church, and was in those early days an integral part of its organic life. It was a ministry within the Church exercising in the name and by the authority of the Lord Who is the Head of the Church, powers and functions which are inherent in the Church." ("The Nature of the Christian Church", Statement approved by the Methodist Conference, Bradford, July, 1937).

(b) Ordination by prayer and the laying on of hands is an act both of God and of the Church. It is the sign and seal of the Divine Commission to the Ministry of the Universal Church and marks the Church's confirmation of the ordinand's sense of Divine call and her authorisation to perform the characteristic functions of the Christian ministry. Since ordination is the act of God in response to the prayer of the Church, it is a once-for-all act and is valid for the whole Catholic Church.

(c) Since there is only one "Ministry of Word and Sacrament" in the sense defined in paragraph (a), the term 'Ordination' should be restricted to the full function and status of this ministry. It is right that great care should be exercised in the due appointment and authorisation of this ministry of the Word and Sacraments. The Church may, if the need arise and when convinced of the Divine call thereto, authorise the function of auxiliary ministries of Deaconesses, Home Missionaries, Local Preachers and also the lay administration of the Sacraments. For the sake of clarity it is desirable that some word other than "Ordination" be used for the recognition and authorisation of Probationers, Deaconesses and Home Missionaries, e.g., "Commissioning" or "Licensing". Authority to administer the Sacrament of Holy Communion should be restricted to the Ministry which has been ordained to this function within the Church and also to those who in special circumstances may be so authorised by the Church. This is especially desirable in view of our relations with other Communion within the one Body of Christ.

B. Ordination of Probationers as Deacons.

Having considered the proposal for the ordination of Probationers as Deacons, we are of the opinion that, unless the Conference is prepared to follow the American Methodist precedent and institute a threefold ministry of Bishops, Presbyters and Deacons, it would be confusing to depart from the accepted parity of ministerial orders. In view of the movement towards the union of the Churches, it would be undesirable to create further subordinate orders of ministry.

C. Ordination of Home Missionaries as Deacons.

The question of the possible ordination of Senior Home Missionaries as Deacons is answered in the previous sections A (c) and B.

D. Ordination of Deaconesses.

The question of the possible ordination of Deaconesses is answered in Sections A (c) and B above.

The Committee's recommendations are to be found at the conclusion of the report.

2. Handbook on Methodism.

(Ref. Minutes of Conference, 1950, p. 61).

The Committee, on the request of Conference, has given consideration to the possibility of publishing a suitable handbook on Methodism. In view of the fact that a revised edition of Rev. C. T. Symons' book "Our Fathers' Faith and Ours" is soon to be in circulation, the Committee believes that, at this stage, it is not advisable to undertake a further publication of this kind.

3. Status of Deaconesses Who Marry.

(Ref. Minutes 1951, p. 148-2.)

The Committee has considered the question of the status of Deaconesses who marry and is of the opinion that the matter is adequately covered by the existing law (p. 123/37-38). It does not appear that the law provides an absolute bar to the possible reappointment of a Deaconess at a later date.

4. Faith and Order.

(Ref. Minutes 1951, p. 178, 181/9, 186/6).

I. The Disunity of the Church.

Q. A. "In the light of the nature of the Church and of its Divine purpose, and in view of the missionary need in this country, what is the attitude of your Church to our present divisions?"

a. The Methodist Church of New Zealand believes that there is One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church and within that Church she confesses the historic creeds and cherishes her place.

b. She believes that it was the intention of our Lord that the members of His Church should be visible to the world as one in Spirit and love, one in faith, purpose, and hope and that this unity should be a witness to the world of her Divine character. (John 17/21). Her inner unity is Divinely given and is found in her allegiance to one Lord Jesus Christ and in her experience of the one Spirit of God.

c. She believes that the Church of New Testament days and of the first four centuries was not only one inwardly in spirit and love but also was recognisable by the world outwardly as one. The Church of the New Testament was cradled in and continuous with the People of God in the Old Testament which possessed both an inner and outer unity. (There was on qahal).

d. She believes that the Church of today is divided and her conception of the Church both as the Body of Christ and as the People of God compels her to view division seriously and pray and strive for an outward expression of her inner unity. She believes that the present divisions of the Church weaken her witness to the world and, wherever the competitive spirit enters, impair her efficiency as the instrument for extending the Kingdom of God. She believes that a Divine imperative is laid upon the Church to heal her divisions and to work towards the goal of a Church united not only in spirit, love, faith, purpose and hope, but also in an order which permits within it liberty and diversity.

e. The motive behind this desire and search for a united Church is missionary.

Q.B. "If, in the course of history, your Church has become divided from other Churches in New Zealand, do you consider that the original issues at stake are relevant at the present time?"

(i) Causes of Separation.

(a) Methodism emerged from the Church of England, gathering into her fellowship in addition, many members from outside the parent

Church, primarily as the result of an experience of the Holy Spirit not generally shared or understood by the contemporary Churches. Through separation, Methodism was able to preserve, develop, and offer a unique contribution to the whole Church. Under the movement of the Spirit there were gathered into Methodism vital elements of other traditions, not at that period found in the Church of England.

Other factors contributing to final separation included :—

(b) Wesley's acts of ordination which were made necessary primarily by the missionary situation in America and which contravened the doctrine and practice of the Church of England.

(c) Wesley's controversy with the Calvinists and his opposition to predestinarianism.

(d) The denial by the Church of England to the many new and unconfirmed converts of the right of participating in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

(e) The hostility of many of the Bishops and Clergy of the Church of England and the intolerant zeal of many Methodists.

(ii) Relevance.

Not all these issues are relevant in the twentieth century. Animosities and intolerance have in a measure been overcome. Greater mutual understanding has developed amongst those of Calvinist and Arminian traditions. Some of the original issues do however persist in modified forms. Methodism still joins issue with neo-Calvinism in its extreme forms and with the Anglo-Catholic doctrine of Apostolic Succession which claims the succession of Episcopal ordination to be the only valid channel of grace. Methodism further maintains an open communion.

In the field of religious experience Methodism believes she still offers a distinctive contribution to the World Church. Methodism not only emerged from the Church of England but also became heir to the full Catholic and Reformed traditions through the Wesleys and through Lutheran, Moravian and Non-Conformist influences. Growing out of a spiritual revival Methodism has always placed her emphasis upon Christian experience and the life of the Christian community under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, upon repentance as the "porch of religion", faith as "the door of religion", and holiness as "religion itself". In the field of order, Methodism has also laid emphasis upon the unity and fellowship of the Christian community and upon lay witness and leadership in addition to the leadership of the ordained ministry. Such emphases have been partially absorbed by other Communion through the years, but IN THEIR COMBINATION Methodism has developed a distinctive life and ethos. This distinctive life and ethos may be seen in the approach to social and ethical questions where the Methodist interpretation is at times divergent from that of the Church of England. When Methodism is true to herself this ethos is characterised by joyous religious experience within the Church and by a strong social righteousness within the community. Her life and spirit find characteristic expression in the Hymn Book. In the individual and social needs of the age the historic emphases of Methodism are relevant while her relative liberty and adaptability make her fitted for the task of evangelism. A responsibility is thus laid upon Methodism to preserve and present within the World Church her distinctive witness.

Q. C. "Can our condition of separateness appropriately be called sinful?"

(a) Division per se is not necessarily sinful although every division has involved sinful elements which must be confessed. Many

divisions however have evoked insights and loyalties which have enriched the whole Church. In view of changing historical circumstances it may become sinful to perpetuate division. It would be sinful to be content to remain in separation when union could be achieved without loss of principle.

(b) Organic union per se is not necessarily right. It would be wrong to enter into any organic union involving the sacrifice of an essential principle. The fruits of past travail are a sacred trust and must not be dissipated. Each Church must submit herself to the Holy Spirit with due penitence, regard for the interests of the Kingdom of God and petition for grace, seeking to be a truer Church and responding to every God-given pressure both from within and without towards union. Motives for union advocacy must be examined lest they be ulterior. The test is always the effective proclamation of the Gospel. The Methodist Church of New Zealand has affirmed her conviction that the union of the Churches is the will of God.

II. Ordination to the Ministry.

Q. A. "What is your view of the significance of ordination to the ministry?"

a. The Church, Ministry, and Sacraments all spring from the Gospel and are the creations and instruments of the redemptive purpose and activity of God. Within the Church there is a universal ministry since all Christians are ministers in virtue of their membership in one Body. Within that universal ministry there are those who are called by God to be "servants of the Word". The "Ministry of the Word and Sacraments" is a special gift of God to the Church for the proclamation of the Gospel and for the exercise "in the name and by the authority of the Lord Who is the Head of the Church, of powers and functions which are inherent in the Church."

b. Ordination by prayer and the laying on of hands is an act both of God and of the Church. It is the sign and seal of the Divine Commission to the Ministry of the Universal Church and marks also the Church's confirmation of the ordinand's sense of Divine call and her authorisation to perform the characteristic functions of the Christian ministry. Where faith is present grace is given. Whom God calls He empowers.

Since ordination is an act not only of the Church but of God, there can be no question of reordination.

c. Method of Ordination.

Ordination is by prayer and the laying on of hands. In Methodist practice the laying on of hands is by ordained ministers as representatives of the whole Church. Methodism places only a qualified value upon linear historical succession and believes that the true succession from the Apostles resides not in an order of the ministry so much as in the continuing Church. Methodism believes that faith cannot be equated with but is prior to order.

d. Validity.

Since ordination is an act of God in response to the prayer of the Church, the Methodist Church believes that her ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacraments is valid for the Church Catholic.

Q. B. "What is the difference between an ordained 'minister' and a lay member of the Church?"

a. The Methodist Church of New Zealand believes in the Priesthood of all Believers and understands that this term is both corporate and individual. The Church is a Body both priestly and

prophetic. As a priestly Body it seeks direct access with God, engages in prayer, intercedes for others, offers sacrifice and as a prophetic Body witnesses to the work of grace and the Saviourhood of Jesus Christ. Since all Christians are members of the one Priestly Body they are all ministers and may exercise priestly functions but the authority to act on behalf of Christ resides in the whole Church.

b. The Church may, if the need arise, and when convinced of the Divine call, authorise the function of auxiliary ministries of Deaconesses, Home Missionaries, Local Preachers, and also the lay administration of the sacraments. In practice the Church reserves ordination for the full function and status of the Ministry of Word and Sacraments.

c. Both ordained Minister and Layman belong to the Universal Ministry of the Church. The difference between them resides in the fact that the Ordained Minister is CALLED by God to the specific task of the Ministry of Word and Sacraments. Questions of moral or spiritual superiority or inferiority are not involved. The minister is different from the layman not in degree of holiness or in the devotion of his time to the work of the Church or the specialisation of his functions, but in that he has received a special call from God which the Church has recognised.

A further difference resides in the fact that by his ordination a Minister acts on behalf of the whole Church. He acts in a REPRESENTATIVE capacity. In the wisdom of the Church the functions which are characteristic of the Ministry of the Word and Sacraments have in the main been reserved for those called, trained, and authorised to undertake this ministry. This has served to safeguard the faithful witness to the Gospel and largely to ensure the maintenance of the truly representative character of these functions.

Q. C. "What is the nature of the Laity and its function as part of the Church?"

Though by derivation the word "Laity" is a secular term for "the people", in the view of the Methodist Church, both the Ordained Ministry and the Laity are of the esse of the Church and both share in its universal ministry. While the former is called to the Ministry of the Word and Sacraments the Laity are also called to exercise a wide variety of gifts as members of the Body of Christ. The Methodist Church does not conceive of the Church either as a priesthood ministering to the Laity nor as a lay body appointing a Ministry to give full-time service and perform special functions even though in practice the Laity provides the Ordained Ministry with the physical means of subsistence. Within the company of redeemed sinners which is the Body of Christ, there is the essential Ministry of the Word and Sacraments and the Laity, some of whom are called to exercise gifts and fill offices, all of whom are called to witness and share in the work of evangelism. Not the Minister, the Lay member nor even the Congregation, but the whole Christian fellowship together is the unit of evangelism. This principle is embodied in the polity of the Methodist Church.

III. Authority.

Q. "In the polity of your Church, where does authority reside and how is it expressed?"

The Methodist Church believes that ultimate authority resides in the Word of God incarnate in Jesus Christ, revealed in the Scriptures, and mediated through the Church. The Word is the originating source of both faith and order. The Church as the Body of Christ and as the people of God has the responsibility of presenting the

Word to the world and is under the authority of that Word. The polity of the Church must ever seek to serve the Word and her theology must seek to give to it adequate expression.

The Methodist Church is a Connexion, authority residing in the Conference which represents the whole Church. She believes that this connexional polity expresses consistently the basic spiritual principle of her churchmanship. Entrance to the Ministry is under the direct control of Conference, subject to the nomination of lower courts. Ordination to the Ministry is wholly in the hands of Conference for it not only recommends for ordination but also carries out the rite. It decides annually the appointments of ministers and other agents and approves the personnel of all standing boards and committees. It exercises discipline over its members both ministerial and lay.

IV. The Church and the Scriptures.

Q. "What precise relation does your Church claim between worship, faith and order and the Scriptures ?

"What degree of authority do you give to tradition?"

The Methodist Church believes that worship, faith, and order originate in the Word of God and in the proclamation of the Evangel. The Word of God is God revealing Himself and His will. This revelation is recorded chiefly in the Scriptures and it is mediated through them to the receptive spirit and in obedience to the ever present Christ. The Scriptures are the standard and rule for the testing of all revelation.

The Methodist Church believes that in the Church through the Scriptures the Word of God is made known to men and that it is the supreme function of the Church to make that Word audible and visible through her worship, faith and order. She believes that it is impossible to reproduce the worship and order of the New Testament Church as recorded in the Scriptures and she does not believe that she is required by God so to do. She believes however that her worship, faith and order must be consistent with that of the New Testament and that there must be nothing contrary thereto. Every form of worship, faith and order must effectively embody, expound or proclaim the Gospel and in the Methodist Church the reading and exposition of Scripture occupies a central place. The Sacraments are Sacraments of the Word. The hymnology and devotional life of the Church are judged by their effectiveness in setting forth the Gospel. She believes that the order that most nearly expresses the mind of Christ is that which proves to be the most effective.

With regard to tradition the Methodist Church believes that the Holy Spirit has always been active in the whole Church and, as tradition embodies the story of God's dealing with men in His Church through His Spirit together with the Church's response to that energising Spirit in worship, faith and order, she regards tradition as valuable though always subordinate to Scripture and never finally regulative. She does not regard any traditional form of worship or polity, however ancient, as the only valid form. Order cannot be static in a living Church but must of necessity change to meet contemporary needs. She regards the Spirit of God as ever free within the Church to shape worship and order into the most valuable forms for the age and she believes that this in fact is what has happened in the course of history, not least in the case of the Methodist Church itself.

The Methodist Church accepts the historic creeds as expressions of the faith and essential unity of the Church Catholic in which she

cherishes her place and shares in the Church's treasury of devotion and classic literature. None of these is final or self-sufficient and each must continually be subjected to the Word of God as interpreted by the Holy Spirit to the Church in every age.

E. W. HAMES, Chairman.

J. J. LEWIS, Convener.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the report be received and adopted.

II. Ordination.

a. That the term "ordination" be restricted to the recognition and authorisation of the full function and status of the Ministry of the Word and Sacraments.

b. That the authority to administer the Sacrament of Holy Communion be recognised as residing with the Ordained Ministry of the Church and that it be given also to those Probationers, Home Missionaries, Deaconesses and Laymen who shall be authorised by the Conference to perform this function.

c. That Probationers, on the recommendation of the General Purposes Committee, may be authorised by the Conference to administer the Sacraments. That at each Conference the question be asked: "What Probationers are now to be authorised to administer the Sacraments?" That at the Induction Service of such Probationers the Chairman of the District or his deputy be present and that in the Service special emphasis be placed, not only on the authority to preach the Word, but also upon the significance of this authorisation to administer the Sacraments.

d. That those who are granted the status of Senior Home Missionary be authorised to administer the Sacraments. That should the Home Missionary cease to be recognised by the Conference, then his authorisation shall cease. That at the Induction Service of Senior Home Missionaries so authorised, the Chairman of the District or his deputy be present and that in the Service special emphasis be placed not only on the authority to preach the Word but also upon the significance of this authorisation to administer the Sacraments.

e. That where circumstances make it necessary to authorise a Deaconess, a Home Missionary or a Layman to administer the Sacrament of Holy Communion, authorisation may be given only by the Conference on the recommendation of the General Purposes Committee or, in urgent cases between Conferences by the President in consultation with the District Chairmen concerned. That such authorisation shall be given only for temporary purposes or for the current connexional year. That at each Conference the question be asked: "What Deaconesses, Home Missionaries, and Laymen are now to be authorised to administer the Sacraments?"

f. That the names of Probationers, Senior Home Missionaries, Home Missionaries, Deaconesses and Laymen so authorised be added to the List of Stations sent out to Ministers at the conclusion of the Conference.

g. That the Faith and Order Committee consider the method by which the special authority granted to Probationers and Home Missionaries to administer the Sacraments shall be bestowed.

3. Status of Senior Home Missionaries: That the resolution of Conference defining the status of Senior Home Missionaries as recorded in the Minutes of Conference 1949, p. 118, No. 6, be incorporated in the amendments to the Law.

4. **Doctrine of the Ministry:** That the Faith and Order Committee consider the question of the Methodist Doctrine of the Ministry.

5. **Membership:** That the Faith and Order Committee consider the statement on Membership submitted by the Auckland March Ministerial Synod.

6. **Book of Offices:** That the "Book of Offices" of the British Methodist Conference be authorised as an alternative to the "Sacramental and other Services" service book of the New Zealand Conference, with special reference to the service for the Baptism of Infants and the service for the Burial of the Dead.

7. **Faith and Order Questions.**

That the Faith and Order Committee be associated with any revision of the Book of Offices that may be undertaken.

8. That the Recommendations approved above be referred to the Law Revision Committee to harmonize with existing laws.

9. That the Committee be: Revs. E. W. Hames, Dr. D. O. Williams, Dr. H. Ranston, W. Walker, H. C. Dixon, R. Thornley, A. R. Penn; President of Conference, Secretary of Conference, Secretary of the Board of Examiners, Revs. G. I. Laurenson, E. D. Patchett and B. M. Chrystall. Corresponding Members: Revs. J. Silvester, W. R. Laws, J. D. Grocott, A. K. Petch, Dr. W. G. Slade, W. A. Burley, W. R. Francis and W. J. Morrison. Convener: Rev. J. J. Lewis.

3—Radio Committee

ANNUAL REPORT, 1952.

We report two important decisions of the C.R.A.C.:

1. That Children's Sunday evening Song Services now come under the jurisdiction of the Churches' broadcasting, which shall arrange through their local advisory committees for a syllabus of lessons to be given in Children's Sunday evening broadcast services, which shall be conducted by persons appointed to specialise in this work.

2. That the Director with his C.R.A.C. will give favourable consideration to applications from any X Station centres for the broadcast of Sunday night Devotional Services similar to that inaugurated last year at Hamilton.

The Committee has supplied the Methodist Times with lists of Methodist broadcasts. We would point out that this can be done effectively, only as those broadcasting forward copies of local schedules to the convener immediately they receive them.

GEO. H. GOODMAN, Chairman.

W. H. GREENSLADE, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the report be received and adopted.

2. That the Rev. W. H. Greenslade be the Methodist Church representative to the C.R.A.C.

3. That the Committee for 1953 be: The Chairman of Wellington District, the Ministers of Wellington City and Suburban Churches, who are engaged regularly in broadcasting, Messrs A. Alcorn, W. Roy Hill, Malcolm Rickard and Mrs. A. D. Priestly. Convener: Rev. W. H. Greenslade.

4.—GENERAL.

1. **President's Committee of Advice:** That the Committee be: Revs. W. Walker, G. E. Brown, E. W. Hames, L. A. G. Brooks, R. Thornley, the ex-President, President-elect, Secretary of Conference, Vice-President of Conference, ex-Vice-President, Legal Adviser, Messrs J. H. Blackwell, G. S. Gapper, T. L. Hames, L. T. Hayman, R. T. Garlick, A. H. Winstone. Convener: The Secretary of Conference.

2. **Legal Adviser:** That Mr. H. de R. Flesher, M.A., LL.B., be thanked for his services and be re-appointed.

3. **Thanks:** That thanks be tendered to the President, the Secretary and his Assistants, the Arrangements Committee, the Trustees of St. John's Church, Nelson, and Hostesses, for services rendered to the Conference.

That the Rev. H. L. Fiebig, B.A., be cordially thanked for his services as Secretary of the Conference for the past seven years.

4. **Palmerston North: Conference**—That Conference receive with thanks the invitation of St. Paul's Circuit Quarterly Meeting to hold Conference in Palmerston North possibly in 1955, and that the Secretary of Conference consult with the officials concerning necessary details and report to next Conference.

QUESTION LVII.—When and Where shall the next Conference be held?

At Wesley Church, Taranaki Street, Wellington on Thursday, 5th November, 1953, at 7.30 p.m.

J. H. ALLEN, President.

F. H. SOUTHGATE, Vice-President.

H. L. FIEBIG, Secretary.

Nelson, November 14th, 1952.

PASTORAL ADDRESS

The Address of the Conference to the Methodist Church in New Zealand.

Dearly Beloved Brethren,

"Grace be unto you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ." It is a joy thus to greet you in the name of our common Lord.

We would that we could bring to every Society and, if possible, to every member of our Church, the inspiration and challenge of the recent Conference held in Nelson. Throughout its sessions, we were brought face to face with a world need, dire and clamant, and at the same time we were made aware of the resources of God which are ours in Christ, though these lay so often unclaimed. In such a situation we felt there was no room for complacency, but plenty of room for confidence and true leadership. There was a very evident desire to face facts, remembering that the greatest of all facts is Christ.

We were encouraged by the fact that nine young men were received as Candidates for the Ministry. That by no means offsets our shortage but God is still thrusting out labourers into His vineyard. New enterprises are constantly being undertaken, it being reported to Conference that during the year nine new sites were purchased, nine new Churches, eleven new Sunday Schools and four new Parsonages were in course of erection, with extensions to eleven other buildings. In all the Church had in hand last year some 50 new projects.

The Conference extends Christian sympathy to our Maori people in the bereavements they have suffered through the death of Princess Te Puea, a notable leader in all that made for the moral and spiritual health of her race, also in the passing of our Senior Maori Home Missionary, Te Aho-o-te Rangi Pihama, and other workers. It rejoices in new recruits for the work. To our brethren in the Solomon Islands, greetings are extended and congratulations on the success of the Jubilee Celebrations. The story which is being told is thrilling the Church.

This year has been designated a 'Year of Evangelism.' Let us take up the work with prayerful and joyous enthusiasm. In this work we are to get into step with world-wide Methodism as it moves out on an evangelistic crusade. It is a good thing to see our local Church in a world-wide setting. It saves us from the parochialism and the sense of isolation, if not of littleness, which does so easily beset us. We belong to a great Church on the march. It is even more important to remember, as Wesley put it, that "we have a great God to believe in." Wherever there is real advance it is evidence of the presence of the Spirit, which "bloweth where it listeth." The leaders of the Crusade intend to keep you informed of what is taking place, both in our own land and throughout the world.

The number of long-established Circuits and Home Mission Stations which have been left without a Conference appointment accentuates the pressure of a great need. Can such a condition of things continue in a year of Evangelism? Officials and members in many of these places are doing their utmost to meet the situation. Even in such conditions advance is possible. The impulse which led Andrew to bring Peter to Christ is of the genius of our faith. Never-

theless, greater advances could be made and the gains secured consolidated, by ministerial oversight and leadership. The Lord of the Church is calling—"Whom shall I send and who will go for us?"

It is well to remember, too, that what we term 'the Ministry of the Word' is a charge laid upon the whole Church. The 'Ordination' of some to the full work of the Ministry, does not invalidate the call of God to others, whatever their regular occupation may be. "The writer, the teacher, the administrator, the man of business, the mother, are ministers, every whit as much as the preacher." Make full proof of your ministry. Let every member of our Church get into line in this great movement of the Spirit. Be vigilant in all that affects your own devotional life, as well as in all that concerns the moral life of the nation. Many things will be forgiven us, but pretence is an unpardonable sin. In God's name let us be real.

"We are watchers of a beacon whose light must never die;

We are guardians of an altar which shows God ever nigh."

Yours on behalf of the Conference,

J. HENRY ALLEN, President.

H. L. FIEBIG, Secretary.

APPENDIX

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	Charles 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.

PLACE	YEAR	PRESIDENT	VICE-PRESIDENT	SECRETARY
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.
Wellington§	1949	E. Thomas Olds	Harry H. Johnson	Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.
Napier (Nov.)	1949	Henry J. Odell	John B. Beeche	Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.
Dunedin	1950	Eric W. Hames, M.A.	Sidney E. Chappell	Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.
Auckland	1951	George I. Laurensen	James H. Oldham	Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.
Nelson	1952	J. Henry Allen	Francis H. Southgate	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. § February, Exec. Comm. of Conference.

A CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF THE MINISTERS and PROBATIONERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

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| <p>1887—Laws, Charles H., B.A., D.D.,
(Toronto) Foundation Fellow
of Trinity College. (Sup.)</p> <p>1893—Drake, Edward (Sup.)</p> <p>1896—Blamires, Henry L. (Sup.)</p> <p>1897—Goldie, John Francis (Sup.,
N.S.W.)</p> <p>„ Greenwood, Fred. (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Pybus, T. Arthur. (Sup.)</p> <p>1899—Keall, Robert P. (Sup.)</p> <p>1900—Blamires, E. Percy (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Haslam, Jonathan H. (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Hunt, George P. (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Leadley, Frank E. (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A.,
(Sup.)</p> <p>1901—Ranston, Harry, M.A., Litt.D.,
(Fellow of Trinity College)
(Sup.)</p> <p>1902—Coatsworth, Thomas (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Oxbrow, Walter J. (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Patchett, Ernest D. (Sup.)</p> <p>1903—James, Benjamin J. (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Seamer, Arthur J. (Sup.)</p> <p>1904—Blamires, Ernest O. (Sup.)</p> <p>1905—Copeland, Fred. (Sup.)</p> <p>1906—Avery, William W. (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Roberts, Charles M. (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Ryan, Henry (Sup.)</p> <p>1907—Blair, Charles (Sup.)</p> <p>1908—Jordan, Chas. B., M.A., B.D.
(Melb.), (Hons.), F.R.E.S. (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Speer, William H. (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Tinsley, Robt. B. (Sup.)</p> <p>1909—Cottom, Harry (Sup.)</p> <p>„ McArthur, John D. (Sup.)</p> <p>1910—Burley, William A., M.A. (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Harris, Archer O. (Sup.)</p> | <p>1910—Olds, Charles H., B.A. (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Richards, James (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Sharp, Harold A. (Sup.)</p> <p>1911—Enticott, Walter J. (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Fowles, Albert H. (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Hopper, Arthur (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Neale, Leslie B., M.B.E., B.A.,
F.R.G.S., (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Richards, H. Leslie (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Rowe, William (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Te Tuhi, Eruera</p> <p>1912—Hinton, George B. (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Lawrence, Frederick B. (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Scrivin, Arthur H. (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Walker, William (Sup.) E.D.</p> <p>1913—Bensley, Arthur A. (Sup.)</p> <p>1914—Burnet, Oswald</p> <p>„ Werren, Samuel J.</p> <p>1915—Cooke, Percy I. (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Olds, E. Thomas</p> <p>„ Odell, Henry J. (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Slade, William G., M.A., D.D.
(Toronto).</p> <p>1916—Brown, George E.</p> <p>„ Fordyce, Robert E.</p> <p>„ Harkness, Edwin S. (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Kendon, Charles H.</p> <p>„ Metcalfe, John R.</p> <p>„ Sage, Ernest E.</p> <p>1917—Blight, William T., B.A., B.D.
(Melb.)</p> <p>„ Chambers, Ernest B.</p> <p>„ Dennis, John</p> <p>„ Parker, Frederick J. (Sup.)</p> <p>1918—Costain, Alfred M., Dip.Soc.Sc.</p> <p>„ Neal, Wallace S. (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Parker, James W. (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Skuse, Thomas</p> <p>1919—Ford, Herbert (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Gatman, William (Sup.)</p> <p>„ Jefferson, Alfred E.</p> |
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- 1920—Orchard, Hector C. (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 (Sup.)
- 1924—Bailey, John H.
" Bateup, Frank (Sup.)
" 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—Laurenson, 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.
- 1931—Carr, Thomas H.
" Carr, W. E. Allon
" Dudley, Raymond, M.A.
" D.D. (Dickenson, (U.S.A.)
" F.R.E.S.
" Greenslade, William W. H.
" Moore, William E.
" Parker, Gordon, M.A., Ph.D.
" (Lond.)
" Payne, Herbert W.
" Williams, David O., M.A., LittD
- 1932—Day, Reginald
" Hickman, D. J. Donald
" Jamieson, V. Roy, M.B.E. E.D.
" Jenkin, William C.
- 1933—Chrystall, Bernard, M., B.A.
" Daglish, J. Ainsley
" Orr, A. Everil
" Patchett, Ralph E.
- 1934—Goodman, George H.
" Johnston, Andrew J.
" Matthews, Howard C., B.A.
- 1935—Duder, Clifford L.
" Hanna, L. Gordon
" Luxton, Clarence T. J.
" Mills, William A.
" Thornley, Robert, M.A., Dip.
" Witheford, Arthur R., B.A. Soc.Sc.
- 1936—Hopper, H. Ian K., B.A.
- 1937—Churchill, John
" Francis, William R., B.A., B.D.
" (Lond.)
" Norwell, Leslie T.
- 1938—Harkness, Howard E., M.A.,
" B.D. (Melb.)
" Hoddinott, Ernest S.
" Laws, William R., M.A., B.D.
" (Melb.)
" Petch, Ashleigh K., B.A.
" Silvester, John, M.A.
" Whitfield, Harris
- 1939—Cochrane, Herbert A.
" Grice, Reginald
" Hayman, Leslie A. D. B.Agr.Sc
" Lucas, Campbell P., L.Th.
" Oldfield, Charles B.
" Watson, John K., M.C., B.A.
- 1940—Dawson, John B., B.A.
" Dixon, Haddon C., M.A., B.D.
" Gilmore, Leslie R. M., B.A.
" Greenslade, Lawrence
" Jones, Alan O.
- 1941—Bell, Charles H., B.A.
" Brown, Harold K.
" Darvill, Harold A.
" Thomas, Gordon V., B.A.
" Woolford, Henry J., M.A.
- 1942—Clement, R. Frederick, M.A.
" Collins, Alan F.
" Ivory, Arthur H., LLB.,
" B.Com.
" Lewis, John J., M.A., B.D.
" (Melb.)
" Morrison, William J., M.A.
" Willing, Leonard V.
" Williams, J. C. Aldwyn

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| <p>1943—Andrews, Stanley G., M.A., Dip.
 " Brown, Clifford G. Ed.
 " Cramond, George W.
 " Dawson, W. Selwyn, M.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.
 " Shapcott, Leonard</p> <p>1946—Haylock, Donald
 " McDonald, D. I. Alister
 " Moore, Harry
 " Olds, Norman W.
 " Shepherd, Trevor
 " Thompson, George R.</p> <p>1947—Attwood, A. Francis
 " Clements, Leslie C.
 " Divers, W. Lloyd
 " Hall, Allen H. M.A.
 " Parker, Francis H.
 " Riseley, Benjamin H.
 " Stewart, Edmond S.</p> <p>1948—Eisner, Wilf. G., B.A.
 " Hilder, Basil J.
 " Marshall, Edward M., B.A.,
 Dip. Ed.</p> <p>1949—Baker, Edward
 " Benny, T. Ralph
 " Brasell, H. Maurice
 " Burt, Douglas H.
 " Cornwell, Gordon A. R.
 " Ford, Wilfred F.
 " Garner, William M.
 " Keightley, Clifford J.
 " Nuttall, A. Roger G., B.A.
 " Olds, J. Stanley
 " Pratt, R. Hori, B.A.
 " Ramage, Ian C. E., M.A.*</p> <p>1950—Clark, Colin D., B.A.
 " Gordon, D. Bruce</p> | <p>1950—McKay, Archibald W.
 " Ramsay, Phillip D.
 " Schroeder, Leonard P.
 " Woodfield, Frank H.
 " Woodfield, Owen T.</p> <p>1951—Besant, H. David
 " Burrough, Amos W.
 " Carter, George G., M.A.,
 Dip. Ed.
 " Clucas, Ivan J.
 " Gilbert, Geoffrey T.
 " Groves, Robert C.
 " Heppelthwaite, Ernest*
 " Raynor, Charles H.
 " Ruck, Idris J.
 " Rushton, Percy P.*
 " Stead, Peter A.
 " Toothill, Harry W.
 " Olds, O. McLennan</p> <p>1952—Royd, Edward P.
 " Cable, Wilfred J.
 " Edmonds, David W.
 " Elsom, Ronald.
 " George, Ronald L.
 " Gibson, Loyal J.
 " Grundy, John, B.A.
 " Hall, John R.
 " Handyside, Allan J.
 " Mead, Arthur W. R.
 " Penman, John A.
 " Reid, Ian W.
 " Shaw, Harry I.
 " Spindler, Sidney J.
 " Tardif, Alfred E.
 " Thompson, John H.
 " Trebilco, George R.
 " Wood, Ronald H.</p> <p>1953—Baker, Frederick J. K.
 " Carter, Peter C.
 " Le Couteur, E. Raymond
 " Craig, Hughan M.
 " Newman, Alan
 " Nicholls, Trevor L.
 " Ordish, E. Keith
 " Osborne, John H.
 " Stubbs, David G.
 " Turner, Edgar G. P.</p> |
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NATIVE MINISTERS

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| <p>1914—Rakena, Rakena P.
 1920—Tauroa, Matarae
 1941—Kukutai, Ngatete K.
 1942—Rogers, Ranginohoora</p> | <p>1931—Havea, Paul
 1944—Piani, Timothy
 1944—Taufa, John
 1944—Palavi, Daniel
 1949—Pita Kemueli</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 Appointment. S denotes that the Minister is a Supernumerary, the year in which he became a Supernumerary being in parenthesis immediately after his address. The number of the Circuit in the Station Sheet is denoted in the right-hand column. The Foreign Mission and Maori Mission Stations are distinguished by numbers in square brackets.

2. H.M.—Home Missions.
M.M.—Maori Missions.
Y.P.—Young People's Dept.

F.M.—Foreign Missions.
C.S.—Connexional Secretary
Th.C.—Theological College.

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1922	— 4	Allen, J. Henry, 149 Kamo Road, Whangarei	— 23
1944	— 2	Allen, Robert H., B.A., 57 Retreat Road, Christchurch N.E.I.	— Y.P.
1943	— 2	Andrews, Stanley G., M.A., Dip.Ed., P.O. Box 5023 Auckland, C.I.	— F.M.
1947	— 2	Attwood, A. Francis, Katikati	— 34
1906	— S	Avery, William W., 58 Elizabeth Street, Timaru (1946)	119
1924	— 1	Bailey, John H., Normanby St., Dargaville	— 21
1949	— 2	Baker, Edward, Pah Road, Motueka	— 93
1953	— 1	Baker, Frederick J. K., c/o 5 Chapman St. Invercargill	138
1924	— S	Bateup, Frank, Campbell Street, Thames (1948)	— 31
1941	— 4	Bell, Charles H. B.A., Queen Street, Richmond, Nelson	92
1944	— 2	Bell, R. Graham, M.A., 18 West Road, Northland Wellington, W.3.	— 76
1921	— 2	Benny, Henry, Selwyn Street, Leeston	— 112
1949	— 2	Benny, T. Ralph, Taitua Street, Taumarunui	— 50
1913	— S	Bensley, Arthur A., No. 2 R.D., Te Puna, Tauranga (1950)	— 44
1951	— 2	Besant, H. David, 18 Orari St., Ngaio, Wellington, N.4.	79
1907	— S	Blair, Charles, "Noeldene," Main Road, Stoke, Nelson (1947)	— 91
1923	— S	Blakemore, Albert, 29 Prospect Terrace, Milford, N.2., Auckland (1946)	— 9
1900	— S	Blamires, E. Percy, 43a Church Street, Devonport Auckland, N.1. (1944)	— 8
1904	— S	Blamires, Ernest O., 11 Beerehaven Road, Seatoun Wellington, E.5. (1946)	— 75
1896	— S	Blamires, Henry L., 23 Aikman's Road., St. Albans, Christchurch, N.W.1. (1930)	— 100
1930	— 4	Blight, J. Montgomery, Tainui Street, Matamata	— 41
1917	— 3	Blight, William T., B.A., B.D., P.O. Box 32, Papanui Christchurch, N.W.2.,	— 109
1949	— 4	Brasell, H. Maurice, Gloucester Street, Taradale, Napier	63
1922	— 2	Brooks, Leslie A. G., 42 Melanesia Road, Kohimarama Auckland	— 5
1943	— 1	Brown, Clifford G., 18 Tennyson Street, Opunake	— 58

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1916	— 4	Brown, George E., 994 New North Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2	— 6
1941	— 2	Brown, Harold K., 226 Thames Street, Morrinsville	— 36
1924	— 2	Brown, Hubert G., 95 Fitzroy St., Kew, Dunedin S.W.1.	— 131
1910	— 8	Burley, William A., M.A., Thompson St., Shannon (1951)	—
1914	— 5	Burnet, Oswald, 53 Fuller Street, Kaiapoi	— 113
1951	— 3	Burrough, Amos W., C/- 5 Garden Rd., Lower Hutt	— 81
1949	— 2	Burt, Douglas H., Regent Street, Waihi	— 34
1944	— 2	Bycroft, Leslie F., 22 Union Street, New Brighton Christchurch	— 102
1931	— 4	Carr, Thomas H., 801E Queen Street, Hastings, C.F.	— 64
1931	— 3	Carr, W. E. Allon, 5 Paice Avenue, Mt. Eden, Auckland S.1.,	— 3
1951	— 2	Carter, George, M.A., Methodist Mission, Teop, New Guinea	— [9]
1953	— 1	Carter, Peter C., C/o 35 Wood Street, Papakura	— 14
1917	— 1	Chambers, Ernest B., 1 Seabrook Avenue, Glen Eden Auckland	— 6
1944	— 1	Chambers, Wesley A., B.A., 46 Radley Street, Christchurch	— 104
1933	— 8	Chrystall, Bernard M., B.A., 28 Mt. Albert Rd., Auckland S.W.2., C.F.	— H.M
1937	— 2	Churchill, John, Te Reinga St., Kaitaia, Northland	— 28
1950	— 1	Clark, Colin D., B.A., 67 Brougham St., Sydenham Christchurch, S.1	— 105
1942	— 1	Clement, R. Frederick, M. A. 48 Lincoln Road, Masterton, C.F.	— 86
1947	— 2	Clements, Leslie C., 216 Earn Street, Invercargill	— 139
1951	— 3	Clucas, Ivan J., Wesley Terrace, Te Kuiti	— 49
1902	— 8	Coatsworth, Thomas, 47 Collingwood St., Palmerston North (1945)	— 71
1939	— 1	Cochrane, Herbert A., 60 Lawrence St., Mornington Dunedin, W.1	— 133
1942	— 4	Collins, Alan F., 107 Dyers Pass Road, Cashmere, Christchurch, (C.F.)	— 100
1915	— 8	Cooke, Percy I., (1952), Henderson, Auckland	— 7
1905	— 8	Copeland, Fred, 19 Linwood Avenue, Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2. (1947)	— 6
1949	— 5	Cornwell, Gordon A. R., Methodist Mission, Buka, Bougainville, Terr. of New Guinea.	— [10]
1918	— 2	Costain, Alfred M., 237 Salisbury St., Christchurch, C.1.	— 103
1909	— 8	Cottom, Harry, Springston R/D., Canterbury (1949)	— 111
1953	— 1	Le Couteur, E. Raymond, Kaeo	— 25
1953	— 1	Craig, Hughan M., 22 Mersey St., Island Bay, Wellington	— 77
1943	— 7	Cramond, George W., Queen Street, Waiuku	— 17
1933	— 3	Daglish, J. Ainsley, 230 High Street, Dannevirke	— 67
1941	— 9	Darvill, Harold A., Box 400 Hamilton.	— H.M
1940	— 2	Dawson, John B., B.A., 37 Nelson St., Petone, Wellington C.F.	— 83
1943	— 6	Dawson, W. Selwyn, M.A. Huanui Street, Porirua, Wellington, C.F.	— 80
1932	— 3	Day, Reginald, Bertram St., Warkworth, Northland	— 19
1917	— 4	Dennis, John, Ruawai, Northland	— 22
1929	— 3	Dickens, Charles E., 162 King Street, Rangiora	— 115
1947	— 4	Divers, W. Lloyd, 129 Radley St., Christchurch, S.E.1.	— 104
1940	— 2	Dixon, Haddon C., M.A., B.D., 14 St. Vincent Ave., Remuera, Auckland, S.E.2.	— 5
1944	— 4	Dorrian, A. Peter, 20 Franklin Street, Greymouth	— 98

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1893	— S	Drake, Edward, 100 Chapter Street, St. Albans, Christchurch, N.1., (1936)	108
1930	— 8	Draper, Joseph C., 17 Pukehana Avenue, Epsom Auckland, S.E.3., C.F.	5
1935	— 5	Duder, Clifford L., Roxburgh.	137
1931	— 2	Dudley, Raymond, M.A., D.D., F.R.E.S., 56 Royal Terrace, Dunedin, C.2.	129
1948	— 3	Eisner, Wilf. G. B.A., 112 Derby St., Westport	97
1952	— 1	Edmonds, David W., Greendale No 1 R.D. Christchurch	117
1952	— 1	Elsom, Ronald, Kolmar Street, Papatoetoe	13
1911	— S	Enticott, Walter J., Nahum Street, Paeroa (1948)	33
1943	— 3	Falkingham, Wilfred E., Central Mission 53 Cathedral Square, Christchurch	101
1924	— 8	Fiebig, Herbert L., B.A., P.O. Box 931 Christchurch	C.S.
1919	— S	Ford, Herbert, 24 Denman Street, Sumner, Christchurch (1948)	100
1948	— 5	Ford, Wilfred F., 27 Cambrai Avenue, Mt. Roskill Auckland, S.2.	3
1916	— 3	Fordyce, Robert E., Arney Street, Paeroa	33
1911	— S	Fowles, Albert H., 18 Lionel Street, Avonside Christchurch, N.E.1., (1941)	102
1937	— 7	Francis, William R., B.A., B.D., 8 Madeira Steps, Napier, C.F.	63
1949	— 1	Garner, William M., 17 Church St., Devonport, Auckland N.1	8
1919	— S	Gatman, William, 80 Beach Road, Castor Bay, Auckland. (1947)	9
1952	— 2	George, Ronald L., c/o. 32 London Street, Hamilton	38
1952	— 2	Gibson, Loyal J., Cromwell.	145
1952	— 3	Gilbert, Geoffrey T., Ohura	51
1940	— 7	Gilmore, Leslie R. M., B.A., 1 Tennyson Avenue Takapuna, Auckland, N.2.	9
1897	— S	Goldie, John F., 120 Mont. Albert Rd., Canterbury, Melbourne, E.7.	
1934	— 6	Goodman, George H., 18 Matai Rd., Hataitai, Wellington, E.2	78
1950	— 4	Gordon, D. Bruce, 63 Idris Rd, Bryndwr, Christchurch N.W.1.	108
1945	— 3	Green, Warren, Kirk Street, Otaki	89
1940	— 2	Greenslade, Lawrence, 111 Wood St., Palmerston North	71
1931	— 7	Greenslade, William W. H., 38 McFarlane Street, Wellington, C.4., C.F.	75
1897	— S	Greenwood, Fred, 37 Charlotte Avenue, Brooklyn, Wellington, S.W.1. (1934)	75
1945	— 3	Gregory, William H., 9 Paynter's Ave., New Plymouth	52
1939	— 3	Grice, Reginald, Porirua Rd., Johnsonville, Wellington.	79
1928	— 3	Grocott, John D., B.A., 224 Karori Rd., Wellington, W.3	76
1943	— 2	Grounds, Edmund D., 135 Somme Parade, Aramoho Wanganui	60
1951	— 3	Groves, Robert C., 13 Harbour Tee., Broad Bay Dunedin	132
1928	— 2	Hailwood, Charlie O., 320 Hardy Street, Nelson	91
1947	— 7	Hall Allen H., M.A., Methodist Mission, Roviana New Georgia, British Solomon Islands	[5]
1926	— 1	Hall, James H., Otorohanga	48
1952	— 2	Hall, John R., 5 William Street, Gore	140
1923	— 15	Hames, Eric W., M.A., "Richmond House," Trinity College, Grafton, Auckland, C.3.	Th.C.

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1952	— 2	Handyside, Allan J., West Coast Road, Glen Eden, Auckland	— 7
1928	— 3	Handy, Francis J., 235 Karori Rd., Wellington, W.3.	— 76
1935	— 6	Hanna, L. Gordon, 19 Regent Street, Hawera	— 56
1916	— S	Harkness, Edwin S., 14 Atanga Avenue, Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.1., (1947)	— 5
1938	— 7	Harkness, Howard E., M.A., B.D., 88 Linwood Avenue Christchurch, E.1.	— 102
1910	— S	Harris, Archer O., 44 Redruth Ave., Spreydon, Christchurch (1951)	— 100
1926	— 4	Harris, G. Raymond, 15 Nelson St., Riccarton Christchurch, W.1.	— 107
1900	— S	Haslam Jonathan H., 26 Rhodes St., Waimate (1940)	122
1946	— 2	Haylock, Donald, Bank Street, Te Awamutu	— 47
1939	— 9	Hayman, Leslie A. D., B.Agr.Sc., c/o Mr F. Hayman Willowbridge, Waimate	— 122
1932	— 3	Hickman, D. J. Donald, 119 Burnett St., Ashburton	— 125
1948	— 1	Hilder, Basil J., Oxford	— 118
1912	— S	Hinton, George B., 28 Carrington St., Christchurch (1949)	108
1938	— 3	Hoddinott, Ernest S., 80 Wesley St., Dunedin, S.1.	— 131
1911	— S	Hopper, Arthur, 416 Massey Rd., Hastings (1935)	— 64
1936	— 4	Hopper, H. Ian, K., B.A. 24 Passmore Crescent, Maori Hill Dunedin, N.E.1.	— 130
1929	— 8	Horwood, Leonard C., 336 Selwyn Street, Addington, Christchurch, S.W.1.	— 106
1900	— S	Hunt, George P., 116 Peary Road, Mt. Eden, Auckland (1940)	— 3
1942	— 2	Ivory, Arthur H., LL.B., B.Com., 77 Grey St., Woodville	68
1922	— 2	Jack, J. Francis, 35 Wood Street, Papakura, Auckland	14
1903	— S	James, Benjamin J., 22 Winton Street, St. Albans, Christchurch, N.1. (1940)	— 100
1932	— 7	Jamieson, V. Roy, M.B.E., E.D. 170 Fitzgerald Avenue, Christchurch, C.1., C.F.	— 102
1919	— 7	Jefferson, Alfred E., 12 Poronui St., Mt. Eden, Auckland	5
1932	— 1	Jenkin, William C., Springston No. 4 R.M.D., Christchurch	— 111
1934	— 1	Johnston, Andrew J., 24 Colombo Street, Wellington S.1	77
1943	— 1	Jolly, Albert, 77 Grey Street East, Onehunga, Auckland S.E.5	— 11
1940	— 7	Jones, Allan O., 45 High Street, Blenheim	— 95
1908	— S	Jordan, Charles B., M.A., B.D., F.R.E.S., Maitland Avenue, Stoke, Nelson (1947)	— 91
1899	— S	Keall, R. Purcell, 22 Trinity Avenue, Lower Hutt, (1940)	81
1949	— 3	Keightley, Clifford J., Otautau, Southland	— 141
1916	— 2	Kendon, Charles H., Hassard Street, Manaia	— 57
1929	— 4	Kent, Arthur T., 124 Devonport Road, Tauranga, C.F.	44
1924	— 1	Kings, Harry S., 64 Station Road, Otahuhu, Auckland S.E.7	— 12
1927	— 15	Laurenson, Geo. I., Kakariki Avenue, Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.1.	— HM
1912	— S	Lawrence, Frederick B., Sadlier Street, Stoke, Nelson (1949)	— 92
1887	— S	Laws, Charles H., B.A., D.D., Foundation Fellow of Trinity College, 4 Tahuri Rd. Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3., (1931)	5
1938	— 2	Laws, William R., M.A., B.D., 524 Church Street, Palm- erston North,	— 70
1930	— 1	Leadley, E. Clarence, 463 Gladstone Road, Gisborne	— 65
1900	— S	Leadley, Frank E., 26 Arthur St., Onehunga, Auckland, S.E.5. (1940)	— 11

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1942	1	Lewis, John J., M.A., B.D., Trinity Theological College Grafton, Auckland, C.3	5
1939	1	Lucas, Campbell P., L.Th., 112 Cambridge St., Levin	88
1935	4	Luxton, Clarence T.J., Auckland Street, Picton	95
1948	6	Marshall, Edward M., B.A., Dip.Ed., Wesley College Paerata, Auckland	15
1934	7	Matthews, Howard C., B.A., 32 London Street, Hamilton, C.F.	38
1909	8	McArthur, John D., 47 Rogers St., Blenheim (1949)	95
1946	1	McDonald, D. I., Alister, Methodist Mission, Choiseul British Solomon Islands	[7]
1930	3	McDowell, Matthew A., 1 Knights Road, Lower Hutt	81
1924	4	McGregor, Robert Ashhurst	72
1952	2	Mead, Arthur W. R., Smith Street, Reefton	96
1916	34	Metcalfe, John R., Methodist Mission, Roviana, New Georgia, British Solomon Islands	[5]
1935	6	Mills, William A., 1 Rewi Street, Te Awamutu	47
1946	4	Moore, Harry, 179 Regan Street, Stratford	55
1931	4	Moore, William E., 62 Tancred Street, Hokitika	99
1942	3	Morrison, William J., M.A., 142 North St., Timaru	120
1918	8	Neal, Wallace S., 61 Mathiesons Rd., Linwood Christchurch, E.1 (1953)	102
1911	8	Neale, Leslie B., M.B.E., B.A., F.R.G.S., 243 Great North Road, Grey Lynn, Auckland (1952)	1
1953	1	Newman, Alan, Main Road, Greytown	84
1953	1	Nicholls, Trevor L., C/o 15 Nelson Street, Riccarton, Christchurch	107
1949	1	Nuttall, A. Roger, B.A., 8 Cambridge Street, Gonville Wanganui	61
1937	1	Norwell, Leslie T., 60 Norton Park Ave, Lower Hutt	81
1915	8	Odell Henry J., C/o 1 Tennyson Av. Takapuna, Auckland (1953)	9
1939	2	Oldfield, Charles B., 68 Firth Street, Hamilton East	39
1910	8	Olds, Charles H., B.A., 21 Alpha St., Cambridge (1951)	37
1915	4	Olds, E. Thomas, 92 Liardet Street, New Plymouth	52
1949	3	Olds, J. Stanley, Port Albert, Wellsford R.D.	26
1946	3	Olds, Norman W., 30 Church Street, Te Aroha	35
1951	3	Olds, O. McLennan, 137 Johnson Street, Milton	136
1920	8	Orchard, Hector C., 8 Seddon Street, Timaru (1947)	119
1953	1	Ordish, E. Keith, Woodend, Kaiapoi—Ohoka R.D.	116
1933	21	Orr, A Everil, C.F. Box 5014, Auckland, C.1.	2
1953	1	Osborne, John H., C/o 14 St. Vincent Ave, Remuera Auckland, S.E.2	5
1902	8	Oxbrow, Walter J., 66 Elizabeth Street, Rotorua (1938)	43
1947	2	Parker, Francis H., 100 West Street, Feilding	73
1917	8	Parker, Frederick J., 11 Plymouth Street, Wanganui	59
1931	3	Parker, Gordon, M.A., Ph.D., 6 Coronation St., Waimate	122
1918	8	Parker James W., 143 St. John's Rd., Meadowbank, Auckland, S.E.3. (1950)	5
1929	2	Parker, Walter, 261 Manukau Rd., Epsom, Auckland S.E.3.	3
1930	1	Parker, Wesley, M.A., 10 New Bond Street, Kingsland Auckland	1
1902	8	Patchett, Ernest D., 36 Orakau Ave., Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3., (1945)	5
1933	4	Patchett, Ralph E., 77 Shirley Rd., Christchurch N.E.1.	102
1931	2	Payne, Herbert W., 8 King Edward St., Eltham	55
1952	2	Penman, John A., 3 Delta Street, Roslyn, Dunedin	129

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1927	— 3	Penn, Athol R., 49 Glenfield Road, Birkenhead, Auckland, N.S.	— 10
1938	— 2	Petch, Ashleigh K., B.A., 54 Chester St., Christchurch, C.I.	— 100
1925	— 3	Peterson, Gordon R. H., 52 Queen's Drive, Musselburgh, Dunedin, S.2.	— 132
1949	— 2	Pratt, R. Hori, B.A., 3 Scotia Street, Port Chalmers	— 135
1943	— S	Prosser, Frederick O., 34 Stoke Street, Sumner, Christchurch (1948)	— 104
1897	— S	Pybus, T. Arthur, 269 Main Road, Ravensbourne Dunedin, (1939)	— 132
1949	— 1	Ramage, Ian C. E., M.A., Rimu Street, Hawera	— 56
1950	— 4	Ramsay, Phillip D., R.N.Z.A.F. Station Woodbourne, Blenheim	— 95
1901	— S	Ranston, Harry, M.A. Litt.D., Fellow Trinity College, 34 Alexis Avenue, Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2. (1941)	— 6
1951	— 2	Raynor, Charles H., Marchant Street, Putaruru	— 42
1927	— 3	Raynor, Ivo M., 43 Queen Street, Cambridge	— 37
1952	— 2	Reid, Ian W., 29 Essex Street, Timaru	— 120
1911	— S	Richards, H. Leslie, Leeston (1948)	— 112
1910	— S	Richards, James, 59 Quinn's Road, Shirley Christchurch (1951)	— 102
1906	— S	Roberts, Charles M., 286 South Road, New Plymouth (1945)	— 52
1947	— 5	Riseley, Benjamin, H., Box 34, Sanson, Manawatu	— 74
1911	— S	Rowe, William, 5 Cavendish Square, Strathmore, Wellington, E.5., (1949)	— 77
1951	— 2	Ruck, Idris J., Bombay	— 16
1906	— S	Ryan, Henry, 8 Burns Road, Napier (1943)	— 63
1916	— 6	Sage, Ernest E., 274 High Street, Carterton	— 85
1950	— 1	Schroeder, Leonard P., 811 George Street, Dunedin, N.1	128
1900	— S	Scotter Adolphus N., B.A., 9 Elmwood Road, Fendalton, Christchurch, N.W.1 (1940)	— 100
1912	— S	Scriven, Arthur H., "Roviana", 16 Empire Road, Epsom, S.E.3, Auckland (1952)	— 5
1903	— S	Seamer, Arthur J., Box 400, Hamilton (1939)	— 2
1945	— 3	Shapcott, Leonard, Mowatt Street, Waitara	— 53
1910	— S	Sharp, Harold A., 36 Ranfurly Street, St. Albans, Christchurch, N.1 (1947)	— 108
1952	— 1	Shaw, Harry I., Fraser Crescent, Upper Hutt	— 82
1946	— 7	Shepherd, Trevor, Methodist Mission, Bilua, Vella Lavella British Solomon Islands	— [6]
1944	— 6	Sherson, Donald G., B.A., 98 North Street, Timaru	— 119
1927	— 1	Silvester, A. Wharton E., 48 Park Road, Campbells Bay Auckland	— 9
1938	— 4	Silvester, John, M.A., 42 Malfroy Rd., Rotorua	— 43
1918	— 1	Skuse, Thomas, 12 Wesley Street, Pukekohe	— 15
1915	— 1	Slade, William G., M.A., D.D. 2 Repton St., Merivale Christchurch, N.W.1	— 108
1908	— S	Speer, William H., Whakaue Street, Rotorua (1937)	— 43
1923	— S	Spencer, Herbert, 24 Hipango Terrace, Ext., Durie Hill, Wanganui (1949)	— 59
1952	— 2	Spindler, Sidney J., 18 Upland Road, Huntly	— 40
1951	— 1	Stead, Peter A., 38 Cranford Street, Christchurch, N.1	— 108
1947	— 1	Stewart, Edmond S., Hillcrest Road, Kaikohe	— 27
1953	— 1	Stubbs, David G., C/o 320 Hardy Street, Nelson	— 91
1952	— 2	Tardif, Alfred E., Mosgiel	— 140
1924	— 4	Taylor, Cecil R., 24 Eden Street, Oamaru	— 127

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1911	— 17	Te Tuhi, Eruera, 519 Mt. Albert Road, Auckland, S.1	H.M. —
1941	— 5	Thomas, Gordon V., B.A., 38 Sealey Street, Thames	— 31
1946	— 2	Thompson, George R., 33 Wicksteed Street, Wanganui	— 59
1951	— 2	Thompson, John H., Paparoa, Northland	— 20
1935	— 4	Thornley, Robert, M.A., 130 Grafton Road, Auckland, C.3	— 1
1908	— 8	Tinsley, Robert B., Liverpool Street, Papakura, Auckland (1949)	— 38
1951	— 2	Toothill, Harry W., Paraparaumu	— 90
1952	— 1	Trebilco, George R., Methodist Church, Hikurangi	— 24
1953	— 1	Turner, Edgar G. P., Methodist Church Wairoa, H.B.	— 66
1927	— 3	Utting, Harry V., 64 Albert Street, Pahiatua	— 69
1926	— 28	Voyce, Arthur H., Buin Bay, Bougainville, Terr. of New Guinea	— [8]
1912	— 8	Walker, William, E.D., 54 St. John's Road, Remuera, Auckland, S.E.2 (1945)	— 5
1939	— 2	Watson, John K., M.C., B.A., 149 Tennyson Street, Dunedin, C.2., C.F.	— 122
1914	— 6	Werren, Samuel J., 30 Matai Street, Hamilton	— 38
1938	— 7	Whitfield, Harris, 229a Ponsonby Road, Auckland, W.2, C.F.	— 4
1931	— 7	Williams, David O., M.A., Litt.D., "Leigh House," Trinity College, Grafton Road, Auckland, C.3	Th.C. —
1943	— 5	Williams, J. C. Aldwyn, Willowby R.D., Ashburton	— 126
1942	— 4	Willing, Leonard V., 39 Strathavon Street, Miramar, Wellington, E.4	— 78
1935	— 4	Witheford, Arthur R., B.A., 5 Chapman Street, Invercargill, C.F.	— 138
1953	— 8	Woodnut, Alfred G., 456 South Road, Dunedin	— 131
1950	— 4	Woodfield, Frank H., Methodist Mission, Roviana, New Georgia, British Solomon Islands	— [5]
1950	— 3	Woodfield, Owen T., 180 Middleton Rd., Kew, Dunedin	131
1941	— 3	Woolford, J. Henry, M.A., 39 Washington Avenue, Brooklyn, Wellington	— 75

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1914	— 10	Rakena, Rakena P., Waihi Road, Hawera	— [4]
1920	— 11	Tauroa, Matarae, Tuakau	— [1]
1941	— 13	Kukutai, Ngatete Kerei, Te Kuiti	— [3]
1942	— 10	Rogers, Ranginohoora, Waima, Hokianga	— [1]
1931	— 22	Havea, Paul, Roviana	— [5]
1944	— 7	Taufa, John, Buin	— [8]
1944	— 6	Palavi, Daniel, Teop	— [9]
1944	— 6	Piani, Timothy, Mono, New Georgia	— [5]
1949	— 4	Pita, Kemueli, Roviana	— [5]

YOUTH DIRECTORS

1952	— 2	Miss Dorothea M. Jones, B.A., 75 Taranaki St., Wellington, C.1.	
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HOME MISSIONARIES

Ent.	Name and Address	Years
1907—	S. Keen (Retired) Kirk Street, Otaki	15
1909—	T. W. Featherstone (Retired) 2 Roy Ter., New Plymouth	16
1917—	A. L. Witheford, (Retired) 14 Claude Street, Claudelands, Hamilton	19
1919—	J. W. Bayliss (Retired) Campbell Road, Judea, Tauranga	15
1922—	H. Ashworth (Retired), 571 South Road, New Plymouth	17
1922—	C. Robinson (Retired) Waipawa	2
1924—	R. T. Alexander (Retired) Pah Road, Motueka	2
1924—	W. H. Wilson (Retired), 19 Rangitoto Terrace, Takapuna, Auckland, N.2	15
1925—	W. J. Henderson, Stanley Street, Eketahuna	4
1925—	H. J. Malcolm (Retired), 31 Blair Avenue, Ch.Ch., N.W.2	13
1926—	W. Sussex (Retired), Bayswater, Auckland	15
1928—	R. Coombridge (Retired), Silverdale, Auckland	3
1930—	J. C. R. Ashworth, 18 Robinson Street, Foxton	7
1939—	H. R. Wright, Wellington Road, Marton	2
1940—	W. J. Bryant, 43 King Street, Whakatane	1
1941—	L. E. G. Sharp, Edendale, Southland	4
1941—	T. Steele, Ohoka, R.M.D., Kaiapoi	3
1943—	E. J. Carter, 46 Beresford Street, Roslyn, Dunedin	2
1944—	C. E. Roke, Kawhia, King Country	6
1945—	J. M. Daley, B.A., Ford Street, Opotiki	3
1946—	O. L. Christian, Balclutha	3
1946—	W. E. Sleep (Retired), Raetihi (Supply 6th Year)	8
1947—	F. J. Climo, Belvedere St., Te Puke	2
1948—	H. Prowse, Halcombe	2
1948—	F. D. Peterson, Kaukapakapa	6

HOME MISSIONARY PROBATIONERS

1951—	G. C. Armitage, Apiti, Manawatu	3
1951—	I. G. Fowler, C/o 77 Grey Street, Onehunga	1
1952—	Ian D. Grant, Inglewood	2
1952—	F. L. Johnson, Kohukohu, North Hokianga	2
1953—	A. G. Reid, Ngatea	1
1953—	Miss M. Rushton, C/o 92 Liardet St., New Plymouth	1
1953—	J. R. Hamlin, Okato	1
1953—	H. D. Wheatley, Taihape	1
1953—	H. W. Kitchingman, C/o 463 Gladstone Rd., Gisborne	1
1953—	B. J. Bell, C/o 524 Church Street, Palmerston North	1

HOME MISSIONARY "SUPPLIES"

A. W. McKay, Non-Resident student of Trinity College, 19 Schofield Street, Grey Lynn, Auckland	
F. E. Trim, Waikouaiti	
Thomas Walker, Westgate Street, Ngaruawahia	
M. R. Edgar, Kaukapakapa	
W. M. Isitt, Birkett Street, Temuka	
J. L. Gammon, 28 Elizabeth Street, Bluff	

MAORI HOME MISSIONARIES

1922—	Te Hira Ratete, Punakitere, Hokianga, Northland	26
1930—	Paahi Moke, 37 Breakwater Road, New Plymouth	10
1932—	Rameka Eru, Victoria Valley, Northland	4
1932—	Tuteao Manihera, Raglan	6
1932—	Paikea, H. Toka, Maori Community Centre, Freemans Bay, Auckland	4
1934—	Huru, Wiperi, 2a Cleveland Road, Parnell, Auckland	8
1934—	John Nicholls, 61b Taylors, Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland	20

Ent.	Name and Address	Years
1934—	Poo Kingi, Whatawhata, Waikato	20
1934—	Heemi Rihimona, Methodist Maori Parsonage, Ngaruawahia	13
1936—	Ngaweke Tuhimata, Tuakau	8
1937—	Roi Moke, Box 400, Hamilton	2
1938—	Paraire Paraone Kena, Pouto, Kaipara Heads	16
1938—	Piripi Livingstone, Pokere, Bay of Islands	16
1938—	Wiremu Paki Ihaka, Aratapu, Dargaville	16
1939—	John Harris, Pakiri, North Auckland	15
1939—	Nehana Pu, Opuawhanga, R.D., Hikurangi	15
1940—	Wiremu Tonga, Box 400, Hamilton	14
1942—	Tawai Te Riri Kawiti, Waiomio, Bay of Islands	12
1944—	Te Urunga Pura Wetere, Atawa Settlement, Waihou, R.D., Te Aroha	10
1944—	Paki Manga, c/o Dairy Factory, Otorohanga	10
1944—	Rangi Katipa, Ngutunui, Te Awamutu	10
1945—	Tame Ponui, P.O. Kopaki, King Country	5
1946—	Waiwera Rangawhenua, Maketu Pa, Kawhia, King Country	8
1946—	Tumu Te Huia, Makomako, via Kawhia	8
1946—	Waka Kukutai, Te Kohanga, Waikato	8
1946—	Henare Kapa, Rangitane Pouto, Kaipara Heads	8
1947—	Whaterau Ira Wharehoka, Pungarehu, Taranaki	7
1947—	Mu Maihi, Waikaretu, Waikato Coast	7
1948—	Nguru Winikerei Marakopa, King Country	6
1950—	Maharaia Winiata, Cleek Road, Mangere, Auckland	4
1950—	Enoka Marumaru, Aramiro, Waikato	4
1950—	Houtai Mita Hohepa, P.O. Box 169, Kaikohe	4
1950—	Tita Tauhi Wetere, P.O. Box 400, Hamilton	4
1950—	Te Iwikau Waaka, Otaramarae, P.O. Rotorua	4
1951—	Tutea Rau, Te Hoe, South Auckland	3
1951—	Pukerau Rangitutia, Box 400, Hamilton	3
1952—	Matene Hori de Thierry, Rangiri	1
1952—	Ngemugeru Tame Pihama, Te Uku	1
1953—	Hone Wilcox, C/o Box 5023, Auckland	1
1953—	Hatoitoti Pihama, Box 400 Hamilton	1

DEACONESSES

1921—	Sister Eleanor Dobby, 409 Main Road, Papanui, Christchurch, N.W.2
1921—	Sister Margaret Nicholls, 61b Taylor's Rd. Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2
1928—	Sister Rita Snowden, 24 Empire Road, Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3
1929—	Sister Airini Hobbs, P.O. Box 400, Hamilton
1928—	Sister Ivy Jones, Box 5023, Auckland
1933—	Sister Olive Bott, Taheke; Hokiangra
1935—	Sister Madeline Holland, "Kurahunu" 110 Grey Street, Onehunga, Auckland, S.E.5
1936—	Sister Heeni Wharemaru, Box 400, Hamilton
1939—	Sister Evelyn Marriott, Rangiatea Maori Girls' School, South Road, New Plymouth
1939—	Sister Dorothy Pointon, 8 Airedale St., Auckland, C.1
1943—	Sister Anne Wilson, 51 Victoria Street, Hawera
1944—	Sister Ruth Hilder, C/o Post Office, Kawakawa
1945—	Sister Jean Miller, 861 New North Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland
1945—	Sister Winifred Poole, Methodist Mission, Bilua, Vella Lavella, British Solomon Islands
1946—	Sister Lucy Money, Methodist Mission, Choiseul, British Solomon Islands
1947—	Sister Mavis Dickie, Rangiatea Girls' Hostel, South Rd., New Plymouth
1947—	Sister Margaret Taylor, Box 6, Kaukapakapa, Nth Auckland (Leave of Absence)

- 1948—Sister Rona Collins, Methodist Children's Home, Papanui, Christchurch
- 1948—Sister Grace Clement, P.O. Box 102, Te Kuiti
- 1949—Sister Rona Keightley, Box 400, Hamilton
- 1949—Sister Betty Yearbury, Longfellow Street, Opunake
- 1949—Sister Frances Smith, Box 400, Hamilton
- 1949—Sister Elsmé Dixon, C/o Post Office, Orewa, North Auckland (Leave of Absence)
- 1949—Sister Fiona Summerell, C/o 75 Taranaki Street, Wellington. (Leave of Absence)
- 1950—Sister Te Atakohu Fitzpatrick, Kawhia
- 1950—Sister Marcia Powell, Dunedin Central Mission, 35 Octagon, Dunedin
- 1950—Sister Evelyn Taylor, Central Mission, 53 Cathedral Square, Christchurch

MISSIONARY SISTERS

- Sister Ada Lee, Methodist Mission, Koau, Buin Bay, South Bougainville, Terr. of New Guinea.
- Sister Effie Harkness, Methodist Mission, Roviana, Gizo, British Solomon Islands.
- Sister Winifred Poole, Methodist Mission, Bilua, Vella Lavella, British Solomon Islands.
- Sister Merle Carter, Methodist Mission, Teop, Sohana, Terr. of New Guinea.
- Sister Lucy Money, Methodist Mission, Choiseul, British Solomon Islands.
- Sister Eva Saunders, Methodist Mission, Skotolan, Sohana, Terr. of New Guinea.
- Sister Joyce McDonald, Methodist Mission, Bilua, Vella Lavella, British Solomon Islands.
- Sister Joan Brooking, Methodist Mission, Koau, Buin, Bougainville, Terr. of New Guinea.
- Sister Davinia Clark, Methodist Mission, Roviana, Gizo, British Solomon Islands.
- Sister Jessie Grant, Methodist Mission, Roviana, Gizo, British Solomon Islands.
- Sister Myra Fraser, Methodist Mission, Roviana, Gizo, British Solomon Islands.
- Sister Jane Bond, Methodist Mission, Bilua, Vella Lavella, British Solomon Islands.
- Sister Pamela Beaumont, Methodist Mission, Koau, Buin, Bougainville, Terr. of New Guinea.
- Sister Nancy Ball, Methodist Mission, Choiseul, British Solomon Islands.
- Sister Helen Whitlow, Skotolan, Sohana, Terr. of New Guinea.
- Sister Thelma Duthie, Teop, Sohana, Terr. of New Guinea.
- Sister June Hilder, Roviana, Gizo, British Solomon Islands.

Retired.

(a) Deaconesses

- 1907—Sister Mabel Morley.
- 1909—Sister Ruth Fawcett.
- 1913—Mrs W. J. Williams.
- 1913—Sister May Barnett.
- 1914—Sister Ethel McMillan.
- 1914—Sister Annie Tocker.
- 1918—Sister Winifred Beaumont.
- 1919—Sister May Ralph.
- 1920—Sister Mildred West.
- 1923—Sister Lily White.
- 1927—Mrs C. B. Jones.
- 1928—Sister Olive Coleman.
- 1935—Sister Vera Cannon.

(b) Missionary Sisters—

- 1924—Sister Lina Jones.
- 1927—Sister Grace McDonald
- 1936—Sister Edna White.
- 1938—Sister Merle Farland.

Students in Training.

- 1952—Winifred Bennett
Joyce Gribble.
Mary Whitlow.
- 1953—Doreen Bulford.
Gwenda Kennedy.
Kathleen Rogers

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
Abbey, William H.E.	Melbourne	1883	1907	8th August, 1944	Wanganui
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
Ayrton, Moses	Yorkshire, England	1879	1924	3rd October, 1950	Wellington
Bailey, Samuel	Staffordshire, England	1871	1901	27th October, 1949	Wellington
Barley, Charles E.	Fincham, England	1851	1874	5th October, 1888	Hawera
Batthey, 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
Bellhouse, Harold E.	Leeds, Yorkshire, England	1869	1894	4th October, 1948	Auckland
Benning, Job	Wednesbury, England	1858	1905	22nd November, 1915	Waikouaiti
Berry, Joseph	Preston, England	1846	1865	9th July, 1907	Payneham, S. Aust.
Best, Edward	Newry, Ireland	1824	1848	18th November, 1900	Auckland
Binet, Vincent Le C.	Channel Islands	1883	1914	10th January, 1943	Auckland
Blight, Joseph	Clare, South Australia	1858	1887	24th October, 1933	Auckland
Bond, George	Durham, England	1848	1871	6th November, 1931	Auckland
Bowie, William S.	Scarsdale, Victoria	1865	1896	19th December, 1914	Victoria

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Brooke, Thomas G.	Berkshire, England	1849	1880	31st August, 1931	Auckland
Buddle, Thomas	Durham, England	1812	1835	26th June, 1883	Auckland
Bull, Henry	London, England	1843	1868	1st August, 1919	Christchurch
Buller, James	Cornwall, England	1812	1837	6th November, 1884	Christchurch
Bumby, John Hewgill	Thirsk, England	1808	1829	26th June, 1840	Dr'wed, Hauraki Gulf
Bunn, Robert S.	Dublin, Ireland	1835	1860	22nd June, 1907	Sydney, N.S.W.
Buttle, George	Yorkshire, England	1810	1838	10th July, 1874	Auckland
Buttle, Joseph Newman	Waipa, N.Z.	1850	1878	23rd December, 1914	Christchurch
Cannell, William	Manchester, England	1836	1861	8th September, 1921	New Plymouth
Carr, Thomas Goodwill	Eastwood, Notts, England	1846	1871	2nd August, 1935	Auckland
Chappell, Albert B., M.A.	Southsea, England	1872	1896	28th August, 1942	Auckland
Chapman, John G.	London, England	1865	1889	30th December, 1925	Wellington
Clark, James R.	Maysbury, Bucks, England	1854	1906	1st August, 1928	Christchurch
Clement, George	Yorkshire, England	1860	1887	4th October, 1948	Dunedin
Clover, James	Suffolk, England	1850	1874	7th December, 1919	Hamilton
Cocker, James	Derbyshire, England	1862	1890	6th March, 1935	Masterton
Cook, George S.	Braidwood, N.S.W.	1864	1901	23rd February, 1945	Otaki
Cossum, Percy J.	Kent, England	1869	1897	9th September, 1933	Wellington
Creed, Charles	Somerset, England	1812	1837	18th February, 1879	Rookwood, N.S.W.
Crump, John	Kingsland, Herefordshire, Eng.	1828	1857	28th May, 1912	Stoke, Nelson
Daniel, Herbert	London, England	1881	1906	21st February, 1939	Matamata
Dawson, John	Keighly, Yorkshire, England	1859	1888	13th September, 1925	Wellington
Dawson, William	Northumberland, England	1865	1894	24th July, 1906	Christchurch
Dean, William John	Hereford, England	1826	1854	9th September, 1905	Wellington
Dellow, John	Kent, England	1851	1879	21st November, 1897	Woodend
Dewsbury, Henry R.	Alloa, Scotland	1849	1871	8th June, 1926	Auckland
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
Eaton, Clarence	Auckland	1878	1901	26th August, 1949	Christchurch
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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Featherston, Jacob	Weardale, England	1864	1901	24th June, 1951	Christchurch
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
Griffin, Samuel	London, England	1859	1882	19th December, 1937	Auckland
Grigg, William	Cornwall, England	1862	1888	3rd October, 1951	Christchurch
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	Whirinaki
Hobbs, John	Kent, England	1800	1824	24th June, 1883	Auckland
Hosking, James Alfred	Coromandel, New Zealand	1872	1896	1st October, 1924	Auckland

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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
209 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
Liddell, Ralph J.	Ballarat, Australia	1876	1903	21st July, 1948	Auckland
Liversedge, Arthur	Barnsley, England	1874	1898	31st December, 1948	Christchurch
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
Marshall, George T.	Warwickshire, England	1853	1883	2nd August, 1938	Auckland
Marten, William Benjamin	Essex, England	1847	1871	15th February, 1907	Hutt

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Martin, J. Frederick	Waimate	1879	1908	28th July, 1952	Wanganui
Mather, Joseph John	Leeds, England	1854	1883	8th November, 1921	Auckland
McBean, Angus	Ballararat, Victoria	1876	1904	4th May, 1947	Christchurch
McNicoll, David	Liverpool, England	1843	1868	8th June, 1925	Auckland
Mercer, Victor Stanley	Adelaide, S.A.	1888	1920	7th December, 1923	Bluff
Metson, Basil	Temuka	1879	1905	8th February, 1952	Rangiora
Mitchell, Arthur	Truro, England	1866	1890	19th August, 1951	Auckland
Mitchell, John L.	Kent, England	1892	1933	12th July, 1950	Hutt
Morley, William, D.D.	Notts, England	1842	1863	24th May, 1926	Kew, Victoria
Murray, Daniel J.	Cambridge, England	1851	1875	27th September, 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
Nelson, John R.	Cumberland, England	1883	1917	22nd February, 1951	Auckland
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
Olphert, John	Auckland	1866	1888	5th March, 1950	Auckland
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
Peat, Harold T.	Thames	1885	1913	24th August, 1948	Auckland
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
Pickering, William B.	Staffordshire, England	1881	1920	1st November, 1948	Rotorua
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	Masterston, N.Z.
Purchon, Samuel R.	Leeds, England	1851	1875	24th January, 1878	Motueka
Raine, Robert	Durham, England	1868	1892	17th March, 1942	Wellington

Name of Minister	Birthplace	Year of Birth	Entered the Ministry	Date of Death	Place of Burial
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
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, Raymond	Mooroopna, Victoria	1879	1905	13th August, 1948	Christchurch
Richards, Thomas R.	Wodonga, 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
Sinclair, William A.	Christchurch	1868	1891	4th January, 1950	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, G. Knowles	Yorkshire, England	1870	1892	1st June, 1951	Greytown
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

Name of Minister	Birthplace	Year of Birth	Entered the Ministry	Date of Death	Place of Burial
Taylor, Robert	Rochdale, Lancashire, England	1839	1866	28th May, 1918	Christchurch
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
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
Vealie, Thomas W.	St. Just, England	1864	1889	1st January, 1950	Hutt
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	Turakina
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
White, Hedley	Silchester, England	1883	1906	14th December, 1950	Greytown
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
Wills, William	Cornwell, England	1872	1899	3rd September, 1950	Auckland
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

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

General Account.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
July 1, 1951—				Book Orders	.....	65	0 0
Credit Balance	.....	72	1 4	Bank Charge	.....	0	10 0
June 30, 1952—				Cheque Book	.....	0	4 0
Interest on Government Stock	.....	14	19 8	Printing and Duplicating	.....	13	17 0
Book Orders	.....	29	10 8	Repairs Typewriter	.....	2	0 0
				Conference Expenses	.....	5	0 0
				Secretary's Expenses and Sundries	.....	6	2 3
				Exchange	.....	0	13 4
				By Balance	.....	23	5 1
		£116	11 8			£116	11 8

Benevolent Account.

		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
July 1, 1951—				November 7, 1951—			
Balance	.....	147	13 1	Donation, Auckland Branch	.....	20	0 0
Interest Government Stock	.....	26	19 8	By Balance	.....	154	12 9
		£174	12 9			£174	12 9

Food Parcels for Britain Account.

				£	s.	d.					£	s.	d.
July 1, 1951—							Bank Charge				0	5	0
Cr. Balance				16	18	8	October—Purchases N.Z. Farmers' Co-op.				31	15	0
Donations				23	1	4	By Balance				8	0	0
				£40	0	0					£40	0	0

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1952.

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Audited and found correct.

R. G. PEARCE, Hon. Auditor.

22nd July, 1952.

METHODIST WOMEN'S GUILD FELLOWSHIP.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ending 31st October, 1951.

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RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
31/10/50	Cash in Hand	—	0 15 5	31/10/50	Hire of Wesley Church Hall	—	1 1 0
31/10/50	Collection at Conference	—	2 7 3	31/10/50	Gas for Heaters	—	0 5 0
1/10/51	Levies from all Districts	—	39 17 3	15/12/50	Typing Six Reports	—	0 18 0
			<u>£42 19 11</u>	16/ 4/51	Typing President's Letters	—	0 18 0
27/10/51—				16/ 4/51	Box Envelopes (500)	—	0 17 4
	Cash in P.O.S.B.	—	2 10 0	16/ 4/51	Stamps for Secretary	—	1 0 10
	Cash in Hand	—	2 19 9	10/ 9/51	Petty Cash for Secretary	—	1 0 0
				18/10/51	Train Fares for Exec. to Conference	—	19 10 0
				18/10/51	Steamer Fares for Exec. to Conference	—	12 0 0
							<u>37 10 2</u>
					Balance in Hand	—	5 9 9
			<u>£5 9 9</u>				<u>£42 19 11</u>

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND — YOUTH DEPARTMENT.

Income and Expenditure Account for year ended 30th June, 1952.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Directors' Salaries	754	7	6	By Circuit Contributions	2,861	3	2
„ Christchurch Parsonage Expenses	91	19	3	„ Interest P.O.S.B.	28	3	2
„ Wellington Parsonage Expenses	60	9	9	„ Christian Education	7	18	3
„ Connexional Charges	120	10	0	„ Net Profit Trading	1,001	3	4
„ Travelling Expenses	477	7	5				
„ District Youth Council Grants	72	0	0				
„ National Leadership Committee	33	6	0				
„ Proportion Administration & Gen. Exes.	949	15	2				
„ Home Sunday School	64	3	10				
„ Youth Convention Expenses	28	6	1				
„ Depreciation	111	9	6				
216 „ Projector & Film Expenses	2	14	3				
„ Contribution Wesley Historical Society for publication "Youth Movement"	25	0	0				
„ National Committee on Recreation & Leisure	10	0	0				
„ Excess Income Over Expenditure trans- ferred to Appropriation A/c.	1,096	19	2				
	£3,898	7	11		£3,898	7	11

Appropriation Account for year ended 30th June, 1952

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Parsonage Extension Reserve	500	0	0	By Excess Income over Expenditure trans- ferred from Inc. & Ex. A/c.	1,096	19	2
„ Special Purposes Reserve	550	0	0				
„ Balance to Accumulated Funds	46	19	2				
	£1,096	19	2		£1,096	19	2

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND — YOUTH DEPARTMENT.

Trading Account for year ended 30th June, 1952.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Stock, 1951	558	0	0	By Sales in Advance, 1951	1,351	9	11
„ Purchases	3,445	6	6	„ Stock, 1952	630	0	0
„ Sales in Advance, 1952	1,405	5	6	„ Sales	5,044	8	0
„ Gross Profit	1,634	6	10	„ Film Hire	17	0	11
	£7,042	18	10		£7,042	18	10
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Administration & General Exes.	633	3	6	By Gross Profit	1,634	6	10
„ Surplus Profits transferred to Income & Expenditure A/c.	1,001	3	4				
	£1,634	6	10		£1,634	6	10

Administration & General Expenses for year ended 30th June, 1952.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Salaries	941	10	8	By Duplicating Services	232	12	4
„ Postages, Printing, Supplies & General	874	0	4	„ Allocation of Administration & General Expenses—			
				Inc. & Ex. A/c. 3/5ths	949	15	2
				Trading A/c. 2/5ths	633	3	6
	£1,815	11	0		£1,815	11	0

Special Appeal Fund for year ended 30th June, 1952.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance	1,404	12	4	By Balance, 30/6/51	1,374	13	8
				„ Interest P.O.S.B.	29	18	8
	£1,404	12	4		£1,404	12	4

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We report that we have audited the Books and Accounts of the Youth Department of the Methodist Church of New Zealand for the twelve months ended 30th June, 1952, 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 on hand and unused.

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 as at 30/6/52, according to the best of our information and the explanation given to us and as shown by the books of the Department.

Wellington,
19th December, 1952.

PATTRICK, TRIST, JACK & MIDDLEWICK,
Public Accountants and Auditors.

METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING & LOAN FUND

Revenue Account for year ended 31st May, 1952

Loans Account

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Amount of Loans as at 31st May, 1951	—	19754	16 2	By Loans Repaid	—	4730	9 9
New Loans Advanced	—	5370	0 0	Amount of Loans as at 31-5-52	—	20394	6 5
		£25124	16 2			£25124	16 2

Sites Fund Account

GRANTS FOR SITES :—							
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
North Beach	—	75	0 0	Donations :— Home Mission Board	—	100	0 0
Alexandra	—	25	0 0	Fire Ins. Fund	—	50	0 0
Halswell	—	50	0 0	Interest on Deposits	—	60	15 0
St. Aubyns	—	50	0 0	Transfer Capital Account	—	139	5 0
Upper Hutt	—	50	0 0				
Knowles Street	—	50	0 0				
Takapuna	—	50	0 0				
		350	0 0				
		£350	0 0			£350	0 0

Administration Account

		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Authorised Appropriation	—	380	0 0	Working Expenses Repaid	—	176	6 0
Stationery and General Expenses	—	120	2 3	Trust Contributions	—	76	0 0
		500	2 3	Interest on Deposits	—	39	3 2
				Reserve Appropriation Account	—	291	9 2
						208	13 1
		£500	2 3			£500	2 3

Audited and found correct,

H. L. FIEBIG }
H. DeR. FLESHER } Treasurers

H. F. ARNOLD, A.R.A.N.Z. }
R. H. SHERRIS } Auditors

METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING & LOAN FUND

Balance Sheet as at 31st May, 1952

LIABILITIES				ASSETS								
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	
LOANS ACCOUNT :—				LOANS ACCOUNT :—								
Accumulated Funds as at				Outstanding Loans	21498	8	0					
31-5-51 —	19200	0	0	Less Working								
Grant from Fire Ins. Fund	200	0	0	Expenses	1056	13	9					
			19400	0	0			Less Interest	47	7	10	
CAPITAL ACCOUNT :—					1104	1	7					
Thomas Emsley				Deposits — Supernumerary Fund	127	15	7	20394 6 5				
Bequest —	1500	0	0	P.O. Savings Bank	1097	15	3					
H. Herbert Wake				Bank of N.Z.	1440	2	9					
Bequest —	50	0	0					2665 13 7				
David Graham				TRUST ACCOUNT :—								
Bequest —	50	0	0	Deposit—Supernumerary Fund				5 10 6				
Wm. H. Duke				Loan to Springston Circuit				25 0 0				
Bequest —	100	0	0	Bank of New Zealand				778 0 0				
Samuel Lawry				SITES FUND ACCOUNT :—								
Bequest —	50	0	0	Deposit —P.O. Savings Bank	1133	3	5					
Geo. Winstone				Supernumerary Fund	134	2	9					
Bequest —	1000	0	0									
Thomas Fee Bequest	50	0	0									
W. G. Andrews				Bank of N.Z. Overdraft	382	5	4					
Bequest —	100	0	0					885 0 10				
			2900	0	0							

DONATIONS :—

Mrs E. M. Winstone				
Blackwell	—	500	0	0
Anonymous	—	100	0	0
Mr & Mrs L. Philpott	—	10	0	0
Rev. J. Olphert		100	0	0
Anonymous	—	50	0	0
		<u>760</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
			3660	0 0

TRUST ACCOUNTS (Properties Sold) 808 10 6

SITES FUND ACCOUNT

As at 31st May 1951	1024	5	10
Decrease	—	139	5 - 0
		<u>885</u>	<u>0 10</u>

ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT :—

Hymn Book Commission Account	63	2	5
Working Expenses Trust Account	300	0	0
	<u>£25116</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>9</u>

ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT

Hymn Book Commission due				62	3	5
Transfer from Revenue A/C.	208	13	1			
Reserve Appropriation						
A/C.	—	—	126	8	5	
Less Rates paid on site	2	1	6			
		<u>124</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>11</u>		
					84	6 2
Bank of New Zealand					215	13 10

£25116 13 9

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Revenue Account and have compared them with the books of the Fund and certify to their correctness. We have had all the 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 May, 1952

H. L. FIEBIG }
H. de R. FLESHER } Treasurers

H. F. ARNOLD, A.R.A.N.Z. }
R. H. SHERRIS } Auditors

Christchurch, 9-7-52

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year ended 30th June, 1952

Examined and found correct.

A. R. MARTIN,
L. KNIGHT

{ Auditors.

Auckland, 24th July, 1952.

JAS TYLER, Chairman.

M. IZZARD, Secretary.

THE PROBERT TRUST BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

BALANCE SHEET as at 30th June, 1952

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.						
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Capital Account	36,620	4	6	Freehold Properties—						
Income Account—				Great North Road	55,220	7	3			
Balance as at 30th June, 1952	16,627	4	1	Queen Street	25,587	5	0			
Auckland Sinking Fund Commrs.—								80,807	12	3
Balance of Loan	28,000	0	0	Post Office Savings Bank—						
Emsly Trust Deposit Account—				Deposit				2,000	0	0
At Call	1,900	0	0	Bank of New Zealand—						
				Current Account				301	8	10
				Cash in Hand				38	7	6
	£83,147	8	7							
MEMO: Liability—Rates for year ending								£83,147	8	7
31st May, 1953 (approx.)	£801	4	0							

We have examined the Books and Accounts of the Probert Trust Board for the year ended 30th June, 1952, 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 30th June, 1952, as shown by the Books.

A. R. MARTIN }
L. KNIGHT } Auditors.

Auckland, 24th July, 1952.

JAS. TYLER, Chairman.
M. IZZARD, Secretary.

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I hereby certify that I have examined the Books and Accounts of the Prince Albert College Trust and find them correct and believe that the above statement of Receipts and Payments truly records the transactions for the year ending 30th June, 1952.

ALDRED E. LAWRY, Hon. Auditor.
Auckland, 24th July, 1952.

THE JAMES AND MARTHA TROUNSON BENEVOLENT TRUST FUND.
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT from 1st July, 1951, to 30th June, 1952.

EXPENDITURE.							INCOME.						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.		
To Stamps, Bank Charges, etc.	3	0	0				By Interest Inscribed Stock	....	356	7	0	
„ Office Rent	5	0	0				„ Interest Auckland Savings Bank	....	9	0	0	
„ Secretary's Allowance	15	0	0										
				23	0	0							
„ Grants				303	12	0							
„ Excess Income Over Expend.				43	9	3	„ Interest National Savings	....	4	14	3	
				£370	1	3			£370	1	3		

BALANCE SHEET as at 30th June, 1952.

LIABILITIES.					ASSETS.				
	£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.	
Trust Fund Account	11,400	0	0	N.Z. Govt. Inscribed Stock, 3½%, 1960	5,755	0	0		
Income Account	659	15	0	N.Z. Govt. Inscribed Stock, 3%, 1962	5,645	0	0		
				Cash Balances—					
				Auckland Savings Bank	£369	12	10		
				National Savings A/c.	162	6	1		
				Bank of New Zealand	127	16	1		
						659	15	0	
	£12,059	15	0			£12,059	15	0	

Certified correct.

A. E. ASTLEY, 28th August, 1952.

THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS.
REVENUE ACCOUNT for Year ended 31st December, 1951.

1950				1950			
£		£	s. d.	£		£	s. d.
110	To Rates and Land Tax	128	19 5	865	By Rent	864	19 8
142	„ General Purposes	141	9 0	613	„ Interest	622	16 4
20	„ Insurance	22	7 11				
—	„ Travelling Expenses	6	15 6	1,478		1,487	16 0
1,206	„ Balance Carried Down	1,188	4 2	1,206	By Balance Brought Down	1,188	4 2
				—	„ Excess of Expend. over Income	223	15 0
1,478		£1,487	16 0				
	To Masterton Home—						
619	Cash Remittances	1,160	14 7				
150	Depreciation	150	0 0				
769		1,310	14 7				
488	Less Int. Received A/c Home	498	15 5				
281	Net Grant to Masterton	811	19 2				
600	„ Grant—Rangiatea Maori College	600	0 0				
325	Excess of Income over Expend.	—					
1,206		£1,411	19 2	1,206		£1,411	19 2

THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS.

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st December, 1951.

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LIABILITIES.							ASSETS.								
1950		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	1950		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
43,861	Capital Account	44,187	0	8				9,050	Masterton Property	8,900	0	0			
—	Less Excess Expend.	223	15	0				150	Less Depreciation	150	0	0			
326	Plus Excess Income	—			43,963	5	8	8,900					8,750	0	0
44,187								16,113	Wellington Property				16,113	6	9
11,300	Masterton Cap'l A/c.	12,406	17	0				617	Foxton Property				617	0	0
1,106	Plus Bequests	1,309	16	6				19,136	N.Z. Govt. Ins'd. Stk.				21,116	8	2
					13,716	13	6	51	N.Z. Govt. Insd. Stk.				51	5	0
12,406								7,030	Loans on Mortgage				6,650	0	0
51	Newcombe Trust F'nd	51	5	0				253	Loans on Table Re-						
1	Plus Interest	2	5	0					payments				201	6	1
52					53	10	0	1,126	Nat. Savings Account				1,159	9	7
—					53	10	0	159	P.O. Savings Bank				162	18	2
26	Interest Paid Advance				121	14	1	1,000	Fixed Deposit—Aus-						
									tralia & N.Z.						
									Bank				1,000	0	0
								2,117	Current Account Aus-						
									tralia & N.Z.						
									Bank				1,951	1	9
								87	Interest Accrued				37	15	1
								82	Rent Accrued				44	12	8
56,671					£57,855	3	3	56,671					£57,855	3	3

I have examined the Books, Accounts and Vouchers of the Board of the Wellington Methodist Charitable and Educational Endowments for the year ended 31st December, 1951, and I have received all the information and explanations I have required. I certify that, in my opinion, the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Board's affairs, according to the best of my information and the explanations given to me and as shown by the said books.

JOHN KELLOW, F.P.A.N.Z., Treasurer.

G. T. WITHERS, F.R.A.N.Z., Auditor.
Wellington, August 13, 1952.

EMSLY TRUST.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE for the Year ended 30th June, 1952.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
June 30th, 1952—				June 30th, 1952—			
To Interest from Deposit	85	10	0	By Theological College	85	10	0
	£85	10	0		£85	10	0

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.

June 30th, 1952—				June 30th, 1952—			
To Capital	£1,900	0	0	By Deposit at Call with Probert Trust			
				Board	£1,900	0	0

T. L. HAMES, Auditor.

Audited and found correct.

JAS. TYLER, Treasurer.

Auckland, 24th July, 1952.

KAI IWI MISSION ESTATE

Statement of Income and Expenditure—1st October, 1950 to 30th June, 1952

1950				£	s.	d.	1950				£	s.	d.
Oct. 1	Balance B/fwd.	—	—	8	1	11	Oct. 3	Land Tax	—	—	7	14	7
1951							1951						
Jan. 30	Rent	—	—	155	10	3	Jan. 28	Home Mission Dept.	—	—	50	0	0
Aug. 22	Rent	—	—	155	10	3		Rangiatea College	—	—	100	0	0
1952							Mar. 13	Bank Charge	—	—	5	0	
Feb. 18	Rent	—	—	155	10	3	Aug. 21	Rangiatea College	—	—	100	0	0
								H.M. Dept.	—	—	50	0	0
								National Savings	—	—	50	0	0
							Sept. 18	Bank Charge	—	—	5	0	
							27	Interest O/d.	—	—	2	6	
							1952						
							Mar. 31	Bank Charge	—	—	5	0	
								Interest on O/d.	—	—	14	9	
							June 4	Rangiatea	—	—	50	0	0
								H.M. Dept.	—	—	50	0	0
								Land Tax	—	—	7	14	7
								Balance Carried Forward	—	—	7	11	3

GREY INSTITUTE TRUST.
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1952.
Receipts and Payments Account.

RECEIPTS.						PAYMENTS.					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	
To Balance, 1/7/51				814	3	6	By Rates		54	13	1
„ Rentals	1,167	11	0				„ Legal Expenses		32	9	0
„ Noting Fees	7	17	6				„ Printing and Advertising		2	7	4
„ Rent Dwelling	132	10	0				„ Repairs and Renewals		25	10	10
„ Allotment Fees New Sections	375	0	0				„ Interest on Advances		246	1	1
„ Sundries	10	0					„ Bank Fees and Exchange		1	13	6
				1,683	8	6	„ Land Tax		183	16	10
							„ Postages		8	0	0
							„ Secretary		125	0	0
							„ Redemption on Advances		225	15	2
							„ Remittances to Home Mission Board		624	3	6
							„ Insurances		2	18	1
							„ Grant to Rangiatea Maori College Trust		100	0	0
							„ New Titles		12	0	0
									£1,644	8	5
							„ Balance at Bank N.S.W.		853	3	7
				£2,497	12	0			£2,497	12	0

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing Statement of Receipts and Payments for the period Year ended 30th June, 1952. 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.
 New Plymouth, 5th September, 1952.

(Signed) DUFF AND DUFF,
 Auditors.

ROBERT GIBSON ESTATE.

Statement of Account of the Public Trustee's Administration, 30th June, 1951 to 30th June, 1952.

		Dr.	Cr.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
<i>Balance</i>			3,720 1 11
<i>Book Debt :</i>			
R. B. Black—Balance Principal			5 1 4
<i>Implements Account :</i>			
Sale of Pump and Motor	10 0 0		
<i>Depreciation Transferred :</i>			
Top Farm	17 4 6		
Lower Farm	34 11 8		
			61 16 2
<i>Farm Accounts :</i>			
<i>Net Profit Transferred :</i>			
Farm No. 1	1,293 5 4		
Farm No. 2	1,274 18 10		
			2,568 4 2
<i>Interest :</i>			
R. B. Black, 15/11/50 to 1/8/51			0 3 0
<i>Public Trust Office :</i>			
<i>Interest :</i>			
30/6/51 to 30/6/52 at 3%			116 14 5
<i>Farm Supervision Account :</i>			
O. T. Parry		100 0 0	
<i>Realty Improvements Account :</i>			
<i>Lower Farm :</i>			
Piping—Water Supply	13 0 5		
Concreting Race	10 16 9		
2 Troughs	11 10 0		
Bulldozing	3 10 0		
		38 17 2	
<i>Public Trustee's Charge for</i>			
<i>Administration :</i>			
Scale Charge for Period		0 3 2	
<i>Balance</i>		6,333 0 8	
			£6,472 1 0
<i>Balance</i>			£6,333 0 8

HAWERA, N.Z.
26th August, 1952.

ROBERT GIBSON ESTATE.

FARM WORKING ACCOUNT (No. 1).

	Dr.			Cr.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<i>Produce: Butterfat</i>				4,333	7	2
<i>Crops, Seeds and Manures</i>	39	8	6			
<i>Sharemilker's Account :</i>						
<i>Share of Milk Cheques</i>	2,599	16	9			
<i>Balance, being Gross Profit Transferred to</i>						
<i>Farm Profit and Loss Account</i>	1,694	1	11			
	£4,333	7	2	£4,333	7	2

FARM PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

	£ s. d.			Dr.			Cr.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<i>Gross Profit Transferred from</i>									
<i>Farm Working Account</i>							1,694	1	11
<i>Realty and Leasehold Account :</i>									
<i>Rates and Insurance</i>	56	10	4						
<i>Land Tax</i>	4	13	1						
<i>Repairs</i>	7	4	1						
				68	7	6			
<i>Maintenance, Stores and General</i>									
<i>Expenses :</i>									
<i>Manure and Lime</i>	193	5	4						
<i>General Expenses, including</i>									
<i>Employers' Liability Insur-</i>									
<i>ance, Cartage, Exchange,</i>									
<i>Electric Power, etc.</i>	35	16	0						
				229	2	1			
<i>Capital Account :</i>									
<i>Depreciation on Implements</i>				17	4	6			
<i>Public Trustee's Charge for</i>									
<i>Administration</i>				86	2	6			
<i>Balance, being Net Profit Trans-</i>									
<i>ferred to Estate Account</i>				1,293	5	4			
	£1,694	1	11	£1,694	1	11			

FARM WORKING ACCOUNT (No. 2).

	£	s.	d.	Dr. £	s.	d.	Cr. £	s.	d.
<i>Produce—Butterfat</i>							4,011	8	10
<i>Crops, Seeds and Manures</i>				32	1	3			
<i>Sharemilker's Account—</i>									
Share of Milk Cheques				2,406	17	3			
<i>Balance, being Gross Profit</i> <i>transferred to Farm</i> <i>Profit & Loss Account</i>				1,572	10	4			
				£4,011	8	10	£4,011	8	10

FARM PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

<i>Gross Profit transferred from</i> <i>Farm Working A/c.</i>							1,572	10	4
<i>Realty and Leasehold Account—</i>									
Rates and Insurance	58	2	7						
Land-tax	4	13	0						
Repairs	11	18	7						
						74	14	2	
<i>Maintenance, Stores and General</i> <i>Expenses—</i>									
Manure and Lime	49	19	8						
General Expenses, includ- ing General Repairs, Cartage, Employers' Liability Insurance & Exchange	58	5	1			108	4	9	
<i>Capital Account—</i>									
Depreciation Implements						34	11	8	
<i>Public Trustee's Charge for</i> <i>Administration</i>						80	0	11	
<i>Balance being Net Profit</i> <i>transferred to Estate</i> <i>Account</i>						- 1,274	18	10	
						£1,572	10	4	£1,572 10 4

ROBERT GIBSON ESTATE.

Schedule of Assets and Liabilities as at 30th June, 1952.

ASSETS.									
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Cash as per Accounts							6,333	0	8
Shares—									
Kaponga Co-operative Dairy Co. Ltd.:									
469 £1 fully paid									Not Ascertained
Implements (Top Farm)				251	9	6			
Less:									
Depreciation to 30/6/51	80	16	6						
Less Pump Sold	1	12	6						
	79	4	0						
Depreciation to 30/6/52	17	4	6						
				96	8	6			
							155	1	0
Implements (Lower Farm)				415	8	9			
Less Depreciation				104	3	4			
							311	5	5
Realty—									
(a) Section 77, Block X, Kaupokonui S.D.:									
Area: 259 Acres 2 roods 30 perches.									
C.T.: 46/67.									
(b) Section 97, Block X, Kaupokonui S.D.:									
Area: 60 acres.									
C.T.: 37/250.									
Govt. Valuation, 29/2/52, (a) and (b):									
Unimproved £8,290, Improvements £14,770 Capital							23,060	0	0
(Valuation does not include new buildings, draining & Fencing im-mets, etc., carried out in recent years.)									

LIABILITIES.								
Administration Expenses—								
Administration Expenses (including remuneration of Advisory Trustees)							Nominal	
Public Trustee's Charge for Administration—								
Balance Commission							At Scale Rates	

METHODIST CHURCH CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND.
REVENUE ACCOUNT for Year ended 31st May, 1952.

		EXPENDITURE.			INCOME.		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
236	To Office Expenses—				By Levies & Premiums less Re-Insurance	2,375	19 1
	Authorised Approp'tion	600	0	0	" Mortgage Interest	106	14 2
	Stationery & General				" Mortgage Interest Accrued	10	10 0
	Expenses	101	7	0	" Debenture Interest	1,070	18 10
				701 7 0	" Debenture Interest Accrued	440	17 11
	„ Balance to P. & L. Appropriation Account			3,470 12 1	" Deposit Interest	166	19 1
				<u>£4,171 19 1</u>		<u>£4,171 19 1</u>	

METHODIST CHURCH CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND.

PROFIT AND LOSS APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT.

To Grants—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Home Acquire. Fund	326	0	0				By Balance, 31/5/51	1,631	18	3
Foreign Mission Fund	150	0	0				„ Transfer from Revenue Account	3,470	12	1
Home Mission Fund	150	0	0							
Home Mission Removals Fund	50	0	0							
Deaconess House	100	0	0							
Supernumerary Benevolent Fund	25	0	0							
Church Building & Loan Fund	200	0	0							
Church Sites Fund	50	0	0							
Youth Department	100	0	0							
Methodist Times	200	0	0							
Natural Calamities Fund	100	0	0							
Trinity College	150	0	0							
Maori Ministers' Home Acquisition Fund	10	0	0							
				1,611	0	0				
„ Fire Loss Reserve Account				1,500	0	0				
„ Investment Cont. Res.				200	0	0				
„ Recommended Grants				1,665	0	0				
„ Balance				126	10	4				
				£5,102	10	4		£5,102	10	4

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st July, 1952.

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} Treasurers.

H. F. ARNOLD, A.R.A.N.Z.,
F. M. SOWDEN, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z.,
Auditors.

29th August, 1952.

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE for Year ended 30th June, 1952.

EXPENDITURE.						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Salaries				1,860	1	9
„ House Principal, Interest, Rates, Insurance, etc.	188	14	10			
„ Depreciation	90	0	0			
	<hr/>			278	14	10
„ Connexional Charges				101	0	0
„ Office Rent	150	0	0			
„ Less Lettings	57	10	0			
	<hr/>			92	10	0
„ Telephones, P.O. Box and Bank Charge				38	10	0
„ Stationery & General				34	15	3
„ Depreciation, Office Equip- ment				30	0	0
„ Salaries Fluctuation				50	0	0
	<hr/>			£2,485	11	10

INCOME.						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Appropriations—						
Supernumerary & Allied Funds	700	0	0			
Fire Insurance Fund	600	0	0			
Church Building & Loan Fund	380	0	0			
Methodist Times	270	0	0			
Contingent Fund	260	0	0			
South Island Orphanage Board	100	0	0			
Registration Fees	44	11	0			
Interest	7	19	7			
Deficit	123	1	3			
	<hr/>			£2,485	11	10

BALANCE SHEET for Year ended 30th June, 1952.

H. L. FIEBIG,
W. T. BLIGHT,
Treasurers.

Audited and found correct.

E. H. SMITH, 27th August, 1952.

TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 30th June, 1952.

RECEIPTS.			£	s.	d.	PAYMENTS.			£	s.	d.
Probert Trust	.....	.....	500	0	0	Debit Balance, 1st July, 1951	.....	.....	172	15	7
Emsly Trust	.....	.....	85	10	0	House and Service	.....	.....	3,462	17	10
Contingent Fund	.....	.....	1,175	0	0	Stipends and Allowances	.....	.....	1,207	6	8
Connexional Fire Insurance Fund	.....	.....	150	0	0	Tutor's Fees	.....	.....	60	0	0
Home Mission Department	.....	.....	100	0	0	Bursaries	.....	.....	216	0	0
Foreign Mission Department	.....	.....	75	0	0	Circuit Levies	.....	.....	182	10	0
Prince Albert College	.....	.....	300	0	0	Repairs and Renewals	.....	.....	244	0	2
Pitt Street Trust	.....	.....	100	0	0	Renovations Leigh House	.....	.....	148	11	1
Congregational Church	.....	.....	70	0	0	Furnishings	.....	.....	217	14	10
Hostel Fees	.....	.....	2,786	10	0	Telephones	.....	.....	48	10	0
Students' Contributions	.....	.....	70	0	0	Rates	.....	.....	196	8	8
College Sunday & Friends of Trinity College	.....	.....	663	12	10	Insurance	.....	.....	75	15	7
Rents—						Rent Board Room	.....	.....	13	0	0
Residence	.....	£102 16 8				University Fees	.....	.....	163	10	9
Garden Plots	.....	13 12 0				Advertising Church Services	.....	.....	8	0	0
134 Grafton Road	.....	138 13 4				Printing, Posting and Advertising	.....	.....	35	19	11
			255	2	0	Bank Charges	.....	.....	26	15	9
Home Mission Fund—						Sundries	.....	.....	9	17	1
2nd Mortgage	.....	200 0 0				House, 134 Grafton Road—					
Less Legal Expenses	.....	2 7 0				Repayment Principal	.....	£81 17 8			
			197	13	0	Interest	.....	61 0 4			
Rehabilitation Account	.....	144 7 3				Repairs and Expenses	.....	82 6 3			
Imprest Account Refund	.....	69 10 8				Boracure	.....	123 12 0			
Students' Washing Machine A/c.	.....	36 18 0							348	16	3
John White Memorial	.....	100 0 0				John White Memorial	.....	100 0 0			
Debit Balance, 30/6/1952	.....	126 16 5				Washing Machine for Students	.....	55 0 0			
			£7,006	0	2	Licenses	.....	7 10 0			
						Expenses Students to Study Conference	.....	5 0 0			
									£7,006	0	2

I have examined the books and vouchers of the Trinity Methodist Theological College and Hostel and compared them with the Bank statements, and I am of the opinion that they give a true and correct statement of the affairs of the Council at 30th June, 1952, as shown by the books.

WILFRID F. WINSTONE, Hon. Treasurer.

(Signed) R. H. HAMES, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S.,
Auditor.

TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

REHABILITATION FUND.

NEW ORGAN FUND.

	£	s.	d.
Bank Balance, 1st July, 1951	305	6	11
Add Interest	7	12	0
	<u>£312</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>11</u>
Less Transferred to General A/c. (Renovations) 144 7 3			
Bank Balance, 30th June, 1952	<u>£168</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>8</u>

	£	s.	d.
Fund as at 1st July, 1951	634	0	10
Add Bank Interest	8	9	6
Dividends	<u>25</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>668</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>
Less Insurance	4	8	4
Fund as at 30th June, 1952	<u>£663</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>0</u>

TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

BALANCE SHEET, AS AT 30th JUNE, 1952.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Capital	56,883	1	4	Freehold Land	8,550	0	0
Rehabilitation Fund	168	11	8	College Building	35,000	0	0
New Organ Fund	663	12	0	Collegiate Church and Sunday School	3,000	0	0
Mortgage—134 Grafton Road	2,391	18	8	House—134 Grafton Road	2,575	0	0
Bank of New Zealand Current Account	126	16	5	Furniture and Fittings	4,950	0	0
				Contents Library and Records Room	4,000	0	0
				Church Organ	1,200	0	0
				General Account	126	16	5
				Shares South British Insurance Co. Ltd.	300	0	0
				Deposits—Auckland Savings Bank	532	3	8
	<u>£60,234</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>£60,234</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1951

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sundry Creditors — * —				1135	13	2
War Memorial Fund (Maori) —				376	16	7
College Organ Fund — —				79	14	4
SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS :—						
Marianne Caughey Smith-Preston	2130	0	0			
George Winstone — —	1040	0	0			
Stephen James Ambury — —	1003	12	0			
				4173	12	0
CAPITAL ACCOUNT :—						
Balance at 1-1-1951 —	148502	16	9			
Plus Profit on Sale of						
Improvements Lot 10 Grafton						
Property — —	2500	0	0			
Profit on Realization of						
Preparatory School —	989	5	10			
Repayment of Capital by Marua						
Estates Ltd. to reduce paid						
up value to 6/8 per share	662	1	8			
Sale of standing Timber at						
Paerata — —	424	9	2			
Excess Income over Expenditure						
for the year — —	4761	13	9			
				167840	7	2

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
PROPERTIES									
Paerata—Land —	16760	0	0						
Buildings at cost	66030	5	4						
Improvements —	10133	12	7						
				92923	17	11			
Wellington Park									
Land — —	4290	0	0						
Buildings —	7253	12	5						
Improvements —	285	10	8						
				11829	3	1			
Grafton — —				19407	19	6			
Waikowhai—Land	4255	0	0						
Improvements —	281	4	1						
				4536	4	1			
Otamatea County —				115	0	0			
Hobson County —				10	0	0			
				128822	4	7			
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT—PAERATA									
Farm Machinery				985	0	0			
Motor Vehicles —				1703	0	0			
Furniture— Equipment				3426	11	3			
							6114	11	3
Stock on Hand									
Livestock —				2616	12	3			
Produce— Sundry Stocks				2596	6	8			
							5212	18	11

LOANS AND INVESTMENTS

Loans on Mortgage				5127	3	3
Government Securities						
N.Z. Govt. Stock						
3% 1960/62	—	2000	0	0		
3% 1961/63	—	1000	0	0		
4% 1954/58	—	2000	0	0		
				5000	0	0

SAVINGS BANK ACCOUNTS

Auck. Savings Bank	505	4	2			
P.O. Savings Bank	506	5	0			
				1011	9	2

SHARES

F. M. Winstone (Mchts.)						
Ltd. (1000 Shares of £1						
each fully paid)	—	1000	0	0		
New Remuera-Panmure						
Land Co. Ltd. (600 Shares						
of £1 each paid to 12/6						
—at valuation)	—	75	0	0		
Marua Estates Ltd.						
(1225 Shares of £1 each						
paid to 6/8 —at						
valuation)	—	70	0	0		
Nukora Fruitlands Ltd.						
(250 Shares of £1 each						
paid to 17/6—at						
valuation)	—	43	15	0	1188	15 0
					12327	7 5

Carried Forward — — £163606 3 3

Carried forward — — 152477 2 2

Board of the Wesley Training College—Continued

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Brought Forward	—	—	—	£163606	3	3		Brought forward	152477	2	2
								SUNDRY DEBTORS			
								Under Sale— Purchase			
								Agreement (plus			
								Interest Accrued)	240	0	11
								For Rent	211	8	5
								For Fees	2220	18	8
								For Sundries	7200	8	8
									9872	16	8
								Less Reserve for Bad Debts	70	0	0
									9802	16	8
								CASH BALANCES			
								Bank of New Zealand	755	11	2
								Wool Retention Account	557	14	11
								Cash in Hand	12	18	4
									1326	4	5
				£163606	3	3			£163606	3	3

LEONARD KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z., General Secretary

We certify that we have audited the above Balance Sheet, together with the books and vouchers relating thereto, and that in our opinion it exhibits a true and correct view of the state of the Trust at the 30th December, 1951, as shown by the books. We have obtained from the Solicitors to the Board, Messrs. Peak, Kirker & Newcomb, a certificate that all the Title Deeds and Securities are in order, and have been furnished with certified valuations of the stock on hand at Paerata and Mount Wellington, which we have accepted as correct.

Auckland,
5th February, 1952

HUTCHISON, ELLIFFE, CAMERON & CO.
Auditors.

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December, 1951

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Loss on College — —	801	0					By Profit on Farm, Paerata —	2250	17	9			
Loss on Preparatory School	958	8	8				Wellington Park —	2201	5	9			
				1759	9	2					4452	3	6
General Expenses —				831	9	10	Rent Received — —				2343	8	9
Excess Income over Expenditure							Interest and Dividends —				557	0	6
Transferred to Capital Account				4761	13	9							
				£7352	12	9					£7352	12	9

Rents Received Account for the year ended 31st December, 1951

	£			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance transferred to				By Rents Received					
Income and Expenditure Account	2343	9		Waikowhai Property	—	1364	15	0	
				Grafton Property	—	978	13	9	
							2343	8	9
	£2343	8	9				£2343	8	9

Interest Account for the year ended 31st December, 1951

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance transferred to				By Interest						
Income and Expenditure Account	557	0	6	Grafton Property — —	100	0	0			
				Mt. Wellington Property — —	75	0	0			
				Mt. Albert Property — —	14	19	7			
				Harding Estate — —	14	3	8			
				New Zealand Government Stock	18	18	1			
				Savings Bank Accounts — —	11	9	2			
								234	10	6
				By Dividends						
				New-Remuera-Panmure Land Co.						
				Ltd. — — —	200	0	0			
				Marua Estates Ltd. — — —	122	10	0			
								322	10	0
	£557	0	6					£557	0	6

General Expenses Account for the year ended 31st December, 1951

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Salary — — —	450	0	0	By Balance transferred to			
Repairs and Maintenance — —	133	6	9	Income and Expenditure Account	831	9	10
Rates — — —	90	19	4				
Audit Fees — — —	38	17	0				
Circuit Levies — — —	35	0	0				
Printing and Stationery — — —	32	2	10				
Sundry Expenses — — —	28	1	2				
Legal Expenses — — —	16	12	9				
Board Room Rent — — —	6	10	0				
	£831	9	10		£831	9	10

BOARD OF THE WESLEY COLLEGE

College Working Account for the year ended 31st December, 1951

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		
To Salaries — — —				4842	12	6	By Fees — — — —	—	16474	13	4	
Wages — — —				4317	1	11	By Rent — — — —	—	130	15	0	
Provisions—Bread — —	492	18	4				By Working Loss to Income and					
Dairy Produce — —	558	19	7				Expenditure account — —	—	—	801	0	6
Groceries — — —	1037	8	10									
Meat — — —	1107	0	4									
Sundries — — —	178	18	0									
				3375	5	1						
Beneficiary Work — Maori	1005	0	0									
Island Boys	196	13	4									
European	85	6	8									
Bad Debts—Maori — —	167	13	4									
				1454	13	4						
Repairs and Maintenance —				1128	1	10						
Fuel and Light — — —				882	15	10						
Depreciation — — —				397	8	3						
Stationery and Books — —				214	18	11						
Sundry Expenses — — —				175	8	10						
Woodwork and Crafts — —				157	16	7						
Insurance — — —				157	3	3						
Laundry — — —				85	9	5						
Poultry — — —				56	9	8						
Sports — — —				55	1	6						
Garden — — —				38	12	10						
Advertising — — —				32	1	9						
Piano — — —				22	7	6						
Prizes — — —				12	19	10						
				£17406	8	10				£17406	8	10

Farm Working Account for the year ended 31st December, 1951

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Wages — — —	2470	11	5	By Dairy Receipts — — —	—	—	—	4519	9	6
Repairs and Renewals — — —	632	13	4	Wool Hides and Skins — — —	—	—	—	1017	19	8
Lime Seeds and Manure — — —	545	16	1	Sheep—Flock — — —	761	10	10			
Depreciation — — —	396	7	1	Sheep—Stud — — —	205	7	1	966	17	11
Power and Light — — —	363	3	0							
Stock Foods — — —	222	9	10	Dairy Cattle—Jersey and Grade	209	0	10			
Sundry Expenses — — —	121	16	8	Dairy Cattle—Friesian and Stud	264	7	3	473	8	1
Rates — — —	114	17	4					228	14	7
Insurance — — —	53	17	8	Timber — — —	—	—	—			
Produce — — —	20	0	0							
Horses — — —	10	0	0							
Freight and Cartage — — —	3	19	7							
Working Profit to Income and Expenditure Account	2250	17	9							
	£7206	9	9					£7206	9	9

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE Preparatory School Working Account for the year ended 31st December, 1951

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Salaries — — —	1485	9	7	By Fees — — —	4125	0	0
Wages — — —	1124	11	7	Canteen — — —	31	19	7
Provisions — — —	952	5	8	Working Loss to Income — Expenditure			
Repairs and Maintenance — — —	670	19	8	Account — — —	958	8	8
Motor Expenses — — —	281	12	4				
Depreciation — — —	178	19	7				
Sundry Expenses — — —	161	1	3				
Fuel and Light — — —	144	3	6				
Insurance — — —	44	3	0				
Poultry — — —	30	19	0				
Stationery — — —	17	3	6				
Prizes — — —	15	7	1				
Garden — — —	5	18	6				
Advertising — — —	2	14	0				
	£5115	8	3		£5115	8	3

Wellington Park Working Account for the year ended 31st December, 1951

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Depreciation — —	130	0	0	By Scoria Royalties — — —	1964	2	11
Repairs and Maintenance — —	81	14	0	Rents — — —	549	9	8
Rates — — —	67	17	9	Timber — — —	8	0	0
Insurance — — —	20	7	10				
Power and Light — — —	20	7	3				
Working Profit to Income and Expenditure Account	2201	5	9				
	£2521	12	7		£2521	12	7

Preparatory School Realization Account as at 31st December, 1951

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Equipment — —	353	0	0				By Sale to Education Department	1866	15	5
Furniture — — —	835	0	0				(as per agreed valuation) — — —	311	11	3
Plant — — —	130	0	0				Chattels taken over by the College at Paerata	6	5	6
Poultry — — —	14	11	4				Sale to W. E. V. Lowe — — —			
				1335	11	4		£2184	12	2
Valuation Fees — —				99	15	0				
Profit carried down — —				749	5	10				
				£2184	12	2				
To Profit on Realization transferred to Capital Account —	989	5	10				By Profit brought down — — —	749	5	10
							Profit on Sale of Station Waggon — — —	240	0	0
	£989	5	10					£989	5	10

SUPERNUMERARY FUND.
Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th June, 1952.

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Annuities	8,362	14	10	By Circuit Levies			2,765 19 0
„ Furniture Grants	480	0	0	„ Personal Subscriptions			1,775 7 0
	<hr/>			„ Interest—			
„ Office Expenses—				Mortgages	2,742	9	5
Authorised Appropriation	390	0	0	Debentures	2,601	14	1
Stationery & General	126	9	2	Arrears	9	11	0
Audit Fee	27	10	0		<hr/>		
	<hr/>				5,353	14	6
„ Govt. Earthquake Insurance			543 19 2	Less Provision for Investment			
„ Balance transferred to			10 16 0	ment Fluctuation	200	0	0
Accumulated Funds			633 4 7		<hr/>		
	<hr/>				5,153	14	6
				Less Interest on Deposits	1,572	12	6
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				„ Freehold (Epworth Chambers)—			
				Revenue	2,408	6	7
				Less Depreciation Provision	500	0	0
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					1,908	6	7
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					£10,030	14	7
					<hr/>		
					£10,030	14	7
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SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

Balance Sheet for Year Ended 30th June, 1952.

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SUPERNUMERARY FUND—Contd.

	Interest Accrued—			
	Mortgages	499	5	11
	Debentures	627	16	7
				<u>1,127 2 6</u>
	Circuit Levies			
	Accrued		695	8 1
	Personal Subs. in			
	Arrears		109	2 11
	Annuities — one			
	Month P'paid		698	16 6
	Freehold Props.—			
	Rent Due	200	14	5
	Rent Accrued	56	5	11
				<u>257 0 4</u>
				<u>£173,150 0 4</u>
				<u>£173,150 0 4</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 June, 1952.

G. S. SALTER, }
H. L. FIEBIG, } Treasurers.

For E. R. CAYGILL & CO.
B. A. CAYGILL, B.Com., A.P.A.N.Z., Auditors.
14/10/52.

SUPERNUMERARY FUND BENEVOLENT BRANCH.

Revenue Account for Year Ending 30th June, 1952.

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.						
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Grants	16	2	9	By Balance as at 30/6/51				909	6	3
„ Authorised Appropriation	5	0	0	„ Donations—						
„ Stationery & General Expenses	11	3		Fire Insurance Fund	25	0	0			
„ Balance				Special	187	13	9			
Supernumerary Fund Deposit	1,194	8	8					212	13	9
				„ Interest				94	2	8
	£1,216	2	8					£1,216	2	8

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1952.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Capital Account	1,400	0	0	<i>Plampin Bequest—</i>			
Balance Revenue Account	1,194	8	8	Debentures	500	0	0
				Capital A/c.—Deposit Supernumerary Fund	500	0	0
				<i>Penrose Bequest—</i>			
				Capital A/c.—Deposit Supernumerary			
				Fund	300	0	0
				Revenue Account Debentures	100	0	0
				Deposit Supernumerary Fund	1,194	8	8
	£2,594	8	8		£2,594	8	8

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14/10/52.

METHODIST HOME MISSIONARIES' RETIRING FUND

Contributors' Account for Year Ended 30th June, 1952.

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Retiring Allowances	2,238	2	2	By Balance as at 30/6/51			6,369 16 11
„ Benefits Surrendered	36	2	0	„ Contributions—			
„ Transfers to Supernumerary and Home				Personal	209	0	0
Acquirement Funds	281	6	0	Circuit	160	0	0
„ Home Mission Board Refunds	36	7	0	H.M. Board	163	10	0
„ Balance as at 30/6/52	4,471	6	7				532 10 0
				„ Interest Allowed			160 16 10
	£7,063	3	9				£7,063 3 9

Revenue Account.

To Interest to Contributors' Accounts	160	16	10	By Balance as at 30/6/51			307 3 3
„ Office Expenses—				„ Interest			230 18 0
Authorised Appropriation	40	0	0	„ Forfeitures			36 2 0
Stationery & General Exp.	10	15	5				
			50 15 5				
„ Balance as at 30/6/52			362 11 0				
	£574	3	3				574 3 3

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1952.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Personal Accounts	4,471	6	7	Debentures	3,110	0	0
Accumulated Funds	184	15	0	Debentures Interest Accrued	19	7	11
Revenue Account	362	11	0				3,129 7 11
				Deposit Supernumerary Fund			1,889 4 8
	£5,018	12	7				£5,018 12 7

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14/10/52.

METHODIST DEACONESS' RETIRING FUND.

Contributors' Account for Year Ended 30th June, 1952.

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Retiring Allowances	1,070	12	3	By Balance as at 30/6/51	9,398	8	7
„ Balance as at 3/6/52	9,663	14	4	„ Contributions—			
				Personal	442	0	0
				Circuit	175	10	0
				Home Mission Board	174	0	0
				Foreign Mission Board	252	10	0
					1,044	0	0
				„ Interest	291	18	0
	£10,734	6	7		£10,734	6	7

Revenue Account.

To Interest to Contributors' A/c.	291	18	0	By Balance as at 30/6/51	724	18	4
„ Office Expenses—				„ Interest	509	16	10
Authorised Appropriation	40	0	0				
Stationery & General Exp.	9	15	5				
	49	15	5				
„ Balance as at 30/6/52	893	1	9				
	£1,234	15	2		£1,234	15	2

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1952.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
Personal Accounts	9,663	14	4	Debentures	3,075	0	0
Capital Account	2,100	0	7	Debenture Interest Accrued	23	19	6
Revenue Account	893	1	9	Deposit—Supernumerary Fund	9,557	17	2
	£12,656	16	8		£12,656	16	8

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For E. R. CAYGILL & CO., Auditors.

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G. S. SALTER, } Treasurers.

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14/10/52.

HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND.
Contributors' Account for Year Ended 30th June, 1952.

EXPENDITURE.			INCOME.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Retiring Allowances	1,046	2 5	By Balance as at 30/6/51	18,242	11 11
„ Revenue Account (Benefits & Forfeitures Surrendered)	36	11 10	„ Personal Subs. & Subsidies	860	11 0
„ Balance as at 30/6/52	18,891	17 11	„ Fire Insurance Subsidy	358	0 0
	£19,974	12 2	„ Interest to Contributors Account	513	9 3
				£19,974	12 2

Revenue Account.

To Interest to Contributors			By Balance as at 30/6/51	168	1 9
Accounts	513	9 3	„ Benefits and Forfeitures Surrendered	36	11 10
„ Subsidies	36	0 0	„ Interest on Deposits	668	18 0
„ Office Expenses—					
Authorised Appropriation	102	10 0			
Stationery & General	12	18 0			
	115	8 0			
Balance as at 30/6/52	208	14 4			
	£873	11 7		£873	11 7

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1952.

LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.		
Personal Accounts	18,891	17 11	Debentures	8,795	0 0
Revenue Account	208	14 4	Debenture Int. Accrued	71	3 3
Prepaid Subsidies	256	10 0		8,866	3 3
			Deposit—Supernumerary Fund	10,324	9 0
			Subsidies in Advance	166	10 0
	£19,357	2 3		£19,357	2 3

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G. S. SALTER, } Treasurers.

For E. R. CAYGILL & CO.,
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14/10/1952.

METHODIST GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD (INC.).

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th June, 1952.

EXPENDITURE.			INCOME.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Interest to Trust Accounts	1,136	2 7	By Commission	1	3 8
„ Authorised Appropriation	122	10 0	„ Interest on Deposits and Investments	1,661	16 10
„ Stationery and General Expenses	20	19 10			
„ Debenture Premiums	62	0 0			
„ Balance to Capital Account	321	8 1			
	£1,663	0 6		£1,663	0 6

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1952.

LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
<i>Trust Accounts—</i>			Debentures and Government Stock	32,740	16 8
Connexional Funds	18,354	4 5	Debenture Interest Accrued	199	4 11
Church Trusts	26,000	18 9	Wellington West Circuit Loan to North-		
Personal Trusts	1,319	3 4	land Trust	946	8 4
<i>T. W. Newbold Trust—</i>			Te Puke Trust Loan	190	0 0
Capital A/c. as at 30/6/51	4,623	7 10	<i>Deposits—</i>		
Transfer from Revenue A/c.	171	5 10	Supernumerary Fund	8,848	8 7
		4,794	P.O. Savings Bank (No. 1 A/c.)	2,017	8 10
		13 8	P.O. Savings Bank (No. 2 A/c.)	2,017	16 4
<i>General Purposes Capital A/c.—</i>			Bank of New Zealand	623	1 8
As at 30/6/51	192	17 1	Freehold Property (Newbold Trust)	2,400	0 0
Transfer from Revenue A/c.	321	8 1	Mortgage—J. H. Close	1,000	0 0
		514			
		5 2			
		£50,983		£50,983	5 4

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H. L. FIEBIG, }
G. S. SALTER, } Treasurers.

For E. R. CAYGILL & CO.,
B. A. CAYGILL, B.Com., A.P.A.N.Z., Auditors.
15/10/1952.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND—CHILDREN'S FUND.

Statement of Income and Expenditure for Year Ended 30th September, 1952.

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INCOME.						EXPENDITURE.							
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance as at 30th September, 1951—							By Grants as per Warrants for						
Cash at Bank of N.S.W. (Wellington)				63	19	4	Year, 1952—						
„ District Levies for Year, 1952—							Auckland	428	12	6			
Auckland	428	0	0				South Auckland	249	8	9			
South Auckland	210	0	0				Taranaki-Wanganui	115	2	6			
Taranaki-Wanganui	143	0	0				Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	143	3	9			
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	144	0	0				Wellington	190	11	3			
Wellington	226	0	0				Nelson	143	0	0			
Nelson	97	0	0				North Canterbury	307	16	3			
North Canterbury	288	0	0				South Canterbury	43	15	0			
South Canterbury	90	0	0				Otago-Southland	164	7	6			
Otago-Southland	174	0	0								1785	17	6
				1,800	0	0	„ Sundry Expenses—						
							Bank Charges & Cheque						
							Book		15	0			
							Exchange	1	3	6			
											1	18	6
											£1,787	16	0
							„ Balance as at 30th September, 1952—						
							Cash at Bank of N.S.W. (Wellington)				76	3	4
											£1,863	19	4

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W. H. GREENSLADE

Hon. Treasurers.

Audited and found correct.

J. A. KELLOW, F.P.A.N.Z., Hon. Auditor.
30/9/52.

METHODIST CONFERENCE CONTINGENT FUND.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year Ended 30th June, 1952.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance, 1/7/51				1,516	13	10
„ <i>Current Levies—Districts—</i>						
Auckland	1,162	0	0			
South Auckland	571	0	0			
Taranaki-Wanganui	388	0	0			
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	396	0	0			
Wellington	620	0	0			
Nelson	264	0	0			
North Canterbury	784	0	0			
South Canterbury	245	0	0			
Otago-Southland	470	0	0			
				4,900	0	0
„ <i>Synod Collections—</i>						
Auckland	4	10	9			
South Auckland	17	16	8			
Taranaki-Wanganui	12	14	4			
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	4	3	10			
Wellington	11	6	4			
Nelson	9	19	2			
North Canterbury	13	19	7			
South Canterbury	5	0	0			
Otago-Southland	15	15	3			
				95	5	11
„ <i>Sales—</i>						
Minutes	88	7	6			
Agendas	27	5	6			
Law Books	230	11	2			
General	39	4	5			
				385	8	7

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By <i>Cost of Conference—</i>						
(a) Travelling:						
Equalisation Fund	420	0	0			
Official Representatives	237	10	5			
	£657	10	5			
(b) Printing, etc:						
Agenda, Station Lists & Financial Statements	234	3	9			
Minutes	349	16	3			
General Printing	10	15	6			
Exps. Conference Staff	12	0	0			
Exps. Sec'tary, Printing, Postages 2 yrs.	77	7	1			
	1,401	13	0			
„ <i>District Expenses—</i>						
Auckland	53	11	2			
South Auckland	60	3	1			
Taranaki-Wanganui	76	5	1			
Hawke's Bay-Wanganui	46	17	1			
Wellington	58	0	4			
Nelson	27	14	0			
North Canterbury	36	19	1			
South Canterbury	11	7	1			
Otago-Southland	169	15	2			
	540	12	1			

„ Synod Expenses—					
Auckland	66	5	8		
• South Auckland	79	19	0		
Taranaki-Wanganui	44	0	0		
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	35	7	7		
Wellington	35	1	4		
Nelson	29	13	1		
North Canterbury	21	11	4		
South Canterbury	15	13	6		
Otago-Southland	51	18	7		
„ Ministerial Supply—				379	10 1
South Auckland	12	16	0		
Taranaki-Wanganui	34	0	0		
„ Connexional Payments—				46	16 0
President's Travel Local	144	19	1		
President's Travel. E. W.					
Hames	20	6	3		
Vice-President's Travel	8	5	0		
President's Travel—Solo-					
mon Islands	104	5	0		
President's General Exps.	8	10	9		
President's Gown	25	9	6		
Printing Synod Report	103	5	11		
Printing Membership Card					
N.Z.	61	11	3		
Printing General	21	11	2		
Printing 2042 Books of Law	362	10	0		
Binding 542 Books of Law	101	12	6		
Ordination Bibles	8	0	0		
Editor's Exps. Methodist					
Times	9	6	11		
Exps. Exam. Committee	33	10	0		
Exps. Conference Com.					
Gisborne	21	9	4		
Church Council Travel	43	4	4		
Church Union Committee	4	12	0		
Medical Fees Candidates	6	7	0		
Inductions	46	14	10		
Sub. Religious Film Soc.	8	0	0		
				1,143	10 10

„ Grants—			
Theological College	1,400	0	0
Connexional Secretarial Dept.	260	0	0
Deaconess Board	125	0	0
Methodist Times	150	0	0
Overseas Travel Fund	50	0	0
Natural Calamity Fund	25	0	0
Spiritual Advance Committee	25	0	0
Public Questions Committee	20	0	0
N.Z. Council of Churches	6	0	0
World Council of Churches	34	0	0
Ecumenical Committee	5	0	0
University Fees	56	15	3
		2,156	15 3
„ Hon. Treasurers—			
Exchange and Bank Charges		4	17 3
„ Balances Due by Districts—			
Auckland			
South Auckland	31	18	3
Taranaki-Wanganui	47	8	3
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	33	19	2
Wellington	119	6	1
Nelson	31	8	10
North Canterbury	36	19	7
South Canterbury	59	5	9
Otago-Southland	32	6	6
		392	12 5
„ Balance Bank of N.Z.		831	1 5
		£6,897	8 4

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WILLIAM WALKER }
 ALAN H. WINSTONE } Treasurers.

I hereby certify that I have examined the books and vouchers of the Methodist Conference Contingent Fund together with the District Chairmen's financial statements for the year ended 30th June, 1952, and in my opinion the above account is properly drawn up to show a true and correct view of the fund at that date.

Auckland, 6th October, 1952.

J. C. WIGGLESWORTH,
 B.Com., A.P.A.N.Z., A.C.S.N.Z., Auditor.

REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT for Year ending 30th June, 1952.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Cash in Hand, 1st July, 1952	871	17	3	By Removal Expenses	2,574	17	11
„ Circuit Levies Received	2,356	0	0	„ Postages, Exchange & Cheque Book	6	19	1
				„ Balance Cash in Hand	646	0	3
	£3,227	17	3		£3,227	17	3

REVENUE ACCOUNT for Year ending 30th June, 1952.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Removal Expenses	2,574	17	11	By Levies from Circuits	2,500	0	0
„ Exchange, Postages & Cheque Book	6	19	1	„ Balance Transferred Capital Account	81	17	0
	£2,581	17	0		£2,581	17	0

BALANCE SHEET as at 30th June, 1952.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Capital Account—Balance, 1/7/51	1,621	17	1	Outstanding Levies	893	19	10
Less Transferred Revenue Account	81	17	0	Cash in Bank	646	0	3
	£1,540	0	1		£1,540	0	1

L. C. HORWOOD

C. H. ELMSLY

Treasurers.

Audited and found correct.

F. M. SOWDEN, B. Com., A.R.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S.,

Auditor

Christchurch, 30th June, 1952.

METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND.

Income and Expenditure Account for Year Ended 31st August, 1952.

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Solomon Islands Expenses—						
„ Missionaries Stipends, etc.				3,921	18	7
„ Doctors' Stipend, etc.				663	15	0
„ Sisters' Stipend, etc.				3,576	1	3
„ Lay Workers' Stipends, etc.				1,788	13	10
Native Ministers' Stipends				563	0	0
Native Agents' Stipends				3,595	17	10
Superannuation and Retirement Funds				404	5	0
Educational				4,070	14	10
Boats and Travelling	597	12	4			
District Vessels	2,752	13	2			
				3,350	5	6
Hospital and Medical				2,558	19	4
Furniture and Buildings				871	2	0
Lands A/c.				83	17	4
D.T.I. and Maintenance Building				749	2	0
Printing, Stationery, Postage, etc.				127	10	2
Insurance				381	11	3
Freights and Fares				2,045	14	3
Customs' Account				26	2	6
Electricity Account				240	7	0
Chairman's Allowance				50	0	0
Jubilee Expenses				463	0	0
				29,531	17	8

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Solomon Islands Contributions—						
Roviana Circuit	1,600	0	0			
Vella Lavella Circuit	1,550	0	0			
Choiseul Circuit	1,000	0	0			
Bougainville-Buka Circuit	850	0	0			
				5,000	0	0
„ Solomon Is. Jubilee Fund				2,610	1	7
„ Government Grants—						
B.S.I.P.:						
Medical	830	8	3			
Meteorological	31	10	0			
Bougainville-Buka:						
Medical	703	2	6			
Educational	1,704	0	0			
				3,269	0	9
Sale of Produce:						
Choiseul	180	2	9			
Bougainville-Buka	1,261	4	10			
				1,441	7	7
				12,320	9	11
„ New Zealand Contributions—						
Circuit Income	14,660	5	7			
Native Teachers	179	1	9			
Orphans	57	2	0			
				14,896	9	4

METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND—Continued.

<i>„ Special Funds—</i>			
Leper Fund	900	3	0
Buildings & Equip. Fund.	1,120	8	11
Rehabilitation Fund	12,697	18	7
Bilua Hostel	839	5	11
Don Alley Memorial	3,000	0	0
		18,557	16 5
		48,089	14 1
Less Medical Income	2,279	14	9
Special Funds (as above)	18,557	16	5
		20,837	11 2
		27,252	2 11
<i>„ New Zealand Working Expenses—</i>			
General Secretary:			
Stipend	460	0	0
Travelling	64	1	10
Travelling to Solomons	163	14	0
House Maintenance	75	0	0
House Exes.	20	13	2
Treasurer's Expenses	60	0	0
Connexional Charges	76	0	0
Deputation Expenses	141	1	7
Printing and Stationery	108	9	11
Annual Report, Printing and Postage	169	1	9
Office Salaries	352	7	8
Audit Fee	21	0	0
Postage & Office Exps.	212	11	3
Office Rent	95	6	8
Telephones	42	19	4
Solomon Is. Jubilee—			
Head Office Exps.	651	4	1
		2,713	11 3

M.W.M.U.			2,645	0	0
Conn. Fire Ins. Fund	150	0	0		
Sundry Income	61	1	1		
Sundry Collections, Mr Goldie's Meetings	70	1	9		
			281	2	10
Interest, General A/c.			712	1	0
<i>„ Medical Income—</i>					
Interest	1,075	6	9		
Donations		4	11	0	
Transfer Leper Fund	1,199	17	0		
			2,279	14	9
<i>„ Leper Fund—</i>					
Interest	228	0	0		
Donations	134	11	0		
Lepers' Trust Board	1,500	0	0		
Legacy	100	0	0		
			1,962	11	0
<i>„ Rehabilitation Fund—</i>					
Interest	2,024	2	3		
Donations		31	0	0	
“Lotu” Church	764	4	3		
			2,819	6	6
<i>„ Boat Insurance Fund—</i>					
Interest			240	4	5
<i>„ Don Alley Memorial Fund—</i>					
Interest			112	0	0
<i>„ Solomon Is. Building & Equipment Fund—</i>					
Bequests			4,190	12	11
Transfer Exchange A/c.			2,780	4	7

" <i>Miscellaneous Payments—</i>		
Nat. Missionary Council	48	0 0
Publications (Interim Debit)	303	9 4
Interest on Loan	7	0 0
Life Insurance Premium	21	17 0
Alley Children's Allowance	16	0 0
Trinity College	75	0 0
Deaconess Institution	25	0 0
Office Sundries	11	12 10
Grant—Youth Dept.	15	0 0
Grant—"Methodist Times"	20	0 0
Legal Expenses	5	7 6
Rev. J. F. Goldie's Fares (Solomons to N.Z. to Australia)	99	14 6
Rev. J. F. Goldie's Pre- sentation	45	0 9
Rev. J. F. Goldie's Por- trait for Board Room	6	10 0
Rev. A. H. Scrivin's Gratuity	140	0 0
		839 11 11
Depreciation — Atherton Road		70 0 0
" <i>Transfer to Special Funds—</i>		
Medical Income	2,279	14 9
Leper Fund	1,962	11 0
Don Alley Memorial Fd.	112	0 0
Rehabilitation Fund	2,819	6 6
Boat Insurance Fund:		
Interest	240	4 5
Transfer for Year	150	0 0
Solomon Is. Building & Equipment Fund	4,190	12 11
Solomon Is. Jubilee Fund	2,610	1 7
		14,364 11 2
		£45,239 17 3

METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND
Balance Sheet as at 31st August, 1952 (Excluding Solomon Island Properties).

LIABILITIES.						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<i>Solomon Islands District—</i>						
Circuit Balances	1,374	10	6			
Personal Balances	2,611	9	9			
Sundry Creditors	3,323	15	6			
				7,309	15	9
<i>Islands District Balance</i>				8,972	10	0
<i>Loans</i>				200	0	0
<i>Special Funds—</i>						
Medical Fund:						
Balance, 1951	33,699	7	4			
Added during year						
(Bequests)	299	11	8			
				33,998	19	0
<i>Medical Fund (for support</i>						
<i>of native orderly)</i>				530	9	8
<i>Leper Fund—</i>						
Balance, 1951	8,662	4	9			
Added during year:						
Interest £228	0	0				
Donations 134	11	0				
Leper's						
Trust Bd. 1,500	0	0				
Legacy 100	0	0				
				1,962	11	0
				10,624	15	9
Less exp'd. £900	3	0				
T'sfr. Med.						
Income 1,199	17	0				
				2,100	0	0
				8,524	15	9

ASSETS.				£ s. d.			£ s. d.		
<i>Solomon Islands District—</i>									
Cash in hand and in Bank	7,012	3	0						
Government Deposits	400	0	0						
Sundry Debtors	590	14	10						
Stock in hand and uncompleted Buildings	24,805	14	9						
							32,808	12	7
Boat							16,000	0	0
<i>Medical Fund Assets—</i>									
N.Z. Government Stock	19,075	1	3						
National Savings Investment	2,364	9	11						
Debentures — Nelson City	4,800	0	0						
Debentures — Wellington City	1,600	0	0						
Debentures — Auckland Gas Co.	2,309	10	0						
Shares—Auckland Gas Co.	1,466	10	0						
Shares—Colonial Sugar Co.	500	0	0						
Post Office Savings Bank	1,378	3	8						
Auckland Savings Bank	505	4	2				33,998	19	0
<i>Leprosy Relief Vessel Investment</i>							4,500	0	0
<i>Boat Insurance Fund Assets—</i>									
N.Z. Government Stock	5,939	5	0						
National Savings A/c.	1,525	8	10						
Post Office Savings Bank	703	8	10				8,168	2	8

METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND—Continued.

Boat Insurance Fund—

Balance, 1951	4,777	18	3
Added During Year	3,390	4	5
	8,168	2	8

Don Alley Memorial Fund —

Balance, 1951	4,173	12	11
Added During Year (Int.)	112	0	0

	4,285	12	11
Less Expended	3,000	0	0

1,285 12 11

Rehabilitation Fund—

Balance, 1951	72,195	15	11
Added During Year:			

Interest £2,024 2 3

Donations 31 0 0

'Lotu' Church 764 4 3

2,819 6 6

75,015 2 5

Less Expended 12,697 18 7

62,317 3 10

'Lotu' Church Window 18 10 4

Solomon Island Jubilee Fund—

Balance, 1951	8,072	7	9
Added During Year	2,610	1	7

10,682 9 4

Solomon Is. Building & Equipment Fund—

Balance, 1951	783	9	4
Added During Year			

(Bequests) 4,190 12 11

4,974 2 3

Less Expended 1,120 8 11

3,853 13 4

Rehabilitation Fund Assets—

N.Z. Govt. Stock 40,182 10 11

National Savings A/c. 18,540 19 1

Post Office Savings Bank 88 9 8

Auckland Savings Bank 505 4 2

Transport Trust Board 3,000 0 0

62,317 3 10

Working Capital Assets—

N.Z. Govt. Stock 14,457 18 2

National Savings Investments 2,529 13 10

Debentures—Auckland City 1,300 0 0

Shares—J. E. Astley & Sons Ltd. 392 14 0

Post Office Savings Bank 39 16 7

Auckland Savings Bank 411 1 3

Home Mission Investment Funds Board (at call) 5,000 0 0

24,131 3 10

Ranonga Lease

General Secretary's Residence 799 0 0

Less depreciation 70 0 0

729 0 0

Solomon Islands Jubilee A/c.

(Sundry Debtors) 157 15 0

Sydney Account 181 18 9

Tonga Account 80 19 6

Sundry Debtor 100 0 0

N.Z. Government Stock 11,762 10 9

Bank of New Zealand 7,842 3 3

<i>Technical Tool Fund—</i>			
Balance, 1951	169	7	5
Added During Year	3	10	0
	172	17	5
Less Expended	15	14	6
		157	2 11
<i>Boat Reserve A/c</i>		16,000	0 0
<i>M.W.M.U. Fund for Native Girls' Hostels (Roviana and Bilua)</i>	2,381	10	4
Less Expended	839	5	11
		1,542	4 5
<i>M.W.M.U. Fund for Sisters' Quarters, Teop</i>		930	13 4
<i>M.W.M.U. Fund for Solomon Is. Girls' School</i>		823	6 8
<i>Working Capital Fund</i>	24,131	3	10
<i>Exchange Account</i>	2,964	19	2
<i>Sundry Creditors</i>	132	10	0
<i>Fiji Relief Fund</i>	3,704	15	1
<i>General Res. A/c, 1951</i>	3,037	10	7
<i>Leprosy Relief Vessel</i>	4,500	0	0
	£203,786	8	7

SUMMARY OF REHABILITATION FUND

	£	s.	d.
Receipts: 1942/51	115,163	7	9
1952	2,819	6	6

(Includes £1,062/12/6 for Lotu Church	117,982	14	3
Less Payments:			
1943/51	42,967	11	10
1952	12,697	18	7
	55,665	10	5

Balance in Hand, 31/8/52	£62,317	3	10
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ANALYSIS OF REHABILITATION EXPENDITURE

	£	s.	d.
Buildings, Equipment & Miscellaneous Stores	28,865	18	7
Stocks Lost and written off	4,217	0	0
Boats	17,933	0	0
Medical Equipment	249	0	0
Land Reclamation—Kihili	362	0	0
Cattle	804	0	0
Compensation for personal losses of Staff	2,554	0	0
Evacuation Expenses, Premium on Inscribed Stock written off, Brokerage and Sundry Expenses	680	11	10
	£55,665	10	5

£203,786 8 7

METHODIST WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF NEW ZEALAND.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR TWELVE MONTHS ENDED AUGUST 31st, 1952.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balances in Bank, 31/8/51—		Home Mission Sisters' Salaries	2,600 0 0
Sisters' Salaries and Executive Fund	3,257 14 11	S.I. Sisters' Salaries	2,645 0 0
Sisters' Salaries Reserve	2,103 1 2		5,245 0 0
"Kurahuna" Funds	406 5 6	Deaconess Trainees	16 17 6
Stamp Fund	501 16 10	Travelling Expenses	45 19 9
Gleanings	918 18 8	Executive Expenses	43 14 6
Medical and Educational	454 11 8	Sundries	11 3 9
S.I. Gift Boxes	422 0 10	Printing and Stationery	131 0 6
Smethurst Estate	979 12 10		248 16 0
Equipment Maori Youth Extension	94 8 5	S.I. Jubilee Travelling Expenses	375 5 3
Legacies	100 0 0	Equipment Maori Youth Extension	49 3 2
Donation	30 0 0		424 8 5
	9,268 10 10	"Kurahuna" Funds—	
"Kurahuna" Emergency	2,354 2 1	Maintenance	747 1 0
"Kurahuna" Repairs and Replacements	72 4 2	Depreciation	23 6 0
"Kurahuna" Depreciation	813 11 3	Repairs and Replacements	49 19 0
	3,239 17 6	Debenture Interest	20 3 10
Receipts—		"Kurahuna" Emergency Expenses	288 3 4
Affiliation Fees	26 0 0	Repairs and Replacements Expenses	78 10 1
Sisters' Salaries and Executive Fund	4,752 17 3		1,207 3 3
Bank Interest, etc.	76 10 8	Medical and Educational	450 0 0
	4,855 7 11	S.I. Gift Boxes	422 0 10
"Kurahuna" Funds	826 6 4	Stamp Fund	461 0 0
Debenture Interest	20 3 10		1,333 0 10
	846 10 2	Smethurst Expenditure	340 15 8
		Smethurst Legacy (in Drainage Board Debentures)	4,000 0 0

Medical and Educational			434	1	0	
Gleanings			1,020	18	3	
Stamp Fund			587	0	0	
Special Objective "Kurahuna"						
Extension			2,278	2	3	
S.I. Gift Boxes			414	16	2	
						4,734 17 3
Legacy			35	0	0	
Donation			30	0	0	
S.I. Jubilee Travel Fund			423	18	5	
Sisters' Salaries Reserve Bank						
Interest			62	17	6	
						551 15 11
Smethurst Estate			171	7	0	
Smethurst Residue Acc. Interest			1	1	6	
Smethurst Legacy			4,000	0	0	
Interest Accrued on Legacy			43	2	1	
			4,215	10	7	
"Kurahuna" Emergency Bank						
Interest			57	19	5	
"Kurahuna" Depreciation			23	6	0	
"Kurahuna" Depreciation Interest			20	6	7	
"Kurahuna" Repairs and Replace- ments			49	19	0	
"Kurahuna" Bank Interest			1	16	11	
"Kurahuna" Legacy			100	0	0	
						253 7 11
						<hr/>
						£27,965 18 6

Credit Balances in Banks—				4,340	15	8
“Kurahuna” Emergency Nat. Sav.	1,045	9	0			
“Kurahuna” Emergency P.O.S.B.	1,078	9	2			
Legacy	100	0	0			
“Kurahuna” Repairs and Replace- ments, P.O.S.B.	45	10	0			
“Kurahuna” Deprec’n, P.O.S.B.	857	3	10			
				3,126	12	0
Smethurst Estate	766	14	5			
Smethurst Residue Acc.	44	11	3			
Interest from Legacy	43	2	1			
				854	7	9
Sisters’ Salaries Reserve, Nat. Sav.	2,127	3	2			
Sisters’ Salaries Reserve Interest, P.O.S.B.	38	15	6			
Sisters’ Salaries and Executive Fund	3,538	5	6			
				5,704	4	2
“Kurahuna” Fund	412	5	10			
Stamp Fund	627	16	10			
Gleanings	1,020	18	3			
Medical and Educational	438	12	8			
S.I. Gift Boxes	414	16	2			
Special Objective	2,278	2	3			
Legacies	135	0	0			
Donations	60	0	0			
S.I. Jubilee Travelling Fund	48	13	2			
Equipment Maori Youth Extension	45	5	3			
				5,481	10	5
				£27,965	18	6

Examined and found correct.

R. W. PRICE. 8/9/52.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT AUGUST 31st, 1952.

[illegible]

Home Mission Capital Fund	801 10 0	Less Depreciation	23 6 0
S.I. Capital Fund	1,118 6 4		
"Kurahuna" Treasurer, Maintenance A/c.	359 10 0		
	<u>2,279 6 4</u>	Furniture	<u>1,440 16 0</u>
			240 0 0
			<u>1,680 16 0</u>
	27,624 8 0	Smethurst Property and Furniture	
	4,680 16 0	(Interim Valuation)	3,000 0 0
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	<u>£32,305 4 0</u>		
			<u>£32,305 4 0</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 "Kurahuna" Maori Girls' Hostel, for which a copy of the audited accounts has been submitted for my inspection. I have accepted the Certificate of Deposit with the General Purposes Trust Board, and the Certificate of the Secretary of the General Purposes Trust Board with reference to the custody of the Title Deeds of the "Kurahuna" and "Smethurst" properties, 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, 1952.

Christchurch, 8th September, 1952.

R. W. PRICE, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z., Auditor.

RANGIATEA MAORI COLLEGE TRUST BOARD.

Income and Expenditure Account for Year Ending 30th June, 1952.

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„ General—

Bank Charges, etc.	3	10	6	
Audit Fees	4	4	0	
Conference—Travel. Exps.	4	6	0	
Rates	95	10	5	
Secretary	40	0	0	
Depreciation	42	4	1	
				189 15 0

£1,780 17 5

„ Excess of Income over
Expenditure

519 1 6

£2,299 18 11

£2,299 18 11

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1952.

LIABILITIES.

£ s. d. £ s. d.

<i>Sundry Creditors</i>				63	16	5
<i>Accumulated Funds—</i>						
Balance as at 1/7/51	21,763	9	8			
Add Balance of Trewin						
Bequest—						
Investments	3,800	0	0			
Cash	580	18	2			
	26,144	7	10			
Plus Excess of Income						
Over Expenditure	519	1	6	26,663	9	4

ASSETS.

£ s. d. £ s. d.

<i>Cash & Investments—</i>						
P.O. Savings Bank	2,270	16	11			
N.P. Savings Bank	1,077	15	10			
National Savings	3,392	17	8			
Fixed Dep. Bank N.S.W.	7,571	4	0			
Balance—Bank N.S.W.	2,487	9	0			
				16,800	3	5
<i>Bonds & Debentures</i>				107	3	2
<i>Trewin Bequest—</i>						
3% Govt. Stock 15/4/63	200	0	0			
4% Govt. Stock 15/6/55	250	0	0			
5 x £100 Hamilton Borough						
Council 4½% Debentures						
due 1/7/55	500	0	0			
2 x £100 Hamilton Borough						
Council 4½% Debentures						
due 1/7/6/	200	0	0			
4 x £100 Otahuhu Borough						
Council 4½% Debentures						
due 1/10/54	400	0	0			
5 x £100 Waikato County						
3½% Debentures due						
1/9/69	500	0	0			
Mortgage at 5%	2,200	0	0			
				4,250	0	0

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Fixed Assets—

Land, 50a. 3r. 30p. at Cost	4,523	15	3
Development, Tree Planting, etc.	525	3	11
Furniture, Crockery, Tools, etc., less depreciation	268	19	0
Linos, Floor Coverings, less depreciation	38	5	0
Sewing Machines, less de- preciation	24	16	0
Piano, less depreciation	36	0	0
Radio Set, less depreciation	8	12	0
Oil Burning Water Heater, less depreciation	80	1	0
Washing Machine, less de- preciation	64	7	0

 £26,727 5 9

 £26,727 5 9

I have audited the Books, Accounts and Vouchers of the Rangiatea Maori College Trust Board for the 12 months ended 30th June, 1952, 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, 1952.

(Signed) F. V. MORaine, F.P.A.N.Z.

METHODIST DEACONESS INSTITUTION.
Revenue Account, for Year Ended 31st May, 1952.

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EXPENDITURE.						INCOME.									
1951		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	1951		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
£	To House Expenditure—							£							
887	House Supplies	882	7	9				2,184	By Hostel Receipts				2,523	18	9
168	Power, Lighting & Fuel				133	12	6	130	„ Rents				130	0	0
1,040	Wages & Salaries	1,067	19	7				21	„ Subs. and Donations				12	13	8
15	Telephone				13	10	0		„ Grants—						
178	Repairs to Property	528	18	7				133	Home Miss. Dept.	85	8	4			
105	Rates				112	12	4	25	Foreign Miss. Fd.	25	0	0			
8	Advertising				6	12	0	100	Fire Insur. Fund	100	0	0			
49	Stamps, Stationery				21	12	2	125	Contingent Fund	125	0	0			
54	Insurances				49	19	3						335	8	4
100	Depreciation Allow.				100	0	0	5	„ P.O.S.B. Interest				4	16	6
					2,917	4	2								
2,604															
	Uniforms														
19	Int. on Mortgage					19	9	9							
22	Travelling Expenses					3	15	11							
78	Excess of Income over Expenditure					21	3	7							
						45	3	10							
£2,723					£3,006	17	3	£2,723					£3,006	17	3

Furniture Renewals Account, for Year Ended 31st May, 1952.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Expenditure During Year			14	14	6		
„ Balance as at 31st May, 1952	324	14	10	By Balance as at 31st May, 1951	216	5	1
				„ Donations Received from Guilds and F.O.D.H.	117	4	3
				„ Interest Apportioned	6	0	0
	£339	9	4		£339	9	4

METHODIST DEACONESS INSTITUTION.

Balance Sheet as at 31st May, 1952.

LIABILITIES.						ASSETS.							
1951	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	1951	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
250	Mortgage on Freehold			—			5,000	Freehold Property	5,000	0	0		
70	Sundry Creditors			107	3	0	2,083	Less Deprec. Res.	2,183	6	8		
21	Grants Paid in Advance			20	16	8					2,816	13	4
—	Sister Lena Fund			1	13	8	2,917						
217	Furn. Renewals A/c.			324	14	10	667	Furnishings	667	10	0		
—	Trainees Cycle Allow.			15	0	0	60	Aga Cooker	60	0	0		
5	Trainees Emer. Fund			5	5	0					727	10	0
104	Prop. Repairs Res. A/c.			555	18	0	332	P.O. Savings Bank	592	13	1		
2	Special Appeal Fund			—			321	Bank of N.Z.	385	18	5		
	Accumulated Funds—						12	Cash in Hand	20	0	0		
	Balance as at 31st										998	11	6
	May, 1951	3,653	5	8			13	Sundry Debtors for					
3,653	Add Excess Income							Grants, Hostel Fees,			186	5	10
	for Year	45	3	10				etc.					
				3,698	9	6							
£4,322				£4,729	0	8	£4,322				£4,729	0	8

ASHLEIGH K. PETCH, Chairman.

A. F. COLLINS, Secretary.

Audited and found correct.

B. A. CAYGILL, B.Com., A.P.A.N.Z., Auditor.
29/9/52.

AUCKLAND METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE.
MT. ALBERT AND EPSOM.

Treasurers: Sister IVY JONES and Mr. P. DELLOW.

REVENUE ACCOUNT, for Year ended 30th June, 1952.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1952, June 30th.				1952, June 30th.						
To Wages	2,918	2	2	By General Subscriptions	72	17	0			
" Groceries and Provisions	1,614	6	4	" Churches	1,197	14	8			
" Repairs and Renewals	189	19	5	" Sunday Schools and Y.P.						
" Laundry	85	6	4	Societies	19	14	9			
" Drapery and Shoes	625	9	3	" Auckland Orphanages' United						
" Fuel and Light	350	9	2	Council	1,085	0	0			
" Farm and Garden	126	19	1					2,375	6	5
" Printing and Stationery	70	14	3	" Maintenance				3,296	16	3
" Medical and Dental	6	5	8	" Interest and Dividends				1,545	12	8
" Telephone	46	10	0	" Rent				65	10	10
" Travelling Expenses and Truck Expenses	113	10	4							
" Stamps and Petty Cash	126	14	2							
" Insurance	82	19	5							
" Rent of Office and Board Room	46	1	0							
" Rates	111	9	4							
" Audit Fee	8	8	0							
" Legal Expenses	49	19	0							
" Sundry Expenses	4	16	8							
" Depreciation—										
Furnishings	216	12	10							
Motor Van	5	17	5							
" Capital Account	482	16	4							
	£7,283	6	2					£7,283	6	2

BALANCE SHEET, as at 30th June, 1952.

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Endowment Legacies—		
Eliza Gilmore Trust	1,000	0 0
M. Caughey Preston	2,000	0 0
John Rendell	200	0 0
Special Fund—		
F. E. Finlay Holiday House (Invested at Auckland Savings Bank):		
Transfer from Capital A/c.	40	12 6
Net Revenue from Pro- perty & Mortgage	151	14 6
		192 7 0
Sundry Creditors	285	14 7
	£74,590	3 3

Newmarket Borough De- bentures—at cost	500	0 0
Furnishings and Plant	2,031	9 11
Add New	134	18 5
	2,166	8 4
Less Depreciation	216	12 10
	1,949	15 6
Motor Van	29	7 5
Less Depreciation	5	17 5
	23	10 0
Stock on Hand	40	0 0
Payments in Advance and Sundry Debtors	221	18 5
Bank Balances—		
Auckland Savings Bank	7,546	10 5
Post Office Savings Bank	4,340	0 0
National Savings Account	14,701	3 8
Bank of New Zealand	6,745	15 3
	£74,590	3 3
Trounson Bequest—with General Purposes Trust Board	£510	0 0
John Sheat Bequest—with Public Trust	£3,070	0 0

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have examined the books and vouchers relating to the above Revenue Account 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 June, 1952, as shown by the books of the Trust.

13th August, 1952.

A. R. W. GREGORY, F.P.A.N.Z., Public Accountant.

MASTERTON METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

Receipts and Payments for year ended 30th June, 1952

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance, 1-7-51	135	15	2	By Salaries	986	5	0
Wellington Board	800	0	0	Household Provisions	870	6	4
Maintenance Fees	1690	1	2	Drapery and Clothing	680	9	5
Circuit Collections	770	9	3	Fuel and Lighting	186	1	5
Donations	52	5	6	Repairs and Renewals	130	11	3
Interest	9	8	4	Printing, Stationery and			
Recreational Fund, P.O.S.B. A/c.	13	19	0	School Requisites	100	17	0
Farm Account	19	17	0	Farm Expenses	43	4	10
Potatoes Sold	88	5	2	Medical Fees	41	5	0
Masterton Trust Lands Trust Grant	20	0	0	Dentist	4	14	10
Legacies	2204	12	6	Telephone Rentals	20	10	0
Refund Medical Fees	38	12	6	Christmas Party Expenses	35	0	0
Other Receipts				General Expenses	29	18	8
				Car Allowance	36	0	0
				Master's Imprest Account	58	19	9
				E/L Insurance	3	13	0
				Furniture and Equipment	50	2	5
				Sports Gear	13	19	0
				Tractor and Implements	219	7	0
				Recreational Fund P.O.S.B. A/c.	9	8	4
				Deposit Refunded	10	0	0
				Wellington Board	2204	12	6
				Other Payments			
				Balance—Bank of N.Z., 30-6-52	107	19	10
	£5843	5	7		£5843	5	7

MASTERTON METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1952

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
			£ s. d.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Recreational Purposes Fund	—	—	374 10 1	Furniture and Equipment	—	454 0 0	
Newcombe Trust Fund	—	—	13 7 6	Additions	—	64 1 0	
Sundry Creditors	—	—	198 1 8			518 1 0	
Balance—being excess of assets over liabilities			649 3 2	Depreciation	—	51 1 0	467 0 0
				Tractor and Implements	—	219 7 0	
				Depreciation	—	21 7 0	198 0 0
				Live Stock	—		85 0 0
				Post Office Savings Bank	—		374 10 1
				Bank of New Zealand	—		107 19 10
				Sundry Debtors	—		2 12 6
			£1235 2 5				£1235 2 5

We certify that we have examined the books and vouchers of the Masterton Methodist Children's Home and are of the opinion that the foregoing Statement of Receipts and Payments and Balance Sheet are drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the Home's affairs at Masterton on 30th June, 1952.

D. A. BARNES }
F. E. WELLS } Auditors

W. R. NICOL, Treasurer
Masterton, 7th July, 1952

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME.

REVENUE ACCOUNT for Year ending 31st May, 1952.

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SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE INVESTMENT BOARD.

REVENUE ACCOUNT for Year ended 31st May, 1952.

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Expenses & Commission Account	7	6	3	By Interest Earned	647	6	4
„ Investment Fluctuation Reserve	50	0	0	„ Legacies Received	787	19	9
„ Legacies Transferred to Capital A/c.	787	19	9				
„ Balance to Income Account	590	0	1				
	£1,435	6	1		£1,435	6	1

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st May, 1952.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Investment Fluctuation Res.	517	16	8	Mortgage Investments	3,237	10	9
Plus Further Provision	50	0	0	Debenture & Govt. Stock	10,249	2	0
				Secured Deposit Stock N.Z.			
Capital Account	17,321	13	0	Farmers	350	0	0
Plus Legacies	787	19	9	Deposits—			
				Supernumerary Fund	3,038	1	11
				General Purposes Trust			
				Board	25	9	1
Income Account	2,469	5	2	P.O. Savings Bank	1,768	1	9
Plus T'fer from Revenue				National Savings	1,401	10	7
Account	590	0	1				
				Balance at Bank of N.Z.	1,666	18	7
	£21,736	14	8		£21,736	14	8

We have audited the Accounts of the above Investment Board for the period ended 31st May, 1952, and in our 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 our requirements as Auditors have been complied with.

For E. R. CAYGILL & CO., Auditors.

Christchurch, 27st August, 1952.

B. H. CAYGILL, B.Com, A.P.A.N.Z.

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME.

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st May, 1952.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.						
					£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sports & Playground Equip- ment Fund	....	....	57 4 3	Home Buildings and Grounds—						
Permanent Capital Account			10,062 11 9	Home & Outbuildings	....	16,762	2 6			
Sundry Creditors	....	....	34 12 6	Less Depreciation	....	300	0 0	16,462	2 6	
Accumulated Fund	....	13,012 6 10								4,363 17 0
Less Deficit, 1952	....	83 1 1		Grounds	....				
			12,929 5 9	Furnishings	....	319	17 6			
				Plus Purchases	....	118	2 6			
						438	0 0			
				Less Depreciation	....	60	0 0	378	0 0	
				Tennis Courts	....	294	0 0			
				Less Depreciation	....	42	0 0	252	0 0	
				Live Stock	....	57	14 2			
				Purchases (less Sales)	....	29	2 1			
						86	16 3			
				Less Depreciation	....	7	0 0	79	16 3	
				Implements & Tools	....	67	11 9			
				Less Depreciation	....	20	0 0	47	11 9	
				Harewood Road Bungalow	....	481	0 0			
				Less Depreciation	....	32	0 0	449	0 0	

Deposits P.O. Savings Bank	99 15 0	
Supernumerary Fund	157 18 3	
	<hr/>	257 13 3
Home Petty Cash Imprest		
Account		20 0 0
Sundry Debtors		1 10 1
Balance at Bank of N.Z.		772 3 5
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	£23,083 14 3	£23,083 14 3

We have audited the Accounts of the South Island Methodist Orphanage for the year ended 31st May, 1952, and all our requirements as Auditors have been complied with. In our opinion the above Balance Sheet and the attached Revenue Account have been properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the affairs of the Orphanage as shown by the Books.

Christchurch, 27st August, 1952.

For E. R. CAYGILL & CO., Auditors.

B. H. CAYGILL, B.Com., A.P.A.N.Z.

METHODIST TIMES

Revenue Account for year ended 30th April, 1952

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
			£ s. d.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Printing and Publishing	—	—	2043 6 1	Subscriptions	—	—	2261 9 0
Address Plates	—	—	35 7 0	Advertisements	—	—	488 12 8
Process Blocks	—	—	51 7 6	Interest	—	—	32 18 6
Distribution Charges	—	—	284 0 1	GRANTS :—			
Exchanges	—	—	3 0 0	Fire Insurance Fund	—	200 0 0	
Agents' Commission	—	—	92 4 10	Contingent Fund	—	75 0 0	
Editors' Honoraria, Expenses and Contributors' Fees	—	—	190 7 5	Contingent Fund—Half Editors' Honoraria	—	75 0 0	
Office Expenses	—	—	167 1 2	Contingent Fund Editors' Expenses	—	9 6 5	
Authorised Appropriation	—	—	270 0 0				359 6 5
Balance to Accumulated Funds	—	—	5 12 6				
			£3142 6 7				£3142 6 7

Balance Sheet as at 30th April, 1952

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H. F. ARNOLD, A.R.A.N.Z. } Auditors
E. H. SMITH }

27-5-52

METHODIST BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS for Year ended 31st July, 1952.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Cash at Bank, 31/7/51				191	14	3	By Appeal Expenses—						
„ Grant Home Mission Dept.				50	0	0	Leaflets & Circulars	68	5	0			
„ Appeal for Forward Pro- gramme				371	3	2	Envelopes	40	0	0			
„ Sale of Booklets—							Postages, & Stationery	11	4	6			
Aldersgate Order of											119	9	6
Service	28	18	6				„ Printing Booklets—						
Church & Me	27	2	11				Christian Views on						
Is Prayer Any Use	4	16	4				Capitalism & Com- munism	4	13	2			
Why Protestants Go to Church	4	14	4				Aldersgate Order of						
Christianity or Com- munism	2	10	10				Service	14	10	0			
Christian Views of Capitalism & Com- munism	2	8	3				Church & Me	47	11	6			
				70	11	2					66	14	8
							„ Petty Cash, Postages, Sta- tionery & Exchange				11	17	1
							„ Bank Charge				10	0	
							„ Balances, 31/7/52—						
							Cash in Hand	12	6	5			
							Cash at Bank	472	10	11			
											484	17	4
				£683	8	7					£683	8	7

At the 31st July, 1952, the following booklets were instock:

Is Prayer Any Use	132
Why Protestants Go to Church	352
Church & Me	—
Christian Views on Capitalism & Communism	600

1,084

These are valued at £5 7s. 6d.

J. C. WIGGLESWORTH, B.Com., A.P.A.N.Z., A.C.S.N.Z., Lay Treasurer

TRANSPORT TRUST BOARD

Receipts and Payments Account for Year ended 30th June, 1952.

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
To Refunds of Advances	—	—	1061 12 4	By Advances	—	—	4298 19 0
Loan—Foreign Mission Department	—	—	3000 0 0	Bank Interest	—	—	43 11 9
Balance	—	—	348 13 1	General Expenses	—	—	54 3 6
				Stationery— Stamps	—	—	13 11 2
			<u>£4410 5 5</u>				<u>£4410 5 5</u>
				By Balance	—	—	348 13 1

Income and Expenditure Account for Year ended 30th June, 1952.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
To Bank Interest	—	—	43 11 9	By Hire Purchase Interest	—	—	114 14 3
Exchange and Bank Charges	—	—	5 2 6	Excess Expenditure over Income transferred	—	—	26 12 2
Legal Expenses	—	—	49 1 0	to Accumulated Funds	—	—	
Stationery and Stamps	—	—	13 11 2				
Interest on F. M. Department Loan	—	—	30 0 0				
			<u>£141 6 5</u>				<u>£141 6 5</u>

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1952

LIABILITIES				ASSETS						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Loan Foreign Mission Dept.—at call	3000	0	0				Advances under Chattel Security Agreements —	3352	0	11
Interest Accrued — —	30	0	0				Accumulated Fund — — —	26	12	2
				3030	0	0	(Deficiency).			
Bank Overdraft — —				348	13	1				
				£3378	13	1				
								£3378	13	1

D. TAYLER, Treasurer

I report that I have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Transport Trust Board of the Methodist Church of New Zealand for the year ended 30th June, 1952. I have examined the relative Chattel Security Agreements in respects of the advances made and note that these documents are lodged with the Board's Bankers as security against the Bank overdraft.

I certify that, in my opinion, the above Balance Sheet with the accompanying accounts is properly drawn up so as to show the correct financial position of the Board as at the 30th June, 1952.

Wellington,

18th July, 1952.

T. M. STEPHENS, F.R.A.N.Z.)

Hon. Auditor.

Summary of

DISTRICTS	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Church Membership													Stipends, etc.							State of Finances as at 30th June															
									Members on Roll as at 30th June	Number Recd. during Year		Number Removed from the Roll			Net Increase	Net Decrease	Young People's Roll				On Probation	No. of Baptisms	Communi- cants	Annual Stipend (if 2 or more Ministers spe- cially separately)	Bonus and/or Allowance (other than travelling) additional to Annual Stipend	Travelling (or Car) Allowances	Ownership Car C. Circuit	M. Minister	Circuit		Trust Account Totals													
										New Members	Transfers from other Churches	By Death	Transfers to Other Circuits	Ceased to Attend			Cradle Roll	Primary Roll	Junior Roll	Youth Roll									Cr. Balance	Dr. Balance	Total Credit Balances (excluding balances held for special purposes)	Total Debit Balances												
Auckland	101	102	60	43	53	10	1	178	6039	356	275	95	245	63	229	10	See Youth Table		632	5009	14460	3	9	..	2498	10	10	8	26	2784	13	6	245	11	2	9570	6	2	2770	7	9			
South Auckland ..	50	94	26	27	28	6	58	3235	120	191	28	214	20	49					350	2634	9498	0	0	45	0	0	2090	11	9	6	16	1372	12	4	141	9	10	3734	18	11	468	12	10	
Taranaki-Wanganui ..	44	31	23	17	16	7	2	71	2168	94	73	28	100	49					305	1806	6193	10	0	..	697	12	0	2	7	1006	18	10	46	2	10	2789	13	10	534	4	6			
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	40	23	24	15	18	5	1	70	2717	116	102	40	124	45	9					236	1998	6977	15	0	..	1202	6	4	3	12	997	10	8	35	14	9	2494	0	1	1948	19	6		
Wellington	44	22	24	21	27	4	1	58	3063	171	187	41	236	23	58					340	2668	8080	10	0	..	812	0	0	4	12	906	8	3	139	12	0	9212	18	11	470	18	9		
Nelson	27	31	19	10	14	1	48	1507	56	45	20	54	11	16			115	1083	4113	18	9	55	0	0	336	10	9	2	6	364	6	0	..	1096	16	1	642	12	7					
North Canterbury ..	61	16	41	30	38	3	3	86	4060	291	202	59	229	67	138	1		371	3440	10553	13	7	54	0	0	1260	7	0	..	22	983	4	2	38	2	5	4759	9	6	300	15	1		
South Canterbury ..	24	12	11	9	12	1	1	27	1598	92	59	30	69	12	40			114	1166	3759	0	0	..	454	0	0	1	6	768	12	7	141	12	3	980	14	5	15	7	2				
Otago-Southland ..	49	12	25	26	22	4	2	60	2550	118	103	34	154	43		10		226	2005	9514	7	4	40	4	0	1126	5	3	1	15	731	13	1	197	10	7	1281	10	3	6532	19	11		
TOTALS, 1952 ..	440	343	253	198	228	41	11	656	26937	1414	1237	375	1425	333	519			1	2689	21809	73250	18	5	194	4	0	10478	3	11	27	122	9915	19	5	985	15	10	35920	8	2	13684	18	1	
TOTALS, 1951 ..	432	346	242	196	218	44	11	651	26418	1138	1350	388	1370	430	300				2727	21034	71182	16	10	..	198	0	0	9687	9	4	28	122	8809	5	1	1198	9	10	33339	2	11	11182	9	7
Increase	8	..	11	2	10	5	519	276	55	..	219	..		1		775	2068	1	7	..	790	14	7	1106	14	4	2581	5	3	2502	8	6				
Decrease	3	3	113	13	..	97	38	3	16	0	..	1	212	14	0				

Dominion Statistical Returns

NAME OF DISTRICT	No. of Sun. Schools	CRADLE ROLL	SUNDAY SCHOOL										B.C. MEMBERSHIP										Other Y.P. Organisations		C.Y.M. (M) Pledged Members		Church Young People's Roll					Membership			
			No. NOW ON ROLL					AV. ATTENDANCE	No. of Teachers and Officers		No. of Bible Classes	Y.W. CLASSES					Y.M. CLASSES					New Pledges			No. now on Roll	No. on Cradle Roll	No. on Primary Roll	No. on Junior Roll	No. on Youth Roll	Total	Youth Received during Year	No. on Youth Roll now Members			
			Recd. during year	No. on Roll	Beginners	Primary	Junior					Intermediate	Total	Junior	Inter.	Senior	Leaders	Total	Av. Attendance	Junior	Inter.		Senior	Leaders									Total	Av. Attendance	
Northland	36	67	434	233	269	257	239	998	672	85	45	27	92	33	24	13	162	107	57	11	17	16	101	64	18	387	21	376	476	464	313	1629	31	53	
Auckland	65	347	1363	924	1187	1493	1109	4713	3302	360	166	117	359	117	121	46	643	482	250	84	125	56	515	389	118	2644	76	238	1463	2199	2539	1530	7731	127	314
South Auckland	63	226	814	796	752	894	675	3117	2077	213	115	60	195	61	60	21	337	245	147	56	60	36	299	210	54	992	30	92	872	1415	1584	938	4809	78	151
Taranaki-Wanganui	45	149	530	484	503	523	480	1990	1398	155	78	44	141	38	42	19	240	158	101	19	27	16	163	130	33	691	17	24	547	884	814	665	2910	43	119
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	38	125	536	557	430	568	529	2084	1477	158	89	51	165	69	38	25	297	222	112	62	46	27	247	176	39	875	56	157	583	863	1074	592	3112	52	122
Wellington	45	269	910	715	705	801	640	2861	2090	212	127	88	221	84	94	38	437	319	152	88	103	50	393	281	79	1578	84	164	926	1416	1333	1077	4752	85	228
Nelson	22	96	461	377	306	362	258	1303	899	109	47	33	74	58	23	9	164	118	79	35	28	18	160	114	32	664	11	92	494	757	641	421	2313	13	21
North Canterbury	59	294	899	876	726	1136	830	3568	2498	278	159	99	212	139	94	42	487	353	158	98	116	51	423	308	99	1913	81	225	1035	1571	1839	1163	5608	113	252
South Canterbury	16	83	385	282	195	322	233	1032	700	82	37	28	72	22	18	12	124	83	78	39	26	18	161	114	43	849	28	68	360	448	504	399	1711	52	95
Otago-Southland	49	168	655	536	404	576	510	2026	1487	195	86	72	181	74	68	29	352	260	131	41	65	30	267	206	52	875	45	111	661	830	1090	812	3393	52	120
TOTALS This Year	438	1824	6987	5780	5477	6932	5503	23692	16600	1847	949	619	1712	695	582	254	3243	2347	1265	533	613	318	2729	1992	567	11468	428	1192	7317	10859	11882	7910	37968	646	1475
Last Year	422	1857	7140	5609	5138	7111	5205	23063	16312	1835	934	603	1445	665	596	250	2956	2214	1101	541	647	311	2600	1878	523	10560	267	1089	7502	10705	11143	7478	36828	468	1356
INCREASE	16			171	339		298	629	288	12	15	16	267	30		4	287	133	164		8	34			44	908	161	103		154	739	432	1140	178	119
DECREASE		33	153			179																							185						

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30th, 1952

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	No. of Baptisms	Communi- cants
										New Members	Transfers from other Churches	By Death	Transfers to Other Circuits	Ceased to Attend						
Auckland Central	7		6	3	2	1		9	592	21	17	7	12	7	12				72	355
Auckland Centeal Mission	1	2	1	2	2		1	4	201	11		6	4		3			14	161	
Auckland South	3		2	2	4			11	346	54	27	5	11	2	63			43	292	
Auckland West	2		3	1	1			2	84	2	1	4	12	3		16		32	160	
Auckland East	9	2	7	6	13			28	929	54	44	11	37	6	44			40	806	
Avondale	8	5	6	3	6			18	579	20	37	11	25	8	13			60	492	
Devonport	3		2	1	2			2	185	5		1	10			6		25	150	
Takapuna	2	4		1	2	2		12	300	8	26	5	8	4	17			28	245	
Birkenhead	4	1	2	2	1			7	208	10	2	4	6		2			16	240	
Onehunga	5	4	1	2	1	1		7	252	12	14	3	20	9		4		47	250	
Otahuhu	2		1	1	1			5	189		4	9	7	1		13		15	150	
Papatoetoe	2		1	1	1				187	26	18	3	8	8	25			14	160	
Papakura	3	2	2	1	3			4	202	22	7	3	6	3	17			13	130	
Pukekohe	5	2	1	1	2			7	164	9	10	4	5		10			18	130	
Bombay-Tuakau	3	4		1	1			4	98	5		2	6	1		4		3	94	
Waiuku	1	5	2	2	1			2	120	17	6	1	2		20			13	70	
Mahurangi	2	9	1	1	2			3	102	4	3	1			6			10	100	
North Waitemata	4	14	3	2		2		12	124	2	4	2			4			19	84	
Paparoa	4	4	1	1	1			3	88	7		1	7			1		8	39	
Dargaville	3	8	2	1	1			4	237	9	5	2	7		5			19	130	
Ruawai	2	2	1	1	1			4	98	9	8	2	10		5			7	100	
Whangarei	4	5	2	1	1			10	247	11	20	2	5	3	21			22	190	
Hikurangi	1	4				1		3	48		1		2	2		5		9	28	
Whangaroa	2	3	1	1		1		5	56	10	3	2	4		7					
Poet Albert	7	4	3	1	1			4	117	2	3		6			1		10	140	
Kawakawa-Kaikohe	2	7		1	1			1	50	3		2	5	3		7		10	100	
Mangonui	4	2	1	1	1			4	81	7	8		3		12			15	70	
Hokianga	2	5	2	1		1		2	57	14	1		13		2			3	60	
Bay of Islands	1	1	1	1					20		3		2		1				15	
North Hokianga	3	7	2	1		1		1	78	1	2	1	2	3		3		7	48	
Totals	101	102	60	43	53	10	1	178	6039	356	275	95	245	63	289	60		632	5009	

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Thames	2	1	1	1	2			1	148	5		2	4									6	75
Hauraki Plains	2	4		1					57														
Paeroa	1	2	1	1	2			1	45	3		1	1	1								21	50
Waihi	1	5	1	1	2			3	77		6	1	1	2	2							11	36
Te Aroha	4	1	2	1	1			3	210		6	2	14								10	16	185
Morrinsville	3	4	2	2	1			5	265	10	9	2	30	2							15	38	300
Cambridge	3	1	2	1	2			4	167	6	7	2	9	1	1							16	140
Hamilton	5	1	3	3	3		1	12	519	22	36	8	63	7								53	400
Hamilton East	3	2	2	1	1			5	186	1	15		4		12							17	200
Huntly	1	5		1	1			4	83	2	18	1	15		3							14	82
Matamata	3	5	1	1	1			3	180	16	9	1	4		20							12	140
Putaruru	1	5	1	1	1			1	71		17		9		12							17	30
Rotorua	2	2	1	2	3			6	134		18		13		5							17	80
Tauranga	2	8	1	2	2		2	10	329	19	11	3	3		24							22	275
Whakatane	2		1	1	1			1	73		2	1	3							2		9	35
Opotiki	2	1	2	1	1		1	1	51	5	2		4		2							13	61
Te Awamutu	2	4	2	1	1			2	179		6	2	7	2								12	170
Otorohanga	1	10		1	1			1	95	11	4		7	2	6							23	119
Te Kuiti	1	4		1	1				63		6				6							4	32
Taumarunui	1	5		1	1			1	69	7	4	1	7	1	2							12	75
Ohura	3	7	1		1			1	42	5	4		2		7							10	35
Ngaruawahia	3		1	1			1	1	58	2	7		8	1								5	54
Coromandel	1	8	1	1				1	36														20
Kawhai	1	9		1	1			4	39	2	5	1	6									4	30
Raglan Union									59														
Totals	50	94	26	27	28	6		68	3235	120	191	28	214	20	102	53						350	2624

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

New Plymouth	7	4	5	3	4	2	2	17	608	35	6	6	9		26							65	450
Waitara	3	5	2	1	1			4	95	5	1		3	1								9	98
Stratford	7		1	1	1			3	168	8	6	4	2	1	7							37	175
Eltham-Kaponga	2	3	2	1	1			10	115	4	4	3	7									29	100
Hawera	3		1	1	1			7	204		1		10	1								20	150
Mania	2	5		1	1			3	98			2	1		2							17	70
Opunake	5	5	4	3	1		1	8	176	9	4		12	4								33	140
Wanganui	2		1	1	3			4	200	4	27	2	23	28								8	205
Wanganui North	3	1	3	2	1			9	165	8	13	3	7		11							22	166
Gonville	3		1	1	2			2	88	7	3	2	10	3								13	80
Taihape	1	3	1				1		36	1	1	1	8		7							10	25
Inglewood	2	2	1	1			1	1	88	6	2		1	2	5							12	62
Marton	1	3	1	1			1	3	73	5	6	1		3	5							16	60
Raetihi	1						1		18		1		3									12	
Patea	2								36	1		1	5	4								2	25
Totals	44	31	23	17	16	7	2	71	2168	94	73	28	100	47	54	64						305	1806

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Napier	4		4	2	3	1		15	401	10	23	10	19		4				48	315
Hastings	3	3	1	1	2			8	336	11	20	9	4	14	4				22	160
Gisborne	3	1	3	1	2			6	226	2	3	1	3		1				7	175
Wairoa	1	3			1			1	39			1	9	4			14		10	30
Dannevirke	1	1	1	1	1			3	105	1	2		12				9		8	65
Woodville	1	1	1	1	1			2	107	8	4	1	5	4	2				9	110
Pahiatua	3	3	1	1	1			4	101	8	4	1	5	2	4				6	90
Palmerston N. (St. Paul's)	1	1	3	1	1		1	9	266	12	18	2	6	2	20				20	200
Palmerston N. (Cuba St.)	2	2	2	1	2			7	260	7	11	1	10	3	4				16	230
Ashurst-Bunnythorpe	3		2	1	1			2	109	5	2	3	7			3			10	87
Feilding	6	3	3	2	1	1		4	332	23	8	5	20	5	1				19	201
Sanson-Rongotea	3	3	2	1	1			3	160	16	3	1	6	9	3				14	150
Waipawa	2	3				1		2	53				8			8			18	30
Foxton-Shannon	3	2	1	1	1	1		3	106	10	3	1	7	2	3				14	88
Apiti	2	2						1	66	3		1	2						8	42
Norsewood	2								50		1	3	1		3	3			8	25
Totals	40	23	24	15	18	5	1	70	2717	116	102	40	124	45	46	37			236	1996

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30th, 1952
NELSON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS									Church Membership										
	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Members on Roll	Number Recd during Year		Number Removed from the Roll			Net Increase	Net Decrease	On Probation	No. of Baptisms	Communi- cants
										New Members	Transfers from other Churches	By Death	Transfers to Other Circuits	Ceased to Attend					
Nelson — — —	2		4	1	4			12	349	22	16	2	14	4	18			22	260
Richmond — — —	7		4	1	2			9	212	3	7	4	9			3	14	185	
Motueka — — —	1	4	3	1	1	1		7	114		7	3	4	2		2	10	70	
Blenheim — — —	8	10	4	4	3			12	392	7		6	3	2		4	38	240	
Murchison — — —	1	8						3	20				7	2		9	6	30	
Westport — — —	3	1	1	1	1			1	88		4	1	4		1		5	50	
Reefton — — —	2	2	1		1			1	75	13	3	2	4	1	9		7	59	
Greymouth — — —	2	4	1	1	1			1	200	11	4	2	8		5		10	139	
Hokitika — — —	1	2	1	1	1			2	57		4		1		3		3	50	
TOTALS — — —	27	31	19	10	14	1		48	1507	56	45	20	54	11	35	19	115	1083	

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Durham Street	2	1	3	2	9			9	492	27	42	11	28	11	19			40		580
Central Mission		1		1	1		1		40	40					41					30
Christchurch East	6	3	7	4	5			12	649	44	59	9	62	25	7			88		625
Cambridge Terrace	2		3	2	1			2	106	5	5	2	20			14		5		85
Woolston	5		5	2	3			4	349	28	9	3	14		7	13		41		295
Sydenham	2	1	3	2	1			5	206	38	6	6	6		32			13		195
Addington	1		1	1	1			3	173	12	3		12		5			13		120
Riccarton	4	1	4	1	2			4	211	13	3	2	16	2		4		24		190
St. Albans	3		3	2	6			12	516	28	32	7	29	7	17		1	52		485
Papanui	3		1	2	1	1	2	4	176	21	9	4	17	4	5			22		170
Lytelton	1	2	1	1		1			60		2				2			2		51
Springston	7	1	3	2	2			6	140	7	2	3	2	1	1			19		96
Leeston	5		1	1	2			5	198	1		2	2			3		13		100
Kaiapoi	2		1	1	1			1	115		1	4	6	7		16		13		50
Ohoka	4		1	1		1		4	99	5	1	1	1		4			7		87
Rangiora	3		1	1	1			4	178	6	10	1	4	1	10			9		121
Woodend-Sefton	4		1	1	1				95									5		60
Greendale	2	5			1			7	102	12	4	1	1		14					
Oxford	4		2	2				4	117	1	3	2	2	2		2				20
Harwarden	1	1							38		9		3		7					
TOTALS	61	16	41	30	38	3		386	4060	291	200	59	229	67	177	39		1371		3440

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Timaru, Banks Street	1	2	2	1	3			2	228	17	17	5	18	6	5			18		200
Timaru, Woodlands St.	1		1	1	1				221	5	7	5	6		1			28		180
Timaru South	3	1				1		2	73	2	3	1	5			1		5		65
Waimate	2		1	1	2			1	175	23		2			21			9		105
Temuka	2	1		1	1				80	2		3				1				65
Geraldine	1		1	1	1				67				4			4				56
Ashburton	4	5	2	1	1		1	16	381	8	16	6	12		6			33		287
Willowby	6	3	2	2	1			5	150	12	2	2	2	4	6			12		68
Oamaru	3		1	1	1				169	23	13	4	19		13			5		110
Marchweil Union	1		1		1			1	54		1	2	3	2		6		4		30
Totals	24	12	11	9	12	1		127	1598	92	59	30	69	12	52	12		114		1166

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Dunedin Central	3		2	2	2			11	245	8	5	4	10	18	19			16		140
Dunedin Central Mission	1	1	1	2	2		1	7	132	1	2	1	6	2		6		26		300
Dunedin North	3		3	1	1			4	150	14	3	1	11	5				7		120
Dunedin South	4		3	2	2			7	287	19	14	3	17	3	10			21		270
Corstorphine Union Church		1			1				10	4					4					6
Dunedin (St. Kilda)	3		1	1	3			1	166	13	6		22	5		8		21		127
Dunedin (Mornington)	1		1	1	1			5	156	5	10	2	11		2			10		130
Dunedin (Roslyn)	1		1	1		1		1	87	10	8		8		10			4		58
Port Chalmers	3		1	1	1			1	58		5	4	3			2		4		30
Milton	1		1	1	1			1	43		1	2	7			8		5		32
Roxburgh	3		1	1	1			1	54	1	5	2	5			1		5		63
Invercargill (Central)	2	2	2	1	1		1	6	284	8	3	4	23			16		25		150
Invercargill (St. Peter's)	3		1	2	1			1	219	16	5	4	2	4	11			37		180
Gore	2		2	2	1			2	111	6	6	1	7		4					36
Western Southland	7	1	1	1	1	1		3	126	1	3	1	7	3		7		8		85
Edendale	2	2		1		1		2	55	2	2	1	1		2			1		49
Mosgiel	1	1		1	1				61	3	3	2	4					15		38
Bluff	2		1	1	1				73	4	1				5			6		30
Cromwell-Alexandra	2	2	1	1	1			2	64		6		6	1		1		4		57
Waikouaiti	2				1				35	1			2	2		3		1		32
Balclutha	2	2	1	1		1		5	105		7	2	1		4			8		45
Lawrence	1		1	1					29	2	8		1		9			2		27
TOTALS	49	12	25	26	22	4		260	2550	118	103	34	154	43	61	71		226		2005

GENERAL FINANCIAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30th, 1952

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Stipends, etc.					State of Finances at 30th June			
	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 Balances (excluding balances held for special purposes)	Total Debit Balances
	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Auckland Central	460 0 0		All Exp.	C		98 8 3		509 15 5	1041 7 6
	402 10 0		15 0 0						
	345 0 0		27 0 0	M					
Auckland Central Mission	402 0 0		Ex.	M			26 14 5	27 16 0	
Auckland South	402 10 0		24 0 0	C			34 1 4	7 11 8	
	402 10 0		24 0 0	M					
	402 10 0		24 0 0	M					
Auckland West	450 0 0		52 0 0	M		51 15 7		96 0 0	
Auckland East	431 5 0	5	52 1 8	M		907 9 1		4447 11 10	
	402 10 0	5	44 3 4	M					
	402 10 0	5	44 3 4	M					
	402 10 0	5	37 16 8	M					
Avondale	430 0 0		60 0 0	M		409 11 11		369 15 5	77 4 0
			15 0 0						
			30 0 0	M					
Devonport	402 0 0		40 0 0	M		45 7 2		137 4 5	
Takapuna	402 10 0		72 0 0	M		33 11 0		405 17 7	
Birkenhead	402 0 0		70 0 0	M		73 8 9		990 6 1	
Onehunga	402 10 0		52 0 0	C		172 11 2		179 11 7	
	250 15 0		2 0 0						
Otahuhu	402 0 0						34 17 7	44 5 9	
Papatoetoe	345 0 0		27 2 6			64 5 11		65 8 1	
Papakura	402 10 0		120 0 0	M		31 7 2		491 2 0	
	299 0 0								
	402 10 0			C		334 8 9		199 16 4	
Pukekohe	322 10 0		160 0 0	M			19 2 10	111 10 5	
Bombay-Tuakau	402 0 0		69 5 0	C		37 2 9		66 10 8	1469 11 5
Waiuku	402 10 0		97 10 0	M			10 8 10	84 8 10	
Mahurangi	345 0 0		135 0 0	M		102 8 5		159 1 6	
North Waitemata	345 0 0		125 0 0	M		115 14 11		81 14 1	
Paparoa			315 0 0	M		33 4 9		67 4 0	
Dargaville	402 10 0		132 0 0	M		90 4 4		138 17 4	
Ruawai	427 10 0		100 0 0	M		2 14 7		93 3 0	96 1 10
Whangarei	259 5 0			C			44 17 0		
Hikurangi	258 15 0			C		31 18 4		11 16 10	
Whangaroa	398 3 9			C		0 19 10		365 10 10	
Port Albert	402 10 0		97 10 0	M		8 10 0		6 9 3	
Kawakawa-Kaikohu	402 10 0		150 0 0	M		25 14 4		31 1 7	30 6 0
Mamgonui	402 10 0		181 8 4	M			75 9 2	105 3 1	25 17 0
Hokianga	322 0 0					114 0 11		234 0 0	
Bay of Islands	322 0 0		150 0 0	M		7 17 2		42 12 8	
North Hokianga									
TOTALS						2784 13 6	245 11 2	9570 6 2	2770 7 9

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Thames	377 10 0		10 0 0	M			28 8 9	205 9 11	
Hauraki Plains (6 months)	198 10 0					81 18 6		229 9 4	
Paeroa	402 5 0					65 13 3		178 0 5	
Waihi	402 10 0		114 7 4	M			4 1 6		23 14 6
Te Aroha	402 10 0		150 0 0	M		56 18 5		431 19 4	8 7 9
Morrinsville	425 0 0		150 0 0	M		46 18 11		406 5 2	
Cambridge	402 10 0		62 0 0	M		134 0 0		25 2 7	11 9 0
Hamilton	427 0 0	7 10 0	122 4 4	C		332 15 10		1436 11 0	
	415 0 0	7 10 0	100 0 0	M					
	300 0 0	5 0 0							
Hamilton East	405 0 0		105 0 0	C		166 18 8		162 7 10	
Huntly	299 0 0		157 14 2	C		21 5 3		19 18 2	
Matamata	460 0 0		120 0 0	M		10 8 2		70 17 4	
Putaruru	299 0 0		54 12 5	C			42 5 8		57 11 0
Rotorua	402 10 0		100 0 0	M		7 13 11		27 5 2	
Tauranga	420 0 0		139 1 5	M		17 15 9		106 14 10	
	345 0 0		38 11 2	M					
Whakatane	402 10 0		26 0 0	M		89 4 7		21 14 7	
Opotiki	345 0 0		100 0 0	M		61 5 8		68 7 0	
Te Awamutu	402 10 0		120 0 0	M		11 14 0			367 10 7
Otorohanga	402 10 0	25 0 0	168 0 0	C		46 11 4		71 5 11	
Te Kuiti	293 5 0		75 5 2	M		3 13 11		8 8 1	
Taumarunui	402 10 0		111 12 9	M			7 13 5	58 7 3	
Ohura	299 0 0			C			7 1 10	17 11 9	
Ngaruawahia	322 10 0						51 18 8	182 9 4	
Córomandel	No Agent					117 15 5		6 13 11	
Kawhia	345 0 0		138 7 4	M		100 10 9			
TOTALS	9598 0 0	45 0 0	2090 11 9			1372 12 4	141 9 10	3743 18 11	468 12 10

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

New Plymouth	475 0 0		55 0 0	M		54 7 6		455 0 10	477 8 10
	402 10 0		20 0 0						
	299 0 0		12 12 0						
Waitara	402 0 0		70 0 0			74 1 11		169 7 8	
Stratford	402 10 0		144 0 0	M		161 13 11		238 8 1	2 17 11
Eltham-Kaponga	402 10 0			C		4 19 0		164 14 4	
Hawera	408 0 0		65 0 0	M		78 4 1		174 11 8	
Mania	376 5 0		100 0 0	M		53 0 1		12 2 1	
Opunake	412 10 0			C			46 2 10	169 8 0	
	343 15 0								
Wanganui	437 10 0		50 0 0	M		46 16 0		541 18 6	53 17 9
Wanganui North	402 10 0		22 0 0			129 18 6		393 4 6	
Gonville	402 10 0		4 0 0			96 18 1		170 13 11	
Taihape	276 0 0		55 0 0	M		21 3 5		153 5 10	
Inglewood	322 0 0		100 0 0	M		90 18 3		95 5 11	
Marton	345 0 0					11 19 10		27 18 7	
Raetihi	84 0 0					167 19 5		8 8 11	
Patea						14 18 10		13 5 0	
TOTALS	6197 0 0		697 12 0	2C7M		1098 19 4	46 2 10	2988 3 10	534 4 6

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Napier	426 15 0			M		63 3 10		239 2 7	
	403 10 0								
Hastings	450 0 0		80 0 0	M		131 19 2			14 13 6
Gisborne	402 0 0		50 0 0	M		4 0 0		146 14 6	562 10 0
	299 0 0		10 0 0						
Wairoa	299 0 0		8 18 8				5 4 7	20 17 1	
Dannevirke	402 10 0		50 6 0	C		3 6 0			
Woodville	402 10 0		30 0 0	M		27 3 10			
Pahiatua	402 10 0		72 0 0	M		15 16 8		133 14 11	
Palmerston N. (St. Paul's)	431 5 0		57 1 8	M		296 0 7		28 2 0	431 7 1
Palmerston N. (Cuba St.)	450 0 0		100 0 0	M		98 5 1			553 13 8
Ashhurst-Bunmythorpe	376 5 0		80 0 0	M			30 10 2	286 12 6	
Feilding	402 10 0		120 0 0	C		49 11 6		1358 7 8	
	345 0 0		90 0 0	C					
Sanson-Rongotea	450 0 0		90 0 0	M		2 8 8			285 11 10
Waipawa	345 0 0		80 0 0	M		69 0 0		135 9 3	
Foxton-Shannon	345 0 0		104 0 0	M		50 13 10		129 0 10	101 3 8
Apiti	345 0 0		175 0 0	M		77 8 2		15 18 9	
Norsewood						108 13 4			
TOTALS	6977 15 0		1202 6 4			997 10 8	35 14 9	2494 0 1	1948 19 9

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Wellington Central	488 0 0		39 0 0	C		366 6 1		2448 13 7	
	402 0 0		30 0 0	M					
Wellington West	437 10 0		6 0 0			38 8 2		681 2 5	
	402 0 0		9 0 0	M					
Wellington South	402 10 0					99 4 1		628 0 4	19 6 6
Wellington East	430 0 0		40 0 0	M		94 16 10		350 10 7	
	402 10 0		25 0 0	M					
	345 0 0		10 0 0	M					
	300 0 0		5 0 0						
Wellington North	402 10 0		13 10 0			39 4 2		838 12 0	141 8 10
	402 10 0		174 0 0	M					
	299 0 0		13 10 0						
Hutt	445 0 0		101 0 0	M		69 4 7		2330 18 1	273 2 1
	415 0 0		83 0 0	M					
	300 0 0		15 0 0						
Upper Hutt	299 0 0		20 0 0	M		37 10 0		46 9 9	
Petone	402 10 0		60 0 0	M		9 10 2		53 16 7	37 1 1
Greytown-Featherston	345 0 0		Exes. paid	C		30 5 2		950 0 6	
Caterton	402 10 0		Exes. paid				17 12 4	50 1 5	
Masterton	425 0 0		90 0 0	M		53 10 0		389 9 1	
Eketahuna	345 0 0		62 0 0	C			4 0 10	264 8 2	
Levin	400 0 0		85 0 0	M		68 9 0		107 6 8	
Otaki	402 10 0		50 0 0	M			86 3 4	69 13 11	
Paraparaumu	345 0 0		80 0 0	M			31 15 6	3 9 5	
TOTALS						906 8 3	139 12 0	9212 18 11	470 18 6

GENERAL FINANCIAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30th, 1952
NELSON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Stipends, etc.					State of Finances at 30th June			
	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 Balance (excluding balances held for special purposes)	Total Debit Balances
	£ s. d.	£	£ s. d.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Nelson	402 10 0	25	45 0 0	M		79 1 7		11 15 7	
	288 0 0								
Richmond	402 10 0		100 0 0	M		6 5 11			642 12 7
	200 0 0		26 0 0	M					
Moteuka	350 0 0	10	48 0 0	M		44 17 2		15 14 11	
Blenheim	427 10 0	10		C		13 4 9		719 5 7	
	402 10 0	10		C					
Murchison	237 3 9		4 0 0	M		39 9 8			
Westport	402 10 0		43 10 9	M		43 2 10		8 19 6	
Reefton	299 0 0					56 17 5		7 6 6	
Greymouth	402 10 0		70 0 0			56 7 0		302 14 2	
Hokitika	300 0 0					25 3 8		30 19 10	
TOTALS	4113 18 9	55 0 0	336 10 9	6M 2C		364 6 0		1096 16 1	642 12 7

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Durham Street	445 0 0	25 0 0	100 0 0	M		144 11 3		352 11 5	
	414 0 0	25 0 0	50 0 0	M					
Central Mission	402 10 0		100 0 0	M					
Christchurch East	427 0 0	2 0 0	40 0 0	M		25 6 1		1081 2 9	
	402 0 0		25 0 0	M					
	402 0 0		30 0 0	M					
	402 0 0								
Cambridge Terrace	376 0 0		40 0 0	M			19 15 7	116 14 0	64 9 9
Woolston	402 0 0	2 0 0	26 0 0	M		24 5 4		466 1 7	66 16 11
	402 0 0		13 0 0						
	85 0 0		13 0 0						
Sydenham	402 10 0		78 0 0	M			15 9 2	318 4 9	
Addington	412 0 0		25 0 0	M		9 15 3			21 8 5
Riccarton	402 10 0		40 0 0	M		26 0 2		293 0 2	
	299 0 0		13 0 0	M					
St. Albans	451 5 0		46 0 0	M		66 1 11		194 18 3	
	433 4 0		6 0 0						
	299 0 0		6 0 0						
Papanui	402 0 0		20 0 0	M		26 7 0		138 6 1	
Lytelton	325 0 0					2 1 9		241 16 0	
Springston	402 10 0		131 5 0	M		143 7 2		181 15 4	148 0 0
Leeston	402 0 0		70 0 0	M			2 17 8	209 15 8	
Kaiapoi	402 10 0		20 0 0	M		61 18 3		96 8 0	
Ohoka	325 0 0		80 0 0	M		48 7 6		100 19 10	
Rangiora	402 10 0		40 0 0	M		128 4 0		109 0 3	
Woodend-Sefton	402 10 0		100 0 0	M		120 15 11		73 14 2	
Greendale	228 4 7		108 2 0	M		44 1 0		237 12 7	
Oxford			40 0 0	M		24 0 9			
Hawarden									
TOTALS	10553 13 7	54 0 0	1260 7 0			983 4 2	38 2 5	4759 9 6	300 15 1

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Timaru (Banks St.)	450 0 0		78 0 0	M		136 16 0		86 12 0	
Timaru (Woodlands St.)	402 10 0		60 0 0	M		22 5 10		71 9 7	
Timaru South	258 15 0		25 0 0				16 16 9	36 15 6	
Waimate	402 10 0			C		98 10 5			
Temuka	376 5 0		26 0 0	M		19 3 9			
Geraldine	345 0 0						124 15 6	10 19 4	
Ashburton	420 0 0		125 0 0	M		408 12 1		550 17 6	
Willowby	402 10 0		100 0 0	M		35 6 10		104 9 7	
Oamaru	402 10 0		40 0 0	M		31 17 6		119 10 11	15 7 2
Marchweil Union	299 0 0					16 0 2			
TOTALS	3759 0 0		454 0 0			768 12 7	141 12 3	980 14 5	15 7 2

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Dunedin Central	389 2 6		79 6 8	M			79 16 10	173 0 9	
	389 2 6		12 0 0						
Dunedin Central Mission	500 0 0		100 0 0	M		10 9 9			5976 8 1
	345 0 0								
	276 0 0			C					
Dunedin North	402 10 0		64 0 0	M			23 5 6		1 4 6
Dunedin South	412 10 0			M			8 3 10	90 7 11	
Corstorphine Union Church	402 10 0								
	160 0 0		25 0 0						
Dunedin (St. Kilda)	402 10 0		40 0 0	M					
	299 0 0		10 6 0				15 13 9	66 10 1	
Dunedin (Mornington)	402 10 0		40 0 0	M		31 18 7		46 9 5	
Dunedin (Roslyn)	350 0 0		12 0 0			2 2		31 16 2	
Port Chalmers	350 0 0		25 0 0				70 10 8	52 4 4	
Milton	345 0 0		20 0 0	M		53 18 8		1 4 7	
Roxburgh	350 0 0		100 0 0	M		11 10 7		67 4 11	
Invercargill (Central)	402 10 0		80 0 0	M		5 12 8		48 15 11	
	258 15 0		6 0 0						
Invercargill (St. Peter's)	414 13 7	35 0 0	5 0 0	M		81 1 4		21 7 0	
Gore	352 10 0		80 0 0	M		61 17 0		16 5 1	420 6 0
Western Southland	342 2 6		150 0 0	M		120 6 6		328 13 4	7 8 9
	64 13 9								
Edendale	330 0 0		65 0 0	M		3 12 4			21 13 0
Mosgiel	345 0 0		10 0 0			4 10 11		6 9 6	100 0 0
Bluff	350 0 0		40 0 0			112 14 4		75 18 11	
Cromwell-Alexandra	299 0 0		53 12 7	M		31 6 3		38 12 4	
Waikouaiti	234 7 6	5 4 0				138 0 1		192 8 9	
Balclutha	345 0 0		10 0 0			9 2 10			5 19 6
Lawrence			99 0 0			55 9 1		24 1 3	
TOTALS	9514 7 4	40 4 0	1126 5 3			731 13 1	197 10 7	1281 10 3	6532 19 11

STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNTS
of the
METHODIST HOME MISSION
DEPARTMENT

for the year ending
31st July, 1952.

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
HOME AND MAORI MISSION DEPARTMENT
Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year ending 31st July, 1952.
Treasurers: REV. B. M. CHRYSTALL and MR. F. PENN.

RECEIPTS
CIRCUIT INCOME

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland District	3246	12	10			
South Auckland	1841	14	0			
Taranaki-Wanganui	1307	18	9			
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	1606	0	8			
Wellington	1610	5	4			
Nelson	1102	7	11			
North Canterbury	2061	6	1			
South Canterbury	973	14	7			
Otago-Southland	1109	0	1			
				14,859	0	3
Debt Reduction Appeal				2203	14	0
Sundry Donations				203	12	7
Collections: A. G. Manfield				99	0	5
District Youth Councils				51	2	9
M.W.M.U.				2550	0	0
Conference Collections				32	15	0
Duplicating and Typing				19	16	0
Legacies for Disbursement				1717	19	9
Fire Insurance Fund				200	0	0
Connexional Properties:						
Grey Institute	624	3	6			
Kai Iwi	150	0	0			
Mission Prop. Trustees	300	0	0			
				1074	3	6
Interest on Investments				2342	18	8
E.W.B. Trust Share of Rents				249	7	7
Add Refund Hutt Circuit				25	0	0
Maori Ministers' Home Acquisition						
Fund - Subsidy Fire Insurance						
Fund	10	0	0			
From Circuits	28	9	6			
				38	9	6

Carried Forward £25,667 0 0

PAYMENTS

By Debit Balance 31st July, 1951 .. 9005 19 2

MAORI MISSION

Stipends; Cir. Expenses	9243	8	0
Investment Funds Board—			
Rents	401	0	0
Car Accounts	952	0	0
Car Depreciatn. Reserve	100	0	0
Sunday School Materials	10	0	0
Printing—Maori Paper	60	0	0
Subsidy "Maataapuna"	100	0	0
South Island Travelling	70	0	0
Workers' Conference	50	0	0
Students	75	0	0
Maori Furniture	40	0	0
Methodist Times	6	5	0
Contingencies	125	0	0
Youth Camps	25	0	0
Maori Section N.C.C.	20	0	0
Compassionate Grant	25	0	0
			11,302 13 0

CIRCUIT GRANTS

AUCKLAND DISTRICT —

	Aided Circuits	
North Hokianga	30	0 0
North Waitemata	102	10 0
Bombay-Taukau	5	0 0
Whangaroa	32	10 0
Hokianga	35	0 0
Auckland West	22	10 0
Mangonui	22	10 0
Special Travelling	20	0 0
Mahurangi	47	10 0
Special	50	0 0
Kawakawa-Kaikohe	75	0 0
Special	15	0 0
Hikurangi	5	0 0
Port Albert	12	10 0
Papakura (E.W.B.)	57	10 0
Onehunga, Waitangi Rd.	40	0 0
		572 10 0

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT —
Home Mission Stations

Kawhia	62	10 0
Ngaruawahia	10	0 0
	AIDED CIRCUITS —	
Taumarunui	82	10 0
Hauraki Plains	17	10 0
Waihi	50	0 0
Te Kuiti	95	0 0
Putaruru	25	0 0
Opotiki	35	0 0
Ohura	62	10 0
Whakatane	57	10 0
Huntly	15	0 0
		512 10 0

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT
Home Mission Stations —

Inglewood	35	0 0
Marton Special	30	0 0
	Aided Circuits —	
Taihape	40	0 0
Gonville	75	0 0
Waitara	35	0 0
		215 0 0

HAWKES BAY - MANAWATU DISTRICT
Home Mission Stations —

Waipawa-Waipukurau	27	10 0
Apti	30	0 0
Foxton-Shannon	15	0 0

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
HOME AND MAORI MISSION DEPARTMENT
Statement of Receipts and Payments—Continued.

RECEIPTS

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought Forward	£25,667	0	0			

PAYMENTS

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Aided Circuits —						
Wairoa	35	0	0			
Gisborne (E.W.B.)	35	0	0			
				142	10	0

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

Aided Circuits —						
Paraparaumu	45	0	0			
Wellington East	20	0	0			
Wellington North	37	10	0			
Hutt (E.W.B.)	50	0	0			
Eketaahuna	37	10	0			
Upper Hutt (E.W.B.)	17	10	0			
Upper Hutt General	25	0	0			
Taita Union Parish	81	5	0			
				313	15	0

NELSON DISTRICT

Aided Circuits —						
Richmond-Wakefield-						
Dovedale	12	10	0			
Westport for Granity ..	15	0	0			
Westport	27	10	0			
Reefton	20	0	0			
Hokitika	45	0	0			
Murchison	42	10	0			
				162	10	0

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Aided Circuits —						
Riccarton	90	0	0			
Lyttelton	17	10	0			
Oxford	20	0	0			
St. Albans	57	10	0			
Christchurch Central						
Mission	10	0	0			
Woodend-Sefton	27	10	0			
				222	10	0

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Aided Circuits —						
Temuka	60	0	0			
Temuka Maori	5	0	0			
Marchwiul Union Parish						
(3 Qtrs.)	56	5	0			
				121	5	0

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

Home Mission Stations —						
Waikouaiti-Palmerston						
.....	47	10	0			
Balclutha	20	0	0			
Lawrence	7	10	0			
Aided Circuits —						
Mosgiel	42	10	0			
Cromwell	50	0	0			
Cromwell (E.W.B.)	15	0	0			
Edendale	50	0	0			
Edendale Special	25	0	0			
Bluff	15	0	0			
St. Kilda	85	0	0			
Dunedin South	37	10	0			
Roxburgh	87	10	0			
Port Chalmers	92	10	0			
Dunedin North	57	10	0			
Corstorphine Union						
Parish (E.W.B.)	75	0	0			
Western Southland	45	0	0			
				752	10	0

LEGACY DISBURSEMENT GRANTS —

H.M. Office Equipment	22	3	0
Maori Ministers' Home			
Acquirement Fund ..	50	0	0

Carried Forward	£25,667	0	0			
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THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
HOME AND MAORI MISSION DEPARTMENT
Statement of Receipts and Payments—Continued.

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£ s. d.
Brought Forward	£25,667	0	0				
Deaconess' Car Depreciation A/c.	200	0	0				
Maori Ministers' Car A/c's.	40	0	0				
Auck. Central Mission Parsonage	10	0	0				
Helensville Church Trust	10	0	0				
Te Kuiti Parsonage	25	0	0				
Huntly Parsonage Fund	20	0	0				
Coromandel Church	50	0	0				
Coromandel Parsonage	20	0	0				
Himatangi Church Hall	10	17	0				
Pouto Maori Church	25	0	0				
Paraparaumu Parsonage	20	0	0				
Upper Hutt Parsonage	10	0	0				
Oamaru Nth. Church Hall	10	0	0				
Alexandra Ch. Scheme	50	0	0				
Christchurch Maori Girls' Hostel	20	0	0				
Port Chalmers Parsonage	10	0	0				
Hokitika Church	20	0	0				
Maori Centres:							
Te Rahui	10	0	0				
Hawera	10	0	0				
Dargaville	10	0	0				
Te Kuiti	20	0	0				
Russell Parsonage	40	0	0				
							713 0 0
MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS —							
Maori Ministers' Home Acquisition Fund ..	60	0	0				
Board of Publications ..	50	0	0				
Circulating Library	5	0	0				
Natural Calamities Fund	25	0	0				
Otago - Southland Colportage Society ..	25	0	0				
Ecumenical Conference Travel Fund	25	0	0				
H.M. Study Conference	50	0	0				
Picture Department	75	0	0				
H.M. Removal Exes. Fund ..	45	0	0				
Deaconess Institution ..	87	10	0				
Trinity Theo. College ..	175	0	0				
Church Sites Fund	100	0	0				
Literature and Colporteur Society	47	5	0				
Spiritual Advance Com.	25	0	0				
Educational Grant	40	0	0				
Special Travelling Grant ..	5	0	0				
Students (Deaconess) ..	15	0	0				
							854 15 0
Office Salaries	306	0	0				
Annual Report	242	14	8				
Deputation Expenses ..	168	0	6				
Electric Power	3	2	8				
Interest on Overdraft ..	212	17	4				
Ministerial Supplies	9	0	0				
Life Insurance	21	17	0				
Staff Insurance (Maori and European)	38	8	6				
A. G. Manfield Travel ..	65	2	6				
Clerical Assistance	26	0	0				
Compassionate Grant ..	28	15	0				
Sundry Expenses	16	4	8				
Sundries for Refund:							
Exchange, etc.	8	10	11				
Methodist Allocation to National Council of Churches	136	3	6				
Office, Expenses, Postages and Petty Cash	106	14	9				
Printing & Stationery ..	219	7	11				
Rent: Office	108	6	8				
Telephones	70	13	1				
							1787 19 8

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
HOME AND MAORI MISSION DEPARTMENT
Statement of Receipts and Payments—Continued.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Retiring Funds —						
Home Missionaries	113	13	0			
Deaconesses	262	10	0			
				376	3	0
Maori Ministers' Home						
Acquirement Fund				38	9	6
General Superintendent —						
Stipend	429	10	5			
General Allowance	43	15	0			
Travelling	150	0	0			
				623	5	5
Assistant Superintendent —						
Stipend	404	13	9			
Travelling	150	0	0			
				554	13	9
Missionary in Maori Work —						
Stipend	404	15	9			
Travelling	180	19	9			
				585	15	6
Investment Funds Board:						
Rent for 3 Parsonages		450	0	0		
Connexional Charges ..		182	0	0		
Legacies for Disbursement		1014	19	9		

We have audited the account of the Methodist Home Mission Fund. All our requirements as auditors have been complied with. We have examined the Books and Vouchers and in our opinion the above statement correctly sets out the position of the Fund as at July 31st, 1952.

D. CRAWFORD, A.R.A.N.Z.,

R. B. VERRY, A.R.A.N.Z.,

Hon. Auditors.

Debit Balance at 31st July, 1952 4837 13 9

£30,504 13 9

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METHODIST HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year ended 31st July, 1952.

Treasurers: REV. B. M. CHRYSTALL and MR. F. PENN.

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance Bank of New Zealand, 31/7/52:				By Interest Transferred to H.M. Fund:			
Auckland Maori Girls' Hostel	362	12	6	Through Mornington		3	10 0
Dargaville Maori Centre		8	7 11	Through Invercargill Cent.		8	15 0
Kawakawa Maori Centre	945	18	6	Direct to H.M. Fund	2330	13	8
E. W. Blackwell Trust		50	8 7				
Capital Funds Cash	1287	11	3	Legacies for Disbursement transferred to H.M. Fund			2342 18 8
							1717 19 9
Cash on Account Capital:				Capital Invested:			
Estate late George Jones	1776	0	0	New Special Loans	11,068	7	4
" F. E. Wigzell	100	0	0	Properties:			
" B. J. Lynneberg	250	0	0	Dargaville Maori Centre	499	3	9
" Mrs. Salt	200	0	0	Hawera Maori Centre	459	10	1
" Miss A. M. White		50	0 0	Te Kuiti Maori Centre	2135	12	2
" Amy Sunnex	1089	9	10	Kawhia Maori Parsonage	92	4	7
" Susannah Hickman		70	9 9	Waima Maori Parsonage	57	19	8
	3535	19	7	P.O. Savings Bank		6	1 0
Less Proportion available for Disbursement	1717	19	9				14,318 18 7
and Less Trewin Bequest to Auck. Maori Girls' Hostel	600	0	0	E. W. Blackwell Trust:			
	2317	19	9	Rents Disbursed			229 7 1
Legacies Proportion for Investment			1217 19 10	Net Expenditure:			
Transfer from Mission Property Trustees			1717 19 9	Maintenance Accounts	28	16	6
Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust:			250 0 0	Less debit B. Fwd. from 1951		13	10
Rents for disbursement			249 7 8				28 2 8
Repayment of Special Loans	8049	1	6	Balance at B.N.Z. —			
Less Creditors 1951 Special Grants	90	0	0	O/a Income A/cs.:			
			7959 1 6	E.W.B. Trust for Disbursement	70	9	2
Repayment of Mortgages			1162 15 2	Less Net Debits Maint'nce A/cs.	28	16	6
Sale of Inscribed Stock	1283	17	3				41 12 8
Reimbursement from Income:				O/a Capital awaiting investment	2086	0	2
Loss on Sale	26	2	9				2127 12 10
			1310 0 0				
NEW CAPITAL:							
Sinking Funds	432	18	10				
Auck. Maori Girls' Hostel A/c.	910	4	9				
Dargaville Maori Centre A/c.		10	0 0				
Hawera Maori Centre A/c.	243	5	3				
Kawakawa Maori Centre A/c.		33	9 5				
Te Kuiti Maori Centre A/c.	270	0	0				
			1899 18 3				
Interests and Rents, Net			2342 18 8				
			£20,764 19 7				£20,764 19 7

METHODIST HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD

Statement of Capital as at 31st July, 1952.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Capital as at 31st July, 1951			70,791	3			10
(Legacies and Memorial Gifts)				By Loans on Mortgage		2378	2 7
Add New Capital during year:				Debentures		4900	0 0
Estate late Geo. Jones	1776	0	0	Inscribed Stock		16,890	0 0
" P. E. Wigzell	100	0	0	Shares		1271	14 0
" B. J. Lynneberg	250	0	0	P.O. Savings Bank		248	11 8
" Mrs. Salt	200	0	0	Special Loans		41,193	6 10
" Miss A. M. White	50	0	0	Properties		12,457	10 4
" E. P. E. Sunnex	1089	9	10	Dargaville Maori Centre	642	11	0
" Susannah Hickman	70	9	9	Hawera Maori Centre	2172	1	7
				Kawakawa Maori Centre	468	0	10
				Te Kuiti Maori Centre	2135	12	2
	3535	19	7			5418	5 7
Less Available for Disbursement	1717	19	9	Buddle Memorial Gift		90	5 0
				Buddle Memorial Gift		266	0 0
	1817	19	10	Balance: Bank of New Zealand—			
Less Trewin Bequest: To Auckland Maori Girls' Hostel A/c.	600	0	0	Cash O/a Capital	2086	0	2
						2086	0 2
	1217	19	10				
Add Transfer from Mission Property Trustees	250	0	0				
			1467				
			72,259				
Buddle Memorial Gift			90				
Buddle Memorial Gift			266				
Sinking Funds at 31/7/51	4012	3	10				
New Capital during year	432	18	10				
			4445				
Auckland Maori Girls' Hostel	362	12	6				
New Capital during year	910	4	9				
			1272				
To Dargaville Maori Centre A/c.	151	15	2				
New Capital Received	10	0	0				
			161				
Hawera Maori Centre A/c.	1343	18	5				
New Capital received during year	243	5	3				
			1587				
Kawakawa Maori Centre	1413	19	4				
New Capital received during year	33	9	5				
			1447				

Statement of Capital as at 31st July, 1952—Continued.

Te Kuiti Maori Centre A/c.	
Capital received during year	270 0 0
Investment Reserve A/c.	400 0 0
Foreign Mission Fund Loan at call	5000 0 0
	<u>£87,199 16 2</u>

£87,199 16 2

METHODIST MISSION PROPERTY TRUSTEES

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year ended 31st July, 1952.

RECEIPTS	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance Bank of N.Z., 31/7/51	8	16	1			
(Capital A/c.)						
Income Account	204	2	7			
Rents:				212	18	8
Mt. Wesley, Mangawhare	96	14	2			
Mt. Wesley Old Parsonage	86	13	4			
Kaeo	89	19	9			
Newark	3	0	0			
Opononi, Rent and Interest	67	0	4			
				343	7	7
Repayments: Oponini	85	8	0			
				85	8	0
Sale of Property: Kaeo	190	0	0			
				190	0	0
				<u>£831 14 3</u>		

PAYMENTS	£	s.	d.
By Rates and Insurance	50	8	6
Repairs and Sundries	6	0	1
Home Mission Fund:			
Transfer of Surplus Revenue	300	0	0
Investment Funds Board:			
Transfer of Capital	250	0	0
Capital Expenditure: Kaeo	14	17	0
Balance Bank of New Zealand:			
O/a Income	185	13	7
O/a Capital	24	15	1
			<u>210 8 8</u>
	<u>£831 14 3</u>		

Balance Sheet as at 31st July, 1952.

To Accumulated Funds	£	s.	d.
Balances held for special purposes	6141	16	0
	35	0	0
	<u>£6176 16 0</u>		

By Properties	£	s.	d.
Cash:	5966	7	4
O/a Revenue	185	13	7
O/a Capital	24	15	1
			<u>210 8 8</u>
	<u>£6176 16 0</u>		

METHODIST HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD

Special Loans Account — 31st July, 1952.

	Loans Current 31/7/51		New Loans		Repaid During Year		Current 31/7/52	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Auckland Permanent Youth Camps	550	0 0	650	0 0			1200	0 0
Bryndwr Hall	152	13 1			152	13 1		
Campbells Bay Church (Auckland)			500	0 0	4	7 6	495	12 6
Castlecliff Hall	199	19 0			11	5 7	188	13 5
Christchurch Central Mission Parsonage			400	0 0			400	0 0
Christchurch Maori Hostel			2250	0 0	20	0 0	2230	0 0
Claudlands Church	973	12 6			36	3 4	937	9 2
Coromandel Church	1223	3 5	31	5 5	107	17 9	1146	11 1
Coromandel Parsonage			85	2 10	20	0 0	65	2 10
Dominion Road Parsonage	750	0 0			15	16 11	734	3 1
Dublin Street Church	213	12 9			28	14 3	184	18 6
Dunedin Methodist Hostel	2411	17 6			91	5 0	2320	12 6
Epsom Church			1000	0 0	21	2 6	978	17 6
Fairfield Section (Dunedin)			175	0 0			175	0 0
Glen Eden Church			100	0 0			100	0 0
Glen Eden Parsonage			100	0 0			100	0 0
Grey Institute	7155	16 4			483	10 11	6672	5 5
Hamilton-Maori Centre	1966	6 1			10	0 0	1956	6 1
Hokitika Church	875	0 0			71	5 3	803	14 9
Kaitiaki Section	133	19 2			6	12 3	127	6 11
Kaitoke Church (Wanganui)	126	2 10			6	17 10	119	5 0
Kohukohu Parsonage	313	18 8			18	11 0	295	7 8
Manly Church Hall	352	7 9			19	19 5	332	8 4
New Brighton Section	100	0 0					100	0 0
North Canterbury D.Y.C.	2000	0 0			263	2 6	1736	17 6
Taita Union Parsonage	1500	0 0			95	10 0	1404	10 0
Onerahi (Whangarei)	191	0 0			191	0 0		
Otago - Southland Youth Camp	928	5 0			37	15 0	890	10 0
Otaki Youth Hall			800	0 0	220	8 3	579	11 9
Paeroa Parsonage	124	16 6			31	14 3	93	2 3
Paraparaumu Parsonage			350	0 0			350	0 0
Papatoetoe	1100	0 0			450	0 0	650	0 0
Pinehaven Section (Upper Hutt)			390	0 0			390	0 0
Port Chalmers	135	0 0			45	0 0	90	0 0
Pukerua Bay Hall			350	0 0			350	0 0
Puru - Thames			100	0 0			100	0 0
Religious Film Society			200	0 0			200	0 0
Richardson Road Section			600	0 0	20	0 0	580	0 0
Roskill Church Loan (2)	1479	1 0			204	2 0	1274	19 0
Roskill Sunday School	1321	3 9			59	2 6	1262	1 3
Russell Parsonage			1000	0 0	130	0 0	870	0 0
South Auckland Permanent Camp Site			500	0 0	13	3 9	486	16 3
Trinity College	2273	16 4			96	2 6	2177	13 10
Trinity Theological College Special			200	0 0	20	0 0	180	0 0

Balance Sheet as at 31st July, 1952.

LIABILITIES		£ s. d.	ASSETS		£ s. d.
Accumulated Funds, 31/7/51	.....	1907 18 0	National Savings Investment Accounts	.....	2155 11 9
Added during year	.....	247 13 9			
		<u>£2155 11 9</u>			<u>£2155 11 9</u>

EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST Revenue Account for the Year ended 31st July, 1952.

EXPENDITURE		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	INCOME		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Repairs to Buildings	.....	62 16 1		By Rents	.....	1430 17 11	
Insurance	.....	198 3 8					
Rates	.....	232 7 0					
Commission	.....	71 10 10					
General Expenses:							
Architects' Fees, etc.	.....	42 11 3					
Depreciation Reserve	.....	200 0 0					
		<u>807 8 10</u>					
Net Revenue Carried Down	.....	623 9 1					
		<u>£1430 17 11</u>					<u>£1430 17 11</u>
To Transfer to Capital:							
Rents	.....	124 13 10		By Net Revenue Brought Down	.....	623 9 1	
Interest	.....	16 9 0		Int. P.O.S.B. and Nat. Savings A/cs.	.....	40 4 11	
		<u>141 2 10</u>		Balance held for Disbursement, 1951.	.....	50 8 7	
Transfer to Depreciation Reserve:				Brought Down	.....	
Interest	.....	23 15 11					
Transfer to Home Mission Fund	.....	249 7 7					
Transfer to Investment Funds Board							
for Disbursement —							
Grants as under:							
Wekaweka Valley Hill	.....	15 0 0					
Orewa Church	.....	10 0 0					
Kawhia Hall	.....	15 0 0					
Huntly Parsonage	.....	10 0 0					
Hillcrest, Hamilton	.....	10 0 0					
Claudlands, Hamilton	.....	15 0 0					
St. Aubyns St., Hastings	.....	15 0 0					
Gisborne Trust	.....	15 0 0					
Feilding, East St.	.....	10 0 0					
Upper Hutt Parsonage	.....	10 0 0					
Pukerua Bay, Wellington	.....	10 0 0					
Chch. Central Mission Parsonage	.....	9 7 1					
Oamaru South	.....	15 0 0					

EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST — Continued

Alexandra, Otago	15	0	0
Western Springs	15	0	0
Richardson Road	20	0	0
Manly	10	0	0
Balance held for Disbursement at July 31st, 1952	70	9	2
	299 16 3		
	£714 2 7		

£714 2 7

Balance Sheet as at 31st July, 1952.

LIABILITIES			ASSETS		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Capital	10,670	13 8	Buildings	10,000	0 0
Depreciation Reserve	952	16 5	National Savings A/c.	1606	1 6
			Post Office Savings Bank A/c.	17	8 7
	£11,623 10 1			£11,623 10 1	

REV. AND MRS. THOMAS BUDDLE CENTENNIAL GIFT

	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Balance 31st July, 1951	90	5 0	By Interest disbursed to Libraries	2	5 4
Interest	2	5 4	Balance 31st July, 1952, at Auckland Savings Bank A/c.	90	5 0
	£92 10 4			£92 10 4	

REV. AND MRS. GEORGE BUTTLE CENTENNIAL GIFT

	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Balance 31st July, 1951	266	0 0	By Disbursed to Wesley College	6	14 0
Interest	6	14 0	Balance 31st July, 1952, Auckland Savings Bank	266	0 0
	£272 14 0			£272 14 0	

METHODIST HOME MISSIONARIES' REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND, 1952.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance	440	7	8	Removals	159	14	9
Circuit Levies	88	0	0	Balance, 31/7/52	413	12	11
Home Mission Fund	45	0	0				
	£573	7	8		£573	7	8

HOME MISSIONARIES' TRAINING CONFERENCE

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Home Mission Fund	50	0	0	Balance, 31/7/52	98	15	7
Balance, 31/7/52	48	15	7				
	£98	15	7		£98	15	7

We have audited the accounts of the Methodist Home Mission and Church Extension Investment Funds Board. All our requirements as Auditors have been complied with. We have examined the Books and Vouchers and in our opinion the above statements correctly set out the position of the Funds as at July 31st, 1952.

D. CRAWFORD, A.R.A.N.Z.,
R. B. VERRY, A.R.A.N.Z.,
Hon. Auditors.

METHODIST LITERATURE AND COLPORTEUR SOCIETY

TRADING ACCOUNT for year ended 31st July, 1952.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Stock, 1/8/51	3229	16	1	By Sales	6318	0	8
" Purchases	5003	11	7				
	8233	7	8				
Less Stock 31/7/52	4088	14	2				
Cost Price of Goods Sold	4144	13	6				
" Gross Profit	2173	7	2				
	£6318	0	8		£6318	0	8

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT for year ended 31st July, 1952.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Accountancy and Audit	76	0	0	By Gross Profit	2173	7	2
" Advertising	39	2	11	" Interest Received	12	10	0
" Freight and Cartage	1	3	6	" Rent Received	8	2	6
" General Expenses	33	16	1				
" Insurance	10	4	6				
" Interest on Van Reserve	28	15	10				
" Light and Power	6	3	8				
" Postage and Stamps	91	18	2				
" Printing and Stationery	31	19	2				
" Rent	292	17	6				
" Repairs and Maintenance	2	3	9				
" Salaries	944	9	6				
" Subscriptions	2	6	0				
" Telephone and Tolls	16	17	6				
" Depreciation:							
Fittings and Equipment	27	6	9				
" Net Profit	588	14	10				
	£2193	19	8		£2193	19	8

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st July, 1952.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£ s. d.
Sundry Creditors	1354	10	5	Cash on Hand	11	10	0
Bills Payable	218	10	7	Cash at Bank	601	2	6
Subscription in Advance	29	5	0				612 12 6
			1602 6 0	Cash at Auckland Savings Bank			532 18 10
Van Replacement Reserve	1151	13	4	(Van Replacement Reserve)			
Plus Interest	28	15	10	Sundry Debtors	564	17	1
			1180 9 2	Less Bad Debts Reserve	50	0	0
Capital Account:							514 17 1
Balance 1/8/51	2623	13	7	Stock on Hand			4088 14 2
Plus Net Profit	588	14	10	Fittings and Equipment	273	7	9
			3212 8 5	Less Depreciation 10%	27	6	9
							246 1 0
			£5995 3 7				£5995 3 7

L. T. HAYMAN, Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

I certify that I have examined the Books and Accounts of the Methodist Literature and Colporteur Society for the year ended 31st July, 1952, and that in my opinion the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Society's affairs, according to the best of my information and the explanations given to me, and as shown by the Books of the Society. I have accepted the Manager's Certificate as to quantities and values of stock on hand.

Auckland,
14th October, 1952.

R. N. COOKE, A.P.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S., A.C.A.I.,
Auditor.

METHODIST Home Mission Department

ESTIMATES, INCOME & EXPENDITURE for 1953

INCOME

1 CIRCUITS, HOME MISSION STATIONS and MAORI CIRCUITS—

(Average Income based on last three years of ordinary income.)

Districts:

AUCKLAND	£2667	14	1	
SOUTH AUCKLAND	1548	17	2	
TARANAKI-WANGANUI	1099	19	7	
HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU	1420	14	8	
WELLINGTON	1459	2	1	
NELSON	766	4	5	
NORTH CANTERBURY	1878	2	3	
SOUTH CANTERBURY	819	12	2	
OTAGO-SOUTHLAND	1247	10	10	
				£12,907 17 3

2 PROPERTIES AND INVESTMENTS	2,500	0	0	
3 SPECIAL—M.W.M.U. OBJECTIVE FOR MAORI WORK	2,800	0	0	
4 EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST—FOR CIRCUIT GRANTS ..	250	0	0	
5 MISCELLANEOUS	250	0	0	

TOTAL ESTIMATED INCOME FROM ALL SOURCES	£18,707	17	3
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EXPENDITURE

AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Maori Work

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Senior Maori Superintendent—				Travelling	50	0	0
Stipend	402	10	0	Hon. Supt., Hon. H.M.'s—			
Travelling	100	0	0	Special Travelling	393	10	0
Special Travelling	25	0	0	Deaconess—			
Minister—				Stipend	299	0	0
Stipend	345	0	0	Provision for Car	70	0	0
Travelling	75	0	0	Deaconess—			
Special Travelling	10	0	0	Stipend	299	0	0
Minister—				Provision for Car	70	0	0
Stipend	345	0	0	Deaconess—			
Travelling	70	0	0	Stipend	276	0	0
Home Missionary—				Provision for Car	70	0	0
Stipend	52	0	0	Deaconess—			
Travelling	52	0	0	Stipend (Supply)	241	17	6
Rent	26	0	0	Provision for Car	70	0	0
Home Missionary—				Hon. Assistant S.S. Teacher—			
Travelling	104	0	0	Travelling	36	0	0
Hon. Home Missionaries—Grants				Deaconess Nurse—			
for Travelling and General				Stipend	299	0	0
Circuit Expenses	102	0	0	Provision for Car	70	0	0
Deaconess—				Investment Funds Board for Rent—			
Stipend	299	0	0	Ngaruawahia	52	0	0
Travelling	25	0	0				
Deaconess (¾ time)—							
Stipend	225	0	0				
Travelling	55	0	0				
Deaconess—							
Stipend	299	0	0				
Provision for Car	70	0	0				
Deaconess—							
Stipend	276	0	0				
Provision for Car	70	0	0				
Deaconess—							
Stipend	258	15	0				
Provision for Car	70	0	0				
Deaconess—							
Stipend	299	0	0				
Provision for Car	70	0	0				
Connexional Charges	15	0	0				
I.F.B. for Parsonages—							
Senior Maori Supt.	80	0	0				
Tukau	52	0	0				
Waima	40	0	0				

£3294 7 6

KING COUNTRY CIRCUIT

Minister—				Stipend	215	0	0
Stipend				Travelling	50	0	0
Travelling				Provision for Car	60	0	0
Home Missionary—				Home Missionary—			
Stipend				Stipend	190	0	0
Travelling				Travelling	75	0	0
Rent				Rent	62	0	0
Home Missionary (Sup.)—				Home Missionary (Sup.)—			
Stipend				Stipend	78	0	0
Travelling				Travelling	75	0	0
Home Missionary (Sup.)—				Home Missionary (Sup.)—			
Stipend				Stipend	78	0	0
Travelling				Travelling	75	10	0
Kawhia Circuit—				Kawhia Circuit—			
Travelling				Travelling	60	0	0
Grants for Trav., etc., Hon. H.M.				Grants for Trav., etc., Hon. H.M.			
& General Circuit Exes.				& General Circuit Exes.	260	0	0
Special Travelling				Special Travelling	10	0	0
Deaconess—				Deaconess—			
Stipend				Stipend	276	0	0
Provision for Car				Provision for Car	70	0	0
Deaconess—				Deaconess—			
Stipend				Stipend	276	0	0
Provision for Car				Provision for Car	70	0	0
Deaconess (half time)—				Deaconess (half time)—			
Stipend				Stipend	121	0	0
Provision for Car				Provision for Car	35	0	0
Investment Funds Board for Rent—				Investment Funds Board for Rent—			
Kawhia				Kawhia	60	0	0
Te Kuiti				Te Kuiti	52	0	0

£2248 10 0

Home Mission Stations

Ngaruawahia	25	0	0
Kawhia (M.H.M.)	40	0	0
Coromandel (if Appt. M.H.M.)	100	0	0
Aided Circuits			
Ohura (S.P.), Trav.	55	0	0
Te Kuiti (M.P.)	40	0	0
Travelling	70	0	0
Waihi (M.O.M.)	50	0	0
Taumarunui (M.O.M.)	70	0	0
Hauraki Plains (M.H.M.P.)	30	0	0
Opotiki (M.H.M.)	35	0	0
Putaruru (M.P.)	40	0	0
(if 2nd Agent apptd. Tokoroa)	75	0	0

£630 0 0

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Maori Work — Waikato Circuit

Home Missionary (Sup.)—			
Stipend	78	0	0
Travelling	80	0	0
Home Missionary—			
Stipend	255	0	0
Travelling	80	0	0
Home Missionary—			
Stipend	255	0	0
Travelling	80	0	0
Home Missionary (Part Time)—			
Stipend	100	0	0

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT

Maori Work

	£	s.	d.
Minister—			
Stipend	345	0	0
Travelling	75	0	0
Special Travelling	20	0	0
Home Missionary—			
Stipend	205	0	0
Travelling	60	0	0
Rent, etc.	75	0	0
Hon. Home Missionaries—Grants for Travelling and General Circuit Expenses	120	0	0
Deaconess—			
Stipend	299	0	0
Provision for Car	70	0	0
Deaconess—			
Stipend	276	0	0
Provision for Car	70	0	0
Deaconess (New Plymouth Appt.)—			
Half Cost: Stipend	138	0	0
Travelling	25	0	0
I.F.B. Parsonage for Hawera	75	0	0
	£1853	0	0

Home Mission Stations

Inglewood (if M.H.M.P.)	25	0	0
Marton	20	0	0
Waitara—Travelling (if 2nd Agent S.H.M.P.)	100	0	0
Taihape (S.H.M.P.)	40	0	0
Gonville	45	0	0
	£230	0	0

HAWKES BAY - MANAWATU DISTRICT

Home Mission Stations

Apiti	25	0	0
Waipawa	15	0	0
Wairoa (if P.)	25	0	0
Travelling	15	0	0
Gisborne (2nd Agent S.H.M.P.)	50	0	0
	£130	0	0

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

Aided Circuits

Paraparaumu (M.O.M.)	70	0	0
Porirua	25	0	0
Upper Hutt (S.P.)	25 (EWB)		
Taita Union	67	10	0
Wellington East (if 3rd M.O.M.) ..	50	0	0
Eketahuna	10	0	0
Travelling	25	0	0
	£272	10	0

NELSON DISTRICT

Aided Circuits

Hokitika (M.O.M.)	50	0	0
Murchison (S.H.M.P.)	40	0	0
Westport	30	0	0
	£120	0	0

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Aided Circuits

Oxford (M.O.M.)	35	0	0
Lyttelton (if M.H.M.P. apptd.)	25	0	0
Lyttelton Maori	5	0	0
Riccarton (for P.)	70	0	0
	£135	0	0

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Aided Circuits

	£	s.	d.
Temuka	60	0	0
Temuka Maori	5	0	0
Marchwiell Union	75 (EWB)		
	£140	0	0

OTAGO - SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

Home Mission Stations

Waikouaiti (M.H.M. Supply)	60	0	0
Aided Circuits			
Dunedin North	50	0	0
Dunedin South	35	0	0
Corstorphine Union	75 (EWB)		
St. Kilda (for Peninsula)	80	0	0
Travelling	10	0	0
Port Chalmers (M.O.M.)	95	0	0
Roxburgh	65	0	0
Travelling	25	0	0
Western Southland (2nd Agent)	90	0	0
Mosgiel (M.P.)	35	0	0
Travelling	10	0	0
Bluff (M.O.M.)	70	0	0
Cromwell-Alexandra (S.P.)	30 (EWB)		
Travelling	25	0	0
Edendale (if M.H.M.)	40	0	0
Travelling	10	0	0
Invercargill Cen. (2nd Agent S.P.) ..	25	0	0
	£830	0	0

GENERAL EXPENDITURE

Maori Work

Sunday School Materials	10	0	0
Printing and Subsidy Maori Paper ..	200	0	0
Special South Island Travelling	70	0	0
Workers' Conference	50	0	0
Students: Theological & General ..	50	0	0
Maori Furniture	25	0	0
Deaconess Car A/c. Depreciation	100	0	0
Methodist Times	7	10	0
South Island Deaconess Stipend	52	0	0
Travelling	10	0	0
Maori Contingencies	100	0	0
National Council of Churches—			
Maori Section	20	0	0
Maori Ministers' Home Acquire- ment Fund Subsidies	60	0	0
	£754	10	0

MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS

H.M. Removal Exes. Fund	45	0	0
H.M. Retiring Fund (Estimate)	200	0	0
Deac. Retiring Fund (Estimate)	300	0	0
H.M. Deputation Expenses	150	0	0
Use of Picture Plant	75	0	0
Board of Publications	50	0	0
Spiritual Advance Committee	25	0	0
Deaconess Institution	100	0	0
Deaconess Students	60	0	0
Theological College	150	0	0
Church Sites Fund	100	0	0
Natural Calamities Fund	25	0	0
Ministerial Supplies (Estimate)	100	0	0
Visual Material for Deputation	50	0	0
Wesley Circulating Library	5	0	0
Ecumenical Conference Travel Fd.	25	0	0
Methodist Times: Advertising	12	10	0
Printing and Stationery	250	0	0
Interest and Bank Charges	300	0	0
H.M. Study Conference Fund	50	0	0
Colportage Society of Otago-S/d.	25	0	0
Workers' Compensation Insurance	38	0	0
Contingencies and Sundries	400	0	0
	£2535	10	0

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT			GENERAL TREASURERS		
	£	s. d.			
Stipend	427	10 0	Bookkeeping	180	0 0
Travelling	150	0 0	General Expenses	20	0 0
General Allowance	75	0 0		£200	0 0
	£652	10 0			
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT			OFFICE EXPENSES		
	£	s. d.			
Stipend	402	10 0	Secretarial	230	0 0
Travelling	150	0 0	Rent	180	0 0
General Allowance	30	0 0	Light, etc.	10	0 0
	£582	10 0	Postages, etc.	100	0 0
MISSIONARY IN MAORI WORK			Telephones, etc.	105	0 0
	£	s. d.		£625	0 0
Stipend	402	10 0	RENT		
Travelling	125	0 0			
	£527	10 0	I.F.B. for Parsonages—		
CONNEXIONAL CHARGES			General Supt.	150	0 0
	£	s. d.	Assistant Supt.	150	0 0
Connexional Charges	182	0 0	Maori Missionary	150	0 0
	£182	0 0		£450	0 0
				£3219	10 0
GRAND TOTAL OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE—					
				£20,905	2 6

SUMMARY OF HOME MISSION DEPARTMENT ESTIMATES

INCOME			EXPENDITURE		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Circuits and Home Mission Stns.	12,907	17 3	Maori	12,590	2 6
Properties and Investments	2,500	0 0	General	8,315	0 0
Special—M.W.M.U. Objective:					
Maori Work	2,800	0 0			
Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust ..	250	0 0			
Miscellaneous	250	0 0			
	18,707	17 3			
Estmd. Deficit on year's working ..	2,217	5 3			
	£20,905	2 6		£20,905	2 6

NOTE—Accumulated Debit Balance at 31st July, 1952 — £4837 13 9.

SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT STATISTICAL RETURNS, 1952

1952	Roviana	V.Lavella	Choiseul	Bg & B.	Total
Churches	32	26	33	136	227
Other Preaching Places	6	4	—	24	34
European Ministers	3	1	—	3	7
Doctors	1	—	—	—	1
Sisters	3	3	3	7	16
Lay Missionaries	—	—	—	1	1
Native Ministers	2	—	—	3	5
Native Agriculturalists	—	—	—	1	1
Catechists	8	3	4	7	22
Native Teachers	47	36	34	154	271
Native Medical Assistants	1	2	1	12	16
Local Preachers	59	32	26	61	178
Class Leaders	57	34	38	21	150
European Members	11	5	3	20	39
European Youth Roll	—	3	—	4	7
European Adherents	1	5	—	4	10
Native Members	2745	809	1499	2518	7571
Native Youth Roll	2236	1513	1409	1588	6746
Native Adherents	71	12	413	3431	3927
Sunday Schools	24	20	22	39	105
S.S. Scholars	1089	596	694	1140	3519
Day Schools	33	29	31	116	209
Day School Scholars	1635	863	1015	2449	5962
Day School Teachers	68	45	56	163	332
Members and Adherents	5064	2334	3321	7554	18273

MAORI MISSION, 1952

General.

Churches	—	—	—	—	19
Other Preaching Places	—	—	—	—	250
Parsonages	—	—	—	—	7
Ordained Ministers	—	—	—	—	5
Home Missionaries	—	—	—	—	40
Deaconesses	—	—	—	—	18
Local Preachers	—	—	—	—	60

Church Members

Seniors	—	—	—	—	4106
Juniors and Infants	—	—	—	—	5154

Youth Roll

Sunday Schools	—	—	—	—	140
Scholars	—	—	—	—	5224
Teachers	—	—	—	—	60
Bible Classes	—	—	—	—	11
B.C. Members	—	—	—	—	166

SUPPLEMENT TO LAW BOOK

CORRECTIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO THE BOOK OF LAWS SINCE 1st OCTOBER, 1951.

I. CORRECTIONS:

a. Page 54: Par. 9 (E)—Invitation to minister: Read (June meeting).

b. Page 79: Sec. 388—Examination Committee. After line 5, insert the words: "Board of Examiners as may be attending Conference and ten other ministers" . . .

c. Page 165.

Appendix I. The General Rules of the Society.

In line 21, after the words "as we would" insert the word "not".

II. AMENDMENTS:

CHAIRMEN OF DISTRICTS.

Page 27, Section 159, is hereby amended by omitting the second sentence and substituting the following:—

"For the guidance of Conference, each Synod, if it so desires, may submit to it the name or names of a Minister as its nominee for the office." (1951 Minutes, page 176.)

CENTRAL FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CONNEXIONAL APPEALS.

Page 90, Sec. 480, is hereby amended by the following addenda:

480A: All general appeals made on behalf of various funds and organisations, whether Methodist or otherwise, authorised by the Conference, except those for Home and Foreign Missions, Children's Homes and the Youth Department and any other specially authorised by the Conference, shall be made under the supervision of the Central Finance Committee.

480B: The Central Committee shall inquire of the treasurers of such funds and organisations their requirements, prepare a budget, and submit the same for the approval of Conference.

480C: The amount to be raised shall be allocated by the Central Committee throughout the Districts on a membership basis. District Committees shall allocate the District Quota to the circuits on a similar basis.

480D: The amounts raised in each District shall be remitted by the District Chairman to the General Purposes Trust Board, which Board, under the direction of the Central Committee, shall distribute the same.

480E: A special Sunday in August or September in each year shall be set apart when the amounts required in the Circuit shall be received and dedicated. Consequently retiring collections shall not be taken for the above appeal.

480F: No new appeal shall be allowed during the year unless it receive the previous consent of the President and the Central Finance Committee.

(1951 Minutes, Page 165.)

YOUTH DEPARTMENT.

Page 101: Section 503 is hereby amended by omitting from paragraph (3) the words, "(g) The Secretary of the Board".

Page 102: Section 503 is hereby amended by omitting from paragraph (8) sub-paragraph (c).

Section 503 is hereby amended by repealing paragraph (12) and substituting the following paragraph:—

(12) The Conference shall designate and appoint one of the Youth Directors as Senior Director. He shall be the chief executive and administrative officer and adviser of the Department.

Section 503 is hereby further amended by repealing paragraph (13).

(1951 Minutes, page 70.)

SUPERNUMERARY FUND: FURNITURE GRANT.

Page 140 (Sec. 511, par. 50): Amount of grant at present is £120.

(1951 Minutes, page 112.)

TRANSPORT TRUST BOARD.

Add—See also 1951 Minutes, pages 166 and 168.

MINISTERIAL DUTIES. (b) SUPERINTENDENTS OF CIRCUITS.

Page 25: Section 154 (k), add ((see Section 7, page 2.)

(1952 Minutes, Page 59.)

SOLOMON ISLANDS MISSION WORK.

Page 109: Section 504, sub-Section 25 is hereby amended by deleting after the words, "European Probationers" the words "in charge of circuits".

Sub-section (26) is hereby amended by omitting the following: "(b) European Probationers."

Page 110: Sub-section (26), (e) is hereby amended by deleting the words "from each section of the District" and substituting the following "from each territory" and also adding at the end thereof the words "who have served one complete term".

Sub-section (30) is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor: "(30) No member of the staff shall leave the District without the consent of the Chairman of the Mission District."

(1952 Minutes, page 119.)

THE CIRCUIT QUARTERLY MEETING.—ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Page 54. Section 290, Sub-section 9: Add the following paragraph: (o) Provision of adequate transport for the Ministers and/or Home Missionaries. (June Meeting.)

(1952 Minutes, page 167.)

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE CONFERENCE.

Page 91. Add the following:

Xa Faith and Order Committee.

Section 488a.

A Faith and Order Committee shall be appointed at each Conference. The committee shall consider matters relating to the doctrine and polity of the Church and report thereon to Synods and the Conference.

(1952 Minutes, page 171.)

THE HOME MISSION DEPARTMENT.—CIRCUIT ORGANISATION.

Page 115. Section 505, Sub-section (24). Add:
"The provisions of (a) and (b) Sub-section (13) of Section 504
(page 108) shall mutatis mutandis apply".
(1952 Minutes, page 171).

THE MINISTRY.—Section I: Candidates.

Page 14: Section 88 is hereby repealed and the following substituted:

88. An accepted Candidate for the Ministry shall be required to undergo a course of training at the Theological College and serve a term on probation in a Circuit or Department prior to ordination. The normal term of training shall consist of three years at the Theological College followed by three years on probation provided that in the case of a candidate who is a graduate of a University College or is a married Home Missionary or a married Home Missionary Probationer, the period of training may be reduced to five years.

(1952 Minutes, page 31.)

EXAMINATION COMMITTEE—(C) THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS.

Page 83: Section 423 is hereby amended by deleting the word "annually" and inserting after the words "trial service" the words "in his first and third year".

(1952 Minutes, page 32.)

THE PREACHERS' MEETING AND LOCAL PREACHERS.

Page 45: Section 253 is hereby amended by adding after the words "on probation" the following: "He shall also do such practical work in respect of the preparation or sermons and conduct of services of worship as may from time to time be determined by the Conference".

(1952 Minutes, page 55.)

Section 254 (c) is hereby amended by deleting the words "should such examination and trial service" and substituting "should the reports on the above".

(1952 Minutes, page 55.)

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