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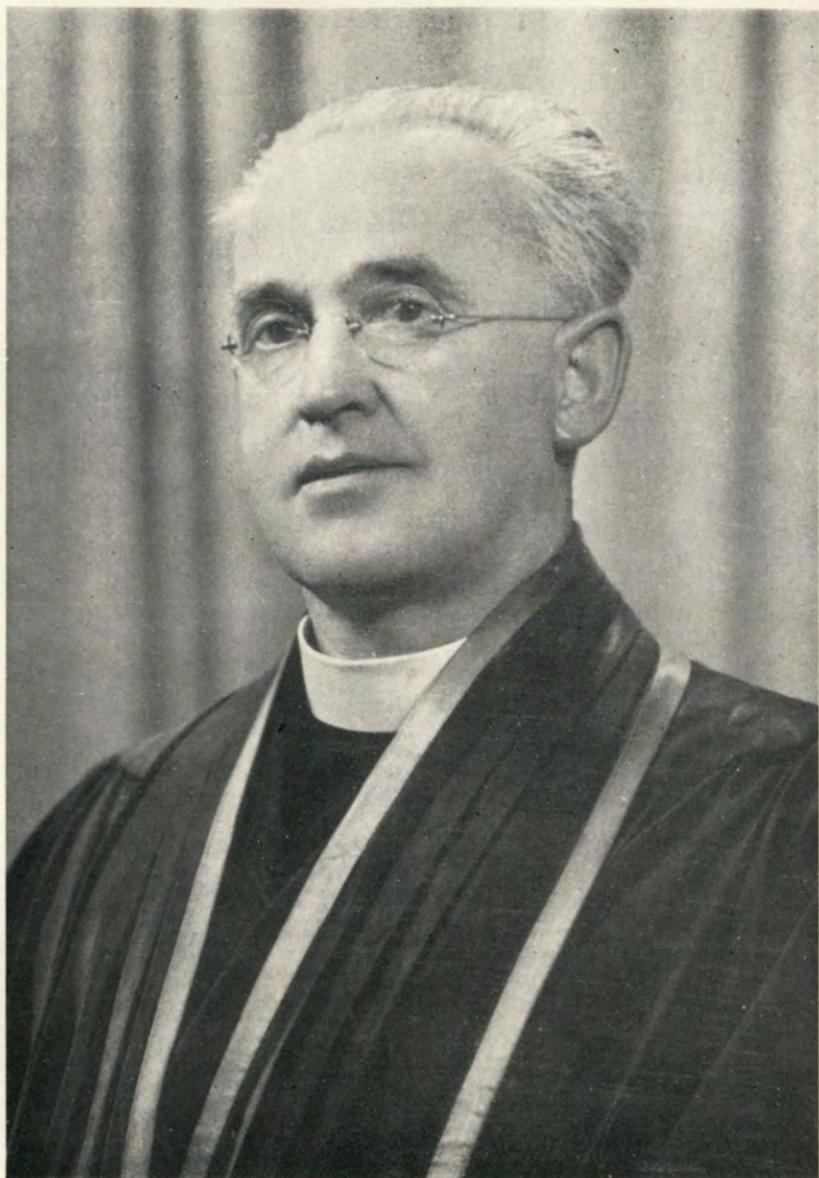
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Organised Methodism in Australasia, as a part of the Foreign Missions under the direction of the British Conference, dates from the appointment of the Rev. Samuel Leigh to New South Wales in 1815.—(Mins. Brit. Conf., 1814).

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

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.

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### THE FIRST NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

of the Australasian Wesleyan Methodist Church was held in 1874.

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### THE TWENTY-FOURTH NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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

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### THE FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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

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### THE FIRST CONFERENCE

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

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**Convener of Scrutineers :**

R. FREDERICK CLEMENT, M.A.

The Sessions of the Conference were opened on Thursday, November 5th at 7.30 p.m. in Wesley Church, Taranaki Street, Wellington by the retiring President, the Rev. J. H. Allen, after which the Rev. Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A. was inducted to the Presidency.

Mr. Hugh M. Patrick was elected Vice-President and was welcomed to that office.

The Secretary, the Rev. Gordon R. H. Peterson was introduced and took up his duties.

## QUESTION I—Who are the Members of this Conference ?

### 1. MINISTERS IN FULL CONNEXION

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

- \*Charles H. Laws, B.A., D.D.
- \*Henry L. Blamires  
Fred Greenwood
- \*T. Arthur Pybus  
R. Purcell Keall  
E. Percy Blamires
- \*Jonathan H. Haslam
- \*George P. Hunt
- \*Frank E. Leadley
- \*Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
- \*Harry Ranston, M.A., Litt.D.
- \*Walter J. Oxbrow
- \*Ernest D. Patchett
- \*Benjamin J. James
- \*Arthur J. Seamer, C.M.G.  
Ernest O. Blamires  
Fred Copeland
- \*William W. Avery
- \*Charles M. Roberts
- \*Henry Ryan
- \*Charles Blair
- \*William H. Speer  
Robert B. Tinsley
- \*Harry Cottom
- \*John D. McArthur
- \*William A. Burley, M.A.  
Archer O. Harris
- \*Charles H. Olds, B.A.
- \*James Richards
- \*Harold A. Sharp
- \*Walter J. Enticott
- \*Albert H. Fowles
- \*Arthur Hopper
- \*Leslie B. Neale, M.B.E., B.A., F.R.G.S.
- \*H. Leslie Richards
- \*William Rowe
- \*George B. Hinton
- \*Frederick B. Lawrence
- \*Arthur H. Scrivin  
William Walker
- \*Arthur A. Bensley
- \*Oswald Burnet  
Samuel J. Werren
- \*Percy I. Cooke  
E. Thomas Olds
- \*Henry J. Odell  
William G. Slade, M.A., D.D.  
George E. Brown  
Robert E. Fordyce
- \*Edwin S. Harkness  
Charles H. Kendon  
John R. Metcalfe  
Ernest E. Sage  
William T. Blight, B.A., B.D.
- \*Ernest B. Chambers  
John Dennis
- \*Frederick J. Parker  
Alfred M. Costain, Dip.Soc.Sc.
- \*Wallace S. Neal
- \*James W. Parker
- \*Thomas Skuse
- \*Herbert Ford  
William Gatman
- \*Alfred E. Jefferson
- \*Hector C. Orchard
- \*Henry Benny  
J. Henry Allen
- \*Leslie A. G. Brooks
- \*J. Francis Jack
- \*Albert Blakemore  
Eric W. Hames, M.A.
- \*Herbert Spencer  
John H. Bailey
- \*Frank Bateup  
Hubert G. Brown  
Herbert L. Fiebig, B. A.
- \*Harry S. Kings  
Robert McGregor
- \*Cecil R. Taylor  
Gordon R. H. Peterson  
James H. Hall  
G. Raymond Harris
- \*Arthur H. Voyce
- \*Norman P. Larsen  
George I. Laurenson  
Athol R. Penn
- \*Ivo M. Raynor
- \*A. Wharton E. Silvester  
Harry V. Utting  
John D. Grocott, B.A.  
Charlie O. Hailwood
- \*Francis J. Handy  
Charles E. Dickens
- \*Leonard C. Horwood  
Arthur T. Kent
- \*Walter Parker  
J. Montgomery Blight  
Joseph C. Draper  
E. Clarence Leadley  
Matthew A. McDowell  
Wesley Parker, M.A., B.D.  
Thomas H. Carr  
W. E. Allon Carr  
Raymond Dudley, M.A., D.D., F.R.E.S.  
William H. Greenslade  
William E. Moore  
Gordon Parker, M.A., Ph. D.  
Herbert W. Payne
- \*David O. Williams, M.A., Litt.D.  
Reginald Day  
D. J. Donald Hickman  
V. Roy Jamieson, M.B.E.  
William C. Jenkin  
Bernard M. Chrystall, B.A.  
J. Ainsley Daglish  
A. Everil Orr, M.B.E.

- Ralph E. Patchett  
 George E. 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  
 Howard E. Harkness, M.A., B.D.  
 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 D. Hayman, B.Sc., (Agric.)  
 Campbell P. Lucas, L. Th.  
 \*Charles B. Oldfield  
 John K. Watson, M.C., B.A.  
 John B. Dawson, B.A.  
 Haddon C. Dixon, M.A., B.D.  
 Leslie R. M. Gilmore, B.A.  
 Lawrence Greenslade  
 Alan O. Jones  
 Charles H. Bell, 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.  
 William J. Morrison, M.A.  
 George R. Thompson  
 Leonard V. Willing  
 J. C. Aldwyn Williams  
 Stanley G. Andrews, M.A., Dip.Ed.  
 Cilford G. Brown  
 George W. Cramond  
 W. Selwyn Dawson, M.A.  
 Wilfred E. Falkingham  
 Edmund G. Grounds  
 \*Albert Jolly  
 Frederick O. Prosser  
 Robert H. Allen, B.A.  
 R. Graham Bell, M.A.
- \*Leslie F. Bycroft  
 \*Wesley A. Chambers, B.A.  
 A. Peter Dorrian  
 Edward M. Marshall, B.A., Dip. Ed.  
 Harry Moore  
 Donald G. Sherson, B.A.  
 Leslie C. Clements  
 \*William M. Garner  
 Warren Green  
 \*William H. Gregory  
 \*D. I. Alister McDonald  
 Norman W. Olds  
 Francis H. Parker  
 Benjamin H. Riseley  
 \*Leonard Shapcott  
 \*Trevor Shepherd  
 \*A. Francis Attwood  
 \*W. Lloyd Divers  
 \*Allen H. Hall, B.A.  
 Donald Haylock  
 \*Ian C. Ramage, M.A.  
 Edward Baker  
 Wilf. G. Eisner, B.A.  
 Wilfred F. Ford  
 Basil J. Hilder  
 \*J. Stanley Olds  
 Edmond S. Stewart  
 Eruera Te Tuhi, O.B.E.  
 T. Ralph Benny  
 \*Douglas H. Burt  
 \*Clifford J. Keightley  
 \*A. Roger Nuttall, B.A.  
 \*R. Hori Pratt, B.A.  
 Colin D. Clark, B.A.  
 \*Gordon A. R. Cornwell  
 \*D. Bruce Gordon, B.A.  
 Phillip D. Ramsay  
 \*Leonard P. Schroeder, B.A.  
 Harry W. Toothill  
 \*Owen T. Woodfield  
 \*Frank H. Woodfield  
 H. David Besant  
 Amos W. Burrough  
 Ivan J. Clucas  
 Geoffrey T. Gilbert  
 Alan J. Handyside  
 Charles H. Raynor  
 Peter A. Stead  
 Ranginohoora Rogers
- Maori Ministers—**  
 \*Rakena P. Rakena  
 \*Matarae Tauroa  
 Ngatete Kerei Kutaki

## 2.—LAY REPRESENTATIVES.

- (a) Vice-president of Conference, 1952, F. H. Southgate.  
 (b) Representatives of Circuits.

### Auckland District.

Auckland Central	....	....	....	Mrs. A. Fisher.
Auckland " Central Mission	....	....	....	Sister Lina Jones.
Auckland South	....	....	....	F. M. Souster.
				W. F. Stock.
				C. R. Howell.
				D. V. Moore.
Auckland West	....	....	....	G. Matheson.
Auckland East	....	....	....	A. D. Whitehead.
"	....	....	....	F. Paine.
"	....	....	....	Miss E. M. Rishworth.
"	....	....	....	Miss L. Hendra.
Avondale	....	....	....	H. G. Taylor.
				A. C. Marshall.
Henderson	.....	.....	.....	J. A. Armstrong.
Devonport	....	....	....	Mrs. F. M. Cooper.
Takapuna	....	....	....	Mrs. K. H. Leak.
Birkenhead	....	....	....	W. Slater.
Onehunga	....	....	....	W. Patterson.
Otahuhu	....	....	....	Miss M. Bolland.
Papatoetoe	.....	.....	.....	A. W. Elder.
Papakura	....	....	....	R. Craig.
Pukekohe	....	....	....	Mrs. E. M. Marshall.
Bombay	.....	.....	.....	
Waiuku	....	....	....	F. G. Brown.
North Waitemata	....	....	....	H. J. Dixon.
Mahurangi	....	....	....	F. Basset.
Paparoa	....	....	....	
Dargaville	....	....	....	R. W. Widdup.
Ruawai	....	....	....	Mrs. J. Dennis.
Whangarei	....	....	....	
Hikurangi	....	....	....	R. M. Salmon.
Whangaroa	....	....	....	F. R. Shirliff
Port Albert	....	....	....	Mrs. E. V. Singleton.
Kawakawa-Kaikohē	....	....	....	Mrs. A. Clifford.
Mangonui	....	....	....	
Hokianga	....	....	....	
North Hokianga	....	....	....	

### South Auckland District.

Thames	....	....	....	
Hauraki Plains	....	....	....	Miss O. Baker.
Paeroa	....	....	....	
Waihi	....	....	....	J. B. Beeche.
Te Aroha	....	....	....	
Morrinsville	....	....	....	P. Rushton
Cambridge	....	....	....	W. A. Collins.
Hamilton	....	....	....	H. H. Fow.
"	....	....	....	
Hamilton East	....	....	....	Mrs. W. Storry.
Huntly	....	....	....	
Matamata	....	....	....	
Putaruru	....	....	....	

Rotorua	....	....	....	R. E. Williams.
Tauranga	....	....	....	O. Bettany.
Whakatane	....	....	....	—
Opotiki	....	....	....	—
Te Awamutu	....	....	....	Mrs. J. R. Cullen
Otorohanga	....	....	....	—
Te Kuiti	....	....	....	—
Taumarunui	....	....	....	—
Ohura	....	....	....	Mrs. T. Richardson.
<b>Taranaki-Wanganui District.</b>				
New Plymouth	....	....	....	M. S. Hughson.
Waitara	....	....	....	A. J. Webster.
Stratford	....	....	....	F. R. Silby.
Eltham	....	....	....	D. I. West.
Hawera	....	....	....	Mrs. L. T. Haycock.
Manaia	....	....	....	—
Opunake	....	....	....	P. C. Hill.
Wanganui Central	....	....	....	H. J. Sanders.
Wanganui North	....	....	....	Miss A. B. Good.
Wanganui West	....	....	....	E. L. F. Buxton.
Taihape	....	....	....	—
<b>Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District.</b>				
Napier	....	....	....	L. A. Davis.
"	....	....	....	—
Hastings	....	....	....	J. P. Boyd.
Gisborne	....	....	....	F. Butler.
Wairoa	....	....	....	—
Dannevirke	....	....	....	W. G. Holloway.
Woodville	....	....	....	A. W. Corpe.
Pahiatua	....	....	....	Mrs. S. Matthews.
Palmerston North (St. Paul's)	....	....	....	E. P. Wix.
Palmerston North (Cuba Street)	....	....	....	Mrs. R. Stout.
Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe	....	....	....	G. H. Passey.
Feilding	....	....	....	G. Greathead.
Sanson-Rongotea	....	....	....	C. Hunt.
<b>Wellington District.</b>				
Wellington Central	....	....	....	W. R. Hill.
Wellington West	....	....	....	C. J. Freeman.
"	....	....	....	A. G. Worboys.
Wellington South	....	....	....	Mrs. J. D. Grocott.
Wellington East	....	....	....	H. W. Smith.
"	....	....	....	J. H. Phillipps.
Wellington North	....	....	....	J. C. Riddell.
Porirua	....	....	....	Mrs. A. B. Cochran.
Hutt	....	....	....	J. Belton.
"	....	....	....	A. J. Johnston.
Upper Hutt	....	....	....	E. C. Heggie.
Petone	....	....	....	A. Pinson.
Greytown-Featherston	....	....	....	O. Silbery.
Carterton	....	....	....	A. M. Gray.
Masterton	....	....	....	Mrs. E. E. Sage.
Eketahuna	....	....	....	W. H. Saunders.
Levin	....	....	....	R. Farrow.
Otaki	....	....	....	T. Taylor.
Paraparaumu	....	....	....	Mrs. W. G. Taylor.
				W. H. Potts.

### Nelson District.

Nelson	....	....	....	.....	Mrs. S. Trathen.
Waimea	.....	.....	.....	.....	Mrs. E. Lewis.
Motueka	....	....	....	.....	H. A. Holdaway.
Murchison	....	....	....	.....	
Blenheim	....	....	....	.....	A. E. Pinkham.
"	....	....	....	.....	Mrs. V. Wright.
Reefton	....	....	....	.....	
Westport	....	....	....	.....	
Greymouth	....	....	....	.....	
Hokitika	....	....	....	.....	

### North Canterbury District.

Durham Street	....	....	....	.....	C. D. Barrell.
"	....	....	....	.....	N. P. Alcorn.
Christchurch Central Mission	.....	.....	.....	.....	S. W. Ayers.
Christchurch East	....	....	....	.....	H. J. S. Harrington.
"	....	....	....	.....	J. D. Gray.
"	....	....	....	.....	J. H. Yarr.
"	....	....	....	.....	H. M. Alexander.
Cambridge Terrace	....	....	....	.....	E. A. Woodfield.
Woolston	....	....	....	.....	H. Falkingham.
"	....	....	....	.....	S. Falkingham.
Sydenham	....	....	....	.....	
Addington	....	....	....	.....	
Riccarton	....	....	....	.....	R. E. James.
St. Albans	....	....	....	.....	P. A. Le Brun.
"	....	....	....	.....	B. A. Caygill
Papanui	....	....	....	.....	C. R. M. Manhire
Lyttelton	....	....	....	.....	Mrs. W. T. Huston.
Springston	....	....	....	.....	
Leeston	....	....	....	.....	P.B. Birkett.
Kaiapoi	....	....	....	.....	
Ohoka	....	....	....	.....	
Rangiora	....	....	....	.....	J. M. Cathcart.
Woodend-Sefton	....	....	....	.....	Mrs. A. Robinson.
Greendale	....	....	....	.....	
Oxford	....	....	....	.....	

### South Canterbury District.

Banks St. (Timaru)	....	....	....	.....	Mrs. L. G. B. McAlister.
Woodlands St. (Timaru)	....	....	....	.....	
Timaru South	....	....	....	.....	Mrs. W. M. Hocking.
Waimate	....	....	....	.....	M. E. Hayman.
Temuka	....	....	....	.....	
Geraldine	....	....	....	.....	Mrs. D. Tripney.
Ashburton	....	....	....	.....	T. Wakelin.
Willowby	....	....	....	.....	Miss A. Lucas.
Oamaru	....	....	....	.....	J. T. Spargo.

### Otago-Southland District.

Dunedin Central	....	....	....	.....	S. Lawn.
"	....	....	....	.....	A. W. Barnes.
Dunedin Central Mission	....	....	....	.....	H. H. Johnson.
Dunedin North	....	....	....	.....	Mrs. V. Drake.
Dunedin South	....	....	....	.....	Mrs. L. Eaton.
St. Kilda	....	....	....	.....	E. J. Iles.

Mornington	....	....	....	Mrs. A. E. Davies.
Roslyn	....	....	....	
Port Chalmers	....	....	....	
Milton	....	....	....	C. R. Sheat.
Roxburgh	....	....	....	
Invercargill Central	....	....	....	Mrs. I. Winwood.
St. Peter's (Invercargill)	....	....	....	
Gore	....	....	....	
Western Southland	....	....	....	
Mosgiel	....	....	....	
Edendale	....	....	....	A. H. Sheat.
Bluff	....	....	....	
Cromwell-Alexandra	....	....	....	

### (3) Representatives of Departments, Committees and Funds—

Theological College	....	....	....	G. S. Gapper.
Home Mission Department	....	....	....	F. Penn.
" " "	....	....	....	J. C. Tietjens.
" " "	....	....	....	H. M. Patrick.
" " "	....	....	....	Mrs. S. T. Carter.
Home Missionaries' Representatives	....	....	....	W. J. Bryant.
" " "	....	....	....	W. J. Henderson.
Foreign Mission Department	....	....	....	G. S. Gapper.
Youth Department	....	....	....	G. C. Burton.
" " "	....	....	....	Miss P. Yearbury.
" " "	....	....	....	Miss D. M. Jones.
Connexional Secretaryship Committee	....	....	....	
Supernumerary Fund	....	....	....	R. H. Smith.
Contingent Fund	....	....	....	A. H. Winstone.
Church Building & Loan Fund	....	....	....	H. de R. Flesher.
Fire Insurance Fund	....	....	....	E. R. Caygill.
Children's Fund	....	....	....	T. M. Pacey.
Wesley College	....	....	....	J. S. Caughey.
Removal Expenses Fund	....	....	....	
Deaconess Board	....	....	....	Mrs. P. Le Brun.
Women's Missionary Union	....	....	....	Miss E. C. Purdie.
Local Preachers' Association	....	....	....	E. A. Woodfield.
Men's Fellowship	....	....	....	H. M. Patrick.
Rangiatea College	....	....	....	E. A. Hurley.
Women's Guild Fellowship	....	....	....	Mrs. F. M. Cooper.
Deaconess Order	....	....	....	Sister Evelyn Marriott.
" " "	....	....	....	Sister Fiona Summerell.
Maori Missions	....	....	....	Paahi Moke.
" " "	....	....	....	Wiremu Tonga.
" " "	....	....	....	Mrs. H. Faithful.
" " "	....	....	....	Mrs. N. T. Nathan.

### District Secretaries of Church Property.

Auckland	....	....	....	S. E. Chappell
South Auckland	....	....	....	W. B. L. Williams.
Taranaki-Wanganui	....	....	....	—
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	....	....	....	
Wellington	....	....	....	S. N. Roberts.
Nelson	....	....	....	
North Canterbury	....	....	....	
South Canterbury	....	....	....	P. G. Woodnorth,
Otago-Southland	....	....	....	

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

H. David Besant  
Amos W. Burrough  
Ivan J. Clucas

Geoffrey T. Gilbert  
Charles H. Raynor  
Peter A. Stead  
Frank H. Woodfield

Who have travelled three years.

Allan J. Handyside

Who has travelled two years.

Also, Ranginohora Rogers.

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

O. McLennan Olds

Idris J. Ruck

Who have travelled three years.

George G. Carter, M.A.

John A. Penman

David W. Edmonds

Ian W. Reid

R. Leslie George

Harry I. Shaw

Loyal J. Gibson

Sydney J. Spindler

John R. Hall

John H. Thompson

Arthur W. R. Mead

George R. Trebilco

Who have travelled two years.

Frederick J. K. Baker

Archibald W. McKay

Edward P. Boyd (see Q. V)

Alan Newman

Wilfred J. Cable (see Q. V)

Trevor L. Nicholls (see Q. VI)

Peter C. Carter (see Q. VI)

E. Keith Ordish

Hughan M. Craig

John H. Osborne

Ronald Elsom (see Q. XVIII)

Percy P. Rushton (see Q. V)

E. Raymond Le Couteur

David G. Stubbs

John Grundy, B.A. (see Q. V)

Edward G. P. Turner (see Q.

Ernest Hepplethwaite (see

XVIII)

Q. V)

Ronald H. Wood (see Q. V)

Who have travelled one year.

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

Noel D. Billinghurst

John C. F. Mabon (see Q. VI)

James F. Cropp (see Q. VI)

Alan H. V. Newton

Arthur W. Dickie

Ruawai D. Rakena

Eric R. Eastwood

Wattie T. Tahere

John E. Hodder, B.A. (see Q. VI)

David L. Trebilco

Alexander C. Watson

Henry W. Kitchingman (see Q. VI)

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

Lane M. Tauroa

Who is continued for a fourth year.

William K. Abbott

Cuthbert F. Peart

Trevor L. Bennett

Frank S. Rigg

Ernest Hepplethwaite (see

Percy P. Rushton (see Q. III)

Q. III)

Neville Thornicroft

Who are continued for a third year.

Robert S. Andrews

Brian M. Watson, B.Sc.

George L. Bennett

Brian A. Walker, B.A.

Edward P. Boyd (see Q. III)

Ronald H. Wood (see Q. III)

Wilfred J. Cable (see Q. III)

John A. Ziesler, B.A. (who has

Ian D. Grant

permission to train at Rich-

John Grundy, B.A. (see Q. III)

mond College)

Bruce Scammell

Who are continued for a second year.

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

G. Basil W. Bell	Henry W. Kitchingman (see Q. IV)
Peter C. Carter (see Q. III)	Owen Kitchingman
James F. Cropp (see Q. IV)	John C. F. Mabon (see Q. IV)
Maurice H. Downer	Trevor L. Nicholls (see Q. III)
Phyllis M. Guthardt	Kenneth H. Russell
John C. Hodder, B.A. (see Q. IV)	Geoffrey E. Scarr
	Philip F. Taylor

**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.—(1) What Deaconesses are dedicated at this Conference?**  
None.

(2) What Deaconesses are placed on Probation?  
Misses Winnie Bennett, Joyce Gribble and Mary Whitlow.

(3) What Candidates are received for Deaconess Training?  
Lorraine Joyce Flowers, Joyce Edith Foster, June Elizabeth Peters.

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

**Fourth Year:**

F. A. Fitzsimons  
Irwin J. Fowler

**Second Year:**

J. R. Hamlin  
A. G. Reid

**Third Year:**

Francis J. Johnson

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

H. Maurice Brasell  
Thomas Coatsworth

Edward Drake  
Charles B. Jordan, M.A., B.D.,  
F.R.E.S.

**MAURICE BRASELL.**

H. Maurice Brasell was born in Masterton. He entered the work of the Church as a Home Missionary and later was accepted as a candidate for the ministry. He was ordained in 1951.

Throughout his ministry he brought gifts of sincere devotion and a passion for men on his Lord's behalf. He was humble by nature and faithful and sincere in all his service. Schooled in the discipline of prayer, he both interceded for his people and brought back among them the fragrance of heaven.

His promotion to higher service came on July 9th, 1953. He passed quietly from among us, leaving us and the Church richer for his short but gracious and Christlike ministry.

## THOMAS COATSWORTH.

Thomas Coatsworth was born in Durham, England. He was converted at the age of sixteen and immediately began to preach. He entered the ministry in 1902. In all his appointments Mr Coatsworth exerted an influence made effective by his humility and sincerity. He was outstanding in pastoral attention to his people. Throughout his life he remained a true evangelist. Mr Coatsworth was able to read the New Testament in sixteen different languages, and historical articles which he wrote were asked for by the Carnegie Library, Dunedin. He took a very active part in the movement for social reform and temperance. The Church will remember Thomas Coatsworth as one who served his Master to the utmost of his powers and who through his friendliness and devotion influenced many lives for good.

## EDWARD DRAKE.

Edward Drake was born at Newcastle-under-Lyme in Staffordshire, and early gave his heart to Christ. As a Primitive Methodist Minister he was sent out to New Zealand and served in six Circuits. In 1904 he was elected President of the Conference. He took a leading part in the negotiations in the union of the Primitive and the Wesleyan Methodist Churches, and in the united Church he became a conspicuous figure. He served on a large number of Committees of the Church; he was Chairman in three Districts; he was Secretary of Conference for three years, and was President of the Conference in 1920.

He was a good preacher, leading many to the Saviour; a most diligent pastor; a leader in the cause of Prohibition; and a worker in every cause of social and moral reform. Industrious, wise, courteous, he has left behind him an enviable record of work well done.

## CHARLES BOUGHTON JORDAN.

Charles Boughton Jordan was born at Motueka in 1880. He proceeded to the Nelson College on a Scholarship and was a brilliant student. He entered the ministry in 1906 being trained at Prince Albert College. Later he gained his Master of Arts degree and then Bachelor of Divinity with Honours.

For thirty years he was a Conference Examiner and handled the "Question and Answer" column in the Methodist Times for many years. He was very keenly alert to social problems, and used his great mental powers, and able pen in the cause of Prohibition and Peace. Withal he was constantly seeking to win men for Christ, by both preaching and pastoral efforts, and not without a measure of success.

Since retirement, in 1947, he has given himself to the limits of his strength, in preaching and study, preaching his last sermon within a few hours of his death. His considerable gifts were wholly dedicated to God whom he loved, and to the Church, in whose service he found his deepest joy. In all his labours, he had in Mrs. Jordan, a sympathetic and helpful partner, whose consecration to God and the Church matched his own.

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

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

Henry L. Blamires

Fred Greenwood

Arthur Hopper

T. Arthur Pybus

Walter J. Oxbrow

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  
 Ernest D. Patchett  
 Charles M. Roberts  
 William Walker  
 Ernest O. Blamires  
 William W. Avery  
 Fred Copeland  
 Charles Blair  
 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.  
 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  
 Henry J. Odell  
 Wallace S. Neal

**QUESTION XV.—What Ministers now become Supernumeraries?**

Henry Benny  
 Oswald Burnet  
 John Dennis  
 Alfred E. Jefferson

Charles H. Kendon  
 Ngatete K. Kukutai  
 Eruera Te Tui  
 Matarae Tauroa

**HENRY BENNY.**

Henry Benny was born at Broadfield in 1888. He was converted during the ministry of the Rev. A. J. Seamer. Soon afterwards, the late Rev. Christopher Abernethy was stationed in the Circuit and graciously guided him.

After three and a half years' service overseas during World War I, he offered himself as a candidate for the Ministry. Mr Benny was awarded the Italian Bronze Medal for bravery in the field. He commenced his Ministry in 1921 and has laboured faithfully and well in Circuits in both Islands. An earnest preacher, and a faithful pastor, Henry Benny has been noted for his friendliness, sincerity and spiritual zeal. The goodwill and good wishes of the Church are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Benny. May they have health to enjoy their retirement.

**OSWALD BURNET.**

Oswald Burnet retires from the active ministry with the affectionate esteem of the whole Church, having won it by his effective and faithful service. He was born in Woodend in 1888 and spent his early years there. He spent seven years at the carpentry trade. In 1911 he entered the Theological College and, towards the end of his third year was sent to supply in the Dargaville Circuit.

After service overseas in World War I, he returned to Circuit work in 1918, and was ordained in 1919.

Mr. Burnet has always taken a good share of Connexional work; as Synod Journal Secretary, District Financial Secretary, co-Treasurer of the Contingent Fund for six years and examiner in "Social Ethics" for ten years.

He is a thoughtful, forceful preacher of expository sermons, and a conscientious pastor.

In 1920 he married Miss Dorothy Brewins, a very capable and true help-meet, who has given outstanding service in the Bible Class

Movement and the Women's Guild Fellowship. To both these servants the Church offers its sincere appreciation and good wishes for a long and happy retirement.

#### JOHN DENNIS.

John Dennis was born at Enfield, North Otago, on July 14th, 1885. When fourteen, he was converted at a service conducted by a local Preacher. Learning of the shortage of men for the Ministry, John Dennis, then 27 years of age, offered for Home Mission work. In 1915, he was accepted as a candidate and was ordained in 1921.

Mr. Dennis has been Secretary of Synod in two Districts and while at Levin was the Associate Editor of "The Methodist Times." He served for 15 months as a Chaplain to the Forces in Christchurch and at Burnham during World War II.

In 1921 he married Miss Edith Pearce of Christchurch, and through the years she has been a gifted and sympathetic help to him. John Dennis has been one of our most consecrated Ministers. He has been greatly used in every Circuit in leading others to Christ. Earnest, zealous and single-minded, he has quickly commended himself to his people and won their esteem.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis carry into retirement the goodwill of the Church and of a host of friends in Christ.

#### ALFRED E. JEFFERSON.

Alfred E. Jefferson was born at Bairnsdale, Victoria, Australia, in 1888. At the age of 18 he dedicated his life to Christ and His Service and in 1907 came to New Zealand. In 1909 he became an accredited Local Preacher. In 1912 he married Miss Karoline Macgaard of Palmerston North. He was accepted for Home Mission work in 1917 and as a candidate for the Ministry in 1919.

The ministry of Mr. Jefferson has been marked by faithfulness, sincerity and sympathetic understanding, both in the preaching and pastoral aspects of the work. He retires with the goodwill of his brethren and the people to whom he has ministered.

Mrs. Jefferson has been a faithful and true helper to her husband always giving of her best in the service of the Church and the Kingdom of God. We trust that both of them will take into retirement the joy and blessing of the Lord.

#### CHARLES H. KENDON.

Following several years spent in Home Mission work, Charles Kendon was accepted as a candidate for the Ministry in 1914. He was ordained in 1920 and has served over a period of forty years, including Home Mission service.

In all his Circuits he has sought to serve worthily the work of the Church and to preach the Gospel committed to him. In his work he has had the gracious help of his wife who has maintained an almost unbroken labour of love as a church organist in every circuit to which they have been appointed. The Church wishes for them both God's blessing in their retirement.

#### NGATETE KEREI KUKUTAI.

Ngatete Kerei Kukutai retires after twenty years of full-time service in the Maori Ministry. In 1934 he was received into the ranks of the Maori Home Missionaries.

He was ordained in 1941 and became superintendent of the Maniapoto Circuit. Mr. Kukutai was born into a family with chieftain connections and is a keen supporter of the King Movement. He regularly assisted Princess Te Puea in her meetings. He has sought always to carry a Christian influence into his many interests.

In all his work Mr. Kukutai has been enthusiastically supported by his wife, and they have worked cordially with Pakeha colleagues. As in their retirement they continue to give some service to the Church, we pray God's blessing on them.

#### MATARAE TAUROA.

Born in Pupuke, Hokianga, in 1899, Matarae Tauroa entered St. Stephen's Anglican Maori Boys' College, Parnell, for three years. He then transferred to Wesley Training College, Three Kings, training for our Ministry. He was ordained in 1924.

Mr. Tauroa married Miss Elizabeth Anne Couch of Rapaki. One of their sons is training for our ministry.

Matarae Tauroa is an effective preacher in both Maori and English. Among his own people he has exerted a good influence.

We are sure that he will find a real sphere of usefulness among the people of his own tribe, as he retires to the historic Whangaroa District.

#### ERUERA TE TUHI.

Eruera Te Tuhi, son of the late Reverend and Mrs. Te Tuhi Heretini, has had a distinguished ministry among us. Born at Whirinaki, Hokianga in 1888, Mr. Te Tuhi later attended Wesley Training College, Three Kings.

He was received as a Maori Home Missionary in 1910, and as a Probationer for the Maori Ministry in 1911, and was ordained in 1915.

In 1937, on the death of the late Rev. Tahupotiki Haddon, Eruera Te Tuhi was appointed Senior Maori Superintendent. In 1950 he was admitted into full connexion with the Conference, the first Maori to be so received. He served ably with the last Maori Bible Revision Committee. In 1951 Mr. Te Tuhi received the honour of the O.B.E. In 1952 he was the representative of the Maori Race at the Solomon Islands Missionary Jubilee.

Mr. Te Tuhi married Miss Atarangi Waata of Oturei, Aratapu. On their retirement to Aratapu, Mr. and Mrs. Te Tuhi carry the affection and esteem of the whole Church.

**QUESTION XVI.—What Supernumeraries return to Regular Work?**  
None.

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

(a) Retained on the Retired List?

A. L. Witheford

H. Ashworth

J. W. Bayliss

W. Sussex

S. Keen

T. W. Featherstone

W. H. Wilson

H. J. Malcolm

W. E. Sleep

R. T. Alexander

Roy Coombridge

Cyril Robinson

(b) Placed on Retired List?

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

Ronald Elsom

John D. Grocott, B.A. (who is permitted to serve with the Council for Christian Education)

Cecil R. Taylor

Edgar G. P. Turner

**QUESTION XIX.**—What Ministers are “left without Pastoral Charge?”

A. Francis Attwood  
William A. Mills

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

Clifford J. Keightley

**QUESTION XXI.**—What Ministers or Probationers is it agreed to Transfer to or receive from any other Conference?

Paul Havea (who is transferred to the Tonga Conference).

Aisake Vula (who is received from Fiji District of N.S.W. Conference as a Native Minister).

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

The Districts were called one by one and the answer is each case was “No Objection.”

**QUESTION XXIII.**—What Persons who were in Full Connexion now cease to be recognised as Ministers of the Conference?

None.

**QUESTION XXIV.**—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. G. V. Thomas, B.A.
3rd Cycle	....	....	....	....	Rev. W. R. Laws, M.A., B.D.

#### Tutors in Greek.

1954	.....	.....	.....	.....	Rev. O. T. Woodfield
1955	.....	.....	.....	.....	Rev. W. Parker, M.A., B.D.
1956	.....	.....	.....	.....	Rev. L. P. Schroeder, B.A.

#### (B) Examiners for Students.

Theology—

(a) God, Man, Sin	....	....	....	....	Rev. B. M. Chrystal, 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
O.T. Theology	.....	.....	.....	.....	Rev. W. R. Francis, B.A., B.D.
N.T. Theology	.....	.....	.....	.....	Rev. W. R. Laws, M.A., B.D.

#### (C) Examiners for Candidates.

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

#### (D) Examiners for Home Missionaries.

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.

Rev. A. O. Harris.

#### (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 1954 (from N.Z. B.D. course Stage I). Twelve chapters selected from St. Matthew's Gospel and Colossians. (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 1954—3rd Cycle: "The Holy Spirit, Church, Ministry and Sacraments, Last Things."  
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, including all Text Books read. 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.

- (a) Elementary Hebrew (selected students only) 1 period weekly  
Further stages at University College.
- (b) Old Testament Introduction and Exegesis. Combined class, 1 period weekly.  
1st year—Historical Books and General.  
2nd year—Psalms and Wisdom Literature.  
3rd year—Prophetic Literature.  
Detailed exegesis of selected passages.
- (c) Old Testament Teaching. Combined class, 1 period weekly.  
1st year—General Outline of Old Testament Teaching.  
2nd year—Psalms and Wisdom Literature.  
3rd year—Teaching of the Prophets.

### 2.—New Testament.

- (a) New Testament Greek.  
Junior Year—Grammar. 2 periods weekly.  
Intermediate—Grammar and Syntax,, Easy Translation.  
2 periods weekly.  
Senior—Translation with exegesis of passages selected from books dealt with in Introduction, 3 periods weekly.
- (b) Introduction, including authorship, date, place of origin, literary characteristics, contents in English, canon; combined class, 1 period weekly.  
1st year—Synoptic Gospels.  
2nd year—Paul and the Pauline Epistles.  
3rd year—Johannine Literature and other Epistles.
- (c) New Testament Exegesis in English.  
1st and 2nd years together—Passages selected from books dealt with in Introduction, 1 period weekly.
- (d) New Testament Theology. Combined class, 1 period weekly.  
A three-year course, material divided as in Introduction.

### 3.—Theology.

- (a) Systematic Theology. Combined class, 2 periods weekly.
- 1st year—God, Man, Sin.  
Define religion and theology. Branches of theology.  
Authority; Church, Bible and Experience.  
Our Knowledge of God, through direct apprehension, through faith, through reason, through revelation.  
General and Special Revelation. Progressive.  
God and the world. Natural and supernatural.  
Miracles, Prayer and Providence. Problem of Evil. Doctrine of the Trinity.  
Christian Doctrine of Man, created and “fallen.” His nature and constitution. Freewill and Predestination. Humanism.  
Sin. Inadequate explanations. “Original Sin” and “Total Depravity”. Guilt. Origin and effects of sin.  
Nature and persistence of evil.
- 2nd year—Person of Christ. The Synoptic portrait. A “proper” man. The Messiah. Inaugurates the Kingdom. Son of Man, Son of God; Authority; Sinlessness; Miracles; Virgin Birth; Resurrection. Johannine Christology. Outline of historical Christology. Modern theories (1) Classical, (2) Built on kinship between God and man, (3) Kenotic theories. Summary.
- Work of Christ—Atonement in world contemporary with N.T. Need for (1) Deliverance (2) Reconciliation with God. Brief sketch of atonement doctrines. The Greek Fathers, Anselm and the “Latin” theory, Abelard, Reformation developments, Grotius. Types of modern doctrine (1) Penal and Substitutionary (2) Moral Influence theories (3) Classical (4) Representative. Summary. A short course on modern cults.
- 3rd year—The Holy Spirit. Brief sketch of N.T. doctrine and Fathers. The Spirit and the Trinity. Evidence of the Living God; Agent in Conversion, Regeneration and Sanctification; Inspiration of the Scriptures, Personal Agent in Sacramental grace. Doctrines of Grace, Repentance, Saving Faith, Regeneration, Conversion Forgiveness, Justification, Sonship and Adoption, Salvation, personal and social. Election and Predestination. Perseverance, Sanctification, Christian Perfection.
- The Church. Marks of the Church. Types of Church Polity. Methodist Churchmanship. Doctrine of the Ministry. Nature of a Sacrament. The Christian Sacraments. Baptism. Infant Baptism today. Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper, historically considered and in modern Methodist practice.
- The Last Things. Primitive ideas of life after death. Old Testament. Between the Testaments. The mind of Our Lord in Synoptics and 4th Gospel. Paul. Eschatology in the Early Church. Chiliasm. The modern reaction. The Parousia. Is there a life after death? Where or what are Heaven and Hell? “Resurrection of the Body.” Judgment. Leckie’s “Optimist, Pessimist and Mediating theories,” Universalism, Eternal Punishment and Conditional Immortality.

- (b) Christian Ethics—Combined class, 2nd and 3rd years together, in alternate years, 1 period weekly.

Ethics as a branch of philosophy, and relation to Christian Ethics. The reality and growth of moral judgments. Survey of Types of Ethical Theory. The Natural Law. Conflict of Duties. Distinctive contribution made by Jesus Christ. Our Duty to God. Formalism and Rigorism. Our Duty to Ourselves. Our Duty to Our Neighbour. Some problems of personal and social ethics in the light of Christian teaching and experience.

#### 4.—Church History.

Combined class, 1 period weekly.

1st year—To 1500 A.D.

2nd year—1500 A.D. to present time. Ecumenism.

3rd year—Methodism, origins and world development.

#### 5.—Pastoral Theology.

(a) Pastoral Theology I. First year students, 1 period weekly. Elementary Homiletics.

Religious education. The nature of man. Heredity and Environment.

Main learning processes, automatic, emotional and insightful.

Application to religious education. The Family Church.

Evangelism and Youth.

Pastoral Theology II. Combined class, 2nd and 3rd years, alternate with Theology III, 1 period weekly.

What to preach. Needs of this age. The main emphases of Scripture applied to contemporary needs. Methods of Propaganda. The Sermon.

Pastoral Theology III. 2nd and 3rd years together, as above, 1 period weekly.

The prime importance of the pastoral task. Visiting. Methods and aims and hints. Abnormal psychology as related to pastoral practice.

Pastoral Theology IV. 2nd and 3rd years, alternates with Christian Ethics class, 1 period weekly.

Christian Worship, Principles and brief history of worship.

Methodist worship. The Order of Worship considered in detail. Special Services. Sacraments, Weddings, Funerals, etc.

Methodist Law and Polity. Connexionalism. How Methodism Works. Conduct of meetings.

(b) Criticism Service, 1 period weekly.

(c) Sermon Criticism Class, 1 period weekly.

This includes some attention to radio technique.

(d) Voice Production, 1 period weekly.

### 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—DEACONESSES.

### 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), chapters 1-6.  
Church History.—“A First Church History” (Vera Walker), S.C.M., pp. 1-202.  
Old Testament.—“The Old Testament Writers and their Messages” (Healing), chapters 1-11.  
New Testament.—“Introducing the New Testament” (A. M. Hunter); “Understandest Thou” (Fraser).  
English.—“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), chapters 7-12.
- Church History.—“A First Church History” (Vera Walker), S.C.M., pp. 203-264; “A Charge to Keep” (Frank Baker), parts 1-4.
- Old Testament.—“The Old Testament Writers and their Messages” (Healing), chapters 12-18.
- New Testament.—“St. Mark” (A. M. Hunter); and “Epistle to the Galatians” (J. A. Allan). (Both in Torch Commentaries).
- English.—“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 Meeting before he is granted status.

### DATES OF EXAMINATIONS.

Examinations for 1954 shall commence on the following dates: Probationers.—Tuesday, May 18th; and Tuesday, September 14th. Tutorials for Probationers.—Greek, February 1st; Theology, June 1st.

Candidates for Ministry.—Tuesday, July 20th.

Home Missionary Probationers.—Tuesday, September 14th.

Deaconess Entrance.—Tuesday, August 10th.

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 the question of the necessity for Conference Trial Services for Candidates be referred to the Board of Studies for investigation.

2. That the Secretary and the Assistant Secretary of the Board of Examiners investigate the suggestion of a Correspondence Course in Bible Knowledge for Home Missionary Probationers and report to the Board next year.

3. That the Oral Examiner for 1954 be Rev. J. J. Lewis, M.A., B.D.

4. That a set of cyclostyled notes containing material on the conduct of services of worship based on lectures given to students be prepared and provided for Local Preacher examinees through the Assistant Secretary of the Board.

5. That questions on "The Conduct of Services of Worship" form part of the Homiletics paper for Local Preacher examinees, and that the paper be lengthened to three hours."

6. That the Old and New Testament examinations in the Diploma Course for Youth Leadership be accepted as an alternative to Bible Knowledge in the Local Preachers' Course.

7. That the subject of "Maori" be considered during the year by the Board of Studies and the Home Mission Board, and report to next Conference through the Secretary of the Board of Examiners.

8. That the report and recommendations of the Commission on Ministerial Training be distributed to members of the Examination Committee for study during the year.

9. That the Secretary (Rev. H. C. Matthews, B.A.), be thanked for his services and reappointed.

10. That the Assistant Secretary (Rev. A. R. Witheford, B.A.), be thanked for his services and reappointed.

11. That the Examination Committee meet on the Tuesday prior to the opening of Conference, 1954.

12. That the revised Course of Studies for Students and Deaconess Trainees be included in the Minutes of Conference.

13. That the Revs. Leonard P. Schroeder and D. Bruce Gordon be congratulated on gaining the B.A. degree, and that it be printed in the Minutes of Conference.

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

A. DISTRICTS: No Recommendation.

B. CIRCUITS:

**NORTH CANTERBURY:**

**Springston:** That the boundaries of the Riccarton and Springston Circuits be adjusted so as to include Islington within the Springston Circuit.

**OTAGO-SOUTHLAND:** (1) That the Trinity Church and the Dunedin Central Mission

(a) be amalgamated under the name of the Central Methodist Church and Mission (Dunedin).

(b) that the staffing be two Ordained Ministers, one Probationer and one Deaconess.

(2) That Dundas Street and Ravensbourne Churches be constituted a Circuit to be known as Dundas Street Circuit, the staffing to be one Ordained Minister.

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

(1) **AUCKLAND:**

**Auckland Central:** That the staffing be three Ordained Ministers and a Deaconess.

(2) **HAWKES' BAY-MANAWATU:**

**Apiti:** That Apiti H.M. Station be constituted a Circuit.

(3) **WELLINGTON:**

**Wellington North:** (a) That the Superintendent Minister reside at Ngaio.

(b) That the staffing be two Ordained Ministers.

(4) **NELSON:**

**Waimea:** That the staffing be two Ordained Ministers,

(5) NORTH CANTERBURY:

Springton: That the staffing be an Ordained Minister and a single Probationer.

Lyttelton: That the status remain as at present, but the staffing be a Single Probationer.

St. Albans: That the staffing be three Ordained Ministers with a suitable grant.

(6) SOUTH CANTERBURY:

Ashburton: That the staffing be two Ordained Ministers.

QUESTION XXVI.—(a) To what Circuits are additional Preachers to be appointed?

SOUTH AUCKLAND:

Tauranga: That the staffing be two Ordained Ministers and a Probationer.

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU:

Hastings: That the staffing be an Ordained Minister and a Probationer.

WELLINGTON:

Wainui-O-Mata Union Parish: That as soon as possible a Ministerial appointment be made by one of the constituent churches.

QUESTION XXVI.—(6) From what Circuits are Preachers to be Withdrawn?

None.

QUESTION XXVII.—What New Stations are now Constituted?

None.

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

Huntly is due, and is relieved for another year.

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

Hauraki Plains is due, and is relieved for another year.

Putaruru is due, and fulfils its obligations.

Taihape is due, and is seeking to fulfil its obligation.

Wairoa (H.B.) is due, but is relieved for a twenty-fifth year.

Wellington North (2nd) is due, and fulfils its obligations.

St. Albans (3rd) is due, and fulfils its obligation.

Riccarton (2nd) is due, but is relieved for a first year.

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

QUESTION XXIX—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. HERBERT L. FIEBIG, B.A.

Vice-President—Mr. HUGH M. PATRICK, M.V.O., J.P.

Secretary—REV. GORDON R. H. PETERSON.

### STATIONS OF MINISTERS, 1954.

(N.B.—Each of the places mentioned in these Stations and numbered consecutively 1 to 146 and [1] to [11] 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) Ronald Elsom (Resting), One Wanted (St. Jude's Richmond Road), A Deaconess.
- The Foreign Mission Department**—Stanley G. Andrews, M.A., Dip.Ed., (Gen. Sec.), Clifford J. Keightley (Papua-New Guinea Highlands).
- The Home Mission Department**—George I. Laurensen (Gen. Supt.), Bernard M. Chrystall, B.A., (Asst. Supt.), Harold A. Darvill, (Maori Missionary), Eruera Te Tuhi, O.B.E. (Sup.) Acting Senior Maori Superintendent.
- Youth Department**—Youth Director (see Question 30).
2. **Auckland Central Mission**—A. Everil Orr, M.B.E., Arthur J. Seamer, C.M.G. (Sup.) Leslie B. Neale, M.B.E., B.A., (Sup). One Wanted, Two Deaconesses.
3. **Auckland South**—W. E. Allon Carr, Allan J. Handyside (Roskill) Walter Parker, (Sandringham), George P. Hunt (Sup.).
4. **Auckland West**—Harris Whitfield, One Wanted.
5. **Auckland East**—Joseph C. Draper, Leslie R. M. Gilmore, B.A., 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. Scrivin. (Sup.).  
Epsom Orphanage; Chaplain, Joseph C. Draper.  
Trinity Theological College; Eric W. Hames, M.A., Tutor in Systematic Theology and Church History, Principal; David O. Williams, M.A., Litt.D., Tutor in Pastoral Theology and Resident Tutor; John J. Lewis, M.A., B.D., Tutor in Biblical Languages, Literature and Teaching.
6. **Auckland (Avondale)**—George E. Brown, Ernest B. Chambers (Avondale) Frank E. Leadley (Sup.), Harry Ranston, M.A., Litt.D. (Fellow of Trinity College), (Sup.), Fred Copeland, (Sup.).  
Mt. Albert Orphanage: Chaplain, George E. Brown.

7. **Auckland (Henderson)**—Donald G. Sherson, B.A., Percy I. Cooke (Sup.).
8. **Auckland (Devonport)**—William M. Garner, E. Percy Blamires (Sup.).
9. **Auckland (Takapuna)**—W. Selwyn Dawson, M.A., One Wanted, William Gatman (Sup.), Albert Blakemore (Sup.), John Dennis (Sup.).
10. **Auckland (Birkenhead)**—Athol R. Penn, Henry J. Odell (Sup.), A Home Missionary.
11. **Onehunga**—Albert Jolly, One Wanted.
12. **Otahuhu**—Harry S. Kings.
13. **Papatoetoe**—John Silvester, M.A., Alfred E. Jefferson (Sup.).
14. **Papakura**—J. Francis Jack, John E. Hodder, B.A.
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**—One Wanted.
17. **Waiuku**—Clarence T. J. Luxton.
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**—A Wharton E. Silvester.
23. **Whangarei**—J. Henry Allen.
24. **Hikurangi**—George R. Trebilco.
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**—H. David Besant.
30. **North Hokianga**—One Wanted.

**Maori Mission—**

[1] **Auckland—**

Ranginohora Rogers, Rua Rakena (Waima) Matarae Tauroa (Sup.), Ngatete K. Kukutai (Sup.), 13 Home Missionaries, 6 Deaconesses.

ALBANY—A Home Missionary.

BAY OF ISLANDS—A Home Missionary.

COLPORTEUR WORK—A Home Missionary.

ERIC W. HAMES, M.A., Chairman of the District.

J. HENRY ALLEN, Deputy Chairman

ERNEST B. CHAMBERS, Financial Secretary.

**II—SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT**

31. **Thames**—Samuel J. Werren, 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**—Harold K. Brown, One Wanted.
37. **Cambridge**—Ivo M. Raynor, Charles H. Olds, B.A., (Sup.).
38. **Hamilton**—William R. Francis, B.A., B.D., Ian C. E. Ramage, M.A., R. Leslie George, Robert B. Tinsley (Sup.), Raglan Union Church—Cong. Appointment.
39. **Hamilton East**—Charles B. Oldfield.
40. **Huntly**—Sidney J. Spindler.
41. **Matamata**—J. Montgomery Blight.
42. **Putaruru**—Charles H. Raynor, A Home Missionary.
43. **Rotorua**—Gordon V. Thomas, B.A., Walter J. Oxbrow (Sup.), William H. Speer (Sup.), Harold A Sharp (Sup.).
44. **Tauranga**—Arthur T. Kent (who shall supervise Opotiki and Whakatane Circuits) Two 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**—Arthur W. Dickie.  
 [2] **Waikato**—One Wanted (Ngaruawahia), 10 Home Missionaries, 4 Deaconesses.  
 [3] **Maniapoto**—Circuit Superintendent (One Wanted) 12 Home Missionaries 3 Deaconesses.

NGARUAWAHIA—A Home Missionary.

KAWHIA—A Home Missionary.

COROMANDEL—A Home Missionary.

SAMUEL J. WERREN, Chairman of the District.

WILLIAM R. FRANCIS, B.A., B.D., Deputy Chairman.

J. MONTGOMERY BLIGHT, Financial Secretary.

### III—TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT

52. **New Plymouth**—E. Thomas Olds, Geoffrey T. Gilbert, James F. Cropp, Charles M. Roberts (Sup.), Henry Benny (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 (who shall supervise Manaia Circuit.) A Home Missionary (Patea).  
 57. **Manaia**—Idris J. Ruck.  
 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**—Alexander C. Watson.  
 [4] **Taranaki-Waimarino**—Rakena P. Rakena (Hawera) Wattie Tahere (New Plymouth)—under supervision of District Chairman, 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**—Howard C. Matthews, B.A., William H. Gregory (Greenmeadows), Henry Ryan (Sup.).  
 64. **Hastings**—Thomas H. Carr, One Wanted, Arthur Hopper (Sup.).  
 65. **Gisborne**—E Clarence Leadley, One Wanted.  
 66. **Wairoa**—David L. Trebilco, Edward G. P. Turner ((Resting)).  
 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** (Trinity)—Lawrence Greenslade (who shall supervise the Foxton-Shannon H.M. Station).  
 72. **Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe**—Robert McGregor.  
 73. **Feilding**—Francis H. Parker (who shall supervise the Apiti Circuit), A Home Missionary.  
 74. **Sanson-Rongotea**—John K. Watson, M.C., B.A.  
 75. **Apiti**—One Wanted.

- WAIPAWA-WAIPUKURAU—Two Home Missionaries.  
 FOXTON-SHANNON—A Home Missionary, William A. Burley,  
 M.A. (Sup.).  
 NORSEWOOD—A Home Missionary.  
 E. CLARENCE LEADLEY, Chairman of the District.  
 WILLIAM R. LAWS, M.A., B.D., Deputy Chairman.

### V—WELLINGTON DISTRICT

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

GEORGE H. GOODMAN, Chairman of the District.

### VI—NELSON DISTRICT

92. **Nelson**—Charlie O. Hailwood, David G. Stubbs, Charles Blair (Sup.).  
 93. **Waimea**—Charles H. Bell, B.A., John C. F. Mabon, Frederick B. Lawrence (Sup.).  
 94. **Motueka**—Edward Baker.  
 95. **Murchison**—One Wanted.  
 96. **Blenheim**—Howard E. Harkness, M.A., B.D., Archibald W. McKay (Picton), One Wanted, Phillip D. Ramsay (C.F.), John D. McArthur (Sup.).  
 97. **Reefton**—One Wanted.  
 98. **Westport**—Wilf. G. Eisner, B.A., A Home Missionary.  
 99. **Greymouth**—A Peter Dorrian., One Wanted.  
 100. **Hokitika**—William E. Moore.

CHARLIE O. HAILWOOD, Chairman of the District.

A. PETER DORRIAN, Deputy Chairman.

### VII—NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

101. **Christchurch** (Durham St.)—Ashleigh K. Petch, B.A., John A. Penman, Henry L. Blamires (Sup.), Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A., (Sup.), Benjamin J. James (Sup.), Herbert Ford (Sup.), Archer O. Harris (Sup.).

CONNEXIONAL SECRETARY AND AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE—

Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A., (President of the Conference).

YOUTH DIRECTOR—Robert H. Allen, B.A.

102. **Christchurch Central Mission**—Wilfred E. Falkingham, A Deaconess.  
 103. **Christchurch East**—V. Roy Jamieson, M.B.E., E.D., J. C. Aldwyn Williams, Ralph E. Patchett, Leslie F. Bycroft, Albert H. Fowles (Sup.), James Richards (Sup.), Wallace S. Neal (Sup.), Oswald Burnet (Sup.).  
 104. **Christchurch** (Cambridge Terrace)—Alfred M. Costain, Dip.Soc.Sc.  
 105. **Christchurch** (Woolston)—Wesley A Chambers, B.A., W. Lloyd Divers (Opawa), One Wanted, Frederick O. Prosser (Sup.).  
 106. **Christchurch** (Sydenham)—Colin D. Clark, B.A., One Wanted.  
 107. **Christchurch** (Addington)—Leonard C. Horwood.  
 108. **Christchurch** (Riccarton)—G. Raymond Harris, Noel D. Billingham.  
 109. **Christchurch** (St. Albans)—William G. Slade, M.A., D.D., Peter A. Stead, Norman P. Larsen, George B. Hinton (Sup.).  
 110. **Christchurch** (Papanui)—William T. Blight, B.A., B.D., (Connexional Editor).  
 SOUTH ISLAND ORPHANAGE—Chaplain, William T. Blight, B.A., B.D.  
 111. **Lyttelton**—One Wanted.  
 112. **Springston**—William C. Jenkin, One Wanted, Harry Cottom (Sup.).  
 113. **Leeston**—H. Ian K. Hopper, B.A., Horace L. Richards (Sup.).  
 114. **Kaipoi**—Benjamin H. Riseley.  
 115. **Ohoka**—One Wanted.  
 116. **Rangiora**—Charles E. Dickens (who shall supervise the Hawarden H.M. Station.)  
 117. **Woodend-Sefton**—E. Keith Ordish.  
 118. **Greendale**—David W. Edmonds.  
 119. **Oxford**—Basil J. Hilder.

HAWARDEN—A Home Missionary.

HERBERT L. FIEBIG, B.A., (President of the Conference).  
 Chairman of the District.

ALFRED M. COSTAIN, Financial Secretary.

#### VIII—SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

120. **Timaru** (Banks Street)—Alan O. Jones, William W. Avery (Sup.) Hector C. Orchard (Sup.).  
 121. **Timaru** (Woodlands Street)—William J. Morrison, M.A. Marchweil Union Church—(Pres. Appointment).  
 122. **Timaru South**—Arthur W. R. Mead.  
 123. **Waimate**—Gordon Parker, M.A., Ph.D., Jonathan H. Haslam (Sup.).  
 124. **Temuka**—One Wanted.  
 125. **Geraldine**—One Wanted.  
 126. **Ashburton**—D. J. Donald Hickman, One Wanted.  
 127. **Willowby**—Owen T. Woodfield.  
 128. **Oamaru**—Alan F. Collins, Cecil R. Taylor (Resting):

D. J. DONALD HICKMAN, Chairman of the District.

#### IX—OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

129. **Central Church and Mission** (Dunedin)—Raymond Dudley, M.A., D.D. D. Bruce Gordon, One Wanted, One Deaconess.  
 130. **Dunedin** (Dundas Street)—Leonard P. Schroeder, B.A.  
 131. **Dunedin North**—Ian W. Reid.  
 132. **Dunedin South**—Ernest S. Hoddinott, Hubert G. Brown (who shall supervise Mosgiel Circuit), One Wanted (Abbotsford). Corstorphine Union Church (Pres. Appointment).  
 133. **Dunedin** (St. Kilda)—Gordon R. H. Peterson (Secretary of the Conference), One Wanted, T. Arthur Pybus (Sup.).  
 134. **Dunedin** (Mornington)—Herbert A. Cochrane (who shall supervise Dunedin North Circuit).  
 135. **Dunedin** (Roslyn)—O. McLennan Olds.  
 136. **Port Chalmers**—R. Hori Pratt, B.A.

137. **Milton**—George W. Cramond (who shall supervise the Balclutha H.M. Station).  
 138. **Roxburgh**—Amos W. Burrough.  
 139. **Invercargill** (Central)—Arthur R. Witheford, B.A., (who shall supervise the Gore and Edendale Circuits), Frederick J. K. Baker.  
 140. **Invercargill** (St. Peter's)—Leslie C. Clements (who shall supervise the Western Southland and Bluff Circuits).  
 141. **Gore**—John R. Hall.  
 142. **Western Southland**—Eric R. Eastwood, One Wanted.  
 143. **Edendale**—One Wanted.  
 144. **Mosgiel**—One Wanted.  
 145. **Bluff**—One Wanted.  
 146. **Cromwell-Alexandra**—Loyal J. Gibson.

WAIKOUAITI—A Home Missionary.

BALCLUTHA—A Home Missionary.

LAWRENCE—A Home Missionary.

ERNEST S. HODDINOTT, Chairman of the District.

GORDON R. H. PETERSON, Financial Secretary.

#### 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 Missionary Sister, (Chairman's Secretary) (Wanted) Kokengolo One Lay Missionary (Technician, Kokengolo), Aisake Vula, Honiara; Kemueli Pita, Banga; One Native Minister (Wanted) Marovo: Catechist, Gizo; 8 Native Catechists, 43 Native Teachers, 5 Native Medical Assistants, (Timothy Piani, under the direction of the Chairman of the District.)

##### **District Training Institution**—

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

##### [6] **Vella Lavella Circuit**—

Trevor Shepherd, One Missionary Sister (Teacher) One Missionary Sister (Nurse), One Missionary Sister (Wanted), 4 Native Catechists, 33 Native Teachers, 3 Native Medical Assistants.

##### [7] **Choiseul Circuit**—

D. I. A. McDonald, One Missionary Sister (Teacher), One Missionary Sister (Nurse), One Missionary Sister, 4 Native Catechists, 32 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, Tonu; One Native Minister (Wanted) Kiefa; One Native Agriculturalist, Kihili, 3 Native Catechists, 76 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, 2 Native Catechists, 40 Native Teachers.

##### [10] **Buka Circuit**—

Gordon A. R. Cornwell, One Missionary Sister (Nurse) (Wanted), One Missionary Sister (Teacher), One Native Minister (Wanted) Kunua, 4 Native Catechists, 45 Native Teachers.

#### XI—PAPUA-NEW GUINEA HIGHLANDS MISSION

[11] Clifford J. Keightley (who shall be under the direction of the President of the Conference), One Carpenter, One Missionary Sister (Teacher) to be appointed in 1955; One Missionary Sister (Nurse) to be appointed in 1955.

### **Helena Goldie Hospital—**

Gerald E. Hault, M.B., Ch.B., B.D.S., D.T.M. & H., One Missionary Sister (Nurse), One Missionary Sister (Nurse).

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

### **Question XXX How are the Home Missionaries employed by the Conference stationed for the ensuing year ?**

#### **Auckland District—**

Youth Director—One Wanted, Dorothea M. Jones, B.A., (Employed by the Youth Department.)  
Auckland Methodist Central Mission (2nd)—Supply (D. I. Robertson)  
Auckland Central (3rd)—Supply (Ian D. Grant, Non-Resident student.)  
Auckland East (6th) Miss M. Rushton  
Auckland, Takapuna (2nd)—Supply (Rev. J. Dennis), W. Sussex and W. H. Wilson (Retired).  
Auckland, Birkenhead (Northcote). One Wanted.  
Onehunga (Waitangi Road)—Irwin J. Fowler  
North Waitemata—F. D. Peterson (Silverdale), Supply (M. R. Edgar) (Kaukapakapa).  
North Hokianga (Kohukohu)—F. L. Johnson.  
Albany—One Wanted.  
Dargaville (Te Kopuru)—One Wanted.  
Port Albert (Wellsford)—One Wanted.  
Bay of Islands—One Wanted.  
Bombay-Tuakau—Supply (N. Thornicroft, non-resident student).  
Kawakawa-Kaikohe—One Wanted (Kawakawa).

#### **HOME MISSION DEPARTMENT—**

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

#### **MAORI MISSION—**

Matauri Bay—Supply.  
Batley—Supply.  
Kawakawa (Waiomio)—Tawai Te Riri Kawiti  
Pahia—Supply  
Punakitere—Te Hira Ratete  
Waimate North—Supply  
Orowau—Rameka Eru  
Kaikohe—Hotai Mita Hohepa  
Whananaki—Nehana Pu  
Rewiti—Supply  
Dargaville—Wiremu Paki Ihaka  
Pouto (Kaipara Heads)—Paire Paraone Kena  
Hikurangi—Hopea Hemara  
Rangitane —(Pouto)Henare Kapa  
Pokere (Bay of Islands)—Piripi Livingstone  
Pakiri—John Harris  
Mangamuka—Supply  
Auckland—Huru Wiperi and Paikea H. Toka  
Whirinaki—Supply  
Te Kohanga—Waaka Kukutai  
Tuakau—Ngaweke Tuhimata  
Mangere—Maharaia Winiata

#### **South Auckland District—**

Hamilton—A. L. Witheford (Retired)  
Ngaruawahia—One Wanted  
Tauranga—F. J. Climo (Te Puke), Supply (Sister Dorothy Pointon), J. W. Bayliss (Retired)  
Coromandel—Supply (Thomas Walker)  
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 and Maniapoto Circuits Superintendent (Supply, Rev. A.  
J. Seamer)  
Te Kuiti—Paahi Moke  
Kawhia—Supply  
Frankton Junction—Hatoitoi Pihama  
Aotea Harbour—Roi Moke  
Raglan—Tuteao Manihera  
Mokau—Supply  
Ngaruawahia—Heemi Rihimona and Tutu Keepa  
Waimiha—Tame Ponui  
Aramiro—Enoka Marumaru  
Rakaunui—Supply  
Horotui—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  
Te Hoe—Tutea Rau  
Atawa—Te Urunga Weteru  
Mourea—Te Iwikau Waaka

**Taranaki-Wanganui District—**

New Plymouth—T. W. Featherstone and H. Ashworth (Retired)  
Opunake (Okato)—J. R. Hamlin  
Eltham (Kaponga)—One Wanted  
Hawera (Patea)—One Wanted  
Raetihi-Ohakune—Supply (W. E. Sleep, Retired)  
Wanganui North (Wanganui East)—One Wanted  
Inglewood—F. A. Fitzsimons  
Marton—Supply (H. R. Wright).  
Waitara (Uruti)—One Wanted

**MAORI MISSION—**

Rahotu—Whaterau Ira Wharehoka  
Nukumaru—Supply  
Urenui—Supply  
Pariroa Pa—Supply  
Whenuakura—Supply  
Kai Iwi—Supply  
Wanganui—Supply  
Rangitikei—Supply  
Raetihi—Supply  
Wanganui River—Supply

**Hawkes Bay-Manawatu District—**

Gisborne (2nd)—One Wanted  
Hastings (2nd)—Supply (Sister Evelyn Taylor)  
Feilding (Halcombe)—Herbert Prowse  
Foxton-Shannon—Gordon C. Armitage  
Apti—One Wanted  
Norsewood—Under Dannevirke Superintendent (Vacant)  
Waipawa-Waipukurau—Supply (C. Robinson, Retired), One  
Wanted (Waipukurau)  
Palmerston North (St. Paul's)—(2nd) Supply—(Probationer  
Mary Whitlow)

**Wellington District—**

Paraparaumu (Paekakariki)—One Wanted  
Masterton (Kuripuni)—Supply (Sister Margaret Taylor)  
Otaki—S. Keen (Retired)  
Eketahuna—W. J. Henderson

**Nelson District—**

Blenheim (3rd)—One Wanted. L. E. G. Sharp (Leave of Absence)  
Murchison—One Wanted  
Westport (Granity)—One Wanted  
Greymouth (Runanga)—One Wanted  
Reefton—Thomas Steele

**North Canterbury District—**

Christchurch, Papanui—H. J. Malcolm (Retired)  
Springston (Tai Tapu)—One Wanted  
Hawarden—(Under Rangiora Superintendent)—Vacant  
Ohoka—J. C. R. Ashworth  
Lyttelton—One Wanted  
Woolston (Sumner)—One Wanted  
Sydenham (Beckenham)—One Wanted

**South Canterbury District—**

Ashburton (2nd)—One Wanted  
Temuka—One Wanted (Supplied from Geraldine)  
Geraldine—Supply (Rev. Wm. Isitt)

**Otago-Southland District—**

Central Methodist Church and Mission (3rd)—One Wanted  
St. Kilda (2nd)—Wilfred S. Gilbert.  
Lawrence—Vacant (Associated with Milton Circuit)  
Balclutha—O. L. Christian  
Western Southland (Ohai)—One Wanted  
Waikouaiti-Palmerston—Supply (F. E. Trim)  
Edendale—One Wanted  
Dunedin South (Abbotsford)—Supply (Rev. A. G. Woodnutt)  
Bluff—Supply (Rev. J. Lloyd Gammon)  
Mosgiel—Alfred E. Tardif

Alfred G. Woodnutt 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.

**Question XXXI—How are the Deaconesses employed by the Conference stationed for the ensuing year ?**

**I. Home Work.**

Sister Rita Snowden, Home Mission Dept., Auckland.  
Sister Ivy Jones, Orphanage Board, Auckland.  
Sister Rona Collins, South Island Children's Home and Orphanage Christchurch.  
Sister Elmsie Dixon, Auckland (Leave of Absence).  
Sister Fiona Summerell, Auckland (Leave of Absence).  
Sister Marcia Powell, Central Mission, Dunedin.  
Sister Evelyn J. Taylor, Hastings.  
Sister Margaret Taylor, Masterton.  
Probationer Joyce Gribble, Auckland Central.  
Probationer Mary Whitlow, Palmerston North.

**II.—Maori Work.**

Sister Eleanor Dobby, South Island.  
Sister Nicholls, Maori Centre, 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 Pointon, Tauranga.  
Sister Anne Wilson, Hawera.  
Sister Ruth Hilder, Bay of Islands.  
Sister Jean Miller, Outer Auckland South.  
Sister Mavis Dickie, Northern King Country.  
Sister Grace Clement, Central King Country.  
Sister Rona Keightley, Dargaville.  
Sister Frances Smith, Hamilton.  
Sister Betty Yearbury, Opunake.  
Sister Te Atakohu Fitzpatrick, Auckland Central and Outer Auckland North.  
Probationer Winifred Bennet, Waikato

**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 Doreen Bulford, Gwenda Kennedy, Kathleen Rogers.  
First Year : Lorraine Joyce Flowers, Joyce Edith Foster, June Elizabeth Peters.

**VI.—Solomon Islands—Missionary Sisters.**

Sister Ada Lee, Buin, Bougainville.  
Sister Effie Harkness, Roviana.  
Sister Merle Carter, Teop, Sohana.  
Sister Joyce Macdonald, Bilua, Vella Lavella.  
Sister Davinia Clark, Roviana.  
Sister Jessie Grant, Roviana.,

Sister Myra Fraser, Roviana.  
Sister Jane Bond, Bilua, Vella Lave'la.  
Sister Pamela Beaumont, Koau, Bougainville.  
Sister Nancy Ball, Choiseul.  
Sister Thelma Duthie, Teop, Sohana.  
Sister Helen Whitlow, Skotolan, Sohana.  
Sister June Hilder, Roviana.  
Sister Rewa Williamson.  
Sister Norma Graves, Roviana.

**Retired.—**

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

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

**1.—CHAIRMEN OF DISTRICTS.**

Auckland—E. W. Hames, M.A.  
South Auckland—S. J. Werren.  
Taranaki-Wanganui.—E. Thomas Olds.  
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—E. C. Leadley.  
Wellington—George H. Goodman.  
Nelson—Charlie O. Hailwood.  
North Canterbury—Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A. (President of the  
Conference).  
South Canterbury—D.J.D. Hickman.  
Otago-Southland—E. S. Hoddinott.  
Solomon Islands—John R. Metcalfe.

**2. DISTRICT AND STATISTICAL SECRETARIES.**

General Statistical Secretary—William 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—R. Graham Bell, M.A.  
Nelson—Charles H. Bell, B.A.  
North Canterbury—Ralph E. Patchett.  
South Canterbury—Alan F. Collins.  
Otago-Southland—Arthur R. Witheford, B.A.

**QUESTION XXXIII.—Who are elected as President and Secretary of the  
Conference for the year 1954 ?**

President : Charlie O. Hailwood.  
Secretary : Gordon R. H. Peterson.

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

**REPORT FOR 1953.**

**General.**

This year sixteen Circuits, involving five Districts, submitted incorrect returns as against four Circuits last year.

In the majority of cases apparently no reference was made to the membership total of the previous year.

The lack of reasonable care thus evidenced by a small minority means that in this aspect of our Church activities the results obtained from the Annual Returns cannot be studied in the Agenda because of the lateness of the Report. Therefore any considered improvement of the members of Conference is nullified and the Church consequently suffers as a result.

Our method of compilation as at present makes it impossible to make comparisons between the Census Declared Affiliation and the number of Methodists actually under the pastoral care of our Church. Until the basis for comparison commences at the same level no comparison is possible that will be of any real value to Conference.

The section, Religious Professions, for the Population Census of 1951, is still not available and therefore I am unable to make any comments on same.

#### **Buildings.**

A net decrease of two Churches is reported for this year, 438 as against 440, while seven new schoolrooms bring the total Schoolrooms to 260. There is also an increase of three new Parsonages, the total now being 201.

#### **Other Preaching Places.**

For the second year in succession the number of Other Preaching Places shows a decrease. This year's figure being 7 as against 3 last year. The number now stands at 336.

#### **Staffing.**

Seven more Ministers and Probationers are serving the Church this year, 235. There are three less in the number of Home Missionaries, 38. Deaconesses are returned at the figure of 11, the same as last year. It is pleasing to note that there is an increase of 18 Local Preachers for the year under review, making a total as at the 30th June of 674.

#### **Membership.**

The membership as at the 30th June stands at 27,114, being a Net Increase of 177.

The Conference of 1951 passed the following resolution:—

“That in view of Membership Year being held in 1952 the Church endeavour to increase membership by 10% in each Circuit.—(See Minutes, 1951, Page 49, Resolution 4.)

Now Membership Year 1952 comes into the span of Two Years' Statistics, namely, January to June in 1952 and July to December in 1953.

Taking the whole of the period, New Members admitted to the Church are returned as follows:—1414 in the 1952 Returns and 1148 in the 1953 Returns, a total of 2562, which is 9.69%.

Loss in Transfer, Death, and Members returned as “Ceased to Attend” reduced this increase to a Net Increase of 696.

So that in reply to the Challenge of Conference for a 10% increase for Membership Year, for the two years under review the Net Increase is 2.2%, or approximately One-fifth of the target set.

The Net Increase of 177 this year is smaller by 342 than last year's figure of 519.

399 Members have died during the year, being an increase of 24 on the previous year's figures.

439 Members were returned as “Ceased to attend” as compared with 333 last year, an increase of 106.

The greatest cause for concern in this year's returns is the number of members who have “Ceased to Attend.”

Many will possibly reply in return that their membership is now stronger because of the “Purge” of members. From one point of view this statement may be said to be correct. But the question still arises: “Why the necessity?”

It would appear from the Returns submitted that the practice of a probationary period in which members could adjust themselves and both the Church and the said members decide whether it were practicable to proceed with "full" membership is largely in disuse in the life of our Church to-day. This is a matter of grave concern to our Church and should be thoroughly investigated. I would respectfully suggest that the Welfare of the Church Committee make investigations into this question, and if possible submit their findings to Synods and Conference. A "tightening up" in the admission of new members might help in this direction.

#### **Young People's Roll.**

Again there is the necessity of reporting that two District Returns are still to come to hand, while in the last District received two Circuits after repeated requests failed to supply their returns. Unless every Circuit does its task as required by Conference, statistics are not fulfilling their objective.

The "Church Young People's Roll" at present shows a far more correct position of Methodist Young People, and I am thankful for the consideration shown to me during the year by the Youth Department in this matter.

There is, however, one matter which must be decided by Conference and Synods. At present the policy of the Department is to include in the Church Young People's Roll "children who, because of convenience, are sent to the Methodist Sunday School for training but at their first opportunity will leave and attend their own Sunday School." For comparative purposes with the Census Declared Methodists this is wrong and makes any comparison of little value.

The returns for Sunday Schools, Bible Classes and other young people's organisations give an overall picture of what the Church is doing among the young people. Full credit for all that is done is given in these sections. The Church Young People's Roll should tell us the number of Methodists that are contacted in our varied activities. This is essential from a statistical point of view.

#### **Baptisms and Communicants.**

The number of Baptisms has risen this year to 3,122, an increase of 433 on last year's figures.

The number of Communicants is returned at 22,285, an increase of 476.

#### **Travelling Allowances.**

As was stated in last year's report, unless every Circuit returns the amount actually paid for travelling, this section of the statistics is of little value. This year fourteen Circuits involving six Districts have incomplete returns. It should not be too great a strain on Superintendent Ministers to obtain the necessary information from the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure submitted to their Quarterly Meeting.

As at the 30th June, 27 cars were owned by Circuits and 140 by Ministers.

#### **Finances.**

The credit balances this year in the Circuit Accounts stand at £8,729/6/8, a decrease of £1,186/12/9 on last year.

The debit balances stand at £1,310/5/2, an increase of £324/9/4 on last year.

Trust Accounts, as returned, show credit balances of £36,716/9/6 and debit balances of £14,093/2/3.

For the second year in succession the Nelson District reports NO Debit Balances in the Circuits within its boundaries.

Taranaki-Wanganui District reports no debit balances in its Circuit Accounts.

Stipends have increased this year by £8,608/5/11, the total amount paid for the year ending 30th June was £81,859/4/4.

#### **Maori Mission Returns.**

No returns are yet to hand. It may be possible to make a supplementary report of these should they come to hand before Conference.

#### **Solomon Islands Returns.**

These are not yet to hand.

#### **Conclusion.**

Again, I would stress the necessity for District Secretaries to see that the returns are correct before being forwarded. Failure to do this results in needless delays, and the place to deal with men who fail to co-operate is at Synod.

While there are some things which give cause for thankfulness, the Returns this year should give food for serious thought on the part of the whole Church.

The co-operation of everyone is asked for so that we may be able to worthily represent the Master in the world about us.

It would be of considerable help if District Secretaries would forward their copies as suggested on the District Form "Immediately after Synod."

For help received in this direction, sincere thanks are offered.

WM. C. JENKIN,

General Statistical Secretary.

### **SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT RETURNS.**

#### **Supplementary Statistical Report for 1953.**

While the number of Churches returned this year is seven less than last year, it is pleasing to note that there are ten new Preaching Places, indicating a steady advance in the Mission Field of the Solomons. 220 Churches and 44 Other Preaching Places are returned.

One additional Minister brings the total to eight who are serving the Master in this important sphere of service. Lay Missionaries show an increase of one in the returns under review.

There are fifteen Sisters on the Field as against sixteen returned last year.

Twenty Catechists and 269 Native Ministers are helping in extending the work of our Mission enterprise.

Two additional Native Medical Assistants, bringing the total to 18, will help considerably in the Ministry of Healing.

The returns show an increase of 50 Local Preachers, approximately 28.1%, the total now being 228. Class Leaders now number 142 against 150 last year, a decrease of 8.

Membership this year shows a decrease of 358, 7,213 as against 7,571. Adherents are returned at 4,574 as against 3,927, an increase of 647.

The total number of Sunday Schools has increased by five, bringing the total to 110 as against 105 last year. While the Sunday School scholars number 3,769, showing an increase of 250.

Scholars attending the Day School are returned at 5,945, a slight decrease of 17 on last year's figure. The number of schools has increased by six, bringing the total to 215, and the number of Day School Teachers is 336, being an increase of four on last year's returns.

The increased help of the Native people is a very encouraging aspect of the Report under review, and for this we must render sincere thanks to our Heavenly Father. This should result in an ever increasing success for the Kingdom of God and should encourage us in our efforts to do our utmost for the Highest.

WM. C. JENKIN,  
General Statistical Secretary.

### RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

2(a) That the Welfare of the Church Committee investigate the question of Church Membership, having in mind "The Members who have Ceased to Attend", and report to Synods and Conference, and that the matter be referred to March Ministerial Synods.

2(b) That the General Statistical Secretary supply to the Welfare of Church Committee and to District Secretaries such data as may help towards the examination of Church Membership.

3. That Rev. Wm. C. Jenkin be thanked for his services as General Statistical Secretary and that he be reappointed.

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

## A(I)—Welfare of the Church Committee

### REPORT FOR 1953.

The Committee has considered matters referred to it by Conference, as well as other questions which have arisen, and makes the following report:—

### PUBLICITY.

#### General.

Good relations between an institution and the public are based primarily on good understanding and the existence of an effective medium of communication. In modern times this free passage of views, knowledge and information has been accomplished through the Press.

An organisation that wishes to secure a hearing of its point of view in any sustained and effective manner, employs a Press Relations Officer as a go-between itself and the public Press. The newspaper world, in turn, regards such an appointment as the accepted method of receiving information from a recognised organisation.

The work of this Officer is first of all to act as the recognised channel of information; if the organisation wishes to get some matter before the public, it will release it through its P.R.O. Conversely, if the Press wishes to get information about the organisation or its point of view or opinion on some public issue, it will most naturally turn to the person recognised as the P.R.O.

In order to discharge such a position satisfactorily, a person requires a thorough knowledge of the organisation he represents, along with some working knowledge of the world of Press men.

#### Organisation.

The position of a Methodist Press Relations Officer might well, from its beginning, be viewed as a preliminary step towards the building up of a Methodist Bureau of Information over the years. Such an extension of the range of the appointment might need consideration in relation to the Board of Publications, the Methodist Times and the Welfare of the Church Committee. The function of such a Bureau would be to gather and to hold in readiness against any occasion of need, historical and contemporary information con-

cerning the Methodist Church of New Zealand, so that the Press or any other person pursuing research in any special field would know where and to whom to apply for information.

#### **Function of Methodist Press Relations Officer.**

1. To release to the Press prepared material, concerning the holding of the Conference each year and a daily coverage of such business of the sessions as may be of public interest.

2. To receive at least 10 days in advance a copy of a MS. or precis of some relevant part of it, of any matter of public import that might be included in an address to be given at a stone-laying ceremony, church-opening or some such public occasion by an acknowledged leader of the Methodist Church.

3. To release to the Press information concerning the arrival, credentials and itinerary of any prominent Methodist leader from overseas. The substance of any address he might give of public interest could be treated as in (2) above.

4. To release to the Press pronouncements or statements which the President or his advisers might feel it necessary to make on some question before the public mind.

5. To release to the Press any information or news concerning Methodism which might be of public interest and concern.

#### **Financial Implications.**

The cost involved in such a scheme would be approximately £25 per annum for stationery, postage, duplicating, etc.

#### **Conclusion.**

Two observations remain: one is that in order to function satisfactorily, the scheme would require the co-operation of speakers, visitors and men whose status and message would have public interest—in the particular matter of advance notification to the P.R.O. The ten days' margin to prepare before a release date is absolutely necessary. News must be 'HOT'—The material must be on the editor's desk the day before it is being delivered as a speech.

The second observation is that it would take time to inaugurate and then to consolidate such a liaison with the Press world. Immediate and spectacular results could not be looked for, but over a period of years a connection with the Press could be established and quietly consolidated. Quiet, unostentatious and friendly associations with the Press will yield the best results. Criticisms of the Press at Conference time by Methodist people because they feel the Church is not being reported sufficiently well in the Press is no help towards better relations with the Press.

#### **Book of Offices.**

The Committee is fully persuaded that there is a definite need for a new Book of Offices and that the time has come to proceed with the compilation of such a book. This would be the work of a select committee and would of necessity take considerable time to accomplish. In the meantime, the best alternative is to use the Book of Offices of the British Methodist Church. The cost of the British book is 6/- per copy. It is estimated that a book of the same size compiled here would cost 10/- (approximately).

The Committee also considered the question of format and feels that the new book should include all that is in the present one (in a revised form), except for the Service of Holy Communion for Children, with additional orders for morning worship and such days as Christmas, Easter, Whitsunday, etc.

#### **Lectionary.**

In the Minutes of Conference, 1933, there is a Lectionary covering a period of two years. The mind of the Conference then was that this should be a beginning and that further lectionaries be printed as required. However, no further lectionary has since been prepared.

The Welfare of the Church Committee has decided to prepare a lectionary to cover a three-year cycle and to present it to Synods and Conference, 1954.

E. S. HODDINOTT, Chairman.

I. K. HOPPER, Convener.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

- 1.(a) That the Report be received.
- 1.(b) That the Report be adopted except the section on Book of Offices.
2. **Publicity.**
  - (a) That the Press Relations Officer be appointed for a term of three years, and that re-appointment be made on the nomination of the Board of Publications.
  - (b) That a grant up to £25 be made from the Contingent Fund to meet the cost involved.
3. **Book of Offices.**
  - (a) That a new Book of Offices be prepared.
  - (b) That the Faith and Order Committee undertake the work and report to Synods and Conference.
4. **Lectionary:**

That the Committee prepare a Lectionary, and that it be printed in the Minutes of Conference.

  5. That the Committee for 1954 be:  
Revs. E. S. Hoddinott, G. R. H. Peterson, H. G. Brown, R. Dudley, H. A. Cochrane, L. P. Schroeder, D. B. Gordon; Mesdames E. W. Ashby, A. T. Timms, M. McIndoe; Sister Ruth Fawcett; Messrs. G. R. Galbreath, H. H. Johnson, J. McIndoe, A. L. Stanton, A. H. Harman, H. C. Vince, with power to add. Convener: Rev. H. A. Cochrane.

## A (2)—Spiritual Advance Committee

### REPORT, 1953.

The Spiritual Advance Committee has met regularly at Palmerston North and the meetings have been well attended.

#### Literature.

It is evident that there is a growing demand for literature which will assist in the building up of the spiritual life of the Church. Many Circuits use the monthly communion card issued by the committee. The Worldwide Communion Card was very widely used and was obviously welcomed throughout the connexion. Ten thousand copies of the booklet "What Can One Methodist Do?" were printed and distributed. A new edition of "Visitation Evangelism" was produced. The Lenten Leaflet was used by most circuits. At the request of the Board of Publications, the committee was responsible for the preparation of the Aldersgate Order of Service. A poster for the World Year of Evangelism was circulated. Circular letters have been sent to the quarterly meetings. The Rev. W. Green has contributed regular articles to the Methodist Times.

#### World Methodist Year of Evangelism.

The greater part of the committee's work has been concerned with the year of evangelism. In February two preparation courses were held, one in Palmerston North and the other in Christchurch. Some sixteen ministers attended on each occasion. It was generally agreed that these courses were of a very high standard and accomplished the purpose for which they were held. Our thanks are due to the Revs. E. W. Hames, G. I. Laurenson and W. T. Blight, who gave much of the leadership. As a result of the preparation courses a handbook for preachers was prepared and circulated. Six hundred

copies of this booklet were purchased. It was felt that the material included in the handbook would greatly assist ministers and home missionaries in preparing for their missions. Comments received seem to indicate that this belief was justified. Other material provided included invitation leaflets to both teaching and evangelistic missions, a follow-up leaflet to be given to converts, decision and re-consecration cards. The March Ministerial Synods studied the material given at the preparation courses and made detailed arrangements for the carrying through of the year's programme in each district. The committee tried to secure the services of a visiting preacher from America but was unsuccessful. We feel that all possible was done to help the circuits in their programme. Present indications lead us to believe that throughout the Dominion an earnest and in most cases an enthusiastic attempt is being made to carry out the policy recommended to and approved by last Conference.

#### **Overseas Visitors.**

Although the President-General, the Rev. Dr. Calvert Barber, visited New Zealand as the guest of the Conference, the Spiritual Advance Committee was responsible for arranging the details of his visit. Dr. Barber rendered our committee outstanding assistance and we feel that the inspiration which he brought, and the information regarding the spiritual advance work of the Australian Church which he gave, have been a fine contribution to our Church.

We have arranged for Bishop Gerald Kennedy, of America, to visit New Zealand in 1955.

#### **Crusade Director.**

Once more the committee desires to place on record our appreciation of the work of the Rev. G. I. Laursen. We consider ourselves most fortunate in having a man of such evangelistic passion to represent us and to stress the importance of our work as he travels from circuit to circuit. In this, as well as in his advice and leadership, Mr Laursen has served us in an outstanding manner.

#### **Financial.**

During the year twenty circuits have sent donations to our Committee. We wish to thank these circuits and to give a reminder that Conference has repeatedly asked the Church to support our work in this way.

We also wish to record our appreciation of the work of all who have written articles for our publications, to the Home Mission Department who have assisted in distribution, and the Board of Publications for attention to printing matters.

Through contacts made with other countries, we are most encouraged to find that our spiritual advance plans and policies are very much in line with what is happening throughout the world. Dr. Barber gave it as his opinion that we are one year behind Australia but are working along the same lines and arriving at much the same conclusions. Recent news from Australia indicates that there is a stirring of the Church there which is undoubtedly a work of the Spirit. May it be that as a result of similar plans and a like dependence on God, our Church may also know this experience. We confidently believe that through visitation evangelism, the deepening of our devotional life and through teaching and evangelism, our loved Church will feel the power of God in our age.

W. R. LAWS, Chairman.

L. GREENSLADE, Convener.

### **REPORT OF CRUSADE DIRECTOR.**

The year has again revealed the fact that this title is not a suitable one for any service I may have been able to render. The heavy load of the "directing" of the crusade has fallen on the

members of the committee, and particularly on the capable Chairman and Convener who have entered into their new responsibilities in a way that must be highly commended. The Church owes a great debt to the Spiritual Advance Committee, with its high percentage of new personnel who have taken up their work with great capacity. My own work has become rather that of a field representative and if such an appointment is justified then I would rather that this term should be used.

The two preparation courses were attended by men who gave themselves most zealously to the work and there can be no doubt that they filled a most useful purpose. In every March Ministerial Committee there were a few men who had attended the preparation courses and without stifling local freedom of thought they were able to ensure that something of a common pattern evolved for united action.

At the time of writing this report, the Teaching Missions have taken shape in most areas. It is gratifying to notice the number of ministers and officials who have taken up the real purpose of the Teaching Missions by getting the people to clear the decks of counter claims, for a straight week or ten days of meetings. It is very disappointing to find how many have chosen to restrict the mission to a series of Sundays and one week night only each week, and worse still, in some places to have no week night at all. The latter two types of so-called mission are surely the minimum that would occupy our efforts at any time in the year. It pre-supposed very sadly an unwillingness on the part of our people to rise to a challenge. I contend that such a pre-supposition is quite unwarranted.

We live in a generation that is untrained in putting the claims of Christian discipleship uppermost in our use of time. We presume too lightly that the day of sustained united missions is past. It has been temporarily in eclipse but there are many evidences that human nature needs the emotional stimulus of group activity and even mass activity, in the name of Christ. We should be able to achieve this without any danger of the older extravagances of emotionalism. It is to be hoped that before the year is out we shall be seeing a bigger and worthier challenge placed before our people in the Evangelistic Missions. Let them be a challenge to our spiritual muscle.

G. I. LAURENSEN.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the report 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 Circuits and Home Mission Stations be urged to give the Committee generous financial assistance.
4. That emphasis on visitation evangelism and membership be continued, not merely throughout the years of the Crusade, but as the normal activity of the church.
5. That appreciation be expressed to the Crusade Director for his fine work and that he be re-appointed, and be designated "Crusade Representative".
6. That 1954 be designated Leadership Year.
7. That the following programme for 1954 be commended to the Circuits and Home Mission Stations.

February—

- Dedication of Officials.
- Dedication of Youth Workers.
- Covenant Service.

Easter: Trinity Sunday—  
Leadership within the Local Church.  
Schools for Leaders.  
Surveys.

July-August—  
Leadership in World Church.  
Evanston Studies.  
Inter-Church Groups.

September—  
Preparation for Leadership in Community Year.

8. That the Spiritual Advance Committee consider the appointment of a full-time Crusade Director during Community Year and report to Conference.

9. That Conference express pleasure that Dr. W. E. Sangster will be visiting our Church in 1954 and that the Spiritual Advance Committee arrange the details of Dr. Sangster's N.Z. itinerary.

10. That the Spiritual Advance Committee for 1954 be: Revs. W. R. Laws, L. Greenslade, F. H. Parker, C. P. Lucas, W. Green, G. H. Goodman, H. V. Utting, A. H. Ivory, G. R. Thompson, C. B. Oldfield, R. F. Clement, G. I. Laurenson, B. M. Chrystall, E. D. Grounds, R. Nuttall, R. McGregor, J. K. Watson, A. J. Johnston and J. A. Daghish, Miss A. M. Cunninghamme, Mesdames I. A. Taylor, W. A. Boniface, L. Gwynn, Messrs G. G. Hancox, L. G. Potts, T. M. Henson, I. G. Baber, G. Greathead, K. G. Wyness, W. S. Thrush, E. L. F. Buxton, R. Doughty. Convener: Rev. L. Greenslade.

## B—Local Preachers' Association

### ANNUAL REPORT, 1953

Another year has passed and once again it is our pleasure to present this, our Annual Report and Balance Sheet for 1953.

In doing so we would pay tribute to all those who have laboured so faithfully and well for our church, in helping to spread the Gospel of Salvation.

We especially remember at this time, those who have passed to higher service, offering here our deepest sympathy to their relatives, reminding them of that glorious day when we shall all meet around the Throne of Grace, to give praise to our common Redeemer.

Those who have left our ranks during the past year include, Brother W. Chas. Francis, who was a Vice-President of our Association at the time of his passing, and who had also been the President several times in past years. Others include Brothers Thomas A. Weston, aged 97 years, of the Taranaki-Wanganui branch; J. Common, Levin; Hon. B. Roberts, Levin; H. Smith, Eketahuna; all the Wellington branch; W. E. Burley, T. A. Oxenham, both of Auckland branch. Others from the same branch, not included in our latest report are Brothers J. Crooks, S. Evans, J. Rogers, E. J. Hutson, W. H. Allen and F. Wordsworth. Brother W. J. Bray, Canterbury.

#### Local Preachers Examinations.

The following have fulfilled the requirements of the Board of Examiners and the Dominion Executive of our Association and have therefore been presented with the Association's certificate and book and have been publicly recognised as "Fully Accredited":—John Mabon, Maureen Kitchingman, Frank Glen, Geof Scarr, Lloyd Reisterer, Rex Harford, Marcia Powell, Geof Perkin, Eric Butler, Raymond Thomson, Lewis Major, D. Bruce Cole, Dorothea Jones, Robert Baker and Mervyn Barnett.

### **Long Service Diplomas.**

The following have received the Association's Long Service Diploma:—Brothers Wm. Wheatley and J. F. Roberts.

### **Food Parcels.**

We are grateful to those who continue to subscribe so generously to this fund, enabling us to forward 81 parcels to aged and ailing brethren in England this last year. This is a scheme wherein we can practice our Christianity.

We sincerely hope that this scheme will continue to be supported by our brethren. It has become apparent that the need, among our brethren over there, is as urgent as ever, where brethren can still fall upon evil times and find themselves unable to purchase those little extras which we, in this country, consider as necessities at the festive season.

These parcels are sent to London, where they are distributed to the most deserving cases in time for Christmas.

### **Book Scheme.**

A slight change is being instituted in this scheme whereby Local Preachers will be supplied, on application, with the complete catalogue of books as published by the Epworth Press, and it is hoped that more brethren will take advantage of the 50% reduction on the cost price offered under this scheme.

### **Test for Local Preachers.**

We are concerned that the 1952 Conference saw fit to reduce the number of services the Executive sought to establish for candidates seeking "fully accredited" status, more especially as the Church aims at recruiting its candidates for the ministry from within our ranks.

### **Local Preachers' Sunday.**

We appreciate the encouraging improvement in the amount of recognition accorded this important date in our Church year and would once again appeal to all districts to give the maximum number of pulpits to Local Preachers on this day.

### **Methodisms' Year of Evangelism.**

Our Local Preachers are very conscious of the significance of Methodism's Year of World Evangelism and recognise our responsibility to the Church to carry out our share in the evangelising work of the Church.

### **Issuing of Certificates.**

Once again we would emphasise to all concerned, the necessity of applying in reasonable time for certificates required for presentation at Local Preacher's reception services.

### **General.**

It is encouraging to note that numbers coming forward as candidates for preaching continue fairly high, in spite of the supposed drift away from spiritual things. There are approximately 50 candidates sitting exams. at the present time with many others actually studying in preparation.

There are eleven branches throughout New Zealand with nearly 900 "Fully Accredited" Local Preachers and therefore the Association is in a very healthy condition.

In closing this report, let us all, in the coming year, remember that it was the "fire" of evangelism that made our Church great. In the words of the President of Conference, as he spoke at our last Annual Meeting, "Let us not lose the vision of the Cross, for surely if we lose that vision, our spirits perish and the flame in our hearts dies."

F. G. COLECHIN, President.

T. F. WOODFIELD, Secretary.

## RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference express appreciation of the continuing contribution made to the life of the Church by the Local Preachers.

# C—Methodist Men's Fellowship

## ANNUAL REPORT, 1953.

We have pleasure in presenting the Twenty-second Annual Report concerning the activities of the Fellowship Movement in New Zealand.

Interest in the formation of Fellowships continues to be sustained and enquiries are being received from Churches throughout the Dominion who contemplate the forming of a Fellowship in their area. We are always pleased to forward our Handbook and Constitution, also other useful information to assist in bringing Fellowships into being.

Again we thank the Auckland District Executive for continuing to act as our deputy in the North Island and feel that this trust is in faithful and capable hands.

During April, Camp Wesley was again the scene of the Annual Meeting of the Auckland Methodist Men's Fellowship when a goodly number of men attended. A wonderful spirit of fellowship prevailed, combined with a great spiritual uplift.

In North Canterbury the Fellowships undertook Home Mission Deputation work in country circuits, and also assisted with the Saturday nights' entertainment at the Christchurch Methodist Central Mission.

From reports received from Fellowships it is most gratifying to know that more interchange of visits between Fellowships is now taking place. This is most important and tends to further unite our Methodist men in the bonds of Christian Fellowship.

The Fellowship page in the "Methodist Times" is still available for our use and Branch Secretaries are urged to forward reports of local activities etc. for inclusion in that paper. A fair number of reports have appeared in the "Times" during the past twelve months.

The Annual Meeting of the Fellowship will be held during Conference at Wellington in November next, when a cordial invitation to all members attending Conference will be extended. At the Annual Meeting the question of the removal of the Dominion Executive to the North Island (in terms of our Constitution) will have to be considered.

We in North Canterbury have discharged this office for the past three years and on reflecting on the period referred to we would suggest that if assistance from retired laymen could be obtained it would be most beneficial to the Movement in general and to the Dominion Executive in particular. We have not been able to do all we would have liked to have done over these past three years. All of our Executive are business men and, as such, find their time limited, especially when the majority have other Church duties to discharge.

We feel that the Movement will continue to make steady progress and, with God's help and our endeavours, the coming year will show a further increase in the strength of the Fellowships throughout New Zealand.

GEO. H. COLEY, Dom. President.  
FRED. W. PITCHER, Dom. Secretary.

## RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the following matter be referred to the Law Revision Committee for consideration:—

That the Agenda for the Circuit Quarterly Meeting include the question:—"What are the reports of the Men's Organisations in the Circuit?"

# D—New Zealand Women's Guild Fellowship

## ANNUAL REPORT, 1953.

The Third Annual Conference was held in St. John's Church, Nelson, on November 5th, 1952, when delegates from all districts and many observers attended.

The President, Mrs Burnet, in her address gave an interpretation of the word Guild, which had come to us from Anglo-Saxon times, and its various meanings through the years until now; and stressed the need of Fellowship with each other, and that our lives must be built on Fellowship with Christ, or else we fail.

The Secretary reported on the year's work of the Executive, of the activities and the various money making schemes of each district. All have shown great interest in Guild and church affairs. There are 287 known Guilds in New Zealand, 192 of which are in the Fellowship with approximately 3,600 members.

Otago and Marlborough districts were welcomed into membership. This brings all the South Island Guilds into the Fellowship.

In the Nelson-Westland district, where travelling is a difficult problem for members attending district meetings, a solution has been found in the forming of three Fellowships, namely Nelson, Marlborough and Westland. As only one delegate is needed for Synod, the districts will take turns in sending a representative. The New Zealand Fellowship recommends that in other such districts, this problem could be solved in a similar manner.

The honour of having the largest known Guild for New Zealand goes to Baring Square Guild, Ashburton, with 68 members.

During the year literature from America was received, concerning "World Federation of Methodist Women," its purpose being "To know Christ and to make Him known." This Federation functions in 34 countries, but does not include any place in the British Empire. The minutes of meetings held by the Women's Auxiliary to the New Zealand Inter-Church Council on Public Affairs, have also been received.

The Treasurer reported that seven districts had sent in returns as follows:—

**Auckland:** 52 Guilds raised £3,434/19/8 and spent on Trust £1,000, Circuit Fund £1,000, Parsonage £300, Linen Allowance £188, Missions £400/6/6.

**Wellington:** 28 Guilds raised £2,169/5/4 and spent on Trust £420/13/10, Circuit Fund £290/16/6, Parsonage and Linen Fund £846/2/2, Church Maintenance £353/3/11, Sundries £585/2/7.

**Nelson:** 7 Guilds raised £328/1/6 and spent on Trust £95, Circuit Fund £62/1/4, Parsonage and Linen Fund £70/18/6, Missions and other objects £60/17/-.

**North Canterbury:** 46 Guilds raised £2,704/8/11 and spent on Trust £1,541/5/7, Circuit Fund £75/13/11, Parsonage and Linen Fund £645/12/11, Missions £56/15/4, Deaconess House £10/17/10, Other objects £152/5/-.

**Westland:** 7 Guilds raised £431/15/7 and spent on Trust £111/10/8, Circuit Fund £32/15/8, Parsonage and Linen Fund £49/6/8, Missions and other objects £52/2/10.

**South Canterbury:** 12 Guilds raised £1,452/17/2 and spent on Trust £1,078, Circuit Fund £11, Parsonage £100, Missions and other objects £152/5/-.

**Southland:** 14 Guilds raised £1,347/8/10 and spent on Trust £918/17/2, Circuit Fund £434/0/8, Missions £57/2/3, Parsonage and Linen Fund £192/2/8, Other objects £183/16/1. Grand total raised, £11,868/17/-, not including Otago and Marlborough, which have just joined.

The Conference agreed that very isolated Guilds would be made the special care of the New Zealand Executive, and would be known as "Associate Guilds."

It was also recommended to, and approved by, the Church Conference that £2/10/- per annum be paid to the Parsonage Lady for kitchen requirements (these to become her own property) and for her to add any extra money if needed for her purchases, no further replacements to be made by Guilds (this is an extra to the Linen Fund). This was felt to be the better and easier course for Guilds to follow; utensils already in the cupboard to remain for use until worn out.

#### **A Remit from Southland District.**

That a list of names be compiled, in respective Synodal Districts, of those women who are prepared to open their homes to young people, called up for Military service, while on leave in the city, and other young people living away from home. This list to be in the hands of the President of the district Fellowship, the nearest Methodist Minister and the Padre of the camp or station.

This suggestion was considered most timely, and was heartily endorsed by the Conference.

The retiring officers were thanked for their services. The next Conference will be held prior to the Church Conference in Wellington. An invitation is given to all women representatives to the Church Conference to attend as observers.

The Conference concluded with a moving service at which the incoming officers were dedicated.

As we go forward we seek the Guiding Hand of God to strengthen and sustain.

M. ROBSON, President.

F. COOPER, Secretary.

M. E. JONES, Treasurer.

#### **RESOLUTIONS.**

1. That the Report be Received and adopted.
2. That Conference express appreciation of the work of Women's Guilds in our Circuits.

# E—Church Council

## REPORT TO CONFERENCE, 1953.

The Council met at Wallis House on May 12th and 13th, and reports as under on matters remitted to it.

**1. Timetable of University Examinations:** (1952 Minutes, page 60).

The Council considered the present situation wherein sessions of the Examination Committee of Conference clash with University examination time-tables. It make the following recommendation:—

That provision be made for the following amendment to the Law Book—That where it is impracticable for a Candidate to appear before the Examination Committee of Conference on account of University Examinations, the Secretary of the Board of Examiners in consultation with the President and the Secretary of Conference arrange for such Candidate to take the prescribed tests before the members of the Examination Committee of Conference belonging to a Synod/or Synods other than that in which he is nominated.

**2. Ministers appointed to Institutions:** (1952 Minutes, page 60).

To meet this position, the Council recommends as follows:—

That where a Minister is appointed by Conference to an Institution the relationship of that Institution and such Minister shall be that from time to time approved by Conference.

That a statement defining such relationship be prepared by the Board of such Institution in consultaion with the Quarterly Meeting of the Circuit concerned and submitted to Conference for approval through the Law Revision Committee.

**3. Election of Lay Representatives to Stationing Committee:** (1952 Agenda, page 171).

After consideration it was decided that the proposal that nominations should be called for in the Meetings of the Committees of Districts was out of harmony with our practice in other respects and that ultimately little would be gained by the proposed alteration.

It was recommended that the situation would be helped if the Chairman made sure that all members of such Committees were known to each other particularly in respect to new members and thus the election of suitable representatives would be facilitated.

**4. Opening sessions of Conference:** (1952 Agenda, page 171).

The proposal before the Council was that an alteration be made in the time of the opening of Conference so that the evening ceremony might be more dignified, the following suggestions being offered for discussion—That Conference open at 4 p.m. on the Thursday afternoon after the Committees of Detail have finished, leaving the evening to be used solely as a devotional service.

That the voting for the President-Elect, Vice-President, Secretary and so on be taken at the afternoon session.

The following points were brought out in the discussion:—

It was not the mere act of taking the ballots which detracted from the dignity of the opening session. It is a solemn occasion when the Conference elects those who are to be its Leaders. What is required is that such an act be invested with due worth and significance. By due attendance to detail this can be done in the opening session. To have such elections at an afternoon session, as proposed, merely announcing the result at the opening session would be to rob this important act of election of much of its spiritual significance. What needs to be done is to give a higher conception of the Offices concerned, not a lower one. Practical considerations make it undesirable to consider taking the elections at an afternoon

session. For these and other reasons, the Council has no recommendation to make.

**5. President's Term of Office:** (Memorial to 1952 Conference).

In discussion the following points emerged. A term of three years would reduce by 2-3rds the number of Presidents who normally occupy this office. The Church should not be deprived of the gifts of as great a number of Presidents as possible. It would not necessarily follow that every extended term would confer greater benefits on the Church than the variety in contribution made by a larger number of men. While some advantages would accrue to the Church and also to the community by some continuity in office, it needs to be remembered that the President is not an Executive Officer and has no administrative powers. It was not apparent to the Council that the advantages would outweigh the disadvantages. The Council resolved as follows:—

(a) That the President's term of office be not extended.

(b) That the Law Revision Committee investigate the matter of the duties devolving upon the President as Chairman of his District.

(c) That to Question 33, Conference Agenda (Law Book, page 75), the following be added—"Have adequate arrangements been made for Presidential supply?"

(d) That as far as possible a scheme of visitation of all Circuits and Home Mission Stations be arranged during the term of successive Presidents in a cycle of three to four years.

**6. Powers of District Executives:** (1952 Minutes, page 59).

This matter involved a detailed consideration of the powers of Conference with an examination into the question as to which of such powers can effectively be delegated to Synods and/or District Executives.

Discussion revealed that little, if anything, could be done in this respect in regard to the main functions of Conference such as Reception of Candidates for the Ministry, Ordination of Ministers, oversight of departments, determining of levies, approving legislation, election of officials, appointment of Ministers etc., etc. The one matter which might reasonably be regarded as an exception would be in relationship to Circuits, oversight, boundaries and extension of work therein. Even that matter is tied in with the appointment of Ministers which is done by Conference. It is not easy to separate the two aspects of the whole matter.

At present the powers of Executives are as set out on page 68 of the Law Book, where their function is to review, confer, encourage, take appropriate action. The question was examined as to what more could reasonably be done by District Executives. This involved the question as to how the powers of Executives could be increased in regard to extension work, if they had no Fund at their disposal. Thus the question had to be faced as to the right of District Executives to raise and disburse moneys within their own boundaries. In practice, to some degree, this is now being done without hampering the work done in respect to Connexional Funds such as the Home Mission and Extension Fund.

It was resolved that at this stage of the investigations certain practical steps could be taken to make more explicit the nature and functions of District Executives as set forth in the following recommendations:—

- a. That paragraph 351 of the Law Book be amended as follows
  - i. Add—"A District Executive Committee shall be appointed in each District to function as a Standing Committee of the Synod, to which it shall report annually."
  - ii. Add—"The Committee shall normally consist etc., etc."
- b. That provision be made in the Law Book in respect to the Agenda as for the representative session of the Synods for the following question—"What is the report from the District Executive?"
- c. That a standard set of questions be provided to be followed at each meeting of the District Executive, same to be submitted to Conference by the Law Revision Committee.
- d. That District Executives should normally meet monthly.

#### 7. Invitation to Overseas Visitors:

Discussion was taken respecting the procedure to be followed in regard to this matter. The following resolutions were carried:—

- a. That all invitations to overseas visitors to undertake a connexional itinerary should be channelled through the Church Council, all Boards and Departments concerned therein to convey their findings to the Council.
- b. That the actual invitation to such visitors be conveyed by the Secretary of the Conference.
- c. That normally such visits from overseas be limited to one per year, and that steps be taken to ensure that when the President-General of the Australasian Conference is available he be given priority for that year.
- d. That it be clearly understood that all expenses in connection with the visit of the President-General shall be a charge on the Contingent Fund.

#### 8. Laymen's Committee on Stipends:

The Laymen's Committee met and after discussion appointed the following special Committee to collect information in regard to costs of living etc., and report to Conference—Messrs A. A. Dingwall, R. G. Pearce and P. A. Le Brun. (Convener, A. A. Dingwall). It recommended also that a special Committee of Conference be appointed to consist of such lay members of preceding Church Council as shall be present at Conference, together with such additional members as may be decided upon.

#### 9. Stationing Committee:

Arising out of discussions the following matters emerged which the Council seeks authority to consider:—

- a. The size of the Stationing Committee as at present constituted.
- b. Ministers moving during the ensuing year being eligible or otherwise for election to the Stationing Committee; and Lay representatives of Circuits whose Minister is moving being eligible or otherwise for election.
- c. The general function of the invitation system.

#### 10. Sessions, 1954:

The Council recommends that its sessions be held at Wallis House, Lower Hutt on 4th and 5th May, 1954.

J. H. ALLEN, President of the Conference.  
H. L. FIEBIG, Convener.

## RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Church Council investigate the means by which the experience gained by ex-Presidents from visits overseas can be made available to the Church.
3. That the Church Council continue its investigations into the more effective working of District Executive.
4. That the matter of an offertory being received for the cost of Presidential supply, in any churches visited by the President, be referred to the Church Council for further consideration.
5. That the matter of the length of the Presidential Address and the Ordination Charge be referred to the Church Council.
6. That the Church Council consider the whole matter of the membership, time and business of Conference.

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

## Youth Department

ANNUAL REPORT, 1953.

### Introduction.

Throughout the year under review, the work of the Board and the Department has been rewarding in achievement and rich in encouragement. All normal activities have been well maintained and in some instances strengthened in their effectiveness. Some new ventures have been inaugurated or contemplated and are subjects of special attention in this report.

In the short time since his appointment, the Rev. Andrew J. Johnston, as part-time Senior Youth Director, has clearly demonstrated his qualities of leadership, both in his relationships with the circuits, where the youth work must ever be done, and in the life of the Board which is responsible for the policy and guidance of youth work generally. The Board is confident that, under his wise and constructive leadership, and with the continued co-operation of the other Directors and office staff, the Department will become yet more effective as a spearhead of evangelism in the life of the Church.

During the past year, the Board has received many messages of commendation both in respect of the outworking of its policy in matters of Church-Home Relationships and Leadership and of the work of Miss Thea Jones and Rev. R. H. Allen in these fields of activity. The Board is grateful for the growing support which is being accorded to its policy and for the work of the Directors. The financial support of the Department has reached the highest level yet recorded. With some few exceptions the response has been widespread and generous. In most cases the exceptions are some of the larger circuits from which a more worthy response could reasonably be expected.

### WORK OF DIRECTORS.

#### (a) Rev. A. J. Johnston:

The Senior Youth Director, in the few months since his appointment, has confined himself to administrative work and top level contacts. He has spoken for the Department at the Church Council, Church Union Committee and has given the annual lectures to the students in Trinity College. A brief visit to most of the circuits

in Taranaki, and many other official and unofficial contacts with key people have kept him abreast of developments, and have carried over to the life of the Church, the policy of the Department.

(b) **Rev. R. H. Allen, B.A.:**

**Leadership Training.** Mr Allen has continued to give his emphasis to Leadership Training and has, in the course of his work, now visited all districts, some more thoroughly than others. The major development over the past year has been the establishment of the practical "Workshop" courses as a valuable aid to leadership training. Ten courses have been held in various centres, generally with marked success.

**National and General.** At the same time, Mr Allen has made a contribution in the wider field of youth work. Worthy of special note are the following activities—advising the National Leadership Committee and the National Committee on Recreation and Leisure; leading a Beach Mission in North Canterbury; acting as Secretary for the Youth Committee of the National Council of Churches; editing the Youth Department magazine, "Christian Education," and the Youth Page of the "Methodist Times"; assisting in planning the Youth Conference. Sunday Schools, Bible Classes, Local Youth Councils, Teachers' groups and week-night activities have been visited as opportunity has been found.

(c) **Miss D. M. Jones, B.A.:**

**Church and Home.** In this field Miss Jones has continued to work on the local church level and has visited the Hawkes Bay, Manawatu, Wellington, Wairarapa, South Auckland, Taranaki and Wanganui Districts. Matters to which she has given special attention as she has visited local Youth Councils, Teachers' Meetings and groups of parents are Nursery Department activity, the renewal of lapsed Cradle Rolls and the fostering of closer relationship between Sunday School and home. The National Committee of Church-Home Relationships is finding its place in the work of the Department.

**Experimental and Practical.** An experimental "Cottage Weekend" for an Intermediate Young Women's Bible Class group was held at Nelson in August of last year. The programme was based on Christian Home-making in the practical as well as the spiritual sense, and the British Youth Department's study, "Living in Families" used.

A Family Holiday Camp combined two aspects of the Department's work—that of Church and Home and Home Sunday School. The camp, lasting one week of the May school holidays, proved its worth and we hope this type of activity will find its place in the permanent programme of the Department.

Assistance has been given to the work of the Home Sunday School and Bible Class by visitation of country families and co-operation in the Holiday Camp organised by the Auckland D.Y.C.

There is a growing awareness of the need for Church-Home co-operation and in many cases the local church is taking the initiative in grappling with the situation.

**National Committees.**

(a) **The Leadership Training Committee** reports a busy year in which many activities have been undertaken with vigour. Good attendances are reported at Leadership Schools and increased enrolments in the National Council of Churches Diploma Course. The matter of improving leadership generally is being considered constantly from many angles and some new ideas are being put forward.

Careful consideration has been given to the future policy of this Committee and investigations begun into the fields of local church training and retreats. An Elementary Leadership Training Course has been prepared.

(b) The National Committee on Recreation and Leisure has had a particularly busy year and continues to make available plays, sketches and programme suggestions for social activity in youth groups. More than a hundred requests for assistance were dealt with this year. This Committee was responsible for the organisation of a successful Holiday Bus Tour to the West Coast immediately following Youth Conference.

(c) The National Committee of Church-Home Relationships, while still in its experimental stages, has been working steadily collecting information from overseas and within New Zealand on existing Church-Home activities, and building up a supply of resource material on which local groups can draw. Suggestions and studies for Family activity on Mother's Day were prepared and distributed to Local Youth Councils.

#### **Order of St. Stephen.**

Miss Phyllis Hounsell has been received into the Order of St. Stephen, having completed a most successful year of service in the Hutt Valley. Three young people have commenced work in the Order in recent months—Mr Owen Smith as a youth worker at the Community Centre, Ponsonby; and Mr Jack Murray and Mr Gordon Dey as builders in the Solomon Islands. It is gratifying to know that these members of the C.Y.M.M. have answered the call to give a year of unremunerated service for Christ and the extension of His Kingdom.

#### **Youth Conference.**

One of the outstanding activities of the year was the Youth Conference held at Papanui, Christchurch, from December 28th, 1952, to January 7th, 1953. Rev. S. G. Andrews gave an able lead as Chairman, and missionary interest was stimulated by the presence of Rev. A. W. E. Silvester and Sister Jane Bond. A direct outcome was the launching of an appeal for a Youth Hostel at Vella Lavella as youth's contribution towards the Solomon Islands Jubilee. A total of £1,560 has now been raised for this purpose.

All recommendations from the Conference were considered by the Board at a special Retreat.

#### **General.**

The Department has arranged for the visit to New Zealand in September of Rev. Dr. Geo. Wheen, M.A., Ed.D., Youth Director of the New South Wales Conference, to meet particularly those concerned in Bible Class and group leadership.

The Department has supported the Crusade by issuing material on Teaching Missions among children and evangelism among and by young people.

During the year the Home Bible Class has been recommenced under the capable leadership of Miss Elsmé Dixon, and we trust that this work will grow as more isolated young people are brought into its fellowship.

A handbook for the assistance of those organising and controlling Bible Class Camps and Retreats is in the course of preparation.

Attention has been given to the form and content of lesson material in the Bible Class Syllabus.

Preliminary preparations have been undertaken with respect to the forthcoming Jubilee of the Bible Class Movements, scheduled for 1954-55.

A booklet containing a set of eight studies on the purpose and scope of Missions is being prepared in consultation with the Home and Foreign Mission Departments.

The Department learns with pleasure of the appointment of District Organisers in Auckland and Hawkes Bay Districts, and hopes that these will be forerunners of many more.

The Order of Service distributed by the Department to mark the Coronation was very widely used and well received.

#### **Extension of Trading Section.**

For some years now the Department has been aware of the need and the special opportunity which exists for the extension of its trading activity. Several factors make the time opportune for the development of such a venture.

(1) At the present time there is no trading concern in or near Wellington which caters specially for the needs of Methodist Sunday Schools and Bible Classes and Methodist publications generally.

(2) In providing adequate office accommodation for the Senior Youth Director, considerable alterations have been carried out. The present Board Room has been utilised for this purpose. Provision is also being made for an office which can be used by Connexional representatives while in Wellington on Departmental or other official business.

The alterations have also made space for stock, display shelves and counters for the sale of books and equipment related to youth work generally.

All this has been completed at the expense of the Youth Board but with the full consent of Wesley Church Trust to whom grateful thanks are expressed for the free use of building, light, heating and cleaning over a period of years.

(3) After careful consultation and with the cordial support of the Home Mission Board and the Methodist Literature and Colporteur Society, arrangements are being considered for co-operation as to the range of stock, methods of ordering, interchange of supplies and advertising. Thus the development of a trading centre in Wellington, while operating as an independent unit, will at the same time be an extension of the service which has been rendered to the Church by the Epworth Bookroom since its inception.

In order to emphasise its liaison with the existing Epworth Bookroom the Board considers it desirable that a title common to both bookrooms be chosen.

(4) It is recognised that the development of this further field of service requires careful planning and wise guidance. The Board is fortunate in having as a member, one who has wide experience in the particular field of supplies and books which will be stocked. The value of this experience has been generously placed at the service of the Board.

In this connection the separate trading account will continue to show the extent to which the Department is dependent on the profits from this branch of its activities for the maintenance and development of the work generally.

(5) In developing this enterprise it is intended to specialise in supplies and equipment for Sunday Schools and Bible Classes together with text books and related reading for leadership and other examination courses in the life of the Church.

(6) In order to facilitate the development and liaison of this venture with the existing Bookroom, as well as to provide for possible future developments in other centres, the Board would support the appointment of a representative committee to consider these and any other related matters.

(7) The Board believes that consideration of this development provides an opportune time for the possible appointment of a Book Steward to assist in the ordering of those books which are required and become available to help maintain our distinctive Methodist witness in the life of this land.

It is believed that the foregoing reasons amply justify the development of this work and will receive the enthusiastic sanction and support of the whole Church.

#### SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES, PUBLICATIONS & FINANCE.

##### (a) Statistics:

<b>Easter Camps—</b>	1953	1952
Camps held .....	29	28
Attendance .....	2899	2914
Reported decisions for Christ (approx.)	450	514
<b>Leadership Schools—</b>		
Schools held .....	9	9
Attendance .....	397	388
<b>Workshop Courses—</b>		
Courses held .....	10	—
Total attendance (approx.) .....	600	—
<b>Leadership Courses—</b>		
Diploma Course Enrolments .....	41	30
Examination Passes .....	35	30
Completion of N.C.C. Diploma Course	3	1
Advanced Recreational Course Passes	—	8
<b>Youth Conference—</b>		
Attendance .....	214	—
<b>Home Sunday School—</b>		
Scholars .....	232	221
Attendance at Holiday Camp .....	56	48
Attendance at Family Camp .....	23	—
<b>Home Bible Class—</b>		
Members .....	17	—
<b>“Christian Education” —</b>		
Subscribers .....	783	744

##### (b) Publications:

Posters and publicity for Youth Conference, Youth Week, Easter Camps and Leadership Training; studies for Youth Conference, Easter Camps, Leadership Schools and local Retreats; leaflets on Youth Week, Avenue of Service, Club Activities within the C.Y.M.M. and Order of Service for Holy Communion; “Christian Education,” “Rural Youth Work,” C.Y.M.M. Calendar, Coronation Orders of Service and Supplementary Hymn Sheet; and reprints of “Worship Resources for Youth Services,” “You and Your Badge” and “A Personal Message to Pledged Members.”

##### (c) Literature Sales:

Trading Department turnover (approx.) .....	£7,000
Accounts operating .....	1,300

Graded literature issued—200,000 scholars' monthly folders, 15,300 scholars' bi-annual workbooks, 5,300 teachers' handbooks, 5,000 Bible Class Syllabus, 400 leaders' handbooks.

(d) Finance:

	Allocation.	Amount Received.	
1951-52 .....	£3,478	£2,849	82%
1952-53 .....	3,584	3,095	86%

Conclusion.

The Board ends its year of activity feeling most grateful for the continued and mounting interest in its work throughout the Connexion. The Board itself and the Directors have had a happy year together and look forward with confidence to serving Christ, His Church and His Kingdom with increased zeal in the coming year.

GEO. H. GOODMAN, Chairman.

ANDREW J. JOHNSTON, Senior Youth Director.

PEGGY YEARBURY, Secretary.

YOUTH DEPARTMENT—BUDGET, 1953-54

Expenditure:

	£	£
Youth Directors' Salaries .....	1350	
Parsonage Expenses .....	475	
Travelling Expenses .....	500	
Connexional Charges .....	150	
		2475
D.Y.C. Grants .....		75
"Christian Education" .....		25
National Committees .....		50
District Organisers .....		50
Home Sunday School and Bible Class .....		100
Depreciation .....		100
Office Furniture and Equipment .....		200
Youth Convention .....		30
Administration .....		1000
		£4105

Income:

Circuit Contributions .....	3000
Connexional Fire Insurance Fund .....	100
Interest, P.O.S.B. .....	30
Trading Surplus .....	975
	£4105

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.  
2. That the Financial Statements and the Budget for 1954 be received and adopted.

3.(a) That Conference commends the establishment of a Methodist Bookroom in Wellington, and authorises the Home Mission Board and the Youth Department to make the necessary reciprocal arrangements in regard to ordering, range of stock, advertising and other details.

(b) That a Bookroom Consultative Committee be appointed to act in an advisory capacity and that all matters requiring adjustment be referred to it.

(c) That the Committee be: the Gen. Supt. Home Missions, the Gen. Sec. of Foreign Missions, the Senior Youth Director, and the Convener of the Publications Board (Convener).

(d) That the name be "Epworth Bookroom" (Wellington).

4. That the attention of Ministers and the adult Church be drawn to their key responsibility in the field of teaching and worship and general organisation in the religious education of the young people under their pastoral care.

5. That Local Youth Councils and Leaders' Meetings confer in the total planning of youth work, giving special attention to securing mature leadership in all departments.

6. That the attention of the Church be drawn to the necessity of bringing young people and parents together regularly in the worship of the Church and consideration be given to ways and means of furthering this end, such as the more wide-spread use of Family Services thoroughly prepared and held at regular intervals.

7. That the attention of Local Youth Councils be drawn to the fact that parents' groups may be represented on the Council under the term "Young People's Society," and that the Youth Board convey this information direct to the Local Youth Councils through the monthly packet.

8. That Conference express appreciation to the Trustees of Wesley Church for their generosity in making premises available to the Youth Board and in meeting all maintenance costs over a long period of years entirely free of charge.

9. That the Youth Board give further consideration to the matter of raising the value of the coin cards to 3/9 in view of the fact that such an amount may embarrass parents and in some cases alienate them from the Church.

10. That the Youth Board give consideration to clauses 26 and 27 page 105 of the Law Book, with a view to incorporating provision for the constitution of a Circuit Youth Council which shall co-ordinate the Local Youth Councils in a Circuit.

11. That Miss D. M. Jones, B.A., be designated for appointment at the 1954 Conference as Youth Director for a further term of three years.

12. That the Youth Board for 1954 be: Chairman of the Wellington District; Ministers, the Revs. M. A. McDowell, J. D. Grocott, W. H. Greenslade and L. T. Norwell; Laymen, Messrs. G. C. Burton and G. E. Brown, Mrs. A. G. Ridding and one other to be appointed; Y.M.B.C., Messrs. D. M. Hay, C. Couch, H. Hart and B. Young; Y.W.B.C., Mrs. E. Sage, Misses M. Smith, N. Menzies and P. Yearbury; Sunday School, Mrs. C. Couch, Messrs. G. F. Briggs, A. G. Worboys and T. Kennedy; Youth Directors.

#### DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCILS.

##### AUCKLAND—

Ministers: Revs. H. Whitfield, A. J. Handyside, J. H. Osborne.  
Lay Reps.: Mrs J. R. Blayney, Messrs. W. Behan and W. Patterson.  
Y.W.B.C., Misses H. Gordon, N. Kemp and G. Cherney. Y.M.B.C.:  
Messrs. K. Bycroft, J. Moore and E. Beavis. Sunday School: Miss N.  
Utting, Messrs G. Cameron and F. G. Paine. Secretary: Mr F. G.  
Paine.

Northland Sub-Council: Ministers and Laymen to be appointed;  
Y.W.B.C.: Mrs T. P. Lane, Miss S. Parlane, Miss E. Braithwaite.  
Y.M.B.C.: Messrs K. Abercrombie, A. Lane and H. Lendrum. S.S.:  
Misses A. Hills and F. Heath, Mr B. Gillings. Secretary: Miss E.  
Braithwaite.

#### SOUTH AUCKLAND D.Y.C.:

Ministers: Chairman of the District, Revs. H. K. Brown, D. Haylock and J. H. Hall. Laymen: Misses S. Frampton and V. Eastwood, and Mr E. Smart. Y.M.B.C.: Messrs J. Bardsley and J. Rogers. Y.W.B.C.: Misses R. Harrowfield and G. Thomas, and one other. Sunday School: Misses B. McCormick and G. Holmes and Mr W. S. Beer. Secretary: Miss G. Thomas.

#### TARANAKI-WANGANUI:

Ministers: Revs. H. Moore, L. Shapcott and C. G. Brown. Lay Reps.: Miss D. Harkness, Mr. A. N. McGaughey, Miss D. Parker. Sunday School: Mrs. G. Jago, Miss M. Blight, Mr. T. P. Hughson. Y.W.B.C.: Mrs. L. G. Hanna, Miss P. Ranford, Miss R. Tozer. Y.M.B.C.: Messrs. A. Symmans, G. Burghan and W. Greenwood. D.Y.C. Secretary: Miss M. Nicholson.

**Wanganui Sub-Council**—Ministers: Revs. G. R. Thompson, A. R. Nuttall, E. D. Grounds and H. R. Wright. Lay Reps.: Messrs. A. Taylor, N. Barlow and Mrs. W. Prime. Y.W.B.C.: Mrs. S. Harding, Misses D. Lower and A. Good. Y.M.B.C.: Messrs I. Barker, R. Stent and S. Groves. Sunday School: Messrs. S. Whyte, J. Beaven and A. Scott. L.Y.C. Reps.: Miss N. Doughty, Messrs. S. Laurenson and L. Robinson. Secretary: Mr. A. Scott.

#### HAWKE'S BAY-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, Misses R. Blakeley and E. Sowerby. Y.M.B.C.: Messrs. O. Neil, G. Poole and D. Roberts. S.S.: Messrs. T. M. Henson, E. Lock and G. Smithers. Secretary: Mr D. Roberts.

**Hawke's Bay Sub-Council**: Ministers: Rev. T. H. Carr and Ministers of Napier. Lay Representatives: Miss N. Sheat, Messrs E. Downer and D. Hoppercroft. Y.W.B.C.: Mrs J. Doherty, Misses A. Martin and A. Lindon. Y.M.B.C.: Messrs P. Barker, G. Dale, and one from Napier. S.S.: Messrs. P. Mercer, J. Doherty and Miss H. Clough. Secretary: Miss J. Johnston.

#### WELLINGTON:

Chairman of the District. Ministers: Revs. R. G. Bell, L. V. Willing and J. H. Woolford. Laymen: Miss L. Crisp, Messrs. A. Olsson and S. Goudge. Y.W.B.C.: Misses M. Fox, A. Harris and M. Kenyon. Y.M.B.C.: Messrs H. Moseley, R. E. Sullivan and M. Welsh. S.S.: Misses L. Rands, J. Mitchell and Mr. A. Angell.

**Wairarapa Sub-Council**: Ministers: Revs. R. F. Clement, E. E. Sage, W. J. Henderson and A. Newman. Laymen: Mrs. A. Ross, Mr. H. C. Wood and Mrs. J. H. Baillie. Y.W.B.C.: Mrs. W. Henderson, Miss E. Willis and Mrs. A. Newman. Y.M.B.C.: Messrs. A. D. Griggs, T. F. Mannell and E. Baillie. S.S.: Messrs. M. Greathead, W. E. Layton and Mrs. E. E. Sage.

#### NELSON:

Chairman of District (ex officio). Ministers: Revs. C. H. Bell, D. G. Stubbs, E. Baker. Lay: Mrs L. Masters, Messrs S. B. Wratt and A. Thomas. S. School: I. Holdaway, C. G. Marshall, D. W. Silvester. Y.W.B.C.: Misses B. Taylor, Y. Browne, M. Nicholls. Y.M.B.C.: Messrs R N. Buchanan, G. B. Trathen, D. Horner. Secretary: Miss Joan Ching.

**West Coast Sub-Council:** Rev. A. P. Dorrian (Chairman), Mr F. C. Lindbom (Secretary), Mrs S. J. Airey, Mrs M. J. Devlin, Miss E. Watson, Messrs G. Jacobs and K. Robinson, Miss Tregurtha, Miss L. Rose, Mr L. Tregurtha, Messrs N. Parker, M. W. T. Moore, J. K. Woodley.

**NORTH CANTERBURY:** (To come).

**SOUTH CANTERBURY:**

Ministerial: Chairman of District, Ministers of Timaru Churches. Y.W.B.C.: Miss E. V. Duggan, Mrs G. Thin, Miss P. Windelborne. Y.M.B.C.: Messrs C. Wills, M. Lloyd, W. Darling. Sunday School: Misses M. Beswarick, H. McCone, G. Verity. Lay: Mr C. Hopwood, Miss M. Small.

**OTAGO-SOUTHLAND:**

Ministers: Rev. L. Schroeder, two to be appointed. Laymen: Messrs C. Chirnside, J. Hetherington, R. Smithson. Y.M.B.C.: Messrs R. Schlonbach, K. Stanton, one to be appointed. Y.W.B.C.: Misses E. Lennon, L. Chirnside, M. Campbell. Sunday School: Misses H. Kane, J. Crawford, one to be appointed. Secretary to be appointed.

**Southland Sub-Council:** Revs. L. C. Clements, A. R. Witheford, Laymen: Messrs H. Thompson, E. McCulloch, P. Bell. Sunday School: Miss J. Cruickshank, Mrs M. Nicol, Rev. F. Baker. Y.M.B.C.: Rev. J. R. Hall, Mr. W. James. Y.W.B.C.: Misses K. Sutton, A. Heads, J. Brydone. L.Y.C.'s: Western Southland, Miss N. Eason; Edendale, Miss A. Botting; Gore, Miss A. Garrick; Mataura, Mr A. Thompson. Chairman: Mr E. Humphries. Secretary: Mr E. Butler.

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

## A—Public Questions Committee

ANNUAL REPORT, 1953.

The Committee held eight meetings since last Synod with an average attendance of 12 members as well as a great number of Sub-Committee meetings.

### **Industrial Relations.**

After two years consultation and discussion the Committee submits the following statement:

#### **I.—Introduction:**

The Christian view of Industrial Relations rests upon the Biblical teaching of the nature of man and of God's redeeming purpose in Christ. Man is made in the image of God and nothing in the economic struggle should be allowed to destroy that image. Man's true nature cannot be realised fully in the pursuit of economic ends but economic ends are a real part of his daily life. In the present day world man's economic needs lead to industrial conflict.

The Public Questions Committee was led to devote some time to the study of industrial relations because of the concern which it felt at the prevalence of industrial conflict. The results of this strife are seen in distrust, bitterness and hatred in employer-employee relationships, and the standard of living of the community is eroded by unnecessary interruptions to production and wage earning.

While we all deplore the differences of opinion which mar industrial relations, the Committee believes that merely to record its concern over these disturbances and to exhort people to behave better would be of little value. It was therefore decided to discuss the subject with a number of experts including a University Professor of Social Science, and representatives of labour, management, and the Department of Labour and Employment. The following statement is concerned primarily with improvements in existing industrial conditions without embarking on such fundamental problems as profit system and fair wages which are appropriate for a separate study.

## II.—Causes of Industrial Conflict:

Various people naturally emphasise different reasons for unrest, but there is general agreement on the basic causes—the relatively low remuneration and social status of the workers, their insecurity and dependence, mutual distrust, and inability of both sides to co-operate.

Today, for the most part, the worker's status is insecure in that while he now contracts for the sale of his labour he is still dependent (apart from the incomplete protection of social security) on some one who is in a position to decide whether or not he shall be employed. The worker cannot withhold his labour for long if he is to live, and so the contract of employment is negotiated under conditions which give one party the greater bargaining power.

But even if this were not so, a fundamental conflict of interest arises from the fact that employers try to keep wages as low as they reasonably can, whereas high wages are to the advantage of the worker. Both sides lay great stress on the money aspect of the contract, and from the worker's point of view this aspect is brought into greater prominence by comparison with the incomes of proprietors and shareholders. The worker may come to experience a feeling of frustration as he realises how slight are his chances of ever attaining to the status of an employer, particularly since that favoured status is often gained by inheritance and not by merit.

The difference in position is not merely one of differing rewards. Insecurity of jobs develops into a general fear of depression and unemployment with sometimes a temptation to spin out the particular job which offers employment at the moment; the power and privilege of the boss cause fear and irritation. Poor industrial relations spring from a lack of co-operation which is both a cause and result of the failure to understand each other's point of view. Employees and employers sometimes have a stubborn loyalty to their respective organisations which makes them maintain hostile attitudes long after the immediate cause of dispute has been removed.

Blame for this mutually unsympathetic attitude can be laid largely at the door of industrialisation, mass production, and the abuse of the profit motive. The remoteness from management of most employees in larger concerns as well as the increasing use of mechanical appliances which make skill and craftsmanship unnecessary, causes a weakening of personal relationships. Men are victims of a machine age, but it should be pointed out that in New Zealand this does not yet apply to most workers; agricultural employees and workers in small factories are not so much affected.

These conflicts are all too often carried over from the industrial to the political sphere, so that differences of political opinion become the occasion of bitterness and inability to see more than one side of any question. Industrial friction is provoked, magnified, and crystallised into abiding rancour.

Some aspects of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act do not tend towards industrial harmony. It is, for instance, unfortunate that every matter which is the occasion for conciliation proceedings under the Act is referred to as a "dispute" although in point of fact it might be settled quite amicably.

### III.—What is Being Done to Help:

There are many factors operating, or coming into being, which could improve industrial relations. As an example, the difference in incomes has been lessened by the advent of the welfare state which aims at re-distributing rewards. Social Security is one of the instruments used, which has also reduced fear of poverty by the provision of age and sickness benefits. Similarly, the fear of unemployment is mitigated by the appropriate benefit and by "full employment" policies. Profit-sharing and bonus incentive schemes can also help.

Workers and management have the opportunity of sharing each other's point of view in works councils—an opportunity which has not been greatly exploited in New Zealand. The Government sponsored Industrial Advisory Council is a means of promoting industrial harmony. It is being increasingly realised that, if only in the interests of efficiency, greater consideration should be given to the comfort and contentment of the worker. The recently established N.Z. Institute of Management lay emphasis on the need for good industrial relations. The International Labour Office in a wider sphere is also doing much to improve working conditions and industrial relations.

The Committee commends these improvements and possibilities of betterment, but alone these have not provided the answer to the problem of industrial conflict. It is unlikely that, even if their potentialities were fully developed, complete harmony would pervade industrial relations.

### IV.—Recommendations:

The Committee submits the following suggestions for policies and actions which might contribute to the solution of the problem of industrial strife:—

#### (a) Administrative:

The measures already in operation and mentioned in section III above should be maintained and where appropriate extended.

The provisions of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act should be overhauled, and the procedure should be revised so that they may bring about genuine conciliation.

#### (b) Personal Attitudes:

Industrial relations are only a special form of personal relations, and can be harmonious only so long as individuals are willing to treat each other reasonably and in a co-operative frame of mind. Personal contacts between employers and employees should be as close and frequent as possible; they should treat each other as persons, try to see the other person's point of view, avoid petty irritations. Without the right personal attitudes the best legislation or conciliation procedures in the world cannot bring industrial harmony.

#### (c) The Common Interest Increased in Production:

The object of production is provision of goods and services. We cannot consume unless we produce. The more efficiently we work, the more we produce, the more there is to consume and the higher our standard of living. Employees and employers alike have an interest in expanding production and in keeping costs and prices down. The interests of the whole community as consumers should

be given more attention than at present. There is just as much—probably more—to be gained by keeping prices down as by pushing money incomes up.

One major cause of ill-feeling on the part of wage and salary earners towards their employers is the wide disparity of incomes, which in some instances does not appear to be justified by differences of skill, effort or responsibility. The Committee deplores extreme inequalities of incomes, but considers that some degree of inequality is inevitable, justifiable, and even desirable. There is no way of determining with any exactness what differences in incomes are reasonable, but it is possible to say that people whose income is "unearned" or very high or based on profits have a definite social and moral responsibility to avoid abuse of their privileges.

While extreme inequality of incomes is in practice a common cause of ill-feeling and conflict, reducing these inequalities provides very little scope for improving the economic welfare of those with very low incomes because the high income-earners are so few, and the low income earners so many.

The constitutional efforts made by trade unions to maintain and improve the relative position of wage earners are clearly justified, but efforts to increase the share of the national income paid in the form of salaries and wages (if such share can be accurately calculated) can alone do little to improve the living standards of the average worker. Much more—very much more in the long run—is to be gained by increasing total production. The size of the "cake" can be expanded steadily for an indefinite period, to the benefit of all; but no amount of industrial strife concerning the size of the "slice of the cake" enjoyed by any one section of the community can bring more than slight and uncertain material benefit to the average worker.

If these facts were properly understood and the appropriate attitude to production were adopted, the industrial relations would be improved considerably.

Underlying all this is the central question of the nature of man's life and human history. Where the problem of relationship is viewed as "humanistic" then there can be only continuing frustration and friction. But when society comes to respect the "ends" and "purposes" of man's life, then petty relationships and injustices cease to have any final significance. Human relationships are established at their finest where the primary relationship with God-in-Christ is made.

#### **Conclusion.**

If any progress in industrial relations is to be achieved, some action will be necessary in respect of legislation and conciliation procedures; but it is mainly a question of educating people to adopt the right attitudes.

#### **Betting Agencies and Gambling Facilities.**

The attitude of the Methodist Church to gambling is well known to the Government Department which administers Art Unions and examines questions of Totalisator Agencies. The Committee keeps a constant watch on developments. Circuits have sent numerous protests to the Committee concerning Agencies and the volume of betting, and the Committee has recommended Circuits to make their own protests to the Department in addition to any action taken by the Committee.

There seems to be no evidence that the present policy will be modified.

## **Immigration.**

Besides corresponding with the Department of Labour and Employment, the Committee sent a deputation to interview the Minister to stress the Conference resolutions concerning a compassionate approach to immigration of people in distressed circumstances. The reply of the Minister was considered to be unsatisfactory, and further representations are being made.

## **Use of Sunday.**

The Committee examined the statement submitted to Conference by the Auckland Synod, and the twelve Conference resolutions from 1928 to 1950. It was agreed that no good purpose would be served by preparing a new statement but that the Committee could commend a pamphlet prepared by the Rev. B. R. Wyllie, Master of Wesley College, Sydney, for the Australian Conference, for wide distribution and sale. This pamphlet is available from the Board of Publications.

## **Capital Punishment.**

The Committee examined the statement in the Minutes of Conference 1950, and believes that no new factor has emerged which would justify any variation of the finding of the 1950 Conference.

## **Spiritual Healing.**

The Committee communicated as directed by Conference with Dr. D. O. Williams, and outlined the general purpose of the resolution. After consideration, Dr. Williams replied that he believes the New Zealand Church is not yet ready to appoint a committee on this question.

## **Institutional Chaplains.**

The question of Chaplains in Institutions was studied, and it was agreed that Chaplains should not be appointed to General Hospitals (other than by individual Communion) because such Chaplaincies may disturb in a short time the permanent pastoral relationship of Minister and people, but in Mental Hospitals where the term of residence is longer, and the cost may be born by the Government, Chaplains could be appointed. The foregoing was referred to the National Council of Churches for consideration.

## **Housing.**

The state of the present housing situation in New Zealand creates a serious social problem, as it affects the moral and spiritual condition of the people. After a detailed survey of the effect of bad housing on the individual, on marriage, on moral standards, on industry and on the spiritual life, the Committee would stress the Christian emphasis on (1) the family as a basic unit of society, and (2) the individual as of infinite worth in the sight of God, and would therefore urge the Church's deep concern in this matter. The urgent human need of many requires that every compassionate person seek to do his share to alleviate it, as normal measures are insufficient to solve the problem.

## **Apartheid.**

### **Statement of South African Conference, 1952.**

The Conference of the Methodist Church of South Africa, meeting in Durban, representing a million members and adherents in all racial groups throughout the Union of South Africa, standing aside and above all political parties, declares its belief and confidence in the Christian Gospel and Christian ethic to meet the need of our day and generation.

Wherever men and women in the world today seek to follow the way of Christ they find it leads to the solution of life's problems. It is our belief that this same Religion has the answer to the baffling difficulties which face us in our land at the present time. It is our conviction that these problems will never be solved apart from the saving influence of the power of the Christian faith.

The Conference emphasises:

1. That the Church draws all its financial support from within the Union of South Africa.
2. That the Conference is itself a fully multi-racial body consisting of Ministers and leading laymen from all the racial groups.
3. That the declarations which follow express its considered views and are made with a due sense of responsibility by representatives of this large Christian community.

The Conference resolves as follows:—

The policy of racial apartheid as it is now being applied by the Government in successive legislative Acts is not only impracticable but is contrary to the best interests of all sections of the South African community. The balance is weighted so heavily against non-Europeans as to place the gravest obstacles in the way of their progress toward economic security and toward citizenship in the land of their birth. The Conference cannot but regard such a policy as being inconsistent with the highest Christian principles. Legislation which differentiates against particular groups purely on grounds of race or colour is essentially wrong. It is particularly so when, as is the case in South Africa at present, it is binding upon people whose representation in the legislature is so slender as to be almost ineffective, and who are confronted with the proposals to diminish even such nominal representation as very limited groups among them have enjoyed.

The non-European peoples of this country are suffering under legislation which discriminates against them as racial groups. Being almost entirely without the benefit of the common franchise, and having been denied opportunity to make effective representations respecting the probable results of such legislation, they are reduced to three alternatives. These are:

1. Active resistance.
2. Passive resistance, and
3. Submission, which may lead, they fear, to final subjugation.

The Conference records its strong and unqualified disapproval of any resort to violence on the part of any section of the population. It calls upon all its people to refrain from any participation in violent action. It accepts and welcomes the assurance given by responsible leaders of the African people that they condemn the recent outbreaks of violence whose effects can be nothing but harmful to the cause of the under-privileged.

The Conference notes that numbers of African people find that their conscience and their sense of justice will not allow them to submit to laws which they hold to be repressive. They have chosen to follow the course of passive resistance and are prepared to suffer in this cause.

It is strongly felt that the imposition of corporal punishment, or of excessive fines and lengthy terms of imprisonment, in cases of passive resistance, should be expressly prohibited by regulation as being completely without justification when applied to technical offences of this nature.

The Conference declares its conviction that our actual problems of race relationships can be solved only by a policy which aims at the integration of the non-European peoples into the political and

economic life of the country with partnership and citizenship in view. In this connection the term "trusteeship" is often wrongly used. Trusteeship is real and effective only when it fulfils two essential conditions. These are:—

1. The preparation of the ward for maturity, and
2. The bestowal upon him of the responsibilities and privileges of the adulthood as and when that stage shall have been reached.

In order to achieve this it is necessary that restrictions upon development shall be removed; that those amenities such as relate to health and housing, nutrition and satisfactory living conditions, commonly afforded to the citizens of civilised countries, shall be made fully available to all sections of our populations; and that rights of citizenship shall be granted to all individuals who are capable of exercising them with intelligence and responsibility.

The Conference regards Communism as the declared enemy of the Christian faith. It is convinced that a political system such as Communism finds its most fruitful soil among people who suffer under a sense of injustice and frustration. It can never be successfully countered by force, but only by positive amelioration of oppressive conditions, by the enlargement of opportunity, and by such a measure of consultation as shall win the confidence of the people concerned and give them hope for the future.

With respect to social relationships, the Conference feels that in the new atmosphere which would be created by a policy of co-operation this question could be safely left to the sound judgment and goodwill of all groups. The Conference, as an inter-racial body, states that it disapproves of miscegenation. At the same time it would point out that the policy of segregation pursued through the greater part of South African history has not put a stop to miscegenation; nor, it believes, can the desired effect be brought about by legislative action.

With a view to creating a spirit of co-operation and goodwill based upon knowledge of and sympathy with the aspirations and desires of the various racial groups in South Africa, and of shaping a policy which shall command the confidence of all races, the Conference supports the plea of the Christian Council of South Africa for the calling of a National Convention at which all races in the community shall be represented; such a Convention to work out the means by which partnership of all racial groups in the country's life may be achieved and by which each race shall be able to make the fullest possible contribution to the happiness and well-being of the whole community.

The Conference prays for the growth of the spirit of racial concord and harmony in our land. It is heartened by the fellowship which exists between its European and non-European members and the spirit of esprit de corp resulting from its campaign of preparation for the evangelical campaign of next year (1953). Hopeful of the great results which would follow the calling of a National Convention, the Conference requests the Government, while there is still time, to give fresh consideration to this request and to take the initiative in the calling of such a National Convention; and earnestly requests that in the meantime it shall not proceed with any legislation which is based on racial discrimination.

#### OTHER COMMITTEES

**The Council for Christian Education:** The C.C.E. continues to extend and strengthen the work of Religious Education in State

Schools in a most encouraging way. The commencement of "Certificate Courses" in the four main centres with 120 students; the setting up of Committees in almost every Education Board Area, with several Sub-Committees in almost every Education Board Area; a marked improvement in the financial position; the preparation of the basis of an Agreed Syllabus; Refresher Courses and College activities in various centres; the examination of a Maori scheme, and the fact that voluntary teachers are giving instruction to 150,000 children, is an indication of the vitality of the Council. Conference is being asked to permit the General Secretary to give a final year of service to the Council in 1954.

**Inter-Church Council on Public Affairs:** The I.C.C. has given considerable thought to Immigration questions, particularly in reference to those who are assisted. The Captain Cook brought 3,000 approximately, and the Captain Hobson 1,500 during 1952. Whenever possible and when permission was given, these immigrants were placed under pastoral care on arrival in New Zealand. "Prisoners Aid" received attention, and the organisations strengthened. Off-course betting was closely debated and an agreed statement made to the Minister, who replied that the Government was "most anxious to see that the book-maker is completely eliminated." The Council also accepted the Minister's assurance that the Government would not promote a State Lottery. Many other short-term questions were examined, and we are pleased to commend the activities of the I.C.C. to Synods. The Rev. G. H. Goodman continues to be Vice-Chairman.

**Women's Auxiliary of the I.C.C.:** The Women's Auxiliary has studied and reported on several questions, including Child Welfare, Pacific Islanders, Housing, Care of the Aged, Social Security and Emergency Funds.

G. H. GOODMAN, Chairman.

J. D. GROCOTT, Convener.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. That a grant of £25 be made from the Contingent Fund.
3. **Industrial Relations:** That the section on Industrial Relations together with the recommendations of Synods be received and commended to our people for consideration and report to the Public Questions Committee by Men's Fellowships and other Church groups.

N.B.—Typical Synods Recommendations are:—  
TARANAKI-WANGANUI:

That the following words be deleted: "apply these recommendations in their own working lives."

NORTH CANTERBURY:

(a) That a paragraph be incorporated giving due recognition to the beneficent part played in the social scheme by well-organised and well-conducted business and industry.

(b) That the Committee further study section IV (c) in the light of the fact that improvement in the standard of living depends on purchasing power as well as on increased production. Production can lead to an over-supply and consequent unemployment at least until supply and demand are in proper relation.

(c) That the two paragraphs stressing inequalities of income are not obviously relevant to this section.

(d) That in the interests of industrial harmony and development, greater stress be laid on the general or larger adoption of co-operation and profit-sharing in industrial relations.

4.(a) That a Conference on Industrial Relations be held in 1955 to study the report on Industrial Relations, along with the findings of Men's Fellowships and other Church groups.

(b) That the Public Questions Committee arrange the Conference.

5.(a) **Gambling:** Conference is gravely disturbed at the growing volume of gambling and claims that it is now abundantly clear that the increased facilities provided by the T.A.B. have vastly extended the amount of gambling. As Methodists we reaffirm our emphatic opposition to all forms of gambling; in particular, we deplore the spreading evils brought in by the T.A.B.

(b) Conference contends that there is need for the Government to frame legislation which would bring all matters related to the operation of T.A.B. Agencies under the control of a Licensing Authority set up for this specific purpose.

(c) That Conference express its concern at the continuance of bookmaking and urge the Government to continue all possible action for its elimination.

6.(a) Knowing that there has been agitation for the establishment of a State Lottery, we declare our firm conviction that such would result in serious moral and economic injury to the Community.

(b) Further we protest strongly against the transaction entered into by the N.Z. Government with Tattersall's, Hobart, whereby the N.Z. Government receives 6d. a ticket sold, thereby becoming a virtual partner in another Country's Lottery.

(c) We further urge that restrictions be placed on Art Unions and Quick Raffles which today appear to assume the proportions of a State Lottery.

(d) We further urge that the Prize Money of Art Unions authorised by the State be not further increased.

7. That the Inter-church Council on Public Affairs be asked to approach the Government urging that legislation be brought down to make illegal the radio advertising of Art Union tickets and Raffle tickets.

8. Conference expresses its concern that the practice of holding raffles to raise funds for school purposes is widespread and reaffirms its belief that all forms of gambling should be completely eliminated from functions connected with schools. It directs the attention of the Minister of Education to the urgent need for a thorough instruction of the children of N.Z. in the moral and social evils of gambling.

9.(a) **Immigration:** That the Public Questions Committee press for a more compassionate approach to the problem of immigrants in distressed circumstances.

(b) That the Public Questions Committee seek information from the World Council of Churches Department of Refugees and World Reconstruction as to the present position of Refugees and Displaced Persons, and the degree of responsibility assumed for them by the United Nations and that further action be taken in this matter if necessary.

10. That further consideration be given by the Public Questions Committee to the problem of immigration in general and particularly with reference to the possible immigration of infants as well as people from depressed areas and over-populated countries, and that the Committee consider the possible use of Public Works Camps, Pahi-

atua camp and other accommodation that may become available for new arrivals under any immigration scheme.

11. That the Rev. W. H. Greenslade be thanked for his services as "New Settlers' Liaison Officer" and be reappointed.

12. **Use of Sunday:** That the pamphlet prepared by the Rev. B. R. Wyllie be commended to circuits.

13. **Spiritual Healing:** That the Public Questions Committee nominate to next Conference a Committee to investigate the whole matter of Spiritual Healing.

14. **Institutional Chaplains:** That the matter of Institutional Chaplains be referred to the Welfare of the Church Committee.

15. **Housing:** (1) Conference declares that the present housing crisis is a source of great human unhappiness which creates conditions in which moral and social evils thrive. It therefore urges upon all Christian people the duty of exploring every possible means by which better housing may be secured for those in need even at the cost of personal sacrifice where necessary.

(2) Conference declares that personal sacrifice and effort on the part of individuals can do much to alleviate the problem. It therefore urges on all our people who are in any way in a position to help the inadequately housed the Christian obligation of sacrificial assistance.

(3) That in view of the lack of congenial home life suffered by many today owing to inadequate housing, Conference urges that full use be made of church facilities and private hospitality for the provision of fellowship and healthy social life for such folk.

16. **Apartheid: South African Racial Situation. Statement of the Conference.**

(a) The Methodist Church of New Zealand with fellow Christians and brethren in South Africa believes that in Christ there is neither "Jew nor Greek, barbarian, Scythian, bondman, freeman; but Christ is all and in all", and that like every other man, the African is a "child of God, corrupted by sin and redeemed in Christ", and that his essential value lies in his value as a man (so created and redeemed by God) and not in race or culture. In this faith we make the following declaration:—

The Methodist Church recognises that there are wide divergencies between the black and white races; differences in physical characteristics and culture; but also that differences quite as wide exist between the white races. These differences do not mean that the non-European races are innately inferior or incapable of the noblest human activities. New Zealanders have found that Maoris, given the opportunities, attain to the highest levels of Christian faith, culture, education, leadership and conduct.

Racial differences frequently create difficult problems when different races live and work together. Conflicts can easily arise. When the more numerous race is not many stages removed from primitive society and religion, the possibilities of conflict are very great. The problem of racial adjustments exists in South Africa in a most acute form.

Men of all races should learn to live together in harmony; but where this is particularly difficult it may prove advisable to adopt a policy of trusteeship so that points of conflict can be reduced as much as possible. In the place of a policy of segregation of races we affirm a policy of integration involving the protection of Africans from exploitation by a more experienced race. Every effort should be made to eliminate the causes of and the laws which enact discrimination.

The treatment of non-European races must conform to the fundamental principles of the Faith of the Church Universal already stated and the Declaration of Human Rights. It should not prevent different races from working and worshipping together. It should not deprive non-European people of the right to work, education, health, social activities, ownership of property, access to the Courts of Justice, and electoral rights. In fact the Europeans have a heavy responsibility to attend to the needs of the non-European people, not in any patronising way, but in a sincere attempt to help them to achieve a full, free, democratic way of life.

The Methodist Church of South Africa is greatly alarmed at the present situation and has declared her determination to "defend those elemental rights which belong to all men because of their relationship to God." We commend the Methodist Church of South Africa and assure her of our prayers and wholehearted support in the critical struggle in which she is now engaged. However serious the issue becomes for the Methodist Church of South Africa, the Methodist Church of New Zealand pledges to give support and encouragement for the continuing of her witness.

The Methodist Church of New Zealand commends the motto which has been put forward by the Christian Council of South Africa, "Not Apartheid but Eendrag"—"Not Segregation but One Pull Together." It is her belief that Africans and Europeans must unite in a common endeavour to raise the great African population to a higher level of life. It may be a difficult task, but it is one to which the Christian Church can give her best endeavours.

(b) That the statement of the South African Conference, 1952, and the statement as above be received and adopted and that a copy, together with greetings, be sent to the Methodist Church of South Africa.

17. **International Goodwill Service:** That Conference urge the World Council of Churches to consider ways and means of forming an International Goodwill Service through which surplus food, such as U.S.A. now has, could be distributed to desperately needy people without unnecessary upset to trade relationships; and which could also render assistance in cases of national disaster such as floods or earthquakes and help in reconstruction of war-torn countries such as Korea.

18. **Harmful Publications:** Conference views with very deep concern the large and increasing number of publications of a salacious and pornographic nature, now on show and for sale in most of the bookshops of New Zealand. In our view, these publications characterised as they are by extremely poor literature, by depraved art, and suggestive cartoons, constitute a grave temptation to our young people, deliberately designed as they are to create and stimulate sexual impulses, and giving a completely false view of the relations that ought to exist in a decent society between men and women.

19. **Attendance at International Gatherings:** That Conference call upon Local Bodies and other employing organisations to safeguard the free association of its members in international organisations and support the Government in maintaining the traditions of democracy by allowing freedom of travel to all citizens desirous of attending international gatherings, irrespective of whether these have the support of the Government or not.

20. **Apprentice Jockeys:** That in view of the great potential harm, educationally, socially and morally to those boys, still of compulsory school age, who are apprenticed as jockeys, and in view of the law

restricting child labour Conference endorse the protest of the Christchurch West High School Board against the practice. We believe that at so early an age as 12 years, boys are not normally in a position to choose a career or to take advantage of vocational guidance, and request the Public Questions Committee to make a strong protest to the Government.

21. That the Council for Christian Education be commended to the Church and (a) that a grant of £200 be made from the funds of the Central Finance Committee; (b) that the representatives on the C.C.E. be: the Chairman of Wellington District, Revs. M. A. McDowell, A. J. Johnston, Mr G. F. Briggs, Proxy; Miss G. Blamires.

22. That representatives on the Inter-Church Council be the Chairman of Wellington District, the Convener of Public Questions Committee, and Mr A. E. Hurley, and on the Women's Auxiliary, Mrs S. Field, Miss A. E. Johnston, and Mrs J. A. Bruce.

23. That the Committee for 1954 be: The Chairman of the District, the Revs. F. J. Handy, J. D. Grocott, W. H. Greenslade, M. A. McDowell, W. F. Ford, C. L. Duder, J. B. Dawson, R. Grice, J. H. Woolford, A. J. Johnston, L. T. Norwell; Misses G. Blamires, E. Paul, R. McBride, Messrs D. Hay, A. E. Hurley, H. W. Kelly, M. R. Jones, G. F. Briggs, N. Marris, A. R. Low, Dr W. Brooker. Convener, Rev. J. D. Grocott.

## B—Temperance Committee

ANNUAL REPORT, 1953.

### I. The Methodist Position.

Believing that the only ultimate answer to the depredations of alcoholic liquor is total abstinence and prohibition, there is need for the Church to declare again its position in relation to this major evil in the nation's life. The changing social climate has brought with it a vast increase in the consumption of alcohol and a more widespread grip of the country's economic life, by a trade which is becoming increasingly monopolistic. The moral temperature of society has appreciably lowered insofar as this evil is concerned. The clear cut recognition of the perils associated with alcoholic liquor has been clouded by the spurious arguments that to prohibit is not the true Christian approach to temperance, that the method and policy of prohibition is not practicable, and that it is not democratic to prohibit that which a section of society desires to retain. As this kind of reasoning is widespread, it has permeated not only the community as a whole but also a large section of the Household of Faith. There has been a waning of interest in the standard of personal total abstinence, and a corresponding decline of interest in National Prohibition as the only final solution to one of the greatest social evils of our day.

For these reasons we recall our people to their sense of obligation as Christians upon this issue and remind them of the fundamental reasons why the Methodist Church must maintain without reservation or qualification its position as an active partner in the struggle for more effective temperance education and reform and for the ultimate abolition of the liquor trade.

(1) **Our Responsibility to God:** Believing that the demand of a God of Love upon His earthly family is a complete demand, we therefore believe that those things in the world which militate against His love in the hearts of men and against establishing His rule of love in society must be completely surrendered. History has proved that the abuse of alcohol has always militated against

Righteousness, Truth, Justice, Holiness, Goodwill, and Love in the life of man and in the social relationships of God's Family. It clouds the vision of God's children and destroys the response that man and society can and should make to the exalted standards of a God of Holy Love. Anything that raises a barrier between God and His children must be regarded as an enemy of God.

(2) **Our Responsibility to Society:** As Christians we seek to establish in human relationships those spiritual and moral standards proclaimed by Jesus Christ. Alcoholic liquor is an enemy of Christian citizenship. It is the greatest single source of crime and violent death in the life of the community. It is the cause of inestimable and irreparable social disruption and disintegration. There is possibly no greater factor than alcohol in the destruction of marriage and home life and the associated consequences of delinquency and mal-adjusted lives. It is a continuing threat to the health of the community. It is a wasteful, unproductive industry in the life of the body politic. It stands as a continual affront to the Christian standard of Stewardship in material things, and a blasphemy in a world where millions die for lack of the very goods that are prostituted in its manufacture. To say that alcoholic liquor consumed in disciplined and temperate fashion is not an enemy of the good life of man, is not an adequate answer to these evil consequences of the liquor drinking habit and liquor trade. As Christians we recognise the axiom, "The strong ought to bear the burdens of the weak." If strong drink causes our fellow men to offend God or each other, we should eschew strong drink. This is a Pauline principle of conduct that cannot be ignored but at the peril of our immortal soul. The situation today calls for Christian example in uncompromising refusal to accept alcoholic beverages at weddings, social functions, sports gatherings, festive occasions, or to permit it in their own home, or to partake of it in the homes of others. By so acting we shall demonstrate a worthy standard of personal conduct and show that Christian citizenship is a way of life in the world, but above it.

(3) **Our Responsibility to Ourselves:** Man is made in the image of God. He is the supreme act of God's creation. He alone of all created beings can worship God, speak to God or be spoken to by Him. He bears the Divine likeness in person and in spirit. He is intended to be the dwelling place of God, the temple of the Holy Spirit. The ultimate seal of the value of man was the Incarnation. Man is not a spirit plus a body, nor is he a body plus a spirit, he is a unity. Alcoholic liquor is an enemy of the body in that it undermines the physical life of man. It is also an enemy of the spirit in that it weakens the moral fibre, undermines the will, blunts the spiritual perception and destroys the appetite of man for communion with God. It is frequently the very means used by men to escape from themselves and from the pressure of the Spirit of God upon them. Man's responsibility to himself is that he nurture the Gift of God conferred upon him. His own inward peace and sense of fulfilment requires that he use his whole life and being to the greater glory of God. For that reason we as a Church exhort our people to deny themselves completely all use of those things that coarsen and despoil the life which is ours by Divine conferment.

(4) **Our Responsibility to the Church:** The Church is the Body of Christ. Members of the Body of Christ are linked to God in a spiritual, faith union. They are linked to one another in a fellowship of Holy Love. The Church is the visible representation of the mind, spirit and conduct of the Christ upon earth, For Her witness to be

fully effective each member must be a self-disciplined and functioning unit. It is a denial of the innate and implicit authority of Christ in His Church for individual members to treat lightly or disregard what has for long been accepted as a solemn charge and sacred direction of the Spirit of God to Her. We therefore call upon our people to recognise that personal inconsistency can render futile or at least ineffective the witness of the Church, and increase the infidelity of our people to the standards which have been her bulwark through the years. Not by lowering these standards but by lifting them up and by greater faithfulness will the Church be honoured and the Kingdom of God more faithfully served.

(5) **Our Responsibility in Activity:** As a Church we seek to control the liquor trade by legislation and by the use of all possible means of education. It cannot be emphasised too strongly, however, that neither of these means is fully effective on its own. Only a passion of moral earnestness arising out of deep committal to God can lead us into direct conflict with this evil thing. Only in a personal experience of God's profound love and a corresponding love for our fellow men will we discover either the motive power or the necessary humility of spirit to witness against this evil. If the fulness of God's life is to be the heritage of man, then this scourge in its heartless destruction of human life, must be itself challenged in conflict and utterly destroyed.

## II. The King Country.

The Church is gravely concerned at the expressed intention of the Government to introduce legislation providing for a combined Maori and European vote on the question of liquor licenses in the King Country. Such an act would infringe the peace treaty which settled the last war with the Maoris when the latter agreed to give up the absolute possession of an area of over four million acres of land, and to allow the Main Trunk Railway to go through the territory, on condition that there would be no licensed sale of liquor in the King Country. Responsible Maori leaders affirm that they have kept their side of the covenant, and we must keep ours. Whether or not the 'Pact' is valid in law, the Government should hesitate to disregard an agreement made by an earlier administration, the views of Maori Chieftains, and the 1949 vote of the Maori people. The new proposal, if brought into effect will allow 19,500 European voters to over-ride completely the vote of the 3,500 Maoris in the area.

## III. Liquor in Maori Settlements.

As a Church we are deeply concerned about the effect of liquor on the Maori people. In the Supreme Court at Hamilton last May, a solicitor spoke strongly of the disastrous results of the repeal of the law which prohibited Maoris taking liquor into their settlements. He is reported to have said: "I have worked among the Maoris for fifty years, first as a teacher and then as a lawyer, and I deplore the liberty given them as regards taking liquor to their settlements." The presiding Judge is reported to have said, "I hope that what you have said about the unfortunate effect of the repeal of prohibition legislation will be given consideration."

## IV. New Licenses.

In view of the policy of establishing new licenses, the Methodist public should know what steps can be taken to oppose such. There appears to be little that can be done until a Licensing Committee advertises the precise site on which it is proposed to establish a new license. Within thirty days of such advertisement first appearing twenty or more electors may apply to a magistrate for an order. (It should be noted that the greater number of signatures the better.)

- (1) That the licensed premises be not established on that site, on the ground that it is near a place of worship, a school, or a hospital, or
- (2) That a poll of electors be taken on the ground aforesaid, or
- (3) That a poll of electors be taken on the ground that the area is residential and that it is believed a substantial number of residents object.

In a city, borough or town district, the area is within a quarter of a mile radius of the middle front of the site. Other areas one mile radius. The twenty or more electors must reside within that area.

#### V. Grocers and Liquor.

A further serious development is reported in that certain grocers, acting as agents for wholesale firms, are not only receiving orders, but also acting as distributors, and even displaying bottled wine, beer, and spirits on their shelves. There appears to be nothing in law to prevent the grocer acting as an agent, provided he does not deliver from stock held by himself. The law requires strengthening, to prevent delivery of alcohol by retail firms.

#### VI. After-Hours Trading.

We desire again to draw attention to the deplorable situation that obtains in after-hour trading. At a special referendum on the question in 1949, 75.5 per cent of the electors favoured six o'clock closing, yet the sale of liquor is known to continue in many hotels far into the night, and on Sundays. It is time the practice ceased. The Government should see that the law, which has the support of three-quarters of the electors, is strictly enforced.

E. S. HODDINOTT, Chairman.

H. G. BROWN, Convener.

#### RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report on the Methodist position be given general approval and referred to the Temperance Committee for further consideration.

2. **King Country Resolutions:** (1) In view of the considered judgment of those, who for many years have made an exhaustive study of the issues involved, Conference records its conviction that the investigation of the Parliamentary Historian (Dr A. H. McLintock) on "Liquor and the King Country" does not establish the non-existence of a Sacred Pact. Conference therefore reaffirms its historic position in defence of the Maori claims that such a Pact was made, the binding nature of which is still valid at the present time, and for the following reasons:—

(a) Long before the King Country question arose, Maori leaders deeply concerned at the effect of liquor amongst their people had submitted a series of urgent and pathetic petitions both vocal and written to the Parliaments of the day seeking protection.

(b) The rising of the Gospel Temperance Mission gave the Maori Chiefs a vehicle which they trusted to present their mind again to the House. The movement was not initiated by the Gospel Temperance Mission, but it arose in the urgent concern of the Maori leaders themselves.

(c) When preliminary discussions with Bryce and other representatives of the Crown took place, the prohibition of liquor was one of the conditions of the opening of the land. The petition of Wahanui and the subsequent proclamation gave the Maori chiefs the assurance on that point.

(d) At the time of the turning of the first sod, all they sought was a re-assurance on that point and this was given in the name of the Government by Sir Robert Stout. The significance of this always rests in the series of events that led up to it.

(2) Conference deplures the opinions in the Report "Liquor and the King Country" which read as a succession of personal doubts on the part of the investigator and which seriously impugn the integrity and honour of the late Chief Justice, Sir Robert Stout, the late Rev. Wm. Gittos and others, whose honesty of utterance and action have never before been called into question and the challenge of which cannot be sustained, and the use of which are unworthy and misleading in such an investigation.

(3) Conference further affirms that the nature of the recent investigation, while valuable in source material, is so lacking in Maori evidence and understanding as well as erroneous in its findings, that it emphasises the urgent necessity for setting up a Public Tribunal (as already requested from many sources) to investigate all matters relating to the origin, nature and implications of the history, law and usage of the issue of liquor licenses in the King Country and to make a public pronouncement thereon.

(4) Even on the evidence of this recent report, Conference is persuaded that the issue of Licenses in the King Country remains essentially a Maori issue, and one which should not be determined without prior consultation and with the consent of the leaders of the King Country, and the prior decision of the Maori people themselves.

(5) Conference, therefore, calls on the Government to further delay the passing of any legislation dealing with this matter until the findings of such a Public Tribunal are known, and declares that failure to do this will be a serious breach of trusteeship responsibility in a matter of so grave importance to a minority section of the Maori Race of this Dominion.

3. That the attention of the Government be called to the remarks of counsel in the Supreme Court at Hamilton in May 1953, concerning liquor in Maori settlements, and the comment of the presiding Judge thereon.

4. That the Government be urged to amend the law respecting wholesale licenses, so as to make it illegal for grocers and other retailers to display alcoholic liquor on their shelves, or to make deliveries of liquor on behalf of the wholesaler or otherwise act as agents.

5. That attention again be called to the continued breach of the law in after-hour trading in many hotels throughout the country, and that the Government be urged to take appropriate and adequate steps to have the law enforced, and thus keep faith with the expressed will of the people.

6.(a) That the Public Questions Committee be asked to undertake or endeavour to initiate an investigation into the incidence of crime and of child delinquency among the Maori people.

(b) That statistical evidence be sought covering a suitable period preceding and following legislation permitting increased facilities for drinking among Maoris.

(c) That evidence be compiled with a view to indicating the extent to which drink is a factor in crime and delinquency both among Maoris and non-Maoris.

7. That Conference express its gratitude to the New Zealand Alliance for its effective programme which is being carried out on the levels of Legislative watchfulness and action, platform and pulpit work, and educational work in schools.

8. In view of the approaching Referendum we urge our people to assist in strengthening the local Committees of the Alliance and in the forming of such Committees where they do not already exist.

9. In the name of God Almighty Conference greets the Maori Elders and people of the King Country and pledges continued support of the Methodist Church in the stand they are taking to preserve their moral and historic rights in the matter of Licensed Hotels in the King Country.

10. That the Committee for 1954 be: Revs. E. S. Hoddinott, H. G. Brown, Dr R. Dudley, R. H. Pratt and A. E. Tardif; Mrs W. Dickinson, Misses T. Muir and M. Guthrie; Messrs A. L. Stanton, A. S. Hancock, H. H. Johnson, C. Chirnside, M. R. McIndoe, A. W. Barnes and Dr N. R. Jefferson. Convener: Rev. H. G. Brown.

## C—Methodist World Peace Committee

### REPORT, 1953 (Abridged).

Disturbed by the fact that the tremendous effort and sacrifice of World War I did not bring peace and those conditions in which the Kingdom of God might develop, the Methodist Church of New Zealand declared in 1935 and again in 1936 that war as a means of settling international disputes is incompatible with the spirit and purposes of Jesus Christ as revealed in His teaching. (Con. Mins. 1935, page 70; 1936, page 71.)

The coming of a second World War found the Church divided on the implications of this statement. The growing tension within the Church led to the adoption in 1940 of a "Manifesto on Peace and War" which, in turn, led to an official silence on this issue.

Challenged afresh by the present threat to World Peace, Conference in 1951 urged a consecrated effort in Christ's Name to stem the drift towards a third World War, and group study of the problems involved in securing lasting peace. (Con. Mins. 1951, page 77, Res. 9.)

Conference, 1952, set up a World Peace Committee to consider the factors involved.

This Committee, representing a variety of viewpoints on the issue of Peace and War, is unanimous in the conviction that the Church is called to prayerful study of the question in the light of Divine Truth, and that this defines its immediate and most urgent task in relation to this tremendous issue.

The Committee believes, however, that the success of such study depends entirely upon the existence of the right conditions, and that these are not to be found except in the spirit and fellowship of the Class Meeting or its equivalent. Only in that unique fellowship, taking its rise in the deeply personal New Testament experience of forgiveness and love are we entitled to expect Divine enlightenment and leading. Interest in peace may reflect an inverted self-centredness, the state of sin that makes peace forever impossible. Efforts for peace that take no account of man's basic need for repentance and renewal are superficial and unrealistic.

It should not be necessary to stress the absolute centrality of the Bible to the study of the problem, but the Committee does stress the need for sincerity. All too often in discussing the question of war there is an ill-informed and unworthy quotation of texts in support of one's present position instead of the teachable spirit and enquiring mind that seeks for the total meaning of Revealed Truth. Truth cannot be seen without a readiness to follow "whithersoever it shall lead." Every great moral reform has derived its light and inspiration from the study of the Scriptures.

The Committee believes this application to prayerful and Biblical study constitutes the first step to action, and that authoritative pronouncements made in advance of it can neither bring conviction nor give further direction.

Further the Committee points out:—

- a. The need for the sincere facing of the fact that human sin is the basic cause of all strife.
- b. The need to avoid such conflict as makes no positive contribution to the problem.
- c. The need for awareness of the deep involvement of society in group pressures which mould ideas.
- d. That it is useless to consider ways of "World Peace" without at the same time considering the cost of peace.
- e. The need for the conviction that no matter what is the magnitude of the problem, all things are possible to those who, in deed as well as in word, are wholly committed to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit.

While the points made above could be considerably expanded, we feel that they comprise the whole kernel of both principle and practice on the subject sent to this Committee for study.

D. J. D. HICKMAN, Convener.

### RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report as abridged be adopted.
2. That "World Peace" be a subject for study by the March Ministerial Committees of 1954 and that the findings be forwarded to the Connexional Committee.
3. That a grant of £25 be made to the Committee from the Contingent Fund.
4. That the Committee for 1954 be: Revs. D. J. D. Hickman, O. T. Woodfield, A. O. Jones, Dr G. Parker, W. J. Morrison; Messrs M. A. Bull, J. Diack, M. E. Hayman, A. Marshall, J. A. D. Thompson, R. Verity, P. G. Woodnorth, with power to add. Convener: Rev. D. J. D. Hickman.

QUESTION XXXVIII.—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, as at 30th June, 1953.

### 1.—Trust Accounts.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.
Credit Balance from Last Year—General Account .....		42,719	15	5
Balance from Last Year held for Special Purposes .....		224,317	12	3
Loans from Church Building and Loan Fund .....		8,953	0	0
Loans from Other Sources .....		28,245	1	0
All Other Receipts .....		241,624	18	1
Total Receipts .....		545,860	6	9
Debit Balances .....		15,277	11	5
TOTAL .....		£561,137	18	2

EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.
Debit Balance from Last Year		15,832	13	5
Loan Fund Instalments		5,295	5	5
Other Loans Repaid		18,159	2	9
Interest on Loans and on Bank Overdraft		3,319	8	5
Purchase of Land, Erection or Additions to Buildings		167,976	17	4
Rents, Rates, Cleaning, Lighting, Repairs, etc.		98,733	0	0
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>309,316</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>
Credit Balances		36,779	13	1
Balances Held for Special Purposes		215,041	17	11
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£561,137</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>2.—Total of Fire Insurances</b>		<b>£2,084,962</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>3.—Debt:</b>				
Mortgage Debt at end of Previous Year		110,721	12	4
Add New Loans Received During Year		38,150	19	8
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£148,872</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>
Deduct Loans Repaid During Year		24,916	6	6
Amount of Mortgage Debt at End of Year		£123,956	5	6

In accordance with our usual practice, full details of projects in hand by various Church trusts is fully reported on in the Report of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee.

It is not always possible to reconcile some figures submitted in Circuit schedules with those presented last year. Figures concerning loans are not always accurate. In particular some figures as for fire insurance cover must have been omitted as the returns presented are considerably less than the actuality. In the schedule presented herein, the correct total is stated as indicated in our office.

An increase in general income of some £17,323 indicates a buoyant condition of finance generally.

General expenditure has increased by £323. The amount spent in purchase of land, buildings and erections is some £49,215 greater than as for last year.

Credit Balances are reduced by some £5,327, while the amount held for Special Purposes is similarly reduced by £8,722. Mortgage and Loan indebtedness is increased by £19,089.

These facts read in conjunction with those indicated in the report from the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee indicate that there is a serious and sustained effort being put forth by our people to grapple with the growing population of the country and the new opportunities for spiritual work and witness.

#### 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. N. Hillary, Box 552, 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 1954 be as named in the Report.
3. That Conference draw the attention of Trusts to the Law that where moneys are held in trust for special purposes they should not be used temporarily for other purposes, as such breach of trust involves the trustees in personal liability.
4. 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, 1953.

The work of the Committee for the year ending 30th June, 1953, again reveals much activity on the part of our Church in all Districts. In order to give an over-all picture of the work in hand or proposed the following summary is made:—

a. 5 Sections of land have been sold, not being required for our purposes. 4 Churches and 4 Parsonages have been disposed of, being replaced in most instances by other more suitable buildings.

b. 15 New sites have been acquired and additional land purchased in 3 instances.

c. 2 New Churches, 7 Halls, 9 Parsonages are in hand, with additions and extensions to 14 of the same—while 6 other buildings have been acquired such as shops, hostel, houses, etc.

#### Loans.

The audited financial statements will be presented to Conference in the usual way, together with a report on use of money held by Trusts for special purposes, as required by last Conference.

The amount advanced as at June 30th was £22,891/1/10, advanced to 64 Trusts. A detailed statement has been submitted to each District Synod indicating the state of the loans current therein.

During the current year applications have been received from 14 Trusts for loans totalling £10,950. These applications, added to those previously received but for which money has not yet been advanced create a situation whereby we are at present committed more than some four to five years ahead for loans, when the money is available.

#### New Loans Advanced.

During the year Loans have been advanced as follows:—Waimakau £250, Weka Weka £200, Eltham £1000, Gonville £100, Wairoa £100, Himitangi Beach £350, Ngaio £1000, Pukerua Bay £150, Northland £1000, Cambridge Terrace £1000, Rangiora £800, Invercargill North £1000. Total £6,950.

#### Sites Fund.

The following grants have been made in connection with the purchase of new sites:—Browns Bay £50, White Swan Road £50, Howick £50, Glendowie £50, Ellerslie £50 (all Auckland), Weka Weka £25, Glenbrook (Waiuku) £75, Puru (Thames) £50, Mt. Maunganui £25, Onekawa (Napier) £50, Pinehaven (Hutt) £50, Stokes Valley (Hutt) £50, Raumati Beach £50, Waverley (Dunedin) £50. Total £675.

#### Trust Contributions.

By resolution of Conference each registered Trust is expected to contribute annually to the working expenses of the office. Income

so derived enables the loans advanced to be interest-free, there being only a small working charge of  $\frac{3}{4}\%$ . All costs and charges are steadily increasing in common with the general trend. Our administration account for the past two years has shown a deficit and our resources are being depleted. To meet the situation it is recommended that the scale of contributions from Trusts be slightly increased. These have remained stationary for many years, and it is felt that Trusts will readily co-operate in this matter. By so doing they are assisting the Committee in its work and enabling it to keep the loans advanced in the interest-free category. By making the minimum contribution 10/- instead of 5/- as at present, with a similar increase for trusts representing larger congregations the position can be met.

#### Visits to Trusts.

The Secretary of the Committee has been requested by several trusts and others to visit same in person for the purpose of consultation. Such contacts have greatly facilitated the work of the Committee, which desires that such visits be made as occasion may require but it is emphasised that this procedure is followed only when request is made by Trustees or others concerned.

#### Peace Thanksgiving Fund.

In terms of Conference decision the Peace Thanksgiving Fund Committee has now handed to the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee the balance of money previously allocated but awaiting disbursement in respect to projects to be undertaken. This amounts to £3,650. The sum of £246/10/8 has been credited to the Church Sites Fund. This represents accrued interest on deposits and is being used in this way also in terms of Conference resolution.

#### 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 Conference we have lost two members who rendered most valued service for many years, the Rev. Edward Drake, who passed away early this year and the Rev. H. J. Odell, who has superannuated and is not now living in Christchurch. We record our sense of loss in the passing of the former and pay a sincere tribute to his long and devoted service to the whole Church. We also express our appreciation of the valued service of the latter who was Chairman of the Committee for four years. Mr A. G. Harris also served the Committee well for six years prior to his transfer to Auckland.

The following Committee is nominated for 1954: The Connexional Secretary, Revs. W. T. Blight, A. O. Harris, A. M. Costain, V. R. Jamieson, W. G. Slade and A. K. Petch; Messrs, H. de R. Flesher (Lay Treasurer), H. J. S. Harrington, W. Melville Lawry, R. A. Marsh, C. A. Waters, L. A. Swift, E. A. Crothall, G. K. Mottram and J. Travers.

#### SALES.

The Committee has sanctioned the sale of the following properties. If not acted upon by 31st January, 1955, the sanction lapses.

Auckland District: Three Kings (1 rood) £750, Waterville (39.3 perches) £800. Eden Terrace Church and Land, £5,000.

South Auckland: Taumarunui Parsonage, £1,200 (approx.).

**Taranaki-Wanganui:** Fitzroy (19.6 perches), £100. Whiteley (40-foot Frontage), £2,600.

**Wellington:** Ngaio (23 perches), £550. Wellington South Parsonage.

**Nelson:** Granity Church.

**North Canterbury:** Addington Tennis Courts, £750. Southbrook Church and Land, £150.

**South Canterbury:** Enfield Church (removal to Oamaru). Temuka (King Street Church), £800; Parsonage, £1,450. Ashburton Parsonage, £3,750.

**Otago-Southland:** Forbury Corner (19.6 perches), £1,040. Roxburgh Parsonage, £1,800, (approx.).

#### LAND PURCHASES.

The following purchases of land have been approved:—

**Auckland District:** Auckland Central Mission (Waiheke Island 41 Ac. and house Gift. White Swan Road (35.2 perches), £1,050. Howick (1 rood 30 perches), £675. Glendowie (34 perches), £450. Ellerslie (1 rood), £300. Tamaki (26 perches) £420. Orewa (32.6 perches), £350.

**Taranaki-Wanganui:** Whiteley (N.P.) 62-foot frontage, £2,520.

**Hawkes Bay-Manawatu:** Onekawa (Napier) (1 rood 22 perches), £420.

**Wellington:** Stokes Valley (39.66 perches), £375. Tawa Flat (32.78 perches), £700.

**North Canterbury:** Bryndwr (1 rood 32 perches), £550.

**South Auckland:** Greerton, Tauranga, (34.7 perches), Gift.

**Otago-Southland:** Company Bay Home (2 acres, 2 roods, 10 perches), £985. Waverley (36.08 perches), £475. Newfield, Invercargill (1 rood 39.2 perches), £400. Gore (2 roods), £150.

#### PURCHASES, ERECTIONS AND ALTERATIONS OF BUILDINGS.

Approval has been given as under. In some cases estimated costs only can be given at date; in others, no figures can be given at present:—

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

##### Auckland District.

P. Browns Bay: Cottage, 2 roods, £1,575.

P. Auckland Central Mission (Shops), £23,000.

P. Hostel, £17,000.

E. Auckland Mission, Parsonage, £7,000.

E. Papatoetoe, Infant Room, £1,000 (approx.).

E. Te Atatu Hostel.

E. Otahuhu, Parlour, £600.

E. Homai, Class Rooms, £300.

A. Sandringham Church.

E. White Swan Road, Church and Hall.

Kaeo, removal of Hall to new site.

E. Wellsford, S.S. Hall.

A. Warkworth.

##### South Auckland.

A. Rotorua Parsonage.

P. Hamilton East, 2 cottages, 1 rood 13.3 perches, £2,400.

E. T. Awamutu Hall, £2,500.

A. Hamilton (St. Pauls).

A. Te Rahui Hostel.

#### Hawkes Bay-Manawatu.

- P. Wairoa, Hall, £300.
- E. Palmerston North, West End Hall, £3,500.

#### Wellington.

- P. Lyall Bay, Parsonage, £2,500.
- A. Greytown, Parsonage.
- P. Ngaio, Parsonage, £4,450.
- P. Lower Hutt, Parsonage, £5,500.
- E. Cashmere, minor additions.
- E. Epuni (Primary), £260.
- A. Petone, interior alterations Church and Parsonage.

#### Nelson.

- E. Motueka, Classrooms.
- P. Picton, Eventide Home, £6,130.
- P. Reefton, Parsonage, £1,900.

#### North Canterbury.

- A. Somerfield.
- E. Beckenham, Classrooms, £500.
- A. South Island Youth Director's Parsonage.
- E. Papanui Parsonage, £4,500 (approx.).
- A. New Brighton Church.
- E. Bryndwr Parsonage, £4,500 approx.).

#### South Canterbury.

- P. Ashburton, Parsonage, £5,100.
- A. Allenton, Hall, £350.
- E. Marchweil Union, Parsonage, £4,000.
- E. Woodlands St., Primary Room.

#### Otago-Southland.

- E. Newfield Church, £3,500.
  - E. Cargill Road, S.S. Hall.
  - E. Balclutha, Hall.
  - P. Roxburgh, Parsonage, £3,800.
  - P. Dunedin Central Mission, Dwelling, £6,300 (approx.).
- A. M. COSTAIN, Chairman.  
H. L. FIEBIG, Secretary.

### REPORT ON SPECIAL LOANS ACCOUNT.

In terms of this resolution of last Conference (Minutes, page 35), the Committee has examined into the possibility of creating a special Deposit Account through which certain moneys held by local trusts or Connexional Boards might be made available for the erection of new buildings, and general developmental work.

On close investigation it is revealed that the amount of money which might be regarded as "frozen" is not as great as might be thought from a casual reading of reports and financial statements. For example, in the General Report on Church Property as at 30th June, 1952, it was reported that the sum of £223,763/8/4 was held for special purposes. This included the amount held on behalf of Church trusts by the General Purposes Trust Board. From examination of the Trust Property Schedules, together with the information in the possession of the Committee the following position is revealed. Of that total sum, £70,936 was held by the Auckland Central Mission for its new buildings. Some £60,000 has either been spent or is now being spent on the various work for which the money was then being held. Approximately £12,000 is held by several large trusts in their own depreciation accounts. £10,553 is held by the Thomas Eve Trust, Ashburton, for work in the Ashburton area.

It must be remembered that included in the above figures are moneys which represent endowment funds of one kind or another which could not or should not be made available for such a deposit account as is being considered herein. They should be put into long term investments for the benefit of the object concerned. A considerable sum which it is difficult to assess accurately—is held for a number of new buildings which may be commenced in the not distant future. The amount of money which at this date may be regarded as lying "idle" in the sense that it is not required in the present or the immediate future might be assessed at £40,000. Account must, however, be taken of the fact that the position in a given circuit may change very rapidly. A scheme which may have been delayed for some time may suddenly receive an impetus by a gift of money or by new enthusiasm engendered and money already held may be required immediately. Many such cases are on record. Such situations must be capable of being met. Hence the money so available must be considered in actuality as probably even less than this latter amount.

Two things must be kept in mind when considering the creating of a Special Loans Account as envisaged. First, the trusts from which moneys may be received on deposit must be safeguarded and their own resources protected. Because of its very nature, it is the paramount duty of the Committee to do this.

Secondly, to be of real service to the Church, loans advanced should be at the lowest rate of interest possible and the terms of repayment as light as possible. Further, to render real benefit to new causes, loans should normally be for not less than 10 years. For a shorter term the annual repayments would be too heavy. At date there is an upward trend in interest rates. There will have to be some ratio between the rate of interest generally obtainable and that offered to depositing trusts and charged to borrowing trusts. The main objective will be—terms as long as possible at an interest rate as low as possible. Perhaps it should be said here that if efforts are put forth there is a considerable amount of money which could be made available locally by interested persons who would be ready to assist worthwhile enterprises for an interest return considerably less than ruling commercial rates.

It must be pointed out that the amount of money within the Church sometimes designated as "frozen capital" which could be available at a low interest rate for long-term loans say of over 5 years is very limited indeed. Further, it seems necessary to point out that it is erroneous to imagine that there is a considerable sum of money lying idle, which needs only to be transferred from one trust to another, without cost to the borrowing party.

The Committee is under the necessity of pointing out that the operation of such a Fund would at present contravene the provisions of the Trustees Act. It will be necessary for Conference to give special authority both to the Committee to receive such deposits and to trustees to make such deposits.

Also Rules and Regulations governing the Fund will have to be drawn up and approved by the Conference.

The Committee has sought to view the matter from every angle and makes recommendations as set out below. With the detailed knowledge in its possession of Church properties, trusts, and moneys raised and held by the same, it considers that this initial step could be taken with some advantage to the Church. Time will be necessary

the increasing of its own Capital Fund by at least 100%, raising it to £50,000, thus increasing to that extent the number and usefulness of its interest-free loans.

A. M. COSTAIN, Chairman.

H. L. FIEBIG, Secretary.

### RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Reports be received and adopted.
2. That Conference authorise the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee to create a deposit account which shall be designated "Special Loans Fund" for the purpose of making available at the lowest possible interest rate moneys for developmental work.
3. That a Special Loans Fund Capital Account be established of £2,000. To this Fund the Church Building and Loan, the Home Mission Fund and the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund shall be asked to contribute £500 each. An equal amount of £500 shall be solicited in the form of gifts from interested persons.
4. That Church Trustees be authorised to make deposits in this Special Loans Fund and that the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee be authorised to accept such deposits.
5. That the Committee be forthwith authorised to make loans to Church trusts at such rate of interest and for such term as may from time to time be determined, provision being made for a working charge of  $\frac{1}{2}$ %.
6. That the Committee draft Rules and Regulations governing the said Fund and submit them to Conference for approval.
7. That the following matter be referred to the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee in consultation with the Faith and Order Committee: That the Committee appoint a sub-committee to advise trusts as requested on the interior arrangement and lay-out of Churches, not only in new buildings, but in reconstruction and alteration to premises.

#### District Advisory Committees.

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

AUCKLAND: The Revs. J. C. Draper, L. R. M. Gilmore; Messrs H. M. Patrick and A. C. Marshall.

SOUTH AUCKLAND: The Revs. W. R. Francis and C. B. Oldfield; Messrs W. B. Young and W. A. Smith.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI: Rev. G. T. Gilbert; Messrs M. S. Hughson and L. M. Moss.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU: Revs. W. R. Laws, L. Greenslade, E. C. Leadley, 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. H. E. Harkness and A. W. McKay; Messrs J. S. White and F. H. Southgate.

NORTH CANTERBURY: Nil.

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

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

# C—Report of Custodian of Deeds, 1953

## REPORT, 1953.

For the year ended June 30th, 1953, the following matters have had attention:

### 1. New Trusts.

New Trusts have been registered as follows:—

- Auckland District—Glendowie, Howick, Ellerslie, Kawakawa-Kaikohe Parsonage.
- South Auckland—Greerton.
- Wellington—Stokes Valley.

### 2. Deeds.

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

- Auckland District—Tamaki, Probert Chambers, Bridgman Building
- South Auckland—Puru, Rotorua, Pureora, Hamilton East.
- Taranaki-Wanganui—Hawera.
- Wellington—Thorndon, Lower Hutt, Northland, Taita Union Parsonage.
- Nelson—Picton Eventide Home.
- North Canterbury—Shirley, Hills Road.
- South Canterbury—Marchweil Union, Ashburton.
- Otago-Southland—Waverley.

### 3. Trustees.

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

District.	Trusts.	Removals.	Registrations.
Auckland	34	83	93
South Auckland	17	26	39
Taranaki-Wanganui	13	32	25
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	8	15	29
Wellington	24	51	58
Nelson	4	5	9
North Canterbury	13	44	48
South Canterbury	3	1	3
Otago-Southland	12	37	33
Totals	128	294	337

H. L. FIEBIG,  
Custodian of Deeds.

## RESOLUTION

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

**QUESTION XXXIX.**—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.

It is with profound regret that we record the passing of our late Chairman, Mr Jas. Tyler. He became a member of our Board on 26th November, 1929, and in August, 1932, was appointed Chairman, which position he occupied at the time of his death—29/10/52. His high administrative position in Auckland and his skilled professional and business ability enabled him to give service of unique value

in directing our affairs through difficult years. Our trustees placed on record their high appreciation of his work. It was one of the avenues of devoted conscientious service, so freely given by him to the work of God. New Zealand Methodism is indebted to him as one of its greatest connexional administrators whose place will be extremely difficult to fill.

The Board and New Zealand Methodism also suffered severe loss by the death of Mr Frank M. Winstone, who for many years gave valued advice and service to our affairs.

The Board has pleasure in submitting its Annual Report for the year ended 30th June, 1953.

Matters regarding the sale of Probert Chambers were finalised during the year and possession was given to the Central Mission Trustees on 1st September, 1952.

Owing to this re-adjustment, the Revenue is down £632, but on the other hand, General Expenses are down £1,154 — a net gain of £522 on last year's figures.

Our contribution to Trinity College was £1,500 and we hope to maintain that figure.

During the past 12 years the question of repairs and maintenance has caused the Board anxiety. Conditions during and since the War created shortages of labour and materials causing considerable arrears of maintenance. With supplies improving the Board has already initiated a policy of vigorous overhaul of arrears in order to bring all properties to a desirable standard. This matter is urgent and will call for a considerable increase in maintenance costs for the next 2 or 3 years.

The Board has established a Capital reserve fund to be built up in the coming years.

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

J. H. BLACKWELL, Chairman.

F. M. 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, 1953

The Trustees would present their Report for the year ended 30th June, 1953, and again report that there have been no changes in the tenancies of the buildings during the year, and that all rents are paid regularly and up-to-date.

In the Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year, it is worth noting that Rates to the City Council are reduced by £128, Repairs and Maintenance by £500, and Interest by £55.

The Shops of the Trust, however, are in need of considerable renovations, particularly the verandahs, which will require attention at an early date, under demand from the Auckland City Council.

The Trustees were pleased to make a grant this year of £400 to Trinity Theological College, and a sum of £2000 has been repaid in reduction of the Mortgage to the Bank of New Zealand. This now stands at £7,500 in the books of the Trust.

ROBERT THORNLEY, Chairman.

PERCY DELLOW, Secretary.

#### RESOLUTION

That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.

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

#### RESOLUTION

That the Financial Statement be received and adopted.

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

#### Annual Report for 1953 Conference.

We have pleasure in presenting to the Conference the Annual Report of the Board, together with the Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1952.

The Board continues to provide for the financial requirements of the Masterton Children's Home and to assist in financing the Rangiatea Maori Girls' College by payment of an annual grant.

#### Masterton Children's Home.

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

We refer in particular to the resignation of the Master and Matron, Mr and Mrs H. Bateup, and of one of the assistants, Miss M. Potter. Their long years of faithful service have been fully appreciated by the Board, and our best wishes go to Mr. and Mrs. Bateup in their retiremen, and to Miss Potter in the new position she has taken up at the Methodist Eventide Home in Picton.

We wish also to record, on their resignation from the Committee, our sincere appreciation of the sterling services of Mr. A. H. Daniell, who has taken an active part in the work of the Committee since its formation in 1921; of Mr. W. R. Nicol, Home Manager and Committee Secretary for many years; and of Mrs. J. H. Conly, who has given many years of active service as a Committee member.

Our thanks go to the members of the Committee for their untiring service to the children in the Home.

Continued increases in the costs of maintaining the Home are placing a strain on our finances, and we most strongly recommend to all Circuits in the area that, wherever possible, they increase their contributions to assist us in meeting the additional costs.

#### Rangiatea Maori Girls' College.

Messrs. A. E. Hurley, T. M. Pacey and A. D. Priestley have continued as our representatives on the College Board of Governors.

It is pleasing to note that arrangements in connection with the permanent establishment have progressed to the stage where the architect has been instructed to prepare working drawings, and that a Government subsidy has been authorised.

In the meantime, our annual grant of £600 to the interim College has been maintained.

## Finance.

Apart from a small increase in interest, the income of the Board has remained unchanged. However, eleven leases of our Kelburn properties are due for renewal on 1st January, 1953, and the increased valuations will increase our future rental income by £289/7/8 per annum.

Expense items have remained steady, and the balance of ordinary income carried down is practically the same as last year.

Net cost to the Board for maintenance of the Masterton Home was £768/5/-, and although this is £44 less than for 1951, the expenses of that year included several items of a non-recurring nature, and, if these are eliminated, an actual increase in maintenance costs is revealed.

Requests totalling £1,470/2/6 have been received on account of the Home and have been credited to the Home's Capital Account in the books of the Board, bringing the balance to £15,186/16/-.

## Chairman.

It is the unanimous recommendation of the Board that the Rev. G. H. Goodman be reappointed its Chairman for a further year.

G. H. GOODMAN, Chairman.

J. A. KELLOW, Secretary.

## RESOLUTION

That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.

### 5.—KAI IWI MISSION ESTATE.

That the Financial Statement be received and adopted.

### 6.—GREY INSTITUTE TRUST.

That the Financial Statement be received and adopted.

### 7.—ROBERT GIBSON TRUST.

The total production for the year from both farms was 56,733.37 lbs. butterfat, an increase of 887.57 lbs. on the previous year's total of 55,845.8 lbs. The net profit from farming operations for the year, amounting to £2,411/10/11, compares favourably with that of previous years.

The following is an analysis of the production from each farm during the season:

	Top Farm	Lower Farm
Number of cows milked in herd .....	95	86
Total lbs. butterfat produced .....	31,114.77 lbs.	25,618.60 lbs.
Average butterfat production per cow .....	327.52 lbs.	297.9 lbs.
Average price received .....	3/1 to date	

The sharemilkers are giving satisfactory service and are carrying out the terms of their agreements.

You will note that the sum of £8,008/4/1 has been accumulated towards the fund to provide for the building of the orphanage, etc.

W. E. HOLDGATE, District Public Trustee.

That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

## 8.—THE METHODIST (NORTH ISLAND) REST HOUSE TRUST BOARD.

Report for Year ending 31st March, 1953 (Abridged).

Trustees: The Chairman of the Auckland District, the General Superintendent of Home Missions, The General Secretary of Foreign Missions, The Rev. Dr C. H. Laws, The Rev G. I. Laurenson, Mr W. H. Cocker. Secretary-Treasurer, Mr J. E. Nicholson, 115 Arney Road, Remuera, Auckland, S.E.2.

Financial Statement:	£	s.	d.
Balance in Auckland Savings Bank Account, No. 7809,			
31st March, 1952	535	15	5
One Year's Interest to 31st March, 1953	12	10	0

Credit Balance in Auckland Savings Bank as per Bank Certificate	£548	5	5
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### General:

It has been approved that the time for consultation between the trustees of this board and the Central Mission regarding Synod's request to merge this Trust Board's funds into the Central Mission be extended.

The suggestion of merging of this Board's funds into the Central Mission is a good one if it can be legally done and we are all anxious to see that the trust is carried out at the earliest possible date.

During the last few years several of our trustees have passed on and it is now desirable that additional trustees be appointed. I would be pleased to have the names of say two persons who would be willing to act.

1. One Minister in Full Connexion or a lay member of the Methodist Church of New Zealand resident in the Provincial District of Auckland.

2. One layman.

In conclusion I would be grateful if the cause of the Rest House could be made as widely known as possible both at Synod and at Conference this year.

J. E. NICHOLSON, Secretary.

### RESOLUTION

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Rev. A. E. Orr and Mr F. M. Souster be appointed to the Board of Trustees.

## 9.—WELLINGTON PROVINCIAL DISTRICT METHODIST LOCAL PREACHERS' TRUST FUND.

That the Financial Statement be received and adopted.

**QUESTION XL.—**What is the report of the Board of Connexional Insurance?

## Connexional Fire Insurance Fund Board

### REPORT TO SYNODS, 1953.

The audited Financial Statements, together with report of the Board on same and on general policy matters, will be presented to Conference in the usual way. In this report reference is made to three matters referred to the Board by last Conference.

## Desirability of Insurance for Full-time and Part-time Workers (1952

Mins., page 91).

(a) As previously reported to Conference in 1951 and 1952, under the Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1950, provision is now made for insuring Ministers, Home Missionaries and Deaconesses, such persons previously not being regarded as "workers" under the Act.

The premium rate is 6/- per cent of stipend paid, plus allowances made. For example, on the present standard stipend for Ministers of £440, plus say £60 for house allowance (that is 1/6th of stipend, less 1/6th for study)—£500 approx., the premium would be £1/10/- per annum.

The compensation is restricted to that provided by the Act, and any incapacity arising out of and in the course of employment. The cover is against accident incurred only while the insured person is actually engaged in Church work. The benefit is equal to 75% of the amount assessed as stipend, or other compensation according to medical evidence.

Enquiries occasionally are made as to the relation of such cover to provision under Social Security legislation. Under the latter, a person who through illness or other cause is unable to work and whose salary in consequence is stopped, may on application and approval of same, receive benefits—£5/15/- per week for a married man and £2/17/6 for a single person. It will be seen that the provision herein is less than that under the previously mentioned Act. It should be stated that a full report was submitted to Conference in 1950 on this particular aspect of the matter (1950 Mins., pages 164-5).

A fuller and alternative scheme is such as has been previously submitted to Conference by the Board, namely Accident and Sickness Insurance, providing for the full 24 hours of each day. Benefits would vary according to the schedule requested and arranged. For example, a premium of £6/18/- would provide £1,000 compensation in the event of death, or total disablement. A group scheme could be operated if desired.

### (b) Voluntary Workers.

Two categories may be noted here.

1. Working Bees: The need for cover in this category is obvious and since the Board reported two years ago on the possibility of such protection now being available, up to 100 Trusts have at different times availed themselves of it. Premium rates are as for those for workers in the ordinary way, builders, 42/6%; painters, 30/-%; casual labourers 12/6% (see also Mins. of Conference, 1951 and 1952.)

2. This cover can now be extended to include S.S. Teachers, B.C. Leaders, Local Preachers, etc. The premium rate is at present 6/-%. The procedure is to submit an estimate of the value of service rendered in terms of the ordinary or average salary received. For example, a Circuit with 30 such voluntary workers might make the following estimate—allowing for two or three hours rendered each week—up to say 100 hours each per annum at 5/- per hour (£750), premium would be £2/5/- p.a. The benefits are as stated in (a) above. It is to be noted especially that no provision is made in this cover for time spent in travelling to and from the Church or Sunday School, but is restricted to time actually spent on Church premises.

(c) Information is also given concerning the kind of group cover which could be arranged in an alternative way for S.S. Teachers, B.C. Leaders, etc.

To cover same against accident occurring only while such workers are at the time actually on voluntary duty on behalf of the Methodist Church, all teachers recognised by the Church would need to be insured. Benefits could be as follows—death by accident or total disablement £250, compensation payable only in respect to accidents whilst engaged in S.S. or B.C. duties. Premium 2/6 per teacher. To extend cover to apply while such workers are going to and returning from their duties, risk to attach from time of proceeding to duties from place of residence and/or place of business, and arrival back at the place of residence and/or place of business—additional premium 1/- per teacher. The one advantage of such a scheme is that workers would be covered during actual travelling time to and from the Church.

It will be remembered that a great number of workers as above, are provided for in various other forms of Insurance and the question of the desirability of insurance on a wholesale scale for all full-time and part-time workers needs more information than is at present available to the Board. At this stage of the enquiry the Board makes the undermentioned recommendations.

**“Refunding a percentage of the premiums paid by Trusts with large insurances, or a reduction of premiums in line with competitive rates of other Insurance Companies.”** The Board reports as follows:—

In the first instance all premium rates are in accord with the Underwriters' Association tariff. There are instances where premium rates are undercut by companies which do not accept that tariff. The Board does not feel that it is called upon to enter into competition in this way for one reason. It is in an entirely different category from a commercial undertaking in that its whole service is rendered to the Church and the profit or dividend motive does not enter in. All profits earned are channelled back into the Church in the form of grants to its various enterprises. To date the sum of £40,567 has thus been distributed. Concessions made to large Trusts, as has been suggested, would be benefits conferred upon organisations with large resources. The income of the Fund would be decreased by the given sum so rebated to such large Trusts which would mean a correspondingly smaller amount available for distribution to departments which urgently need assistance. Further, all Trusts are included in the life and work of the Church. For that reason the Board does not see the wisdom of any action along such lines as it would not be for the benefit of the Church as a whole.

**“The advantage to the Church in making it compulsory for all insurances to be arranged through the Connexional Office.”**

It is not clear as to the exact purpose of this request. However, the advantages are obvious as set out herein.

All property is vested in Trustees under the Methodist Model Deed of 1887 which means that Trustees hold it for and on behalf of the Connexion. They act not in their own interests only but for the benefit of the Church as a whole. Similarly the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund operates, solely for the benefit of the whole Church. All its profits are distributed annually among various enterprises of the Church. Thus there is an immediate relationship as between the property insured and the insurers on the one hand and the Fund in which they are covered on the other.

Because all property matters are dealt with in the Connexional Office through the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee—and the Fire Insurance Fund is administered in the same office, the

question of adequate cover on buildings and the insuring of new buildings is effectively checked. There is a close liaison between the two departments which is valuable and necessary. There are some 1,000 buildings which belong to our Church. The grouping of these under one insurance scheme is not only necessary but extremely advantageous in that all Trusts contribute by way of premium to the same Fund which indemnifies them in the event of loss, and on the other hand the Fund confers extremely real benefits upon the Church in the form of large financial grants from its earnings to various enterprises of the Church.

At present there are only 16 items of property owned by the Church which are not insured through the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund. Most of these carry mortgage obligations with the right of mortgagees in respect to insurances. The number is being steadily reduced each year.

By resolution of Conference each year the Church is reminded of the service rendered by the Fire Insurance Fund and all Trusts are urged and expected, unless mortgage obligations prevent them from so doing, to insure their properties through the Connexional Insurance Fund. The statement made above indicates that this is being done almost 100%. The Board feels that the situation is being met by our present procedure in a manner entirely satisfactory both to itself and to the Church.

A. A. DINGWALL, Chairman.

H. L. FIEBIG, Secretary.

#### Annual Report for Year ended 31st May, 1953.

In its report to Synods three matters referred to the Board by last Conference were dealt with. The report herein analyses the annual financial statements for the year ended 31st May, and makes necessary comments thereon.

**Income:** The earned income from all sources was £4,284/-/- detailed as follows: Premium and Commission less re-insurance, £2,465/6/1. Mortgage interest, £126/19/2; Debenture and Deposit interest, £1,691/14/9. Office expenses amounted to £780/4/10. One claim for Fire Loss was sustained amounting to £95. The total expenditure was thus £875/4/10, allowing the amount of £3,408/15/2 to be transferred to Profit and Loss Appropriation Account.

**Reserves and Grants:** Grants as approved by last Conference were paid amounting to £1,665. The sum of £1,500 has been transferred as usual to the Fire Loss Reserve Account while the amount of £200 has been transferred to the Investment Contingency Reserve Account. Grants recommended to Conference this year as detailed below, amount to £1,665. Transfers and Grants paid and anticipated amount to £5,030, leaving a balance of £170/5/6 to carry forward.

**Accumulated Funds and Reserves:** The Accumulated Fund stands at £33,500. After provision made as above, the Reserve Funds are as follows: Fire Loss, £13,615; Investment Contingency, £1,655/19/4; Natural Calamities Fund, £1,125/11/2.

**Grants Recommended are as follows:—**

Ministers' Home Acquisition Fund, £380; Church Building and Loan Fund, £200; Methodist Times, £200; Home Mission Fund, £200; Foreign Mission Fund, £150; Trinity College, £150; Deaconess Institution, £100; Youth Department, £100; Natural Calamities Fund, £100; Church Sites Fund, £50; Supernumerary Benevolent Fund, £25; Maori Ministers' Home Acquisition, £10. Total £1,665.

The question of policy in respect to grants made to various departments of the Church is under consideration. Hitherto grants have been made to Boards and Committees irrespective of the fact as to whether such distributed money was used for current working expenses or capital expenditure. It is felt that this needs consideration and a statement on future policy will be made in due course.

**Additional Insurance:** During the current year, new and additional insurance was written up for 225 trust amounting to £369,451 approx. Since last reported cover on 5 properties not previously held by the Fund has now been transferred thereto.

**Board:** The Board records its deep sense of loss in the passing of the late Rev. Edward Drake, who, for twenty years was a most valued member. Of that period he also acted as Chairman for nineteen years and by his wide experience and sound judgment made a valuable contribution to the work of the board. Mr A. A. Dingwall has been elected as his successor in that office. The following are nominated for 1954: Connexional Secretary, Revs. W. T. Blight, A. M. Costain and W. G. Slade; Messrs E. R. Caygill (Lay Treasurer), C. H. Perkins, A. A. Dingwall, W. H. Price, W. A. Bascand and R. T. Lawn.

A. A. DINGWALL, Chairman.

H. L. FIEBIG, Managing Treasurer.

#### RESOLUTIONS

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

2. That Conference direct the attention of Circuit and Trust Officials to the benefits of the insurance scheme under the provisions of the Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, and urges them to take advantage of the same, particularly in respect to Ministers, Organists, and Caretakers, and those engaged in "working bees."

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

## Connexional Secretaryship Committee

### ANNUAL REPORT, 1953.

The work of the office has proceeded very satisfactorily during the year. Detailed reports are submitted to Conference covering the funds and departments controlled, namely the Supernumerary Fund Board, Connexional Fire Insurance Fund Board, Church Building and Loan Fund Committee, and Methodist Times Committee.

During the year the Connexional Secretary was elected President of the National Council of Churches in New Zealand. At the Conference in November he will also be inducted as President of the Conference. Consideration has been given by the Committee to the question as to what will be involved in fulfilling this office in respect to the time required to visit circuits and to carry out other various Presidential duties. It is considered that the position is best met not by engaging any additional "supply" assistance but by calling upon the Lay Treasurers and Chairmen of the various Boards to act as time and occasion may require. In view of the fact that no request will thus be made to Conference for "supply" assistance and in order to conserve the time of the President (Elect) the Committee recommends that his travelling be facilitated by the use of the quickest routes.

The following appropriations are asked for: Supernumerary and Allied Funds, £725; Connexional Fire Insurance Fund, £675; Church Building and Loan Fund, £425; Methodist Times, £350; Contingent Fund, £325; General Purposes Trust Fund, £150.

The Committee nominated for 1954 is as follows: Superintendent Ministers of the Papanui and Cambridge Terrace Circuits, Connexional Secretary, Lay Treasurers of the Supernumerary Fund Board, Connexional Fire Insurance Fund Board, Church Building and Loan Fund Committee, Methodist Times Committee and Contingent Fund.

W. T. BLIGHT, Chairman.

### RESOLUTION

That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

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

## Trinity Methodist Theological College Council

### A.—COUNCIL REPORT.

With 31 men in the College, the Church has reason to be proud of this year's work. Twelve new men were taken in, one of the Maori students is doing a fourth year of special work, and there are nine third year and nine second year men.

The smooth running of the College is a tribute to all concerned—staff and students. The Rev. J. J. Lewis has settled quickly into his position as third member of the teaching staff and is rendering fine service.

#### Property.

A great deal of trouble has been experienced over the last year or two with the windows in the College buildings, and a very considerable repair job has been done in this connection by some of the students, under the leadership of Dr. Williams. Their work has saved the Council many hundreds of pounds. Much other repair and maintenance work about the property has also been done by the students.

Before Mr Lewis took up residence in the house at 134 Grafton Road, a great deal of repair work and painting, etc., was necessary and this together with the furnishing of the house has meant a fairly large outlay.

#### Finance.

The work just mentioned, together with the increased number of students in residence, plus rising costs, have placed a heavy strain upon finances, and much credit is due to the staff for the economical running of the institution. The Conference must bear these costs in mind, together with the need of extra accommodation as numbers increase.

We express to all "Friends of Trinity College" appreciation for their continued support, and appeal to others to become "Friends."

#### College Activities.

Apart from routine work, students have again assisted with many services in Auckland Circuits, conducted Missions and visitation work—all of which has been valuable experience for them and of much value to the Circuits.

Such has been the interest of our people in the College that last year it was decided in future to hold the Opening and Dismissal services at Pitt St. Church. The large attendances there show this to have been a wise decision.

#### **Obituary.**

Since last Conference three great friends and servants of the College have passed to higher service, viz., Messrs Frank Winstone, W. E. Burley and James Tyler. It is scarcely possible to estimate how much the interest and work of these three has meant to the College. For a quarter of a century Mr Winstone was treasurer, and to him credit is largely due that we were able to come through a long and difficult period in regard to finances. In so many other ways also, he was a warm friend of staff and students.

Mr Burley's special interest in education enabled him to give valuable service to the College as a tutor in English, and on the Council, of which he was for a period Chairman. He was the first organiser of the "Friends of Trinity."

Mr James Tyler was on the Council from 1927 until his death. He was appointed Chairman in 1939 and also acted as Chairman of the Property Committee over many years, placing his professional skill freely at the disposal of the Council. As a leading official of the Probert Trust he brought it through the difficulties of the Depression so that now it is able to make a considerable contribution to the maintenance of Trinity College.

With affection and gratitude we remember these men and extend to their relatives the sympathy of the Council and the whole Church.

#### **Gifts to Library.**

Many gifts have again been made to the College Library and these will be found listed in a separate report. Appreciation is expressed to all donors.

With thanksgiving to God for the response of so many young men to the call of the ministry we commend the training work of the College to the whole Church.

G. S. GAPPER, Chairman.

A. R. PENN, Secretary.

### **B.—PRINCIPAL'S REPORT.**

The College has a roll of 31 theological students, all but two of whom are resident. Twelve of these men are also attending lectures at the Auckland University College. The men are diligent in their studies and in general they give promise of great usefulness in the future. As opportunity offers they preach and take part in other ways in the life of the Church in Auckland and round about, and everywhere they are welcome. In accordance with the decision of the Conference, Mr J. A. Ziesler left for England in mid-July, to commence his three-year course at Richmond. We take this opportunity to wish him well, and to express our entire confidence in him as a representative of the youth of our Church.

The student body under the Senior Student, Mr D. Trebileo, has been entirely co-operative and loyal. The men vary greatly in personality and outlook and attainment. The variety of entrance standard is an embarrassment to their Tutors, but we welcome the diversity of gifts and temperament which enriches our common life, and makes the time of residence in College a useful preparation for the world. The men are alike in their devotion, as the Staff gratefully acknowledge. They are well received as preachers in the Circuits the visit, and much in demand as Supplies in the vacations, and in general they will make successful ministers.

The appointment of Mr Lewis to the teaching staff has made possible certain adjustments to the teaching duties. Mr Hames has taught Systematic Theology (Person and Work of Christ), Christian Ethics, Church History, Junior Greek and Elementary Hebrew. Dr. Williams has taken the Pastoral Theology I and II, together with the Sermon Criticism class and the Voice Production. He has also taught the New Testament Introduction (Synoptic Gospels) and Intermediate Greek. Mr Lewis teaches Senior N.T. Greek, New Testament Theology, New Testament Exegesis, Old Testament Introduction and Old Testament Theology. In addition to the work of the Tutors in residence, there are short courses from Heads of Departments of the Church, and we also receive distinguished visitors from time to time, e.g., the Vice-President of our Conference, and the President-General of the Australasian Conference.

Since the war ended, of necessity our main effort has been to assist in meeting the need for more Agents, as quickly as possible. The College has gained in numbers and we are grateful for the increased support, both from the Probert Trust and directly from the Church, which has made this possible. At the same time, we are acutely aware of the need to lift our standards and to do our work better.

When we reflect upon the power which the Church places in the hands of the College staff and how swiftly their influence is reflected in the life of the Circuits, we tremble at the responsibility placed in our hands. We do not think that the Church yet realises what a swift and potent instrument it possesses in the College. The fact that since 1939 the College has been in touch with some 80-90 men, nearly half our present active ministry, illustrates the opportunity afforded by the institution and the speed with which its influence reaches out through the Dominion. As a people we should be exceedingly jealous for the standards of the ministry, always insisting on the best, eager for any possible improvement. In its short history, Trinity has accomplished much; but we look forward to greater things, and challenge the Church to that collaboration in faith and prayer and concern which will bring these things to pass.

E. W. HAMES, Principal.

#### C.—TREASURER'S REPORT—YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1953.

Our College accounts closed with a debit balance of £614/6/10. This was very near our estimated deficiency of £615 and in view of the rise in costs and heavy expenditure in Renovations and repairs I think we should feel satisfied that we kept within our estimate.

It is a pleasure that we can report that repairs, renovation and furnishing of 134 Grafton Road have been well done and the house is now in good order at a cost of £1,099/17/ 5, and at the same time we have made a repayment of £313/14/10 principal.

Dr and Mrs Williams have done an excellent job administering the house and service account and in view of continual rising cost to keep this account under the estimated budget is a most creditable performance.

The Students are making a real contribution to the College Finance, and under the capable direction of Dr Williams they have carried out a major task in the removal of metal window frames for repairs and maintenance. They are also doing repair work, plastering, painting, etc.

The Friends of Trinity contributed £180/7/8 and we do wish to express our grateful thanks to them for their loyal support. Mr

Lawry and his Committee hope to launch a special appeal to all church members stressing the importance of an annual donation to our college and how much their support is needed.

Our thanks go to the Central Finance Committee for their support and to the various Trust Boards and Connexional Funds. We are most grateful to those who have made special efforts to help with larger grants this year.

We cannot be complacent when each year our debit balance increases.

WILFRID F. WINSTONE, Hon. Treasurer.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1954.  
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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	1,000	0	0
Collegiate Church	60	0	0
Pitt Street	100	0	0
Students' Contributions	50	0	0
Hostel Fees	3,100	0	0
Prince Albert College Trust	400	0	0
Student Christian Movement	300	0	0
Estimated Deficiency, 30th June, 1954	720	0	0
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	£9,065	0	0

EXPENDITURE

	£	s.	d.
Debit Balance, 30th June, 1953	614	0	0
House and Service	4,500	0	0
Stipends and Allowances	1,850	0	0
Connexional Charges	200	0	0
Bursaries	240	0	0
Rates	225	0	0
Insurance	100	0	0
Telephones	52	0	0
University Fees	150	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
Interest Mortgage Repayment	140	0	0
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	£9,065	0	0

W. F. WINSTONE, Hon. Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Reports of the College Council and of the Principal be received and adopted.
2. That the Treasurer's Report and Budget for 1954 and Students' Library and Associated Funds be received and adopted.

3. That Conference express its appreciation of the loyal and competent service of the teaching staff, and of the work of the Rev. Dr and Mrs Williams in supervising domestic arrangements. It also wishes to thank members and officers of the Council and appreciates the fine spirit existing between staff and students.

4. That Conference congratulate the Rev. Dr. D. O. Williams on his selection for a Fulbright Travelling Scholarship, and his opportunity for research at the Divinity School of the University of Chicago.

5. That the College Council give consideration to the establishment of a fund to provide for members of the staff to be given periodic leave for refresher study overseas.

6. That the first sentence of paragraph 502, clause 15, of the Laws and Regulations, which reads "The contributions from students for the ministry towards the cost of their training shall be as determined from time to time by the Conference," be repealed.

7. 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.

8. 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.

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

10. That the Council for 1954 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 XLIII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Connexional Colleges and Hostels.

## (1) Wesley Training College

### A.—REPORT OF THE BOARD FOR 1953.

The Board has pleasure in reporting that the income surplus for the year ended the 31st December, 1952, was the highest in the Board's experience at £6,324, and that with capital accretions totalling £606, the Board's Capital Account, at that date, stood at £164,770.

The increased profit was mainly a reflection of the improved return received from the Mount Wellington property. Instead of

a loss on the operation of the School there the Board received a substantial rent for the buildings and surrounding School area, and as well, benefitted from a large increase in scoria royalties. To commemorate the donor of this valuable property, the Board has decided to refer to it in future as "The Maurice Harding Park."

At Paerata, the College was operated at a loss of £1,599, after allowing for Beneficiary work amounting to £1,553. Arising from recent awards, wages and salaries paid to the domestic staff and teachers reached a total of £9,919 for the year. Despite full production from the College garden the cost of provisions rose by £500 as compared with the previous year. The high cost of Repairs and Maintenance must be recognised as normal owing to the deterioration of the buildings and equipment due to their age and increasing obsolescence. As in the past no allowance has been made in the accounts for depreciation of the College buildings and improvements, but the Board will give consideration to the advisability of writing off depreciation in the 1953 accounts.

Farm production was maintained at a high level and buoyant market conditions resulted in satisfactory prices being obtained for our produce. Although not at the same level as last year, the profit derived from the Farm was, nevertheless, the second best on record in spite of the growing cost of wages and other necessary charges.

The Board suffered a great loss when its Chairman, Mr James Tyler, died on 29th October, 1952. He joined the Board in February, 1929, and was appointed to the Property Committee where his unique gifts and knowledge of property affairs were of special benefit. In September, 1936, he was elected Chairman of this Committee and occupied the office for many years.

When Mr Justice Stanton found it necessary to resign from the Chairmanship of the Board in June, 1948, the election of Mr Tyler to the office was unanimous. It would be impossible to enumerate the many outstanding services he rendered to the efficient working of the Board and College during the 23½ years of his membership. His training as an engineer, and his business acumen in all property matters, gave him special qualifications to guide the Board to wise decisions. In so doing, the Board was saved from many pitfalls, and from considerable expense.

The Board expresses its deep sympathy with Mrs Tyler and the members of the family.

After serving at Acting-Chairman for four months during the late Mr Tyler's illness, Mr J. S. Caughey was unanimously elected Chairman of the Board.

During the year a small subdivision of six building sections at Waikowhai was offered for lease. The sections which fronted a dedicated road were quickly taken up and the income of the Board thereby increased by £100 per annum. The Board has other vacant land suitable for subdivision but present indications are that the cost of roading and development is prohibitive.

The Board regrets that the high cost of constructing an Assembly Hall and Gymnasium at Paerata precluded the letting of a contract for the work. To have proceeded with the project would have involved an expenditure of over £30,000 which the Board considered unwarranted. It is the policy of the Board to proceed with this extension to College Buildings as soon as conditions are favourable.

For the Board:

J. S. CAUGHEY, Chairman.

L. KNIGHT, General Secretary.

## B.—REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL FOR 1953.

### Roll.

As at the 1st July, 1953, the Roll was 138 boys, all boarders, in classes ranging from Form I to Form VI. This is the highest roll ever recorded at the College. There are 32 Maoris and 12 Islanders. In response to a Conference request, we made inquiries concerning the possible training of a selected student from Malaya or Indonesia under the Colombo Plan, and were informed that the assistance being given was to students more senior than those we take.

### Staff.

Certain changes have taken place since last Report. Mr A. W. A. Parkes, B.Sc., has been replaced by Mr F. Widgey, Dip.Ag.; Mr K. S. Crawshaw, B.Com., by Mr H. S. Squier (Bursar); Mr T. I. Malcolmson by Mr I. S. J. Lloyd (Woodwork); Mr B. Barnitt, M.Sc., has been absent on leave in order to travel abroad; Mr E. Todd has been a member of the staff since February 1st, 1953.

The Domestic position has not changed to any extent. The Matrons (Miss A. M. Cliff and Miss M. I. Taylor) have continued to give valuable service.

Farm Staff has been up to strength during the year, and under the capable management of Mr H. J. Barber, good work is being done.

### Examinations.

Passes in School Certificate in 1952 numbered 13; in University Entrance, 2. Of the 15, 5 were Maoris and 2 were Islanders.

During the year, the College was placed on the list of Accrediting Schools.

### Extensions and Improvements.

The new sports field has been in use during the year, and has already proved to be a very valuable asset to the College. It is also undoubtedly an acquisition in the district.

During the year the Board has undertaken to modernise the College kitchen and improve locker facilities in the dressing-rooms. On the farm, new sheep-pens, a spray-dip, and a new woolshed in permanent materials have been or are in process of being erected.

In August, 1952, the Pipe Organ, a gift from the Mission Bay Trust, was installed. In the Chapel, it is given constant use, and has been a fine help in our worship. Numerous special services are conducted in Chapel during the Year, and in these music by boys and organ, plays an important part.

### General.

1. Once again the Old Boys' Association has been generous in presenting for use in the Library another two handsome oak tables. It is pleasing to report that the Association is now firmly established as part of College life; its interest in the College is by no means limited to gifts, but throughout the year its executive has organised visits and outings which are much appreciated by all. We are particularly pleased to know that two Old Boys (Messrs. H. Denton and A. Winstone) are now members of the Board.

2. We have had a full programme of Sports, Concerts, lectures from visiting speakers, visits from prominent overseas leaders in the Church, and rallies organised by groups desiring to use College grounds and facilities. We are glad to welcome visitors, and to take the College out to the people when we can by means of public concerts and services in City Churches. The choir, trained by Mr Claude Laurie, continues to lead in these functions, and from time to time is able to assist in programmes arranged by City choirs. Scouts (under Mr Widgey) and Ambulance (under Mr Lloyd) are flourishing. The

Divinity group is at its strongest, and many are able to take an active part in services from time to time. In reporting a successful year's work, we must record our appreciation of all whose active co-operation, goodwill, and interest have made it possible.

E. M. MARSHALL, Principal.

### RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Reports of the Board and of the Principal and the Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. That Conference express its appreciation of the work of the College and extend its congratulations to the Board, the Principal, and the Staff.
3. That Conference pay tribute to the devoted churchmanship of the late Mr. J. Tyler, and record his valued services as Board Member for 23½ years, and Chairman since 1948.
4. That the Board for 1954 be: Revs. F. Copeland, W. Walker, A. H. Scrivin, E. Te Tuhi, E. W. Hames, G. I. Laurensen, 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.

### 2.—REPORT OF THE RANGIATEA MAORI COLLEGE TRUST BOARD

I have pleasure in reporting that the Annual Meeting of the Board, held at New Plymouth on Saturday, the 31st October, 1953, saw a distinct forward move towards the establishment on the Spotswood property at New Plymouth of a Hostel for Maori girls attending Secondary Schools in New Plymouth. In accordance with the requirements of the Government, provision has been made in plans which were approved, for the accommodation of 12 Post School working girls. The plans have been drawn on a basis of providing, ultimately, for 48 school girls, plus the above-mentioned 12 working girls.

In the early stages the Board intends to accommodate only 36 school girls, leaving the dormitory accommodation for the other 12 available for recreational purposes of the Hostel.

The architects' estimate of the buildings and development work required, is £58,000, with architects' fees and equipment totalling an additional £8,000, approximately, the total expenditure is estimated at £66,000.

Of this expenditure it is hoped that, at least, £29,000 will be available from Government subsidy, and the balance of some £37,000 is clearly in sight to, at least, the extent of £27,000. Of the balance of £10,000, the Board hopes to be able to bridge the gap.

The New Plymouth High School Board is in negotiation with the Board of the Rangiatea College Trust, with a view to the acquisition from our Board, of a portion of the Spotswood property for the erection, in the future, of a Secondary School in that area.

The Board of Rangiatea warmly welcomes this development which is in complete harmony with the original objectives of the Board of the establishment of an educational institution at this property. The proximity of a Secondary School at which the Hostel residents could be pupils, would greatly support and facilitate the objective of the Board, that even on its limited objective of the provision of an Hostel, the educational character of its establishment would be maintained and assisted.

The preparation of plans for the erection of the Hostel have now reached a stage where they are being submitted to the Government for final approval of the grant of subsidy, and for other necessary consents, and it is sincerely hoped that before another year has passed, a commencement will have been made with the erection of the buildings. These are sorely needed as the buildings on the Mission property at New Plymouth, which are now occupied by some 12 or 13 Maori girls in the temporary accommodation which has been used for some years past for them, has reached a stage where either the new scheme must go forward, or the existing buildings considerably altered and improved.

**New Board Members:** The representatives submitted to Conference for appointment on the Board are as follows: Revs. G. I. Laurenson, E. T. Olds, E. Te Tuhi and R. P. Rakena; Mrs W. H. Aburn, Misses E. B. Cannell and C. Trewin; Messrs A. E. Hurley, T. M. Pacey, A. D. Priestley, F. Penn, E. L. F. Buxton, M. S. Hughson, W. P. Griffith and H. T. Awarua.

**Accounts:** These have been submitted to the Conference.

**Staff:** The Board is deeply grateful to Sister Evelyn Marriott for her continued care and guidance of the girls who are at present in the Hostel. We are also deeply appreciative of the work which has been done by members of the New Plymouth Committees which have worked selflessly during the past year in the work of the present Hostel, and in consultation with the architect in the preparation of plans for the new Hostel.

A. EATON HURLEY, Chairman.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.
2. That Conference congratulates the Rangiatea College Board on the progress towards the erection of a Taranaki Maori Girls' Hostel and commends this project to the generous attention of our people.
3. That Conference express appreciation to Mr A. E. Hurley as Chairman of the Board.
4. That the Board for 1954 be: Revs. E. T. Olds, G. I. Laurenson, E. Te Tuhi, R. P. Rakena; Mrs W. H. Aburn, Misses C. Trewin and E. B. Cannell; Messrs A. E. Hurley, T. M. Pacey, A. D. Priestley, F. Penn, E. L. F. Buxton, M. S. Hughson, W. P. Griffith and H. T. Awarua.

**QUESTION XLIV.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on the Supernumerary Fund?**

### 1.—SUPERNUMERARY FUND BOARD REPORT, 1953.

The audited financial statements for the year ended 30th June, 1953 are presented to Conference with this report.

#### **Annuitants:**

a. **Supernumeraries.** The number in this category is 53. During the year 2 ministers came on to the Fund while the names of 3 deceased annuitants were removed. Last year the number was 54.

b. **Widows.** The number herein is 46. Last year the number was 44.

c. **Annuities and Grants.** The sum of £8391/1/1 was paid during the year in the form of annuities, with the amount of £202/10/- for furniture grants.

d. **Commutation.** 2 ministers commuted this year involving the sum of £1597/15/8. Since provision was made for the exercise of this option 25 ministers have done so, the total amount paid out being £21,948. In every case but one, the remaining annuity has been reduced to £52 per annum.

#### **Contributors:**

(a) The number of contributors stands at 191. This is the first year for which the personal contribution is £16 (instead of £10). The amount received was £2531/5/-.

(b) Circuit Levies amounted to £3490/10/-, being now at the rate of £24 per annum (instead of £15).

(c) Seven cases of arrears of personal subscriptions have required the attention of the Board.

Investments continue in a very satisfactory manner and are as follows:

- a. Mortgages £63,724/7/10.
- b. Debentures and Govt. Stock £64,725.
- c. Freehold property £48,712/8/5.

Provision for depreciation on the latter stands at £9750, while the Investment Fluctuation Reserve A/c. is £907/6/5. The interest earnings on Mortgages and Debentures show an increase of £117/2/3. During the year the Board had to face heavy expenditure on Epworth Chambers on electrical installations and replacements. This item (£625), together with other special maintenance and repairs, was made a charge on the current year's working which reduced considerably the nett income compared with that of last year.

**Accumulated Funds:** These now stand at £130,804/3/9, an increase for the year of £566/5/2. The credit balance transferred from the Revenue Account to the Accumulated Funds was £2166/15/3. The main contributing factor herein is the increased revenue from personal contributions and levies. The movement of funds was effected as usual by the option of commutation referred to earlier (£1597/15/8) and subscriptions refunded to 3 ministers who resigned during the year (£107/14/5). Gifts received amounted to £105.

#### **Allied Funds:**

(a) **Home Acquirement Fund:** Personal accounts herein total £19,421/11/8. Withdrawals during the year amounted to £1076/5/11 paid to 2 supernumeraries, 3 ministers and 3 ministers who resigned or transferred to another Conference.

(b) **Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund:** Deposits on behalf of 28 contributors amount to £4457/12/2. The new scale, commencing this year, is as follows:—Personal contribution £12 per annum, Circuit subsidy £9, H.M. Department subsidy £9 p.a. Payments were made to 3 contributors who withdrew during the year amounting to £630/14/10.

(c) **Deaconess Retiring Fund:** There are at present 43 contributors, deposits totalling £9462/18/5. The new rate of contribution is now—Personal £12 p.a., Circuit or department subsidy £9 p.a., H.M. Department subsidy £9 p.a. 4 Contributors retired during the year, payments thereto amounting to £1606/5/8.

**Actuary's Report:** The report of our Actuary for the 5-year period ending 30th June 1952 is set out below. This indicates a very favourable state of affairs. In 1947 the report indicated an actuarial deficiency of £9173. This has been overtaken because of the increased interest earnings of the Fund which now reveals an actuarial surplus

of £2385. While the Board is naturally gratified with this position it has to point out that the reason is that while it has been able so to manage its affairs in what must be considered a satisfactory manner, it has not been in a position to grant any increases in annuities. Hence its reports to the last three Conferences on this urgent matter. In due course the Board will report to Conference its recommendations concerning increased annuities which will be made possible by reason of its augmented capital.

**Loading Charge:** Provision is made in the regulations of the Fund for a Loading charge to be added to the amount of personal contribution made by any minister who at the time of his acceptance as a Candidate for the Ministry is 40 years of age or over. When the subscription was increased as at 1st February of this year, our Actuary was requested to report on the matter and to submit his recommendations. He presented a tentative new table but at the same time indicated that in his opinion the Loading Charge could be dispensed with without materially affecting the Fund. After due consideration of all the factors affecting the position the Board recommends that action be taken in conformity with the expressed judgment of the Actuary. The matter of Loading Charge for ministers serving in the Solomon Islands is still under consideration.

**Ministers' Home Acquirement Fund:** The Board has also examined into regulation 9 of the Home Acquirement Fund. This makes provision for a minister who has served for 35 years (that is—five years prior to retirement in the normal way) to withdraw his interest in the Fund for the purpose of using such money for the acquiring of a home for his subsequent retirement. A minister may enter the work at a somewhat older age than is the normal case and may not travel 40 years but can retire at 65 years of age. It seems desirable to make it possible for such a minister to withdraw his interest in the Fund 5 years prior to such retirement and the Board recommends accordingly. It is to be noted that any minister who exercises such an option shall contribute to the Fund until his actual retirement and his contributions earn the usual subsidy.

**Relation of Supernumerary and Home Missionaries' Retiring Funds:** There is an aspect of this matter which the Board has under consideration and upon which it will report in due course if it is deemed desirable.

**Board:** The Board places on record its deep appreciation of the services of the late Rev. Edward Drake whose wide experience and sound judgment made him for many years a most valued member of the Board.

The following are nominated as the Board for 1954:—The Connexional Secretary, Revs. A. O. Harris, W. T. Blight, W. G. Slade, V. R. Jamieson and A. M. Costain, 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, Chairman.  
G. S. SALTER, Lay Treasurer.  
H. L. FIEBIG, Managing Treasurer.

1/10/53.

The Board of Management,  
Supernumerary Fund of the Methodist Church of New Zealand,

Sirs,—In accordance with your instructions I have valued the Supernumerary Fund as at 30th June 1952, and have pleasure in reporting as follows:

The following table shows the movement in membership since the date of the last valuation, 30th November 1947—

	Contributors. Supernumeraries. Widows.				
At 30th November 1947	170	52			40
Entrants	55	25			14
	<u>225</u>	<u>77</u>			<u>54</u>
Superannuated	25				
Died	1	22		10	
Resigned & Transferred	11	37	1	23	10
	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
At 30th June 1952	188	54			44

Of the 23 members who died 14 left widows entitled to benefit from the Fund. There were no children entitled to benefit at the valuation date.

Receipts and expenditure for the period under review are shown in the following consolidated revenue accounts—

## 1st December 1947 to 30th June 1952

	£		£
Fund 1/12/1947	152,900	Annuities	40,547
Subscriptions	7,321	Furniture Grants	2,280
Circuit Levies	11,261	Refunds and Transfers	
Interest & Rents	26,173	Subscriptions	1,329
Other Income	317	Levies	937
		Commutations	20,354
		Expenses	2,287
		Fund 30/6/1952	130,238
	<u>£197,972</u>		<u>£197,972</u>

The accumulated funds have decreased over the period by some £22,000. This does not mean that the financial position of the Fund has deteriorated; the decrease is accounted for almost entirely by commutation of annuities for cash payments. The popularity of this option with members indicates that it is serving a real need.

The effective rates of interest credited to the Fund for the last three years of the period were:

Year ended 30th June.	Effective rate of interest per annum.
1950	£4 7 10
1951	£4 8 7
1952	£4 5 3

For the period 1st December 1947 to 30th June 1949 interest was credited at the rate of £4/8/4 per cent. per annum. These rates are a substantial improvement on those for the preceding quinquennium which ranged from £4/2/- to £3/14/- per cent. and averaged £3/19/11 per cent.

Having regard to the improved interest yields shown above and to current investment conditions, it is reasonable to assume that the Fund will realize at least 4 per cent. interest per annum for some years to come. I have used this rate therefore in valuing the Fund, with the following results:

**Valuation Balance Sheet as at 30th June 1952**

Present value of:	£
Current annuities to Supernumeraries	38,128
Current annuities to Widows	21,889
Prospective annuities to Supernumeraries	70,404
Prospective annuities to Widows	54,349
Furniture Grants	5,333
Surplus	2,385
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	£192,488
Fund at 30th June 1952	130,238
Present value of future subscriptions and levies less allowance for future expenses	62,250
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	£192,488

The valuation made in 1947 disclosed a deficiency of £9,173. The present surplus of £2,385 means, therefore, that the Fund's finances have improved since 1947 by £11,558. This improvement is the result of higher interest yields during the period under review, and of the prospect of their maintenance in future.

This examination of the Fund relates to the period ended 30th June 1952, and does not cover alterations in the Regulations governing the Fund made since that date.

I am, gentlemen, yours faithfully,

S. BECKINGSALE,  
Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries.

**RESOLUTIONS**

- I. That the Report be received and adopted.
- II. That the Report of the Actuary be received and adopted.
- III. That the Financial Statements for the Supernumerary Fund, Supernumerary Benevolent Fund, Ministers' Home Acquirement Fund, Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund, and Deaconess Retiring Fund, be received and adopted.
- IV. That paragraph 27, Law Book page 136 (Supernumerary Fund)—Loading charge—be deleted.
- V. That paragraph 9, Law Book page 144 (Ministers' Home Acquirement Fund), be amended as follows:—After "Thirty-five years' service" add—"or 5 years prior to reaching the retiring age of 65 years".
- VI. That Conference express gratification that the Supernumerary Fund is now actuarially sound.

**QUESTION XLV.**—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on the Methodist General Purposes Trust (Inc.)?

**METHODIST GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD (INC.)**

**(A) ANNUAL REPORT, 1953**

The Board administers 91 Trusts, deposits on account of same amounting to £54,398/2/11. New Trusts accepted since last reported

are Est. J. Hawke and C. M. Hawken. Deposits have been received on behalf of the following Church Trusts—Kohukohu, Taneatua, Addington Church Tennis Club.

### (B) WINSTONE MEMORIAL TRUST FUND

The very best thanks of the Church are due to those who made possible this very valuable and useful Fund. Again this year grants amounting to £420/15/1 were made to Ministers or Home Missionaries who had not received from their circuits the standard stipend. It is encouraging to note that over the last five years the number of applications or grants has decreased, an indication that in spite of increases in stipends the financial position of circuits is evidently more buoyant.

L. G. K. STEVEN, Chairman.

G. S. SALTER, Lay Treasurer.

H. L. FIEBIG, Managing Treasurer.

### RESOLUTION

That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.

QUESTION XLVI.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on the Methodist Children's Fund?

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th September, 1953, show that the amount made available to the Fund remained unchanged at £1800 and that an amount of £1841/6/3 was actually paid out in children's allowances, the balance carried forward from the previous year being used to provide the difference. The grant in respect of each child was at the rate of £6/15/- as compared with £7 for the previous year. The number of children to be provided for has continued to increase and a total of 272½ allowances have been paid, the district allocations being as under:—

Auckland	67½
South Auckland	28½
Taranaki-Wanganui	20
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	23½
Wellington	39
Nelson	18
North Canterbury	39½
South Canterbury	6
Otago-Southland	29½
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	272½

Since 1939 the total allowances provided has progressively increased from 173 to the above stated figure of 272½, and it is anticipated that the number will be even greater for 1954.

As Conference will this year be determining the amount of Connexional Charges (which include provision for the Children's Fund) for the next five years, it is necessary that the present policy as regards this Fund be reviewed. The grant per child was originally £10, and with the aid of the Contingent Fund this grant was maintained until 1945. It will be recognised that £10 in those earlier days was worth considerably more than it is to-day. More recently assistance has not been available from other Funds and, with the great increase in the number of children claiming on the Children's Fund, the grant per child has had to be progressively reduced to

the present amount of £6/15/-. At the 1949 Conference, on the suggestion and vote of the Ministers themselves, it was resolved that, for the balance of the five-year period, the amount payable in respect of each child be determined annually and in proportion to the amount available to the Fund. In the meantime the economic position of Ministers with families has become more difficult and there is a feeling among some of them that they have been "let down" as far as payments from this Fund are concerned. With this view the Treasurers are in full sympathy. It must be pointed out, however, that the present allocation to the Fund of £1800 will need to be increased by approximately £1000 if the grant of £10 per child is to be restored. In the meantime and pending the decision of Conference on the matter, the Central Finance Committee has, on our suggestion, tentatively recommended the provision of a sum of £2000 per annum for the next five years. We sincerely hope, however, that Conference will be able to authorise a greater provision.

The indebtedness of £150 to the Fire Insurance Fund remains unchanged.

W. H. GREENSLADE,  
T. M. PACEY,

Honorary Treasurers.

### RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.
2. That the amount of the allowance from the Children's Fund be £10 per annum for each child.
3. That the levy for the ensuing year be £2,800.
4. That the Treasurers, Rev. W. W. H. Greenslade and Mr T. M. Pacey, be thanked for their services and be reappointed.

**QUESTION XLVII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on the Contingent Fund?**

### RESOLUTIONS

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

	£
Trinity College .....	1400
Connexional Office .....	325
Deaconess Institution .....	125
Methodist Times .....	150
Methodist Times Editor's Expenses .....	12
Overseas—Travel Fund .....	50
Natural Calamities Fund .....	25
Spiritual Advance Committee .....	25
Public Questions Committee .....	25
World Council of Churches .....	98
National Council of Churches .....	6
Ecumenical Committee .....	5
World Methodist Council .....	10
Wesley Historical Society .....	5
Press Relations Office .....	25
University Fees .....	60
	£2,346

3. That the estimated budget as presented by the Treasurers be approved.

4. That the Consultative Committee be the Chairman of Auckland District (Rev. E. W. Hames), the Connexional Secretary, Messrs J. H. Blackwell, G. S. Gapper, F. E. Sutherland and the Treasurers.

5. That Mr J. C. Wigglesworth, B.Com., be thanked for his services as Honorary Auditor and be re-appointed.

6. That the Treasurers of the Fund, Rev. W. Walker and Mr A. H. Winstone, be thanked for their services and be re-appointed.

QUESTION XLVIII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on the Removal Expenses Fund?

## Removal Expenses Fund Committee

REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1953.

For the year ending 30th June, 1953, 57 removals were carried out at an average cost of £43/3/4. This shows a reduction on the previous year's removals, in spite of increased costs.

The Committee achieved this by making greater use of road transport, and it is expected that in future, more use will be made of this means of removal. Inter-island moves will continue to use air services.

It is hoped that the Ministers concerned are finding that their removals are being made as quickly as they desire, and that they are not being inconvenienced by the non-arrival of goods.

The financial position of the Fund remains satisfactory. Cash in hand at the date of this Report is £459/18/6, and before this year's removals commence, a further £1,250 will be received, making approximately £2,500 available.

The Committee again request that long distance moves be avoided wherever possible, and with this in view, no increase in levy is being sought.

W. T. BLIGHT, Chairman.

C. H. ELMSLY,

L. C. HORWOOD, Treasurers.

### RESOLUTIONS

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

2. That the Levy for the ensuing year be £2,500.

3. That Mr W. E. Clothier be appointed Lay Treasurer.

4. That Mr C. H. Elmsley be thanked for his services as Lay Treasurer.

5. That the Rev. L. C. Horwood be thanked for his services and be re-appointed Ministerial Treasurer.

6. That Mr F. M. Sowden, Hon. Auditor, be thanked for his services and be re-appointed.

7. That the Committee for 1954 be: The Chairman of the District, the Connexional Secretary, the Revs. V. R. Jamieson, A. K. Petch, L. C. Horwood, Messrs S. H. Maddren, M. Hosking, J. T. Eltoft, C. H. Elmsly and W. E. Clothier.

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

## Foreign Mission Department

ANNUAL REPORT, 1953.

World Methodist Year of Evangelism.

Part of the Gospel we present is its world-wide application and the commission of our Lord that we make disciples of all the nations. The whole world family of Methodism moves together this year.

Earlier, the President of the British Conference stated that the most encouraging reports received of the preparation for the World Year of Evangelism came from the Mission Districts of British Methodism.

A large number of the people called Methodists live on the mission fields of world Methodism. In our part of the world 500,000 Pacific Islanders look to the Methodist Churches of Australia and New Zealand for spiritual leadership. New Zealand Methodism rejoices that the Rev. Dr. R. Dudley was used this year as the Missioner to all the races in Fiji. In close partnership with the Methodist people of this country stand 18,000 Solomon Island Methodists.

In the Solomon Islands District, reports came of an Easter mission at Kekeru, in the Teop Circuit, and of a mission at Paramata, Vella Lavella. As approved by last Conference, two Solomon Islands teachers have joined the new mission in the Papua-New Guinea Highlands.

#### **Ministerial Staff.**

While the Chairman, the Rev. J. R. Metcalfe, has been visiting England, the Rev. A. H. Voyce has acted in his place. The Choiseul Circuit appointment has been filled by the Rev. D. I. A. McDonald. The Rev. Trevor Shepherd, who has replaced the Rev. A. W. E. Silvester at Vella Lavella, has been succeeded in the Teop Circuit by the Rev. G. G. Carter, M.A.

#### **Medical.**

Having qualified for the Diploma in Tropical Medicine, Dr. G. E. Hoult, M.B., Ch.B., B.D.S., has now commenced his second term on the field. The new Helena Goldie Hospital at Roviana was opened during April. New medical facilities have also been provided at Sasamunga, Choiseul. The doctor's house was finished in August. The Board regrets the resignations on health grounds of Sister Joan Brooking and Sister Eva Saunders. Sister Rewa Williamson has now gone to the field.

A grant of £2,500 from the Lepers' Trust Board brings the total of their contributions to our leper and general medical work to £16,750 for the past twelve years. In addition we hold £8,500 towards the cost of a new Leper Relief Vessel.

#### **Educational.**

For the first time, the British Solomon Islands Protectorate Government has made a grant (£1,695 Aust.) towards the educational work of our mission. Our educational work has been seriously affected by our failure to secure an early replacement for Sister Joyce McDonald.

#### **Vessels.**

The sale of the "Roviana" was effected at a satisfactory figure. A serious breakdown in the engine of the "Malakuna" required the urgent despatch of a new engine from New Zealand. The "Cicely II" continues to render excellent service. The launches "Vecta" and "Munda" have both been under repair.

The new mission slip at Roviana, favourably reported on by competent observers, has already been in use.

#### **Rehabilitation.**

Besides the medical buildings mentioned earlier, the new mission house at Skotolan, Buka, has been completed. Mr. G. H. J. Yearbury has fulfilled his term of building service on the field. Messrs. Brian Sides and Philip Taylor have each only a short time still to serve. To ensure the continuity of this work, two further builders are urgently required.

### Home Base.

During the June quarter, the Rev. A. W. E. Silvester and the General Secretary reached almost every North Island Circuit. In the September quarter the General Secretary has completed his initial visitation of the South Island. The film, "Solomon Islands Saga," made available on very generous terms by the Rev. B. H. Riseley, has been widely shown. Further film material is being secured from Mr. Riseley as approved by last Conference. No Solomon Islander has yet been found to serve as deputationist.

### Literature—Solomon Islands.

The principal literary event in the Solomon Islands has been the publication of the Roviana New Testament. Copies were only recently received on the field. The new Roviana dictionary has also appeared. Hymn and service books in Buin and Petats have also appeared, while a Palmerston North group has duplicated St. John's Gospel in Teop. Roviana textbooks are being duplicated by volunteers at Auckland and Wellington.

### Literature—Home Base.

(a) **Mission History:** Having designated the Rev. C. T. J. Luxton to prepare the history of the Solomon Islands District, the Board thought it wiser not to adopt the Conference suggestion of a biographical sketch of Mr. Goldie.

(b) **"Open Door":** The General Secretary is continuing the policy reported a year ago. Issues are planned to feature "Women's Work," "Bible Translation" (150th anniversary of the British and Foreign Bible Society), and "Mission Education."

(c) **"Methodist Times":** The alternation of articles on the Solomon Islands work and on "World Methodism at Work" has been continued.

(d) **"Lotu":** The Board has regretfully accepted the resignation of the Editor, the Rev. A. A. Bensley. A resolution in respect of Mr. Bensley's editorial service will be prepared for Conference. The Rev. E. C. Leadley has been appointed Editor and Sister Lina Jones, Sub-Editor.

(e) **Other Literature for Home Consumption:** Costs of production limit what can be done in acceding to the request of the 1952 Conference that we 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. The number of articles in the Annual Report has been increased. An additional number of the leaflet "New Occasions" were circulated through the Auckland Missionary Exhibition. 10,000 copies of an article, "Problem and Opportunity in the Solomon Islands," written by Dr. A. G. Rutter, have been published for general circulation.

In co-operation with the Home Mission Department and the Youth Department, a study book on Missions, "Tell Every Man," is being prepared for 1954.

The new map of the Solomon Islands should be available before the end of the year.

### Methodist Women's Missionary Union.

The Board welcomes into office the new Dominion Executive located at Dunedin. Effective use is being made of the overseas sisters on deputation in stimulating the interest of the women of the Church, both in the general work and in this year's special objective. We are grateful for the increased grant now being made towards sisters' salaries.

## Youth Department.

An outstanding feature of the year has been the spontaneous raising of £1,500 to provide better hostel facilities for the boys at Vella Lavella. The presentation of this sum is to be a feature of the Conference Missionary Demonstration.

Through Easter Camps a leaflet was circulated setting forth the needs of Christian service in all departments of our Church life. Those who at various times have volunteered for future missionary service overseas are being drawn into a fellowship. This is being done by the General Secretary with the approval of the Youth Department.

Mr. J. F. Murray, of Riccarton, and Mr. G. T. Dey, of Hamilton East Circuit, have both gone to the field to render a year of building service under the Order of St. Stephen.

### Name of Society.

Conference requested the Board to consider the possibility of changing the name of the Department, substituting "Overseas" for "Foreign." After careful consideration in a committee of the legal and other issues involved, the Board did not approve the proposal to change the name.

E. W. HAMES, Chairman.

S. G. ANDREWS, General Secretary.

## REPORT ON PROPOSALS FOR CLOSER RELATIONS WITH AUSTRALIAN METHODIST OVERSEAS MISSIONS.

Last Conference requested this 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 Missions Departments of the two Churches.

On hearing of this request, the Australian Mission Board invited our General Secretary to their Annual Meeting in February. The report of the consultations was duly received and studied by our Board, which invited the Rev. C. F. Gribble, Australian General Secretary, to attend our Annual Meeting in October and to visit a number of Circuits in the Dominion.

Both Boards agree that while the present time is inopportune for the establishment of a formal constitutional link between the two Overseas Missions Departments, measures should be taken to secure their fullest co-operation in the work of the districts. The possibility is to be kept in mind of occasional appointments of Australian missionaries to serve under the New Zealand Board in the Solomons, and of New Zealand workers (as hitherto) in the Australian districts.

The major proposals for such practical co-operation is the clear invitation to the New Zealand Church to co-operate in the Papua-New Guinea Highlands Mission, which was opened in 1950 by the Australian Board among a completely unevangelised people estimated to number 100,000. The Board is recommending the Annual Meeting and the Conference that this offer be accepted and that permission be granted for an appeal for £10,000 to start our share in the venture.

E. W. HAMES, Chairman.

S. G. ANDREWS, General Secretary.

**DRAFT STATEMENT OF THE TERMS OF CO-OPERATION OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF AUSTRALASIA AND THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND IN THE PAPUA-NEW GUINEA HIGHLAND MISSION, prepared by the two General Secretaries for submission to their respective Boards and Conferences, for approval as a Joint Statement by the General and New Zealand Conferences.**

Following their expressed desire to enter into closer relationship in the overseas missions work of their respective churches, the two Conferences recognise that this can best be achieved by close co-operation in the practical work of evangelism in the Pacific area. Whilst retaining the present division of missionary responsibilities, as between the two Churches, the Conferences desire that Australia and New Zealand together should be recognised as a common field for recruiting missionaries as required for service in the various mission districts. They further pledge themselves to encourage suitable Christian young people to offer for Government and commercial posts in the Pacific area.

To mark their sense of common purpose, the two Conferences agree to share in the work of the Papua-New Guinea Highlands Mission, using their combined resources for the establishment, maintenance and development of that work. With that object in view the following terms of co-operation are agreed upon:

1. The Papua-New Guinea Highlands Missions is recognised as a mission established by and under the jurisdiction of the Department of Overseas Missions of the Methodist Church of Australasia, which shall continue to appoint and direct Australian missionaries in that area.

2. Missionaries appointed from New Zealand to the Papua-New Guinea Highlands Mission shall serve under the general direction of the Methodist Foreign Missionary Society of New Zealand.

3. Ministers and probationers appointed by the New Zealand Conference to the Papua-New Guinea Highlands Mission shall continue their connexion with that Conference in matters pertaining to ministerial status, training, discipline and membership of funds.

4. The Superintendent of the Papua-New Guinea Highlands Mission shall be a minister nominated in consultation by the two Boards of overseas missions appointed by the Conference with which such minister is connected.

5. All missionaries appointed to the Papua-New Guinea Highlands Mission shall normally first pursue an appropriate course of study in the George Brown College, Sydney.

6. Stipends and allowances of missionaries appointed to the Papua-New Guinea Highlands Mission shall be uniform and be fixed in consultation between the two mission boards.

7. The financial business for submission to the respective mission boards shall be prepared by the missionaries in consultation under the chairmanship of the Superintendent of the Mission or his deputy.

8. In all matters affecting relations with the Federal Government the representative of the two Mission Boards shall be the General Secretary of the Overseas Missions Department of the Methodist Church of Australasia, or his deputy.

9. The properties owned by the respective Boards, whether in land, buildings, equipment, investments or in any other form, shall remain their respective possessions through their respective trust associations.

10. The Station Sheet of Ministers and other workers in the Papua-New Guinea Highlands Mission shall be submitted to both Boards and to the New South Wales and New Zealand Conference for their approval.

11. Both Churches accept the principle that all ministers and other workers appointed to the Papua-New Guinea Highlands Mission shall be stationed in the best interests of the Mission as a whole.

12. Both Churches recognise these terms of co-operation as subject to triennial review. They shall be reviewed also on the granting of district status by the Methodist Church of Australasia to the Papua-New Guinea Highlands Mission.

## TREASURERS' REPORT

For the Year Ended 31st August, 1953

In our Report for the financial year we give pride of place to the **Solomon Islands Contribution** which reached the notable total of £8,724, with an additional sum of £285 subscribed for the maintenance of two native agents in the New Guinea Highlands project.

**Government Grants** from the Solomon Islands and New Guinea Governments for educational work totalled £3,195; for medical work, £1,867; £60 was received for meteorological services rendered. The total Solomon Islands income amounted to £17,188.

**New Zealand Income** shows a slight increase in Circuit contributions.

**M.W.M.U.:** With their usual generosity, the M.W.M.U. increased their contribution towards Sisters' salaries from £2,645 to £2,800 to help meet the growing expense in this respect.

**Lepers Fund:** During the year the Lepers' Trust Board again contributed generously to the expenses of the work amongst the Lepers—£2,500 being received for this merciful work. Other contributions from Circuits and interest on investments amounted to £290.

**Boat Insurance Fund:** In accordance with the decision of the Board, the sum of £4,000 received from the sale of the "Roviana" has been placed in this fund, which now carries all the risks in connection with boat insurance. The fund stands at £12,681, and will be increased each year by the amount of premiums previously paid to the Insurance Company.

Costs continue to rise in every part of the overseas work and in the home base. With extension work this will call for increased contributions from the Circuits.

**Refrigerators** have been supplied to the Sisters' houses by the M.W.M.U. The last Annual Meeting of the Board sanctioned the purchase of refrigerators for the Ministers' houses. £350 (included in expenditure from Special Funds) has come to charge in the current year.

**Publications:** A deficiency of £172 was incurred in the publications account. The "Open Door" loss for the year amounted to \$59, and the "Lotu" loss to £113. The Board considers that the educational value of the publications justifies the carrying of the loss.

**Rehabilitation** expenditure for the year amounted to £13,352, and the balance in this fund now stands at £47,926.

**Bequests** received during the year amounted to £2,502 and this sum has been credited to the Building and Equipment Fund.

**Building and Equipment Fund:** Expenditure passed in last year's Estimates have been met from this fund amounting to £3,233.

**Financial Position:** The deficiency on the Revenue Account amounted to £4,304 and in accordance with the decision of last Annual Meeting, this has been met by the transfer of that sum from the Exchange Account, which is derived from benefit of exchange on funds remitted to the Australian currency area.

The finances of the Missionary Enterprise of our Church in the Solomon Islands call for careful watchfulness, but granted the co-operation of the Home Church with the Solomon Islands Church, we feel we can go forward with confidence. It is God's work which we commend once again to the prayerful consideration of the people called Methodists.

A. BLAKEMORE,

G. S. GAPPER, General Treasurers.

### RESOLUTIONS

- 1.(a) That the Annual Report be received and adopted.
- (b) That the Treasurer's Report, and Income and Expenditure account and the Balance Sheet be received and adopted.
- (c) That the Estimates of Home Base, Solomon Islands Ordinary, Special and Rehabilitation Expenditure be adopted.
2. That Conference be associated with the greetings forwarded by the Annual Meeting of the Foreign Mission Board to the missionaries and the Methodist people of the Solomon Islands.
3. That the Rev. J. F. Goldie be assured of the remembrances of the Conference and of their respect, affection and prayers for him.
- 4.(a) That a Native Minister be appointed to the Senga area of Choiseul.
- (b) That a Native Minister be appointed to Tonu in Buin Circuit.
5. That a Fijian Minister be appointed as soon as possible to Honiara.
6. That the invitation of the Solomon Islands District Synod for the President of Conference to visit the District during 1954 be accepted by the Conference.
7. **Furloughs:** That sections (40) and (41) of par. 504 of the Book of Laws be deleted and the following substituted:—  
“(40) Ministerial and lay missionaries and missionary sisters who leave of their own accord for other than health reasons on the completion of their first or any subsequent term of service be granted three months' furlough and allowances.  
“(41) Workers who retire from the field for other than health reasons prior to completing the current term of service (three years) shall be granted furlough as determined by the Board.”
8. That Conference view with grave concern any proposal for facilitating access to intoxicating liquors on the part of the Solomon Islands people, and support the Board and the District Chairman in their attitude to such proposals.
9. **“The Lotu”:** In agreeing with regret to the retirement of the Rev. A. A. Bensley, from the post of Editor of “The Lotu,” the Conference is mindful of Mr. Bensley's long association with the work of our Solomon Islands District. His eleven years of editorial service have fittingly crowned his earlier missionary endeavour. On its erection, the Church of the Lotu Reader will remain as a memorial to the initiative and leadership of Mr. Bensley and to the confidence reposed in him by the youth of the Church. The Conference warmly thanks Mr. Bensley for his work, and wishes for both Mr. and Mrs. Bensley joy and peace in their eventide.

That the Conference sustain the Board's appointment of the Rev. E. C. Leadley and Sister Lina Jones as Editor and Sub-Editor respectively of "The Lotu."

**10. Training of Missionaries:**

(a) That the Board of Studies include, where possible, Anthropology and elementary linguistics, in the course of theological students preparing for missionary service overseas.

(b) That the matter of training missionaries in George Brown College be remitted for the consideration of the Solomon Islands District Synod and the Board during the year.

**11. Resignations:** That the following workers be thanked for their service to the mission work of the Church in the Solomon Islands: Sister Joan Brooking, Sister Eva Saunders, Messrs A. G. Voyce, B. Sides and P. F. Taylor.

**12. Rev. Paul Havea:**

(a) That on the retirement of the Rev. Paul Havea from the Solomon Islands District, the thanks of the Conference be conveyed to him for service covering the years 1921-31, 1935-53.

(b) That the appreciation of the Conference for the notable service of the Tongan missionaries in the Solomon Islands be conveyed to the Tonga Conference.

**13. Youth Department:** That the appreciation of the Conference be expressed to our young people for the evident signs of missionary interest among them, in particular for their voluntary undertaking and raising the Vella Lavella Hostel Appeal Fund and for the service of two builders under the order of St. Stephen.

**14.** That the attention of Superintendent Ministers and Circuit Stewards be drawn to the requirements of Law paragraph (13) on page 108 of the Laws and Regulations.

**15.** That believing a wider missionary vision would result from some reciprocity in deputation visits to New Zealand and Australia, Conference requests the Foreign Mission Board to explore the possibilities of an occasional interchange of missionary deputations with the Australian Church.

**16.** That the Conference accept the invitation of the Australian Board to co-operate in the Papua-New Guinea Highlands Mission.

**17.** That to provide for initial and capital expenditure, Conference approve a special appeal for £10,000 to be raised within the next two years.

**18.** That, aiming at staffing one station with an ordained minister, a teaching sister, a nursing sister and a carpenter, Conference anticipate an annual expenditure of £2,000 in the Papua-New Guinea Highlands. (£1,000 for the year ending 31st August, 1954.)

**19.** That a builder be appointed as early as possible to the Papua-New Guinea Highlands.

**20.** That a minister be appointed to Papua-New Guinea Highlands, this minister to enter the George Brown College in March, 1954.

**21.** That a teaching sister and a nurse be appointed for the Connexional Year, 1955.

**22.** That missionaries appointed to the Papua-New Guinea Highlands should, normally pursue an appropriate course of study in the George Brown College, Sydney.

**23.** That Conference express its gratitude to the M.W.M.U. for their grant of £1,000 towards the establishment of the Papua-New Guinea Highlands Mission and the lead they have thus given the whole Connexion.

24. That the draft terms of co-operation between the Methodist Churches of Australasia and New Zealand be given general approval as the basis on which the work shall be commenced in the Papua-New Guinea Highlands, the terms to be reviewed by the Board during the year.

25. That, while in our judgment the present time is inopportune for the establishment of a formal constitutional link between the Overseas Missions Departments of the two Churches, we recommend that measures be taken to secure the fullest co-operation of the two Churches in their Overseas Missions Districts.

26. That, while no change is contemplated in the administration of and financial responsibility for the respective Mission Districts, hereafter Australian and New Zealand be regarded as a common field for recruiting missionaries for all such districts.

27.(a) That in both Australia and New Zealand a vigorous attempt be made to encourage suitable Christian young people to apply for Government and commercial positions in the Pacific area.

(b) That this be referred to the Youth Department for publicity.

#### 28. Appointments:

(a) **Representatives to National Missionary Council:** Rev. S. G. Andrews, the Convener of the Wellington District Foreign Missions Committee, one layman to be appointed by Wellington District Executive and Mrs E. M. Riddell.

(b) **District Foreign Mission Committees:**

**AUCKLAND:** The District Executive. Convener: Rev. W. E. A. Carr.

**Northland Sub-District:** The Northland Sub-District Executive. Convener: Rev. J. 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:** The Chairman of the District, Ministers and Foreign Mission Secretaries of New Plymouth and Waitara Circuits. Convener: Rev. L. Shapcott.

**Sub-Committee:** Sub District Executive. Convener: Rev. E. D. Grounds.

**HAWKE'S 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. Convener to be appointed.

**WELLINGTON:** To be appointed by the District Executive Convener: Rev. L. T. Norwell.

**NELSON:** Ministers of the Blenheim Circuit; Messrs. H. Oldham, W. B. Harris, H. J. Savage, M. A. Nightingale. Convener to be appointed.

**NORTH CANTERBURY:** To be appointed by the District Executive. Convener: To be appointed by District Executive.

**SOUTH CANTERBURY:** Ministers of Banks Street and Woodlands Street Churches; Rev. W. W. Avery, Mrs. G. L. B. McAlister, Messrs. A. Dale, T. Simmons and S. Smith. Convener: Rev. W. J. Morrison.

**OTAGO-SOUTHLAND:** To be appointed by the District Executive. Convener: Rev. H. G. Brown.

(c) **Board, 1954:** Revs. H. L. Fiebig (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. Laurenson, C. T. J. Luxton; Messrs. T. L. Hames, L. W. Peak, J. H. Blackwell, R. T. Garlick, W. Elliott, H. Denton, S. E. Campbell, R. N. Rowe, Mrs. H. Nicolson and Miss E. Rishworth; Revs. A. A. Bensley, Dr R. Dudley, W. R. Francis, 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 the President of the Auckland District M.W.M.U. Council; Rev. H. C. Dixon and Mrs. W. Patterson; Rev. J. R. Metcalfe (Chairman, Solomon Islands District). **Honorary Life Member, Rev. J. F. Goldie.**

## Methodist Women's Missionary Union

THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING  
31st AUGUST, 1953

In presenting this **abridged** report of the Methodist Women's Missionary Union for the year ending 31st August, 1953, we are happy to be able to state that once again our Union shows advancement both numerically and financially.

**Membership** now stands at 5,800, which includes 1,580 Gleaners. This is an increase of 181. The total number of auxiliaries is 212. Seven new auxiliaries joined during the year, but unfortunately 2 others have withdrawn.

**District Councils** now number 19. Thames Valley has now been divided and the new District Council is known as Bay of Plenty.

**Finance:** Income for the year was £10,820/10/10.

**The Special Objective** for dormitories in the Solomon Islands at Choiseul and Kekesu has raised £2,197/1/9.

**The Stamp Fund** has reached £589/10/8.

£2,800 was paid to both the Home and Foreign Mission Boards towards **Sisters' Salaries**, being an increase of £200 to the Home Mission Board and £155 increase for the Foreign Mission Board.

A grant of £78 was made to the Home Mission Board from the **Smethurst Estate** for salary of a Maori 4th year Theological Student who is doing part-time Ministerial duties in Auckland.

**Kurahuna School Hostel** continues to function smoothly under Sister Madeline Holland, assisted by Miss J. Riddick, with 16 girls in residence. The big interest this year is the proposed new Common Room being built with the £2,278/2/3 raised by 1952 Special Objective. This Common Room is now being erected, and is expected to be ready for use at the commencement of the 1954 school year. Alterations to the present building will allow for the accommodation of another member of the staff and at least 4 more girls.

**Smethurst Rest Home** has not been used this year, but it is kept in readiness for the use of any Sister or Deaconess who may wish to make use of it.

**Home Sisters:** Auxiliaries have supplied Sisters well with goods, 499 parcels (including sacks) having been forwarded.

Sister Betty Yearbury did deputation work in Wellington, North and South Canterbury districts, making a valuable contact between the auxiliaries and the work they help to support.

**Overseas Sisters:** Early in the year Sister Davinia Clark was on furlough and did deputation work and Sisters Jessie Grant, Merle Carter and Myra Fraser are now resting prior to doing itinerary work. Sister Jane Bond, the Youth Department representative, also made contact with some auxiliaries. We are sorry to have to say farewell to both Sisters Joyce McDonald and Joan Brooking, who have resigned from the work in the Solomon Islands. Sister Rewa Williamson was dedicated in Hamilton in August for the work of a Nursing Sister and left to take up duty at the Helene Goldie Hospital.

Old linen has been given for the use of the Sisters as well as cash donations towards the Gift Boxes.

We thank God for all the prayers, love and service of the members of our Union.

E. C. PURDIE, President.

D. M. ASHBY, Secretary.

### RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.
2. That Conference express its appreciation of the work of the M.W.M.U. during the year.

**QUESTION L.—**What are the Resolutions of the Conference on the Home Mission and Church Extension Fund?

## Home Mission Department

### ANNUAL REPORT, 1953.

It is evident that the policy of the Home Mission Department must continue for many years to be dominated by the needs of a growing country. Another year has shown that until this is fully recognised throughout the Church our progress will be constantly hampered by shortages of staff and finance. Yet there is much to encourage, and we report the year's work with gratitude to God for many evidences of His blessing.

#### Staff.

We have welcomed on to our staff during the year:—

Messrs A. G. Reid, J. Hamlin and G. Scarr.

Rev. N. R. Hooper and Pastor G. W. Payne resigned at last Conference.

Mr Hugh Wheatley resigned after Conference.

Mr Ian Grant entered College and Pastor F. A. Fitzsimons has returned to the work and taken up his appointment at Inglewood.

Mr D. I. Robertson has been appointed as a Home Missionary supply to Auckland Central Mission.

#### Finances.

The outcome of last year's financing, resulting in a decrease in our debit balance to £1,105/18/2 gave us more confidence in commencing this year's programme. The budget for 1953 that was broken down into Circuit targets was based on an average of 11/10 per member as against 11/2 in 1952.

Since Conference we have had to increase the approved expenditure by a further £680, to bring the stipends of Ministers, Home

Missionaries and Deaconesses, paid regularly through our Fund, to the new scale recommended in March by the Standing Committee on Stipends.

All this speaks of the necessity of each Circuit and Home Mission Station making a sincere effort to reach its Circuit Target. We appeal to all Synods to check carefully how the appeal is proceeding in each district.

#### **The New Scale.**

It has been encouraging to learn of how many Circuits and Home Mission Stations have brought the 1953 scale of stipends into operation. Some have found it difficult. Some have not made the effort to challenge their people to reach the new obligation. We would remind all Circuit Quarterly Meeting of the resolution of the 1947 Conference which stated "that this Conference directs that Circuits and Home Mission Stations must show on their statements of income and expenditure, quarterly and annually, the stipend at least at the minimum standard rate, and then any amount outstanding due to the Minister or Home Missionary."

We suggest that the purport of this rule be incorporated in the Law of the Church under the duties of Circuit Stewards.

#### **Home Missionaries' Training Conference.**

Next year we are due to hold again our tri-ennial Home Missionaries' Training Conference. We would be grateful if the annual Church Conference would again authorise the calling of this Conference at a date to be arranged in consultation with the Trinity College Board and Staff. Also, that within each Synod District, neighbouring ministers and preachers co-operate with the chairman of the district in each case to ensure that a full programme of services and urgent pastoral contacts be maintained over the period of the three weeks and two Sundays during the absence of the Home Missionaries.

#### **Mission Property Trust and Home Mission Investment Funds Board.**

During the year the President approved of the appointment of Mr L. J. Kendall to replace the late Mr James Tyler on the above two bodies, and in addition the names of Messrs H. S. Bunby, J. L. Crawford and K. Lawry were added to strengthen the personnel in the light of the greatly increased volume of work now being handled. We seek the confirmation of the Conference in this strengthening of the personnel.

#### **L. and C. Society.**

The constitution of the above Society has now been confirmed and incorporated under the Religious Charitable and Educational Trusts Act, 1908. A copy has been forwarded to the Connexional Secretary and we suggest that the main provisions be printed in the Minutes of Conference.

The Bookroom in Auckland has had another good year. Turnover shows another steady increase. We are still hampered by small ration of sterling funds and a complete blockage of dollar allocation. Many text books and important publications produced only in U.S.A. and Canada are unobtainable.

Consultations have been held during the year with the Youth Department with a view to the establishment of a Methodist Bookroom in Wellington under the auspices of the Youth Department. This, of course, has very important implications for Methodism in general and requires careful consideration at Conference level. The Home Mission Board resolved to indicate to Conference that we favour the establishment of such a Methodist Bookroom under the auspices of the Youth Department subject to the following matters being considered:—

- (a) The effect on trading activities of the Auckland Bookroom and whether in the envisaged final set-up provision could be made for reciprocal trading between the two Rooms, particularly in respect of books and publications now handled by the Youth Department alone.
- (b) What territory should be allotted to each Bookroom for the completion of orders.
- (c) That the Bookrooms be named the Methodist Bookroom (Auckland) and the Methodist Bookroom (Wellington).
- (d) That urgent consideration should be given to the establishing of a fund whereby more Methodist Bookrooms could be opened.
- (e) That in advertising, whether in the Methodist Times or elsewhere, active co-operation should take place.
- (f) That these and any other proposals should be considered by the forthcoming Conference and a special Committee appointed to include members of the Youth Department, and the Home Mission Board to frame a working basis on all relevant matters and to report to Conference.
- (g) That consideration be given by Conference to the appointment of a Book Steward.

#### **Maori Mission.**

A separate Report of the Maori work is submitted.

#### **Church Extension.**

We are feeling on all sides the pressure of Church extension, especially in the Auckland province. This problem has seriously overtaken our present resources of both men and finance. The long and urgent waiting lists held by the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee and the Home Mission Investment Funds Board, both speak of work held up at a critical time. One urgent need is for an increase in the number of worshipping congregations to be set up in the new centres of population.

We would urge that every effort be made to establish a preaching service as a beginning in any available premises. When a congregation is formed then we can press the argument for a building. In some instances we will have to provide a building first—and if so, it should be a small unit of the ultimate building scheme in that place. For this, united action throughout the Dominion is necessary. Some local district initiative is necessary, but the financial resources of the whole Dominion must be mobilised. In the nature of things, the pressure will fall most heavily on those caught up in private home building. The strong must help the weak.

The Home Mission Fund stands as the central fund for staffing subsidies, but we need more mobilised capital for building loans and grants. For the latter in particular, we commend the early adoption of an extension of the Dominion connexional appeal to incorporate an annual sum for straight out grants as a family gift from New Zealand Methodism to points of urgent need.

We recommend that Conference appoint a special Committee to examine urgently the available financial resources for church extension and the early launching of a special appeal for this basic task. In the meantime we welcome the evidence of district initiative in several districts in the raising of special building fund money on a district basis to assist urgent extension work.

#### **Home Mission Subscriptions.**

We would remind all Circuits of the policy adopted at last Conference with respect to acknowledging Home Mission subscrip-

tions. It is now the direction of Conference that full lists of subscriptions be prepared in every Circuit and Home Mission Station, showing the individual donations. These lists are to be checked by the Circuit auditors and sent to the Mission Office. With these lists as a guide, the summarised totals will be printed in the Annual Reports. We urge the loyal use of this method in every instance.

#### **Sunday Offerings.**

We again draw the attention of all Quarterly Meetings to the Conference Rule re Sunday offerings for Mission work—one full Sunday per annum the total offerings shall be allocated on Home Mission Sunday to the Home Mission Fund. For this purpose one average Sunday's offerings through the envelope system is included. As a few Circuits are still overlooking this we urge that the matter be adjusted in the future.

#### **Conclusion.**

Again we thank all our helpers who by their loyalty enable us to continue our service for Christ and His Kingdom.

E. W. HAMES, Chairman of the Board.

J. C. DRAPER, Secretary of the Board.

G. I. LAURENSEN, General Secretary.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Statement of Receipts and Payments of the Home Mission Department be received and adopted.
3. That the Financial Statements of the Home Mission and Church Extension Investment Funds Board be received and adopted.
4. That the Financial Statements of the Methodist Mission Property Trustees be received and adopted.
5. That the Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1954 be received and adopted.
6. That the law of the Church concerning the right of Trustees in the Investment of moneys be altered to enable them to make deposits with the Methodist Home Mission and Church Extension Investment Fund Board to be used through its Special Loans Account in loans to Trusts undertaking building projects.
7. That the Resolution of Conference, 1947, re Standard stipends be referred to the Law Revision Committee for drafting and incorporation in the Law under duties of Circuit Stewards.
- 8.(a) That Mr L. J. Kendall replace the late Mr Jas. Tyler on the Home Mission and Church Extension Investment Funds Board.  
(b) That the membership of the Investment Funds Board be increased by three members.  
(c) That the following names be appointed as new members: Messrs. H. S. Bunby, J. L. Crawford and K. Lawry.
9. That the Rev. B. M. Chrystall be designated for appointment by the 1954 Conference as Assistant Superintendent for a further term of three years.
10. That the Treasurers, the Rev. B. M. Chrystall and Mr F. Penn be thanked and re-appointed.
11. That the Auditors, Messrs J. L. Crawford and B. Verry be thanked and re-appointed.
12. That Conference expresses its appreciation of the services of District and Circuit Home Mission Secretaries, Home Mission collectors, Ministers and people who have provided hospitality for those on deputation.

13.(a) That the question of a Dominion-wide policy and priorities for Church Extension and other urgent projects be referred to the Church Council for consideration and report to Synods and Conference in 1954.

(b) That the Revs. B. M. Chrystall and W. W. H. Greenslade prepare a Memorandum setting forth the issues involved in the light of the Home Mission Board and Synod recommendations.

#### 14. District Home Mission Committees.

##### District Home Mission Committees.

AUCKLAND.—Appointed by District Executive. Convener: Rev. H. Whitfield.

Northland: The Sub-district Executive. Convener: To be appointed.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.—Appointed by District Executive: Convener: Rev. H. K. Brown.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.—The Chairman of the District, Ministers of New Plymouth, Opunake, Eltham, Waitara and Stratford Circuits; Messrs T. P. Hughson, A. K. Surrey, D. I. West, and A. J. Parker. Convener: Rev. H. Moore.

Wanganui Sub-Committee: Ministers of Wanganui Circuits; Messrs E. L. F. Buxton, J. Thompson, W. S. Thrush. Convener: Rev. E. D. Grounds.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU.—The Ministers of Palmerston North, Ashhurst, Sanson and Feilding Circuits; Mrs. H. Richards, Messrs I. D. Funnell and A. J. Poolman. Convener: Rev. F. H. Parker.

Hawke's Bay Sub-Committee: The Ministers of Hastings and Napier Circuits, Messrs. D. G. Laws and M. Craven.

WELLINGTON.—Appointed by District Executive. Convener: Rev. L. V. Willing.

NELSON.—Rev. C. O. Hailwood, Minister of the Blenheim Church, Messrs H. J. Oldham, H. J. Savage, E. S. Wratt, R. C. A. Marshall. Convener: Rev. H. E. Harkness.

NORTH CANTERBURY.—Appointed by District Executive. Convener: Rev. C. D. Clark, B.A.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.—Ministers of Ashburton, Willowby and Geraldine Circuits; Messrs W. B. Ellwood, A. H. Barker, and Miss A. Clucas. Convener: Rev. O. T. Woodfield.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—District Chairman, Revs. Dr. R. Dudley, G. R. H. Peterson, H. G. Brown, H. A. Cochrane, L. P. Schroeder; Messrs C. H. Kitchen, A. S. Hancock, H. H. Johnson, G. R. Galbreath and E. J. Carter. Convener: Rev. H. A. Cochrane.

15. That the Mission Board for 1954 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, J. J. Lewis, W. E. A. Carr, A. R. Penn, R. Thornley, G. E. Brown, F. D. Peterson, L. A. Brooks, E. W. Hames, E. B. Chambers, H. J. Odell, R. Rogers, Mesdames R. G. Hemmings and 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 K. M. Griffin. Corresponding Member, Rev. H. L. Fiebig; Life Members, Revs. A. J. Seamer, Dr. H. Ranston; Secretary, Rev. J. C. Draper.

QUESTION LI.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference concerning Maori Work?

## Maori Mission Report

Planning for a growing land has special significance for the Maori Mission. Here again we acknowledge the blessing of Almighty God through another year of service. We are faced with many disturbing challenges but are sure that in our Christian Faith we hold the answer to the deepest problems confronting us.

### Staff.

**New Members.**—We have gladly welcomed the following as a new Honorary Maori Home Missionary: Mr Hohepa Timohu Hona, of Pureora.

In the Deaconess Field we have been glad of the supply assistance of Miss Doreen Haynes at Hamilton. Sister Ruth Hilder was transferred during the year to Hokianga. Sister Olive Bott accepted part-time supply duties in the Bay of Islands, and Sister June Winchcombe after her marriage agreed to continue a part-time relationship with the work in Northern Wairoa.

### Maori Workers' Conference.

An outstanding event of the year was the Maori Workers' Conference held in May in Ngaruawahia Pa. We are greatly indebted to King Koroki for his kindness in inviting us to hold the gathering in such fitting surroundings. Thirty-eight Ministers, Home Missionaries, Deaconesses and Helpers attended, and many aspects of the work were carefully discussed. At all times the challenge of the "Crusade Year" was emphasised, and the members all departed more than ever committed to the task of Evangelism in the local areas.

### Maori Centres.

Dargaville Maori Centre was opened by the President of the Conference on 24th April, and it is already proving to be a great help to the work there.

Hawera Centre is now well established and visitors all speak with appreciation of the facilities provided.

Te Kuiti Centre has been improved during the year by the provision of clothes room and kitchenette and motor garage, and the work there is becoming stabilised.

### Hostels.

Te Rahui, Hamilton, is now under the care of Rev. and Mrs H. A. Darvill, and this fine Hostel continues to fulfil a most useful function for its large family of Maori girls.

Te Rahui Tane, the new Hamilton Hostel for Maori boys is at full strength. Rev. A. J. Seamer and Sister Heeni Wharemaru are in charge and they are setting a splendid standard for this new venture. Certain alterations, and the erection of an assembly room are not yet completed, but the boarding accommodation is fully taxed.

**New Girls' Hostel in Auckland.**—The building for the New Maori Girls' Hostel in Remuera, Auckland, has been purchased, and plans are being finalised for the necessary alterations to make it suitable for the purpose. The Maori Workers' Conference strongly endorsed the recommendation to the Home Mission Board that this Hostel be named "Seamer House." In this way we desire to honour our beloved Kaumatua.

### Rules for Maori Youth Hostels.

To ensure that the Christian function of the Hostels conducted by our Church for Maori Youth will be safeguarded, the following

group of regulations was adopted by the Board during the year. They have grown from the experience of our workers in existing Methodist Maori Hostels, and they have been approved by Departmental officers and others:—

1. All will attend daily family devotions in the Hostel.
2. Once a month all members will attend a Hostel Parade service at the Methodist Church with which the Hostel is associated.
3. All other Sundays members will attend a Methodist place of worship or other Christian service of their own choice as approved by the person in charge of the Hostel.
4. A form of application will be used on which the above rules will be printed and agreed to by the applicant.
5. All applicants must be nominated by some Minister, Deaconess, Schoolmaster or other responsible person.

#### **Hostel Finances.**

It will be evident that the stabilising of the finances of these new Hostels will be a big task and we commend them to the urgent concern of our people. Many special substantial donations will be needed and will be greatly welcomed. It must be pointed out that we have used Home Mission Loan Moneys temporarily for the establishment of our Maori Centres and Hostels. "Seamer House" has been purchased by a Government grant of £5,625 and a Government mortgage of £6,500. This latter bearing interest at 4½% must be repaid as soon as possible. In addition, a large sum will be needed for furnishing and fitting up and necessary alterations.

Te Rahui is still bearing a loan debt of £1,086 after a recent grant of £978 from the Government. Te Rahui Tane was purchased by a Government grant of £2,350, and a private anonymous gift of £2,500. For furnishing, alterations and additions, a further sum of several thousand pounds will be required on loan. Te Kuiti Maori Centre is bearing a loan debt of £1,800. Dargaville Maori Centre is bearing a loan debt of £1,800—but we are greatly indebted here to a group of local Maori and European helpers who gave many hours of voluntary labour. Hawera Maori Centre still bears a loan debt of £580.

#### **New Maori Ministers.**

At the forthcoming Conference at least two of our three Maori Students for the ministry will be setting out into his work as a Probationer in full status. This draws our attention to the need for several more qualified young Maori candidates. The three students at present in training will only replace the three older Maori Ministers who will be retiring before many years, but we will need others to take up the work among our rapidly growing and spreading Maori population. We commend this challenge to the Church.

#### **Deaconesses.**

We again express our great admiration for the wonderful work being done by our Deaconesses. Several of the appointments are being filled by part-time workers or supplies. Here again there is a need for several more strong devoted girls who will face the training with a real love for the Maori people.

#### **Maataapuna Magazine.**

Our parallel-column Maori-English magazine continues to be published but two-monthly instead of monthly. The circulation is not yet large enough to make it a self-sufficient project and Church people of both races will serve the magazine well by subscribing and soliciting subscriptions. We continue to receive many expressions of appreciation for the standard and usefulness of Maataapuna Magazine..

## Maori Section, National Council of Churches.

This fine Movement is now well established and is an important innovation in Maori Church life. It fills a high place in the minds of all who have been privileged to share in its work. This year one Executive meeting was held at Taiporohenui Pa, Hawera, as guests of our Methodist Maori people.

### The King Country.

Once again attacks have been threatened against the validity of the King Country special No-Licence provisions based on the early honourable pact between the representatives of the Crown and of the Maori people. We have been encouraged by the rallying of strong temperance support at the call of our President and the leaders of the New Zealand Alliance. We cannot too strongly protest against the heartless disregard of honourable undertakings that has been revealed by the recent proposals for new legislation in this connection.

### Broad Policy for a Changing Day.

While a central core of Maori Mission activities led by special Maori staff must remain for many years the chief pattern of our Mission work, new factors are operating to make it necessary that a much closer relationship must grow between our Maori and Pakeha church life in this Dominion. Many Maori families today are far away from their tribal home centres and are diffused throughout the total community. Many Tribal lands have been individualised resulting in a spreading of the people. Many young people, for purposes of education or apprenticeship or employment, are finding themselves unable to make regular contacts with Maori places of worship.

Our slender staff of Maori workers are quite unable to provide a full programme of Maori services and activities for the growing scattered Maori Community who claim Methodist affiliations. Hence we are compelled to seek urgently the patient friendly co-operation of our Pakeha ministers and people. Increasingly many of our Maori people will need the pastoral and pulpit ministry of the Pakeha Church to supplement the basic core of Maori Mission activities. We appeal to our Pakeha Church to become increasingly sensitive to this situation and to look on all nearby Maori Methodists as part of the pastoral field of the local Church. There will be needed much patience on both sides while understanding and fellowship grow, but it is an inevitable and urgent development lying ahead of us in this new age of closer relationships.

We are one people, but we are two races, and the larger unity of the Dominion will need a closer unity at the level of Christian fellowship and worship.

E. W. HAMES, Chairman.

E. TE TUHI, Senior Maori Superintendent.

G. I. LAURENSEN, General 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 appointed as European Missionary in Maori Work for a further term of three years.
3. That the Rev. E. Te Tuhi be appointed as Acting Senior Maori Superintendent.

4. That Conference express its appreciation to the anonymous donor of £2,500 for the establishment of the Te Rahui (T) Hostel for boys in Hamilton.

5. That thanks be expressed to Wesley Shops Trust for their financial support of Te Rahui (T) Hostel.

**QUESTION LII.—**What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting City Missions?

## A—Auckland Central Mission

ANNUAL REPORT, 1953

This year marks the 102nd year of the Old Alexandra Street Church, the 68th Anniversary of the Helping Hand Mission, and the 21st year of the Superintendent's Ministry. Though the practical problems change, the basic needs of the people are the same. Domestic troubles, broken homes, accommodation and training of youth, housing for immigrants and transit families, visitation of the sick in body and mind, the prisoner, together with numerous correspondence from all over the world, private conferences, phone calls and administrative work are part of our daily programme. While a certain amount of time has to be given to financial matters, the primary task of Evangelism is ever before us.

**New Building Scheme:** As part of the New Building Scheme, the Trustees have purchased Probert Chambers and the Bridgman Building, thus giving a frontage to Queen Street of 102ft., and a 20ft. entrance to Wakefield Street. A further £2,000 will completely pay for the buildings. Until we are able to build, certain repairs will have to be effected. The Building Fund is gradually being augmented.

**Girls' Hostel:** For some years the Mission has been urging the necessity of Youth Hostels for both sexes. We have been fortunate in securing the home of the late Mr and Mrs Percy Winstone (now owned by Mr and Mrs W. E. Lewisham) Victoria Avenue, Remuera. The purchase price of the 1½ acres with the buildings is £17,000, and the estimated cost of alterations is £9,500. The Cabinet has approved of a grant of up to half this amount. It is hoped to open the Hostel in about twelve months' time.

**Sunday Services and Youth Work:** The worship services have the largest attendances in 21 years. There is a regular membership of 200, with many adherants. Visitors from the Islands, visiting vessels, as well as Immigrants, find their way to the Mission. Franklin Road services are held at 11 a.m. each Sunday.

There are two Sunday Schools, with a membership of 100. There are strong Bible Classes, Youth Clubs, Scouts, Guides, Brownies and Cubs. Religious education is supplemented by Vacation Schools, Scripture examinations, and private tuition.

**Campbell's Bay Health Camp:** We do not now receive any money from the Health Stamp Fund, and are grateful to the Auckland Savings Bank for a grant of £100. The premises have been used for weekend retreats, vacation schools, holidays for pensioners, and others needing a break, and temporary accommodation for immigrants and emergency cases. The Christmas vacation camp for children is staffed almost entirely by volunteer labour.

**Waiheke Property:** This has been used by youth groups and families.

### The Aged. A. Astley House.

It is recognised that the Christian atmosphere of the House is largely responsible for its smooth running. The dedicated service of the Matron (Mrs I. Palmer) and her staff is greatly appreciated. There have been a number of new guests. Regular services are held. Extensions to the central heating complete with ten new radiators have been installed at a cost of £380.

### B. Wesley Hospital.

The hospital is regularly inspected by the Health Department and Ministers of the Crown have paid personal visits. They are unanimous in their appreciation of the work. At a time when private hospitals are hard pressed, it is gratifying to know that so many folk are able to convalesce and to be restored to health at Wesley Hospital. We are grateful to Sister Arline Preece and her staff for a high standard of efficiency.

C. Under the capable and devoted service of Mrs A. Davis and her Committee, the elderly folks' Fellowship has grown, so that the hall is hardly large enough. This bright fortnightly gathering dispels loneliness, brightens lives, and brings a message to the dispirited. Hundreds of elderly people are visited in their rooms and homes.

### D. Old People's Welfare Committee.

The establishment of the Old People's Welfare Committee, and the appointment of a full-time agent has co-ordinated the work of the various organisations in the city. The Minister of Social Security, the Hon. W. A. Bodkin, has been most helpful, and through the Social Security Fund, those requiring immediate help have received fuel, hot-water bottles, blankets, clothing and mattresses, etc. It is hoped that through the co-operation of the Hospital Board, Social Security Department and the Old Peoples' Welfare Committee, home aids will be made available for the elderly, sick, and infirm.

**Goodwill Industries and Community Service:** Goods to the value of over £1,500 have been distributed. The store is particularly helpful to pensioners and others on small incomes. To Mrs N. Gallavin who has served us for 14 years we record our very real thanks. "Not Charity but a Chance" appeals to most people. Handicapped folk need to be rehabilitated in order to take their place in the world. Others appreciate being casually employed. Greater provision for a workshop together with a store will be made in the new premises. We are grateful to the J. R. McKenzie Trust for their further grant of £50. The Superintendent represents the Church on the Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society, the Immigration Welfare Committee, Society for Protection of Women and Children, the Honouring Age Committee, Relief Committees and other community welfare organisations.

**Immigration:** Immigrants from many countries continue to come to New Zealand. Letters have also been received from Holland and Germany seeking employment and accommodation. We have had contact with a number of people in the city from South Africa, Rhodesia, and Indonesia. Any immigrant who is prepared to work and occupy his mind is generally very happy in New Zealand.

**Property Matters and Finance:** Except the old Mission Buildings at Airedale Street, all properties are in good order. When not used by our own groups, the Mission Hall is used by kindred organisations, e.g., League of Mothers, Old and New Settlers, Gardening Club, Lyric Harmonists, and Seone Pack.

**Parsonage:** Plans have been passed for a new parsonage and building is expected to commence at the end of July. Proceeds from

the sale of the present property, together with an interest free loan will finance the work.

Our total debts are £1,550.

**Legacies:** Received during the year, Jessie F. Hepworth £40/19/4, L. Blick £100, A. E. Clark £93/17/5, M. Gibson £50/10/11, M. P. Fischer (Astley House and Health Camp) £388/3/-, E. M. Watts (Astley House) £50, W. Taylor (Wesley Hospital) £52/13/10, J. Coe (Health Camp) £80. A special gift has come for the Health Camp, known as the "Margaret Hicks Memorial" of £250.

**Staffings:** Sister Fiona Summerell has been granted leave of absence for two years in order to qualify in Social Science at Victoria University.

Subsequent to the last Conference, Pastor D. I. Robertson (ex Home Missionary), has been employed as a Home Mission Supply. Mr Robertson has endeared himself to the congregation and his pastoral and preaching work is a distinctive contribution. We are pleased to know that Conference has in mind the appointment of a second full time Minister. Until his departure for the Coronation, the Rev. L. B. Neale gave unstintingly of his time and talents.

We are grateful to Miss P. Chorley for faithful secretarial and book-keeping work. To our Office Bearers, Ladies' Guilds, Ladies' Auxiliary Committee, Youth Workers, Choirmaster, Organist and Choir, Ministers and Laymen, Bible in School teachers, auditors, subscribers, the press, and a large band of voluntary workers, the Board of Management extends its sincere appreciation. Our last word is one of grateful thanks to Almighty God.

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.

R. T. GARLICK, Hon. Secretary, Board of Trustees.

#### RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference congratulate Rev. A. E. Orr and Mrs H. Kasper upon their receiving from Her Majesty the Queen the honour of M.B.E.
3. That the Conference learns with pleasure of the purchase of the property in Remuera by the Auckland Central Mission for the establishment of a girls' hostel to accommodate 31 girls, at the cost of approximately £30,000.

It appreciates the subsidy of the Government and tenders its thanks to Mrs J. H. Winstone-Blackwell, whose generous gift of approximately £17,000 will enable the trustees to open the hostel free of debt.

4. Board of Management, 1954: Superintendent Central Mission (Chairman), General Superintendent of Home Missions, Chairman of the District, the Revs. E. W. Hames, H. C. Dixon, L. R. M. Gilmore, G. E. Brown, J. C. Draper, A. J. Seamer, and 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, J. L. Crawford, R. Mortimer, R. W. Verry, W. Woodward, A. E. Hayman, A. H. Winstone, R. Simpson, N. Mee, together with the Circuit Officials and the Trustees of the Mission properties.

# B—The Christian Community Centre, Ponsonby

REPORT, 1953.

The Christian Community Centre, under the direction of the Auckland West Quarterly meeting, continues to maintain its real influence throughout the city of Auckland.

## Broadcasts.

The weekly Broadcasts over the Friendly Road Station for five years have brought contacts from over a vast area; the listening public having expressed appreciation and in many cases sought help and guidance.

## Clubs.

The many and varied Clubs of the Centre have more than fulfilled their purpose in providing members for Sunday School. A number of Club leaders and adolescents have found fellowship in the Church. Six **Uniformed Groups** sponsored by the Christian Community Centre have proved loyal to the Centre by the monthly attendance at morning service.

## Old Folks.

Old Folks, irrespective of denomination or race, have been grateful for friendship, fellowship and help, both materially and spiritually; wood, coal and new clothing have been freely distributed. We are fortunate in having loyal and devoted ladies who give voluntary service to provide warm clothing for elderly people and children.

## Nursing Service.

In February a daily Nursing Service was inaugurated to again meet a growing need among the many sick and lonely people. The Hospital Board and Medical Practitioners have whole-heartedly supported this new work, which is proving successful, fulfilling a long-felt want in a thickly populated area. We welcome Miss Heape as Nursing Sister and appreciate her fine work.

Increasing enquiries for help, guidance and counsel for wayward and emotionally distressed youths have convinced the Director, the Board of Management, and leading citizens that the need is daily growing more urgent for the establishment of a suitable Hostel to provide a natural, normal, healthy environment for adolescents.

## Trust Board.

The Auckland Youth Opportunity (Wesley) Trust Board has nearly completed the Hostel, to accommodate twenty young men. The building of the Supervisor's house and gymnasium will immediately follow. The Board, acting under permission of Conference, has arranged for incorporation under the "Religious, Charitable and Educational Trusts Act, 1908."

The Board appreciates the Youth Board appointing Mr Owen Smith, under the Order of St. Stephen's, and thanks Mr O. Smith, Miss Joy Hills, office assistant, and the many loyal workers who have assisted during the year. We appeal to Conference to appoint a Probationer to carry some of the responsibilities of a growing service.

HARRIS WHITFIELD, Chairman.

P. R. OSBORNE, Secretary.

## RESOLUTION

That the report be received and adopted.

# C—Wesley Church (Wellington Central) Social Services Trust, Incorporated

ANNUAL REPORT, 1953.

## “Wesleyhaven” Eventide Homes Settlement.

His Excellency, the Governor General laid the Stone commemorating the establishment of this Settlement on June 14th, 1953.

The construction of six villas, a block of serviced flats with nurses quarters, the settlement kitchen and the superintendents cottage is under way and should be completed early in 1954. The State has indicated that until such time as a main hospital block is enterprised, further subsidies will be reduced by half. The Trust believes that the building of a hospital at this stage would be premature and uneconomical, and is asking that the establishment of a geriatric centre be recognised as a present sufficient substitute.

Because of the failure to obtain ministerial assistance at Wesley Church, the Superintendent has been unable to move far from the city to further the building fund appeal. If assistance is not soon obtained it is doubtful whether the aim to open the Settlement free of debt can be realised.

## Wesley Church-House.

The old parsonage at Taranaki Street has been made available to a group of B.C. men for use as a Church hostel. The Trust is now exploring further hostel possibilities to provide for the influx of Samoan Methodists as well as Maori and European youth.

W. H. GREENSLADE, Chairman.

T. M. PACEY, Hon. Secretary.

M. C. PEARCE, Hon. Treasurer.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference commend the Wesley Church Social Services Trust on the progress of the Wesleyhaven project.
3. That Conference approve the establishment of a Hostel in Wellington for Maori, Pacific Islands and European residents and commend the project to the Wesley Social Services Trust for action and that the matter of an appeal for financial assistance be referred to the Church Council for consideration when dealing with related matters.

# D—Christchurch Methodist Central Mission

REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30th, 1953.

In presenting our third annual report we give thanks to our Heavenly Father for the privilege and joy of service. We gratefully acknowledge the power and guidance of Him Who came not to be ministered unto but to minister.

## The Aim of the Mission.

A great deal of confusion is sometimes engendered in the minds of our people by a failure to appreciate the true function and aim of a Mission. Sometimes it is thought of as purely a preaching centre, and its success or failure is judged by the size of its congregation; sometimes it is thought of as a purely humanitarian agency, dispensing charity to those in need.

True, our aim is to preach the Gospel, and a sane and compelling evangelism must always be central in all our work. We have such great opportunities to enable the power of God to transform broken and frustrated lives, because many who come within the sphere of our influence have had little or no Christian background. For this reason there must be a sense of urgency as we proclaim the good news of Christ the Saviour and Friend, and the compulsion of Divine Love must be the motive of all our preaching and service.

Therefore, the Gospel we preach must be demonstrated in action. Mission workers are aware that the Gospel is relevant to all human need, and so, with our Lord as our supreme example, we endeavour to serve all sorts and conditions of men. In this work we count it a privilege to be the representatives of the whole Church. To all Methodists in our social service area, we would say, we are your missionaries and agents of goodwill. We can only do what you, by your prayers and gifts, enable us to do. Our Homes for the aged, Hostels for youth, Prison work, hot meals for aged, and many other forms of social service work which we have undertaken is your work.

#### **Faith Proved by Facts.**

A handful of loyal and devoted people have maintained the work in spite of many difficulties. In past years when there seemed nothing to do but close the doors, their faith and vision carried them through. They believed that God had called them to a particular work and witness in the community. Their faith has been justified by facts. This year has been a year of great encouragement. Attendances at Sunday services have increased. "Rehua," a hostel for Maori girls, was opened. The Goodwill Store service has been extended. "Wesley Lodge" for the aged has been opened. A Hot-meal service for old folk established. "Wesley House"—Picton, another home for the aged is almost ready to receive the elderly folk. In addition, increasing numbers of folk are coming within the orbit of our influence. Some come seeking friendship in their loneliness, others are in need of material help. Some find help to solve their personal problems through the understanding counselling of the staff. The tempted have been strengthened and the wayward encouraged to turn from their folly.

This is not the place to tell this human story. It is the place to record facts relating to the year's work. But, we ask you to remember that behind the facts are people, people who have worked to help others, people who have been helped, people who thank God for the ministry of His servants.

#### **"Wesley Lodge".**

"Wesley Lodge," Park Terrace, was officially opened by the President of the Conference, the Rev. J. H. Allen, and the Minister of Health, the Hon. J. R. Marshall, on November 22nd, 1952. Under the able leadership of Sister E. Borrows, "Wesley Lodge" provides comfort and security in a happy family atmosphere for thirty aged men and women. To the Matron and Staff, who work together as a Christian team, we are greatly indebted. Apart from the general care of the aged, nursing service has been provided in many instances. Three trained sisters are on the staff.

To members of Toc-H, who regularly give voluntary assistance in the evenings, we are much indebted.

The Admissions Committee—the Matron, Lady Andrews, Mrs. S. W. Ayers, Dr. Peddie and the Superintendent—always endeavour to select the most needy applicants from the viewpoint of housing and frailty. Eighty per cent of those at present in residence are in

receipt of the Age Benefit. Entertainments have been provided by various individuals and groups. Family prayers are conducted by the Matron each evening. The willingness of the guests to help themselves and help each other, is a pleasing feature.

#### **"Wesley House"**

In March of this year we purchased, from Mr J. C. Clelland, his property which commands a lovely view of the Picton Harbour. It is now known as "Wesley House" and is operating as a Home for the aged. It was valued at £12,000 and we purchased it for £6,168, the owner making a generous gift of furniture, etc. We record the generous gift of £3,000 from Mr N. Anderson for this project. Sister C. F. Hight has been appointed Matron, and, under her care, are fourteen aged men and women.

The Blenheim Circuit has appointed an Administrative Committee to administer the affairs of the Home on behalf of our Board.

The Home was officially opened by the President of Conference and Mr P. Shand, M.P., on July 18th.

#### **"Rehua" Maori Girls' Hostel.**

August 15th marked the official opening of this Hostel for Maori girls working or studying in the city. The ex-President, Rev. G. I. Laurenson, dedicated the building and it was officially opened by His Worship the Mayor, Mr R. M. Macfarlane, M.P. Fourteen girls are at present in residence.

We are indebted to Mrs Moss for the efficient conduct of the Hostel. She has shown a keen interest in the welfare of the girls, and under her matronship the girls have been most happy. We are sorry that Mrs Moss has found it necessary to resign from this position.

The Home Mission Board has been most helpful in this project, having made a grant of £250 toward running expenses and a loan of £2,225 to finance the purchase of the building.

#### **Hot-Meals Service.**

This service which has grown into a major department of the Mission, was established on the 18th May. Its purpose is to provide hot dinners for elderly folk living in rooms with inadequate cooking facilities. Invalids, frail folk and those receiving only bed and breakfast accommodation qualify for this service.

This work has been made possible by the assistance of ninety women volunteers from our city churches who work on a roster system. Over a thousand dinners have been served, and as the numbers steadily grow, it has become evident that in this service we are rendering a valuable and much needed community service. The Committee, whose initiative and hard work has made this venture so successful, are, Lady Andrews (Convener), Mesdames S. W. Ayers and W. Megson.

#### **Goodwill Store.**

This store, established to assist age beneficiaries and folk on small incomes, has proved a blessing to many. Clothing, footwear, etc., has been made available to approximately 5,000 people. Because there is no loss of pride when a person pays for goods received, a nominal charge is made for goods in many cases. At the same time, a large quantity of clothing is given free of cost in cases of urgent need. Many hours of voluntary service is rendered by the Committee each week. Mesdames M. A. Jobberns, H. G. Stewart, D. McLean, A. Booker, W. E. Falkingham (Convener) comprise the Committee. Their arduous service is appreciated not only by the Board, but also by the hundreds of needy folk.

### **Staff.**

Serving in various capacities, we have twenty-two on the paid staff, while over a hundred, apart from the Mission Officials and Board Members, render voluntary service.

Sister Evelyn does valuable work at the Women's Prison, Burwood Girls' Training Centre, Child Welfare Receiving Homes and Essex Maternity Home. She also superintends the Sunday School and Bible Classes, and conducts Scripture Lessons at day schools.

The Women's Work, under the direction of Mrs J. Richards, is in good heart. Numbers have increased and the women have responded magnificently to the heavy demands our growing work has made upon them. Miss O. G. Searle, as Social Service Secretary, deals with many people who come to the office daily. The women are ably led in devotional meetings by her, and on the monthly Work Day, Mrs V. Grant, as work organiser, has revealed her ability.

The staff spends many hours counselling people who are in need of spiritual and material assistance. Companion-helpers are found for old and sick folk, relief is given in genuine cases, accommodation is found and domestic workers and part-time gardeners, etc., have been secured for frail and sick people.

Prison Chaplaincy duties are undertaken by the Superintendent, and as a result of negotiations, regular Methodist services will be held at Paparua Prison.

### **Meetings for the Lonely.**

The North Canterbury Methodist Men's Fellowship have organised Saturday evening gatherings for lonely people of the city. Some who attend are in need of friendship, others seek spiritual help, while others are fighting a hard battle against alcoholism.

### **Mission Premises.**

The day is drawing near when some statesmanlike action must be taken to provide a permanent home in a strategic position for the work of the Mission. At the present time we are renting two floors in Mr Sevicke Jones' building, Cathedral Square, but with the expanding work, we are seriously handicapped by lack of space.

There are three alternatives:—

- (1) Amalgamation with one of our City Circuits and build a worthy building suitable to the activities of a modern Mission.
- (2) Buy a city building suitable for our purposes.
- (3) Rent a building or portion of a building as at present.

The Board is now giving serious consideration to our future policy on this matter, and an indication of the mind of Synods and Conference would be most helpful.

### **Future Plans.**

The Board has given consideration to the pressing need of handicapped men and women in the community, who because of varying infirmities, have no other alternative but to accept the state pension and live idle, and very often monotonous and frustrated lives. While some are absorbed in industry, the vast majority can find no employment because they are not profitable employees. Some are young folk with arms or legs crippled, others are deformed, some are blind. Many able-bodied old folk who, although they have been compelled to retire, still have a will to work. When the scheme we envisage is in operation, not charity but work will await these folk at our Goodwill Industries Centre.

## Finance.

We are pleased to report that goodwill towards our work has grown during the year. Our list of subscribers has increased, and our churches are becoming more aware of their financial responsibility. We appeal to all our Methodist people to remember that we are the agents of the Methodist Church in the realm of Social Service, and that if we are supported by the generosity of all our people, greater things can yet be done in the Name of our Lord and Master.

Our Accountant, Mr B. A. Caygill, reports that £37,000 has been handled during the year. Personal donations amount to £8,200, while a further £2,505 has been received from a Street Appeal, the Goodwill Store and Community Fair. We are indebted to the North Canterbury Women's Guilds for the latter effort.

Our total debts by way of Mortgages and Loans, amount to approximately £13,000, while our total assets stand at £52,00.

## General.

A new van has been purchased for our goodwill and general carrying work. A projection room has been built at the back of the Chapel and a Movie Projector, valued at £360, has been made available by a friend at a cost of £100.

To the many people of Christian goodwill, who by their gifts of finance, goods or service, have shown their concern for the less fortunate members of the community, we are immeasurably indebted. To those who, constrained by the vision of Christian Brotherhood, have served on official boards and committees, or given service as a labour of love, we express our sincere appreciation.

Help us to help each other, Lord,  
Each other's cross to bear.  
Let each his friendly aid afford  
And feel his brother's care.

We praise God because men and women have been inspired to lend their "friendly aid" to make our work and witness possible. We face another year in the confidence that spiritual and material resources will be available from God, the Great Giver, and from those inspired by Him to serve the present age.

W. E. FALKINGHAM, Superintendent.  
S. D. WALLIS, Secretary.  
S. W. AYERS, Treasurer.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the National Council of Churches be asked to examine the question of gifts to charitable institutions, with a view to requesting the Government to remit income tax on all covenant gifts where the donor agrees to pay a fixed amount to approved charity over a period of five years.
3. That Conference record its appreciation of the generous action of Sir Ernest Andrews in making available his book, "Quaint Characters," for the benefit of the Social Service funds of the Christchurch Central Mission.
4. That the Board of Management for 1954 be: Rev. H. L. Fiebig (Chairman), Rev. W. E. Falkingham (Superintendent), Revs. W. T. Blight, C. D. Clark, V. R. Jamieson, A. K. Petch, W. L. Divers, D. J. D. Hickman; Sir Ernest and Lady Andrews; Mesdames S. W. Ayers, V. Grant, P. A. LeBrun, J. Richards, H. G. Stewart, R. S. Smith, M. Osborne; Misses O. G. Searle; Messrs. A. B. Allen, S. W.

Ayers, B. A. Caygill, F. H. Christian, J. E. Colechin, A. A. Dingwall, J. D. Gray, R. E. James, P. A. Le Brun, G. S. Salter, H. G. Stewart, M. G. Stewart, S. D. Wallis, N. Rhind, and F. W. Pitcher.

## E—Dunedin Central Mission

### SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT, 1953.

The Methodist Central Mission, Dunedin, gratifyingly reports a good year in which policy changes and developments under the new administration were put into effect. In presenting its Sixty-third Report, it would seek not to stress the achievements of the past year, but to emphasise the challenging needs of the Kingdom that still await it in the future.

#### I. The Christian Witness of the Church.

(1) During the year, earnest endeavour has been made to strengthen both the Morning and Evening Services, and it can be sincerely said that progress has been made. There is still a very great deal to attempt and accomplish, but it is pleasing to note that the different branches of the institutional life of the Church are becoming integrated and gradually recognising their identity with the worshipping fellowship.

(2) Spiritually, the Central Mission has responded well to the Oxford Call to Evangelism. The Methodist Central Mission, with Trinity Church, combined for the Teaching Mission, which, after two special all-day Retreats for Leaders, took the form of a series of addresses on doctrine given by selected speakers, among whom were Principal A. L. Haddon, D.D., Rev. J. M. Bates, M.A., Rev. Dr. John A. Allen, M.A., Rev. C. Harrison, M.A., B.D., Rev. Luke Jenkins, B.A., B.D.

In July, the two congregations are combining for a Week of Evangelism in Trinity Church, when the Rev. E. T. Olds of New Plymouth will be the Missioner. The Campaign has brought great inspiration to the respective Churches.

#### II. Amalgamation With Trinity Church.

During the year, enquiry was received from the Leaders of Trinity Church as to whether the Basis of Union suggested by the officials of the Methodist Central Mission last year still stood. The Mission, after readily responding affirmatively and participating in further combined discussions, now learns that the issue has been approved by Trinity Church members, Leaders' Meetings, and the Quarterly Meeting. The proposals for amalgamation now proceed to the Synods and the forthcoming Conference for approval. A most pleasing feature of the negotiations was the friendly and co-operative spirit that characterised the conversations.

#### III. Staff.

The General Superintendent, the Rev. Dr. R. Dudley, received in February, an invitation from the United Methodist Synod of Fiji, to conduct there a Mission for all races during the forthcoming August. The Quarterly Meeting enthusiastically commended his acceptance of the invitation. He leaves for Suva by air on August 4th.

The Assistant Superintendent, the Rev. J. A. Penman, has admirably fulfilled his duties, and the Mission is gratified at the ready response there has been to his splendid gifts and consecrated labours.

Sister Marcia Powell succeeded Sister Margaret Taylor at the beginning of the year, and commenced her Deaconess work at the Methodist Central Mission with instant success. Her quiet and

gracious personality is commending itself to an increasingly wide constituency.

The Mission's administration office is now well staffed, and Mrs R. Dudley, who since last July rendered full time voluntary service, was able to relinquish her duties at the end of March.

Sister M. Hodges, who for years was Matron of certain Government institutions, and latterly was engaged as a hospital Sister in geriatric work, has been appointed Matron of the Eventide Home and Hospital. Her wide experience and tireless energy give frequent occasions for commendation.

The new Grounds Supervisor, Mr A. B. Saunders, who occupied a similar position at the Waipiata Sanatorium, assumed his new duties in September last, and is doing well. His wife, a hospital Sister, is rendering valuable service during the staff shortage, from which so many institutions are suffering at present.

The general staff position, while not desperate, has caused certain concern during the year. The Methodist Central Mission has officially nominated certain overseas personnel, who are due to arrive from Scotland in July, and these should bring some measure of relief to the valiant band which has carried on under such difficulties.

#### IV. Future Policy.

The Mission officials expect very soon to face the question of future policy, which quite naturally will be influenced considerably by the possible amalgamation with Trinity Church. If Conference sanctions the proposal, the question of adequate staffing for both the ministerial and social service sides of the work will need to be carefully examined. Even under present circumstances, there is a crucial need in the Mission for greater ministerial help, as the time of the General Superintendent is fully occupied with administration, financial canvass, counselling, pulpit and radio work. There is also immediate need for either a Social Service Field Officer, who shall assist in the annual financial canvass, or a Secretary-Manager of the Social Service Department, the ramifications of which are steadily increasing. The Mission, however, does not intend to take precipitate action, and will continue to investigate the problem in the light of new developments. Further, the possible merger with Trinity Church will not only necessitate the re-orientation of the staff and the Circuit position, but will demand careful consideration of any new building programme that may be contemplated. The availability of the facilities of Trinity Church naturally would necessarily bring modifications of the character of any future building proposed on the Octagon site. The new situation resulting from the possible amalgamation of the two Causes will not only be challenging, but will require a wise and consecrated stamanship that looks with faith and vision toward a bright tomorrow.

It cannot be too fully stressed that the present necessary absorption of the General Superintendent's time in meeting the clamant claims of Social Service needs, including the necessity of raising finance, tends to militate disquietingly against the fulfilment through its ordained ministry of the Church's task to preach the Word adequately, and up-build Christ's flock in the Faith.

#### V. Social Service.

(1) Eventide home and Hospital: The Eventide Home and Hospital is striving to meet the increasing need for the adequate care of the aged. At present there are 89 ladies in residence, 11 of whom are over 90. One is 98 years of age, and another 97. The health record has been remarkably good, and the Mission is fortunate in having such a skilled medical, nursing and domestic staff.

The Church will be gratified to learn that through the initiative of the Methodist Central Mission, the Minister for Social Security decided to grant for all inmates of Homes for the Aged who are receiving only the Age Benefit an additional amount up to 15/- each for maintenance from the Special Assistance Fund.

(2) **Clubland:** The facilities of this organisation, under skilled instructors in wood-working, photography, printing, etc., continue to be used by adolescent and older age groups. This year the classes in wood-working have been particularly popular.

(3) **Goodwill Store:** This was opened in October, and from every angle has more than justified itself as a new enterprise. It is an invaluable adjunct in dealing with needy cases.

(4) **Handicapped Adolescents:** As anticipated last year, the Mission, in co-operation with an influential representative Committee, has been able to provide facilities for the benefit of intellectually handicapped young men. The work has made such progress that it is intended to organise a similar group for young women.

#### VI. A New Enterprise: Home for Aged Men and Married Couples.

After receiving the necessary permission, the Mission completed negotiations for the purchase of a stately home of sixteen rooms, situated in spacious and elevated grounds in Anderson's Bay, Dunedin, for the purpose of a Home for Elderly Men and Aged Married Couples. Formal approval by the Minister of Health of the terms of purchase, together with the promised subsidy, is being awaited before alterations begin and possession is taken.

Though the probable total cost of the project will be approximately £10,000, the Mission, in spite of its over-all debt and the need for concentrating on a re-building programme in the Octagon, considered the opportunity for the extension of this important aspect of its social service work too challenging to ignore. It is hoped to open the Home before Christmas.

#### VII. Finance.

The Mission has paid considerable attention during the year towards rehabilitating its financial position, and the Church will be gratified at the improved position of the accounts. There is still much to be done, and the necessity for a careful supervision of the new administration policy has not allowed for the financial canvass of certain districts, but the results of the appeal so far made have been more than satisfactory.

The following is the present position:—

		Income.			Expenditure.		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Social Service	Department	11,015	0	2	14,238	2	2
Eventide Homes	.....	26,039	6	7	24,761	9	5
Circuit	.....	1,727	11	6	1,717	14	7
Trust	.....	6,517	13	4	10,383	5	0
<b>Summary of Deficit:</b>		£45,299	11	7	£51,100	11	2
Debit Balance		5,800	19	7			
<b>Liabilities:</b>							
Unpaid Loan		2,000	0	0			
Depreciation not provided for		3,000	0	0			
		£10,800	19	7			

During the year the sum of £2,000 has been repaid off the Loan Account, which now stands at £2,000, and the purchase price of £1,000 for land has been fully paid. In short, the comparison of the accounts with those of last year reveals that the Mission has improved its position by approximately £10,000

#### VIII. Farm.

Under the new Supervisor, the farm at the Eventide Home Settlement is showing rapid improvement. The aim continues to be to make it an economic unit. In this connection, the specialised help of the Agricultural Department, stock firms, and friends has been invaluable.

#### IX. Radio Church of the Helping Hand.

The Mission is fortunate in being able each Sunday morning to broadcast at 9.30 a.m. from Station 4XD, Dunedin, its half-hourly session of the Radio Church of the Helping Hand, and in this it possesses a most valuable medium for Christian witness and evangelism. Members of the Radio Church are most generous with their donations, which usually are contributed through collection boxes. Proceeds are devoted toward the work of the Eventide Home and Hospital.

#### Conclusion.

The thanks of the whole Church are due to all officials and members of the Mission staff, medical adviser, auditors, and other loyal and devoted workers. This report could not close without the Mission recording its profound gratitude to Almighty God for incredible mercies received during the past year, and for a new spirit of hopefulness that looks confidently to the future.

RAYMOND DUDLEY, General Superintendent.

J. A. PENMAN, Assistant Superintendent.

H. H. JOHNSON, Secretary.

A. VIVIAN, Treasurer.

#### RESOLUTION

That the Report be received and adopted.

## F—N.Z. Methodist Social Services Association

The annual meeting of the Association was held at Wellington on May 13th, 1953, when Dominion Methodist social service policy and enterprise was fully reviewed. Consideration, and in most cases recommendation, was made to appropriate Church courts re such matters as the clarification of constitution, strategy for new projects, relationship of social service workers to Circuit and Area, relationship to State welfare departments, Orphanage policy.

Reports from all social service and welfare agencies were received, and recommendations were made re future use of Prince Albert College, Hostels at Dunedin and Wellington, and forward work being undertaken by Auckland Children's Home, H.M. Dept., Maori Welfare, Central Missions and Circuit social service departments. Opportunity was also taken to confer with Ministers and Secretaries of State Departments re subsidies and Church-State relationships in Hostel, Eventide and Children's Homes enterprise. The Association committed members to undertake research this year in respect of Orphanage policy, geriatrics, Church hospitals, Church schools and/or hostels, and to prepare to assess relative needs and priorities that consideration might be given to a connexional social service strategy.

W. H. GREENSLADE, Convener.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. Solicitation of financial support within Circuits. Minutes, 1952, P.62, p.7. That there be added—"For such approved social service work holding Conference sanction all Superintendent ministers should give all possible co-operation."
3. Student and Youth Hostels. Minutes, 1952, P.60, p.10. That District Executives make report and recommendation to the N.Z.M.S.S. A. by April, 1954.
4. That to provide general working funds, the Association be permitted to make an annual levy on constituent bodies.
5. That the co-Treasurers of the N.Z.M.S.S.A. General Funds be Rev. W. H. Greenslade and Mr T. M. Pacey.
6. That the Official Representative and Convener for 1954 be the Rev. W. H. Greenslade.

QUESTION LIII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference with regard to (a) The Order of Deaconesses? (b) The Training of Deaconesses?

# Methodist Deaconess Board

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### Training.

Six students have been in training this year, three of whom will be leaving at the end of the year to take up appointments. The standard, both in the House and in Circuit work has been most satisfactory and we have every reason to believe that these young women will render good service to Christ and His Church. Two of the students are taking extra lectures in ~~...gari~~ to fit themselves for that special field.

### Candidates.

Two candidates have offered this year, a further applicant having deferred her candidature until next year. To keep faith with the Church in filling the many vacancies with trained workers, we ask the co-operation of ministers in bringing the claims of Deaconess work as a vocation before the young women of our Church.

### Curriculum.

To meet the need for more up-to-date teaching, and with a view to raising the standard of the training, a number of changes have been made in the text-books. These, we hope, will give the students the advantage of modern scholarship in their Biblical and Theological reading.

### Overseas Workers.

It is hoped that, through a recommendation to Synods and Conference, it will be possible to give prospective missionary teachers or nursing sisters a modified course of one year in Christian Doctrine and Bible Knowledge. Such a course we feel would better fit the sisters for the spiritual leadership they are called to give in addition to their specialised work.

### Staff.

We count ourselves fortunate in having as Matron Mrs G. E. Gauntlett, whose wise understanding and splendid leadership has made Deaconess House a happy home for the 28 girls who are resident there. Miss Brown, who has been a most capable cook and a very co-operative member of the staff has had to resign on account of ill-health. We again thank all those who make possible the smooth running of the domestic arrangements.

### Lecturers.

There have been no changes in the teaching staff this year, and the following lecturers deserve our best thanks: Revs. H. E. Harkness, M.A., B.D. (Theology), R. E. Patchett (New Testament), A. K. Petch, B.A. (Old Testament), W. A. Chambers, B.A. (Psychology), A. M. Costain (Church History), A. H. Fowles (Elocution and Voice Production) and Mrs G. Hill, M.A. (English). We also acknowledge with appreciation the services of the Youth Director and others who have given extra lectures.

### Property.

The largest outlay this year has been in the building of fire escapes, which are now completed. The painting of the House is to begin shortly. The House Committee has been busy with improvements to the interior, including new carpeting and tableware and increased shower facilities.

### Ladies' Guilds.

Much of the work undertaken by the House Committee would not be possible without the co-operation of the many Ladies' Guilds which make regular donations to the funds. We are most grateful for their assistance.

### Resignations.

During the year Mrs F. E. Crespin resigned after many years of valued association with the Board. Mrs Crespin has given generously of her time and of her experience as a Deaconess herself for twelve years. Mr A. G. Harris was also farewelled as he left Christchurch on transfer to Auckland.

### Rev. E. Drake.

The Board wishes to place on record its appreciation of the services of the late Rev. E. Drake, one-time treasurer, and a member of the Board for ten years. Mr Drake will long be remembered for the faithfulness and the meticulous care he brought to all his work.

### Deaconesses in the Field.

There have been a number of changes in the field during the year. Sister June Bickers (nee Winchcombe) was permitted to retain her status in the Order in view of her continuing in the work at Dargaville. Sister Fiona Summerell has been granted two year's leave of absence to pursue Social Science studies at Victoria University. Sisters Nance Davidson and Daphne Lye have resigned, Sister Nance to be married and Sister Daphne for health reasons. Sisters Elsmé Dixon and Atakohu Fitzpatrick for domestic reasons have been granted leave of absence, and Sister Margaret Taylor one year's leave. Sister Betty Yearbury, on deputation in Canterbury, awakened considerable interest in the work as she spoke at numerous gatherings.

### Order of Christian Aids.

The Board, in response to the request of Conference, has given consideration to the proposal for the establishing of an Order of Christian Aids. The matter is so far-reaching that we are not in a position to report until much more time has been given, and further consultation with other interested bodies held.

G. R. HARRIS, Chairman.

A. F. COLLINS, Secretary.

## METHODIST DEACONESS INSTITUTION

Estimated Budget for Year Ending 31st May, 1954

### Estimated Expenditure:

	£	£
House Supplies .....	1,000	
Power, Light and Fuel .....	200	
Wages and Salaries .....	1,150	
Telephone .....	17	
Repairs to Property .....	300	
Rates .....	120	
Advertising .....	6	
Stamps and Stationery .....	10	
Insurances .....	65	
Depreciation Allowance .....	100	
Uniforms .....	20	
Travelling Expenses .....	25	
Total Estimated Expenditure .....		3,013

### Estimated Receipts:

Hostel Receipts .....	2,300	
Rents .....	130	
P.O.S.B. Interest .....	12	
Grants as to 31st May, 1953 .....	350	
Total Estimated Receipts .....		2,792
Estimated Deficit .....		£221

## RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report, Financial Statement and Budget for 1954 be received and adopted.
2. That in view of the recommendation of the Foreign Mission Board that the question of the training of missionaries be considered and reported on at next Conference, the matter be referred back for further consideration.
3. That Conference express its appreciation of the work of the Deaconesses.
4. That Conference express its appreciation of the work of the staff of Deaconess House and of all lecturers and examiners.
5. That the Deaconess Board re-open the whole question of admissions to the Deaconess Order and the present law referring to the age of acceptance and enlarge its enquiry to include consultants outside the Board.
6. That the Deaconess Board consider the repeal of the first sentence of Law Book, page 121, paragraph 506, section 10, re contributions towards cost of training.
7. That the Board for 1954 be: The Chairman of the North Canterbury District, Superintendent Ministers of the Durham Street, St. Albans and Riccarton Circuits, the Connexional Secretary, Revs. A. O. Harris, J. C. A. Williams, Messrs A. A. Harrow, H. W. Beaumont, R. G. Pearce, G. Hill and L. S. Moore, Mesdames P. A. Le Brun, C. Colechin, W. I. McHarg, H. A. McNeil, A. K. Petch, W. L. Divers and H. W. Beaumont. Corresponding Members: President of Deaconess Association and the Woman Youth Director. Secretary of Board: Rev. J. C. A. Williams.

QUESTION LIV.—What are the Resolutions of Conference respecting Children's Homes?

## A—Auckland Children's Home and Orphanage

FORTIETH ANNUAL REPORT, 1953.

In presenting this report of the work of the two Homes for the past year, we record our thankfulness to God for this opportunity for Service. Only the love of God in the hearts of men and women can sustain such a work. The Church believes that it is carrying out Christ's command to care for little children. Our work is relieving the State of the responsibility of caring for these little ones, but we believe we are giving them loving care plus a Christian home.

The only financial help we receive from the State is the Orphan and Family Benefits. Each child costs approximately 6/8 a day and after maintenance etc. is received the Church has still to find 3/5 per child per day. That is why we appeal to our Church membership to do all that they can to enable us to give the children a good start in life.

The Board is most grateful to the members of the Staff who care for the 60 children in our Homes. The two "Mothers," Mrs Butterworth and Miss Archer are dedicated to the welfare of the children, and with the other members of the Staff are doing all they can to help these young people who depend on them for their needs.

During the year we sustained a great loss in the passing of Mr J. Tyler. As a member of the Board and Chairman of the Building Committee we have lost a valued member. Ever ready to give of his knowledge and experience he piloted the new building scheme through its many set backs until the time when a new permit to build was granted. We would pay a sincere tribute to his memory.

### New Building Scheme.

Both our properties are sadly in need of repair, but now the new building is in sight we must press on toward the construction of the new Home. This year has been one of preparation and planning. The Board's Architect has been engaged on the drawings of the new Home which he hopes to complete this year. It is anticipated that a start will be made on the erection of the Home early next year! The Committee has been in close touch with the Architect over all the main questions involved and has watched all details carefully in line with modern usage and equipment.

### The Family.

There are 29 boys at "Wesley" and 10 small boys and 20 girls at "Epsom." The health of the children has been exceptionally good. During August all the children enjoyed a fortnight at the seaside. We thank the Central Mission trustees for permission to use their Health Camp. The holiday was financed from the "Florence Finlay Holiday House" Fund. All the children had a holiday at Christmas time, the majority in the homes of our people. We again record our appreciation to those who opened their homes in this way.

Several older boys are now working on farms. Three have been accepted into the Youth Farm Settlement Scheme and the reports received are excellent. It speaks well for the behaviour and willingness of these lads that some have started working for those who had given them holidays on their farms.

### Committee Work.

The Selection Committee has met several times giving full consideration to the many applications for admission. For the greater

part of this year the Homes have been full and many requests for admission refused.

The Ladies' Committee continue in their devoted service. Their House Committees meet regularly under the convenorship of Mesdames Wigglesworth and Myers. Officers and Executive have worked hard to stimulate interest among Guild members. As a result, warm knitted garments and used clothing are received, also weekly visits are made by many to mend and patch worn garments. All this service is invaluable and their interest is most encouraging to Board and Staff.

#### Thanks.

Our gratitude is expressed to the Chaplains, Revs. J. C. Draper and Geo. Brown; also to Drs. Clifford James and H. J. Mall, the Honorary Medical Officers. The Matrons appreciate their unflinching readiness to attend the sick and for their sympathetic advice. To this we add the name of Mr K. W. White, Chemist, who for years has donated medical supplies to "Wesley." Mr F. C. Matthews gives continual oversight to the grounds and livestock at "Epsom." With the many changes of gardeners there have been insufficient supplies of vegetables but we are grateful for Harvest Festival produce and gifts of fruit, vegetables, jam, eggs and fuel.

#### United Orphanage Council.

We record once more our indebtedness to this Council, who, by their enthusiasm, has created public interest in the work of the Homes. Our share of the Street Collection etc. was £992.

As this report is written before the close of our financial year it is impossible to state here our financial position. The Balance Sheet, which will be presented later will reveal this. We have received from new Bequests and interest from previous gifts the sum of £1.717/18/2.

We commend this work to all lovers of children and pray that more of our people will become interested and help us to erect and maintain worthy Homes for these dependent children.

W. E. ALLON CARR, Chairman.

IVY H. JONES, Secretary.

#### RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That the Financial Statement be received and adopted.
3. That Conference express its congratulations to the Board on the progress made towards the completion of its scheme for the building of a new and worthy children's home.
4. Board of Management, 1953-54.—Chairman, Rev. W. E. A. Carr; Deputy, Mr R. T. Garlick. 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. Scrivin, and the Ministers of Mt. Albert, Dominion Road, Epsom, Mt. Eden, and Remuera Churches, Mesdames A. L. Caughey, C. J. Burton, C. K. Wigglesworth, R. C. Hemmings, C. M. Myers, R. T. Garlick, and Miss C. Wagstaff, representatives of the Methodist Women's Guild Fellowship and Methodist Women's Club, Messrs F. Penn, A. L. Caughey, C. K. Wigglesworth, C. E. Goode, F. C. Matthews, B. R. Burton, G. Matthews, K. J. Orams, and the Chairman and Secretary of the South Auckland District.

# B—Masterton Methodist Children's Home

ANNUAL REPORT, 1953

The family in the Home has been well cared for throughout another year. Each member of it, though deprived of the benefit of normal home life, has received the love and care of our staff and the happy friendship of the other children. While due attention has been given to the physical necessities of food, clothing and shelter and the general health has been good, other aspects of life have not been neglected. There are adequate opportunities for education and recreation. Those suited for and desiring it, are encouraged to continue with higher education. Vacancies in various walks of life are found according to the aptitudes of those ready to leave school. The children participate in a wide range of sporting activities. They are guided in the Christian way of life in a very fine manner within the Home itself and take full part in the Youth activities of the Church.

With the forthcoming retirement of Mr and Mrs H. Bateup and the recent resignation of Miss M. Potter, the Committee has become fully aware of the outstanding service given to the Home by its staff during the last ten years and of the great amount of work done by the small team. Although we sincerely regret their retirement, we give thanks to God for the love and affection shown to the children by Mr and Mrs Bateup, our Master and Matron. The well-being of the children under their care has always been their first concern and has been a heavy and continuous demand upon them. Miss Potter has done fine work in charge of the kitchen and we wish her well in her new sphere of service at "Wesley House," Picton. We are indeed fortunate that Miss C. Fell is remaining with us. Mrs. L. Coppel is welcomed as a recent appointment to the staff.

At present there are 20 boys and 13 girls in the Home. There were 10 admissions and 11 departures during the year. A number of those leaving were able to return to relatives. Two went to Training College and a variety of occupations have been taken up including that of pastrycook, clerk, printer, mechanic and shop assistant.

Rev. Dr. W. G. and Mrs Slade were farewelled from the Committee on their appointment to the St. Albans Circuit. The Committee was grateful for the interest they took in its affairs and the time given in frequent visits to the Home. Messrs. K. J. Orams and T. F. Mannell joined the Committee at the beginning of the year and Rev. R. F. and Mrs Clement more recently. Their presence in the Committee has been valued and helpful. Unfortunately we were soon to lose Mr Orams on his transfer to Auckland, but during a short time he found many opportunities to give practical assistance.

The Committee thanks all those who have in any way helped with its work. Many organisations and individuals have provided entertainment. Gifts of clothing and produce and much needed financial support have been greatly appreciated. To those who gave the children a holiday in their homes we say "Thank you." We also acknowledge the financial backing of the Wellington Board, which has been called on to a greater extent this year to bridge the gap between income and expenditure. We again confidently seek support from the people of our Church to meet this position.

The following legacies were received and remitted to the Wellington Board to be credited to the funds of the Home:—

Estates: T. A. Smith, £100; E. Wagland, £67/14/8; R. J. Double-day, £151/15/-; G. Jones, £46/14/-; E. Stewart, £25; J. A. Ordish, £100; M. P. Fischer, £388/3/-; J. W. Peacock, £100; M. J. Clarke, £100; and income from other estates £50/16/1. It is encouraging to find that so many friends have remembered the Home in this way. The Masterton Trust again granted us £20 for school stationery and £40/6/- was received from Police Charity Effort donations for the provision of additional amenities.

We seek God's guidance for the work that lies ahead and His rich blessing upon the children in the Home.

**Amounts received from Circuits:** The summary of returns is as follows: Wellington District £309/16/2; Hawkes Bay-Manawatu District £280/1/10, Taranaki-Wanganui District £169/8/10. Grand Total: £759/6/10.

A. KEITH HODDER, Chairman.

J. F. CODY, Secretary.

### RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Financial Statements be received and adopted.
- 3.(a) That Conference extend greetings and appreciation to Mr and Mrs H. Bateup and Miss M. Potter for their work in the Masterton Home for a period of over ten years.  
(b) That Conference express its warm appreciation of the devoted service rendered to the Masterton Children's Home by Messrs W. R. Nicol, A. H. Daniell and Mrs J. H. Conly.  
(c) That Conference learns with pleasure of the appointment of Mr and Mrs G. W. Thomas as Manager and Matron of the Masterton Children's Home.
4. That the Management Committee be: Chairman, Mr A. K. Hodder; Deputy Chairman, Mr H. C. Wood; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr J. F. Cody; Committee, Rev. R. F. Clement, Dr N. H. Prior, Mesdames C. E. Archer, A. K. Hodder, D. E. Lyttle, C. D. Shoosmith, R. F. Clement and H. C. Wood, Misses M. Burton, L. Cocker and E. James, Messrs J. H. Conly, W. E. Layton, D. E. Lyttle, T. F. Mannell and F. E. Wells.

## C—South Island Children's Home

### ANNUAL REPORT, 1953.

It is with thankfulness to God that we present this Report of another year of service among the children of our Home. The changes which have occurred in the personnel of our Staff have been few and the number of children in residence has varied little. After almost a year with us, Miss Pilgrim resigned and her place has been filled by Miss Bradley of Shirley. That there have been so few changes in Staff is a witness to the happy conditions prevailing in the home.

For most of the year we had fifty-five children in residence, but as this Report goes to print there are fifty—29 Boys and 21 Girls. Their ages range from three years to sixteen years. We had only one admission and six demissions. Of the latter, John and Tony Kerr have returned to their mother who has remarried and Dorothy Youngman has returned to her father.

### **Health.**

The general health of the children has been good, except for minor ailments and accidents. In this connection Dr. S. C. Peddie continues to assist us as honorary physician.

### **Church Connections.**

It is encouraging to note the very definite interest of some of the older ones in the life and work of Church. The attendance of the children at the Sunday morning service is an inspiration to both preacher and congregation. In addition, a number of the older ones voluntarily attend the evening service.

### **General Maintenance.**

The cost of maintaining a property such as ours is very heavy. Early in the year, the Waimairi Council, together with the Fire Board, inspected the property and advised certain improvements to reduce the fire risk. With a ferro-concrete building, this risk did not seem to us to be great. Nevertheless, we have complied with the law. Smoke screen doors have been erected at the top of the stairs and a system of fire drill is being carried out. Repairs to the roof have been effected and a considerable amount of asphaltting has been done. The purchase of a motor-mower has proved a great advantage.

Mr Howells, with the capable assistance of Mr D. Hawke, keeps a careful watch on the grounds and gardens.

### **Fruit.**

The fruit yield has not been quite so good this year and it has been suggested that Orchardists might, if they knew of the need, considerably augment the supply of fruit. Careful watch is kept, too, on the best means of securing groceries, meat and other commodities for the table.

The Ladies' House Committee continues to watch the interior furnishings of the Home. Some mattresses have been re-wired and new ones purchased.

### **Finance.**

The Financial Statement shows that notwithstanding the most rigid economy, the year closes with a deficiency of £669. This is partly accounted for by some unusual expense, but chiefly by rising costs. We are glad to note that Circuits have shown increased interest in the work, with the result that their contributions are about £130 more than last year.

### **Easter Camps.**

The appeal of the Camps drew into their fellowship seven boys and six girls. The reports of these young people were good.

### **Youth Conference.**

About 200 Youth Leaders met for Conference in the Home during the recess. All reports are to the effect that it proved a most inspiring occasion. We hope incidentally, that it will serve to make our youth leaders aware of the fine avenue of service which the Home presents. Be that as it may, we were glad to place the Home at the disposal of such a group and such a cause. As far as the Staff is concerned, the Conference left a pleasant memory.

### **Mrs Jessie Mackay.**

It is fitting that a brief reference be made to the work of Mrs Mackay in connection with the combined Orphanage Appeal. Since the inception of the Committee in Christchurch, Mrs Mackay has been its capable and enthusiastic Secretary. All the Children's Homes in the City have benefitted by her labours during the past twenty-one years. Now that she retires from the work, we extend to her our grateful thanks and good wishes.

### Thanks.

We would tender appreciative thanks to Mr and Mrs Howells and all the members of the Staff for their untiring labours in the interests of the children. Because of what they do it is less an Institution and more of a Home than many smaller places we are familiar with. Thanks are also due to the Rotary Club for Picture evenings and their gift of tools, the Savage Club for toys and auto rides and to the Railway Workshops for Christmas gifts, etc.

We hope to maintain contact with the Circuits by means of biennial visits.

The Following Board of Management is nominated for 1954: The Chairman of the District, the Connexional Secretary, Superintendent Ministers of Durham Street, Christchurch East, Cambridge Terrace, St. Albans, Woolston and Papanui Circuits; Revs. A. N. Scotter and A. O. Harris; Messrs H. de R. Flesher, H. J. S. Harrington, F. A. Sheat, C. L. Palmer, A. A. Harrow, 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.

### RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Financial Statements be received and adopted.
3. That appreciation be expressed of the happy conditions prevailing in the Home, due to the sterling work of Mr and Mrs Howells and their staff.
4. Board of Management for 1954: The Chairman of the District, the Connexional Secretary, Superintendent Ministers of Durham Street, Christchurch East, Cambridge Terrace, St. Albans, Woolston and Papanui Circuits; Revs. A. N. Scotter and A. O. Harris; Messrs H. de R. Flesher, H. J. S. Harrington, F. A. Sheat, C. L. Palmer, A. A. Harrow, 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.

QUESTION LV.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Connexional Literature?

## A—Methodist Times Committee

### ANNUAL REPORT, 1953.

The Committee has pleasure in reporting another successful year, except that as anticipated in our previous report and detailed later herein, there is a large financial loss on the year's working.

Our circulation shows a nett increase for the year of 75 subscribers which from one point of view may be regarded as satisfactory, in that each year for the past twelve years a steady rise has been recorded. In that period our circulation has increased by 61%. This, of course, is only keeping pace with our growth as a Church but it also indicates a sustained interest in our Church journal. A circulation of 4,825 gives us a percentage figure based on Church membership of nearly 18%. It is not possible to say exactly how many homes that represents; but it would seem to indicate something in the vicinity of 50%. We are convinced that by consistent interested efforts within our Circuits more of the homes which are not in receipt of our Church paper can be made subscribers, and we

repeat our previous requests, particularly to Circuit Ministers, to give this important matter adequate publicity.

The following table indicates in general the position in Synodal districts in relation to membership figures:—

Auckland	16.7	Nelson	17.3
South Auckland	16.6	North Canterbury	16.5
Taranaki-Wanganui	18.5	South Canterbury	19.9
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	17.3	Otago-Southland	18.4
Wellington	15.9		

As reported to last Synods and Conference the Committee had to anticipate this year an exceedingly heavy increase in the cost of paper. Various steps were considered in regard to meeting this increased expenditure. The ideas of reverting to newsprint, or of increasing the subscription rate, were not entertained. The attempt to use quality paper on a restricted scale only did not prove successful. Finally it was decided to carry on and face a loss on the year's operation—which amounted to £545/18/-, which has affected our reserve funds to that extent.

Fortunately the paper market has now stabilised and with much reduced costs in this direction in the ensuing year the Committee faces the future with confidence. The steady drive for more readers is also showing good results and this will assist the finances of the paper also.

Our Editorial policy has been to achieve the greatest good for the greatest number. All aspects of our Church life and work at home and abroad are treated in a way calculated to interest the average Church member. Specialised columns as for Missions, Youth Work, Circuit news, Devotional topics and so on, as well as articles on up-to-date topical matters form a regular feature of each issue. Frequent attempts have been made to get Districts to appoint district reporters but the response has been very poor. The fullest co-operation of Districts in this respect is asked for.

The recent Conference re-appointed the Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D., as Editor for another three-year term and the Committee again records its deep appreciation of the manner in which he continues to fill this office to the general good of our whole Church.

The Rev. C. P. Lucas, L.Th., commenced his duties as Associate Editor in February and very quickly showed his capacity for this important task, which he is carrying out with great satisfaction to the Committee. We record also our grateful thanks to the Rev. H. A. Cochrane, who for eight years supplied the material for the Home Mission Department's columns. This was of a very high order and the best thanks of the Church are due to him for his contribution in this connection.

We record also, with deep thanks, the fact that Sister Rita Snowden has completed fifteen years' unbroken service as a contributor in her own special columns. Hers has been an outstanding achievement and we are grateful for the way in which so consistently she brings to our readers the fruits of her own well-stored mind. For our regular other features we are greatly indebted to the following.—Rev. J. Silvester, M.A. (Question and Answer); Rev. G. V. Thomas, B.A. (Quiet Hour); Rev. S. G. Andrews, M.A., Dip. Ed. (Overseas Missions); Rev. R. H. Allen, B.A. (Youth Column); Mr H. W. Beaumont, M.A., Dip. Ed. (L.Y.M. Page).

We have some outstanding examples of long and successful service on the part of many of our Circuit agents. To all our helpers in this sphere we express our thanks.

During the year the Committee suffered a great loss in the passing of the late Rev. Edward Drake. His wide experience and sound judgment were of great value to the Committee which records its deep appreciation of his long and devoted service.

E. H. ANDREWS, Chairman.

H. L. FIEBIG, Business Manager.

### RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Financial Statements be received and adopted.
3. That appreciation be expressed to the Editors, contributors and Circuit agents.
4. That the Committee for 1954 be: The Connexional Secretary, Revs. W. T. Blight, A. O. Harris, A. K. Petch, G. R. Harris, W. A. Chambers and L. C. Horwood; Sir Ernest Andrews, Messrs H. de R. Flesher, D. McHarg, H. W. Beaumont, B. Bascand, R. Metson and the Chairman and the Convener of the Publications Board.

## B—Board of Publications

### REPORT FOR 1953.

The Board of Publications is gratified that the Church is becoming more aware of the value of the printed word in its work and is making more extensive use of the material being published. This increasing interest and activity is one of the encouraging aspects of the Church's life and the Board is pleased to have had some part in it.

#### General Publications.

**Crusade Publications:** By mutual agreement with the Spiritual Advance Committee the Board has undertaken to publish the material required each year for the Crusade for Christ. Most of the Board's attention during this year has been given to this work. Up to the 30th June a total of 27,000 copies of Crusade publications—Lenten leaflet, Teaching Mission folder, "New Life in Christ," Decision and Dedication cards—had been sold to circuits. All Crusade publications are now to be obtained from the Board of Publications, Box 5023, Auckland.

**"Our Fathers' Faith and Ours":** At the request of the Spiritual Advance Committee the Board is implementing the decision of last Conference that this membership training manual should be reprinted. The book has been thoroughly revised, is at present in the hands of the printer and should be available in November.

**Barter Agreement with Australia:** The Board has been in touch with the Literature and Publications Committee of the General Conference. Quantities of N.Z. Publications have been exchanged for supplies of the booklet "The Christian Sunday," by the Rev. B. R. Wyllie, M.A., B.D., and "Private Worship for the Sick," a folded card containing devotional material for hospital patients.

**Orders of Service:** An Order of Service for Aldersgate Sunday, suitable for use over a number of years, was published. The Board also arranged for the reprinting of the Order of Service prepared by the Free Church Federal Council (England) for use on Coronation Sunday. Both these publications met with a very heavy demand.

**Further Publications:** Although the Board is glad to serve the Church by publishing leaflets and Orders of Service it considers that there is the need also for more substantial publications with greater teaching value. To this end a number of manuscripts are in the course of preparation.

### Finance.

A Working Capital Fund consisting of the proceeds of the Publications Appeal has been established. The Board thanks those circuits which have responded to the appeal.

### Distribution.

Further consideration is being given to ways of marketing the Board's publications. The thanks of the whole Church are due to Miss L. Hendra who cheerfully and voluntarily does the colossal task of handling orders from circuits.

W. E. A. CARR, Chairman.

W. F. FORD, Convener.

### RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Financial Statement be received and adopted.
3. That Conference express its appreciation of the outstanding service of the Rev. W. F. Ford, the retiring Convener of the Board of Publications.

4. 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, the Revs. W. E. A. Carr (Chairman), A. R. Penn, B. M. Chrystall, J. J. Lewis and L. R. M. Gilmore (Convener); Sister Rita Snowden; Misses L. Hendra and M. E. Hope; Messrs. J. C. Wigglesworth (Lay Treasurer), L. T. Hayman, W. Haythorn-Thwaite, E. P. Salmon, H. J. Beavis, B. R. Burton and I. G. Fordham. Corresponding Members: The Business Manager and Editor of "Methodist Times," the acting-Senior Youth Director and Rev. W. F. Ford.

Question LVI.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference concerning Chaplaincy Matters?

## Armed Services Chaplaincy Committee

ANNUAL REPORT, 1953.

### Navy.

We have no Chaplains attached to the Navy, but are appreciative of the work done on our behalf by our Honorary Naval Chaplains.

### Army.

It has been a busy year for our Army Chaplains.

**New Commissions.** During the year, at the request of the Army we commissioned the following Chaplains: Revs. D. B. Gordon, D. Haylock, J. S. Olds, L. P. Schroeder, and P. A. Stead. These men attended a course of instruction at Trentham. We have been asked to nominate another five, who will attend a similar course and be commissioned this year. No final decision has been reached as to the names to be sent forward.

**C.M.T. Camps.** The Rev. D. Haylock has completed a tour of duty at Papakura. He reports that he found his work provided a 'unique field of evangelism and is probably one of the greatest opportunities open to us today.' The Rev. A. R. Witheford is doing a tour of duty at Burnham.

In 1954 we have to find Chaplains for the January and June intakes at Burnham. The Rev. P. A. Stead has been nominated for the January intake; the nomination for the June intake will be made after Conference.

**Territorial Camps.** The Revs. J. B. Dawson, W. S. Dawson, H. C. Matthews, V. R. Jamieson, Wes. Parker and A. R. Witheford have attended Annual Camps of Territorial Units and satisfactory reports of their service have been received.

**Air Force.**

The Rev. P. D. Ramsay continues to render efficient service and has been transferred to Woodbourne.

V. R. JAMIESON, Senior Chaplain.

**RESOLUTIONS.**

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That the Senior Chaplain raise, with the Chaplain's Dominion Advisory committee, the question of facilitating the release of B.C. members from Training Camps during the Easter period to enable them to attend B.C. camps; and also the question of the holding of compulsory military parades on Sunday, which interfere seriously with regular youth work and which could be held with less inconvenience on Saturday.
3. That Messrs A. J. Johnston and R. Hardie Boys be thanked for their services as Treasurers and be reappointed.
4. That Rev. V. R. Jamieson, M.B.E., E.D., be thanked for his services as Senior Chaplain and be reappointed.
5. That the District Advisory Committees be as under:—  
**NORTHERN:** Revs. J. C. Draper, Wesley Parker, A. E. Orr, B. M. Chrystall, W. Walker, H. Whitfield, Messrs. C. K. Wigglesworth, W. H. Elliott, R. J. Garlick. Convener: Rev. Wesley Parker.  
**CENTRAL:** Revs. W. H. Greenslade (Chairman), V. R. Jamieson (Senior Chaplain), R. F. Clement, J. B. Dawson, Messrs. T. M. Pacey, R. Hardie Boys, A. J. Johnston and H. J. Steptoe.  
**SOUTHERN:** Revs. V. R. Jamieson and P. A. Stead, Messrs. H. G. Smith and B. A. Caygill.

**QUESTION LVII.—What is the Report of the Custodian of Early Records, Libraries and Museums?**

**A.—CONNEXIONAL OFFICE**

Since last reported the following books and documents have been received and acknowledged.

- Set Wesleys Works—Mesdames Smith and Firth.  
Nelson Conference Arrangements—Committee Records: Mr A. Nightingale.  
Darfield—Trust Minutes: Rev. D. W. Edmonds.  
M.W.M.U. Executive Minutes—Conference Minutes: Mrs E. W. Ashby.  
M.W.M.U. Notes by Mr M. E. Bowron—Mrs T. Hallam.  
M.W.M.U.—Otago Branch Minutes: Mrs F. Gerry.  
Papanui Trust S.S. Q.M. Guild Minute Books; Members' Rolls;  
Marriage Registers—Rev. W. T. Blight.  
Trinity Church (Dunedin)—Offertory Journal: Mr S. Lawn.  
Woolston Q.M. Minute Book—Mr H. Falkingham.  
Invercargill South P.M. Trust Minutes—Rev. L. C. Clement.  
Lyttelton Guild and Club Minutes, Marriage Registers, etc.—Rev. W. A. Chambers.  
Richmond (Ch.Ch.) Guild; S.S. and Trustees Minute Book—Mr W. A. Clothier.

H. L. FIEBIG, Custodian of Early Records.

## RESOLUTION

That the Report be received and adopted.

### B.—TRINITY COLLEGE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

The library is enriched each year by many individual gifts too numerous to mention in detail. We are grateful for the interest shown as well as for the donations which often prove to be interesting and valuable. From the Reed family we receive a parcel of books each year which goes to building up the Alexander Reed Memorial section. From time to time Dr Ranston brings to us another treasured volume from his store, knowing that it will be helpful to some advanced student. Mrs White, of Blockhouse Bay, has given us a number of letters of mission interest written by Wm. Woon to Wm. Phillips. Mr John Astley donates the "British Weekly." From Miss Arthur we have received the Service Book used on the mission ship "John Wesley." From the estate of the late Rev. E. Drake we have received a large number of useful books. To those named and to all our friends we tender thanks.

E. W. HAMES, Principal.

## RESOLUTION

That the Report be received and adopted.

### C.—WESLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY (N.Z. BRANCH) ANNUAL REPORT, 1953

**Publications:** The Society continues to attract interested members from many areas of church life, the roll at present being 300. Proceedings circulated this year were:

Vol. II, No. 1, "The Rev. Samuel Ironside and the Cloudy Bay Mission."

Vol. II, No. 2 & 3, "St. Albans (Christchurch) Centenary."

Vol. II, No. 4, "Kingsland Church Centenary."

**Finance:** Our subscription has remained at 5/- per year, and we should not have been able to balance our budget, had it not been for several generous donations. We were grateful for a grant of £5 from the Contingent Fund, and hope for a similar one this year.

**Pilgrimage:** A notable event organised by the Society, was the Hokianga Pilgrimage in January, 1953, celebrating the 125th Anniversary of the founding of the Mission in that district. Celebrations included an inspirational service on the old Mangungu Mission site.

**"World Parish":** This little magazine of World Methodism has been reorganised. There are eight issues per year, four dealing with American Methodist history, and the other four with news of World Methodism. The subscription is one dollar per year.

**Members' Privileges:** Arrangements have been made for members to receive discounts on certain books of historical interest (notably "Youth Movement" by Rev. E. P. Blamires).

**1953 Lecture:** The lecturer for the Annual Meeting, 1953 is Mr. A. W. Reed, who will speak on the subject: "The Impact of Christianity on the Maori".

E. W. HAMES, President.

L. R. M. GILMORE, Secretary.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Society be empowered to communicate with the body being set up by the Government to conserve historic sites and records.

3. That the Society receive a grant of £5 for 1954 from the Contingent Fund.

4. That Conference express its appreciation of the services of Rev. L. R. M. Gilmore to the Church as Secretary of the Society.

**QUESTION LVIII.**—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on matters previously remitted to Synods or Committees?

## 1—Church Union Committee

### REPORT FOR 1953.

There was a good attendance of members when the Church Union Committee met at Wesley Church Lounge, Wellington, on May 14th, 1953. In the absence of the President, the Rev. G. I. Laurenson presided over the meeting. Owing to the illness of the Rev. A. K. Petch, Convener of the Church Union Committee, an acting-convener was appointed for this year.

The Committee considered the draft Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Church Union and suggested amendments, most of which were accepted by the Joint Standing Committee and appear in the section of this Report which deals with the work of that Committee. Reports of the Union Churches were received. Some general matters were passed to the Joint Standing Committee for action and report.

### REPORT OF THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON CHURCH UNION, 1953.

#### A.—CHURCH UNION.

##### Preamble.

One of the significant theological movements within the Christian Church during its twentieth century has been the re-discovery of the nature of the Church as the "body of Christ," as distinct from, though closely connected with, the various organisations known as "churches." This has brought a fresh understanding of the essential unity of the Church, or the one-ness of all Christian believers in Christ. In contrast to this ideal unity, the divisions among the organised churches stand out in strong relief, and during recent years the Holy Spirit has caused the Christian world to lay these divisions seriously to heart. Some of the fruits of this concern have been the growth of the Ecumenical Movement, the establishment of the World Council of Churches, and the consummation of organic unions of churches in many countries. This movement towards unity has been particularly noticeable among the younger churches on the mission fields, where the task of evangelism has been such a pressing feature in the life of the church. In such areas Christian believers of most of the major denominations have clasped one another's hands in the firm grip of mutual confidence and love, the visible expression of which has been the consummation of an organic church union. At the same time they have issued a call to the older churches of Christendom to realise more fully in their national life the "unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace," and to declare to the world in unmistakable terms that there is but "one body and one Spirit,..... one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all." (Eph. 4: 3-6.)

##### Our Present Situation.

The Presbyterian General Assembly and the Methodist Conference have both expressed their conviction that there are no insuperable obstacles which would make corporate union impossible between

them, and that the consummation of the said union is a matter of increasing urgency. The Congregational Union has not yet declared its mind so clearly, but has expressed its continued interest in church union. As the two major denominations of these three are now in step with each other, it is our task to explore what should be the next steps that we can take together to give more visible expression to our growing unity.

In view of the affirmations of the Presbyterian General Assembly in 1951 contained in the "Ten Propositions relating to the Unity of the Church and Church Union," and also the "Statement on the Unity and Reunion of the Church" as adopted by the Methodist Conference in 1952, it is timely, now that negotiations are about to commence afresh, to inform other branches of the Christian Church in New Zealand of our desire for corporate union on the widest possible basis, and to invite them to participate in negotiations to this end.

In recalling the previous discussions and vote, we note that the main emphasis was placed on matters of faith and order (chiefly the latter) and that very little attention was given to the principle of union, which is the main driving force in the consummation of any particular union. Therefore, in approaching church union afresh, we have dealt first with the question of principle. Much needs to be done yet to convey to church members at the local church level the meaning, purpose and urgency of church union in principle.

Further, it is important to convey to our membership at the outset the clear idea that corporate union does not imply that at a particular time the denominations concerned undergo a tremendous upheaval and metamorphosis which results in the United Church emerging in all its detail; but rather that Church Union is a matter of growing together and merging over a period of any thing from 10 to 30 years. Within such a period various departments of our churches would merge their interests at different times, some before and some after the actual point of union. The union would officially take place at that point where the supreme courts became one. It may be some time afterwards before each local church brings its organisation into line with that agreed upon for the United Church. Thus, provided we have the will to unite, the right way to union is found by experience, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

#### **Steps Towards Union.**

From the above "approach to union" have emerged the following suggested steps which the negotiating churches may take together.

1. (1953) A common baptismal certificate be adopted.

A programme of united services, fellowship and study be observed near World Communion Sunday and continued annually thereafter. This report of the Joint Standing Committee be submitted to the Presbyterian General Assembly, the Methodist Conference, and the Assembly of the Congregational Union.

2. **Preparation for Educational Programme:** A Retreat (3 or 4 days) should be called for the Joint Standing Committee and other nominees of our churches for prayer and study of the theological implications involved in church union, and for outlining literature to be used in the programme of education. Such literature would elaborate the principle of union, put the present venture into its world setting, and make clear the practical steps which would have to be taken.

3. **Period of Educational Programme:** This should be initiated by a representative conference of people selected from all over New Zealand, who shall later in small representative groups visit Presby-

teries, Synods, etc., and also as many congregations as possible, to declare the principle of church union already accepted, and to answer questions and clear away misconception.

During this period it is suggested that there be designated a "Church Union Year," in which year the Presbyterian General Assembly, the Methodist Conference and the Assembly of the Congregational Union shall be held in the same centre simultaneously, and share in a United Service of Witness.

4. **Co-ordination of Evangelism.** During the above period there should be closer co-ordination between the Methodist Spiritual Advance Movement and the Presbyterian New Life Movement, particularly in the practical steps being undertaken in evangelism. It is envisaged that a conference of Youth Directors would produce a programme applicable to young people in matters of evangelism and of church union generally.

5. **First Vote:** All church members should be asked to declare their mind by vote on the principle of church union, i.e., willingness to unite if a suitable basis can be found.

If this vote should prove favourable, then the future of corporate union would be in much less doubt. We should then be in a position to implement the following three points, for which a certain amount of exploratory work would have been done already in the intervening period.

6. (a) **Closer Association:** It may be possible at this stage or earlier to merge such committees as Public Questions, Temperance, International Affairs, Visual Education, Periodicals. Exchange of ministers for limited periods may be practised.

(b) **Union Churches:** Instead of discouraging the establishment of Union Churches as at present because of the uncertainty of the whole question of Union, it would be possible now to encourage their establishment where the local congregations desired it.

(c) **Basis of Union:** The Joint Standing Committee on Church Union would continue its work on the common statement of faith and the minimum of framework required to make the act of union possible. These would be continually submitted to the negotiating churches with amendments until widespread satisfaction were reached.

7. **Second Vote:** All church members should be asked to cast their vote for or against the decisive step into corporate union on the basis of the common statement of faith, and the minimum framework then submitted. A substantial majority would be desirable in this vote.

8. **Consummation of Union:** When a decisive vote has been recorded, the union of the supreme courts would be consummated as early as possible. The merging of all departments and the gradual integration of all local churches into the pattern would follow.

#### **Conclusion.**

The Joint Standing Committee earnestly commends this statement to the three negotiating churches for careful consideration, comment and approval. If approval is given to the general approach, the sanction of the supreme courts of the churches will be sought before each main step is embarked upon.

#### **B.—UNION CHURCHES.**

Satisfactory progress is being made in all five Union Churches, with unanimous reports of the harmonious life and work within each church. Problems which arise are nearly all caused by the

difficulty of defining the relationships of Union Churches with the wider life of each denomination.

It is clearly evident that one essential for the satisfactory working of a Union Church is a strong and representative Committee of Oversight, closely in touch with the Union Church and meeting at regular intervals, at least quarterly.

#### **Raglan.**

After a period without a ministerial appointment, this church is now served by the Rev. I. P. Gordon, an ordained minister of the Congregational Church. This has proved to be a very happy appointment, and the church is doing good work.

#### **Taita.**

Set in one of the large Hutt Valley "State Housing Areas," this church reports an over-abundance of young life, with a consequent over-taxing of the accommodation and leadership. The Minister is the Rev. A. J. Wardlaw, a Presbyterian.

#### **Wainui-o-Mata.**

This Union Church has now been constituted. Its first Minister is the Methodist Minister of Petone Circuit, the Rev. J. B. Dawson, who serves this church on a "part-time" basis. It is hoped that it may be possible soon to appoint a minister to this church, set as it is in a distinct and rapidly-growing community, separated from the Hutt Valley by several miles of hilly road.

#### **Marchweil, Timaru.**

An active Committee of Oversight is grappling with the problems created by the decision to re-locate this church in a more central situation in a large housing area. It is considered that removal of the present buildings would not be an economically sound proposition, and the erecting of new church buildings plus a residence for the minister will seriously tax the resources of the congregation—even with generous financial assistance from the co-operating churches in the agreed proportions of the census strength of each church. The minister here is a Methodist Probationer, the Rev. Ian Reid.

#### **Corstorphine, Dunedin.**

For the last three years this church has been served by a Methodist Probationer, the Rev. Owen Woodfield. The work is proceeding fairly satisfactorily, but it will be some time yet before this Parish is established and self-supporting, and will need the understanding support of the co-operating churches for some time to come.

#### **General, re Union Churches.**

In some cases there needs to be clearer definition of "parish boundaries" between the Union Churches and adjacent churches of the denominations concerned, and this matter is receiving the attention of the Joint Standing Committee.

The question of the operation of "reciprocal membership" has special bearing on Union Churches, and this matter, too, is under consideration.

There is evidence of some local tensions which arise inevitably from the fact that the churches negotiating for Union are at present each following their own line of development. These could be obviated if the procedure adopted by the Presbyterian General Assembly and the Methodist Conference in 1950, providing for consultations between the District Courts of the respective churches, were put into practice.

#### **Constitution for Internal Working of Union Parishes.**

A proposed constitution has been prepared, and is being sent

to the Union Churches for testing and experimentation. It provides for a Session, a Board of Managers, and a Parish Council, each with clearly defined powers.

#### **Procedure for Communications From the Union Churches to the Higher Courts of the Churches.**

Arising out of experience to date it is now recommended that the procedure to be followed where the sanction of the higher courts is necessary in respect of any matter affecting the Union Churches should be as follows:

That, following consultations between the official court of the Union Parish and the Committee of Oversight, the Committee of Oversight take the initiative in seeking the approval of the Presbytery and the District Executive, and thereafter through the Joint Sanding Committee to the higher courts of the churches.

#### **C.—GENERAL.**

##### **World Communion Sunday.**

As requested by last Conference, the Joint Standing Committee has published suggestions for inter-church activity between the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational Churches for a Sunday on or near "World Communion Sunday."

##### **Baptismal Certificate.**

A proposed form of certificate has been prepared and forwarded to the appropriate committee of the communions concerned for comment and approval. When approval is forthcoming, the certificate will be issued.

##### **Size of Committee.**

Because of the volume and importance of the work being done by the Joint Standing Committee on Church Union, there is need for increased representation of the churches concerned, and a recommendation is made accordingly.

J. HENRY ALLEN, President.

GEO. I. LAURENSEN, Acting-Chairman.

R. F. CLEMENT, Acting-Convener.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Joint Standing Committee be authorised to prepare a communication inviting other constituent members of the National Council of Churches in New Zealand to indicate whether they desire to share in preliminary discussions on church union, this letter to be sent forward over the signatures of the Moderator of the Presbyterian Assembly, the President of the Methodist Conference, and (if desired) the Chairman of the Congregational Union.
3. That the Joint Standing Committee, after consultation with the Church Union Committees be empowered to arrange the Retreat for the Preparation for the Educational Programme.
4. That the Joint Standing Committee be empowered to take the necessary steps to implement the Period of Educational Programme and the Co-ordination of Evangelism (as outlined above).
5. That the Joint Standing Committee on Church Union be increased to 8 Presbyterian, 8 Methodist, and 3 Congregational representatives.
6. That the 'procedure for communications from the Union Churches to the higher courts of the Churches', as outlined in the Report, be approved.

7. That Rev. R. F. Clement be thanked for his work as Acting-Convenor of the Church Union Committee.

8. That the Church Union Committee for 1954 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 (Convenor), 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.

9. That the Executive members for 1954 be: The President and the Secretary of Conference, General Superintendent of Home Missions, General Secretary of Foreign Missions, the Legal Adviser, the Convenor of the Church Union Committee, and the Rev. Dr W. G. Slade, together with Wellington members of the Committee.

10. That the Methodist representatives on the Joint Standing Committee on Church Union for 1954 be: The Revs. G. H. Goodman, M. A. McDowell, A. K. Petch, A. J. Johnston, R. F. Clement and W. R. Laws, and Messrs R. H. Ellis and S. N. Roberts.

## 2—Central Finance Committee

ANNUAL REPORT, 1953.

### General Appeal, 1952.

The Committee is able to report that the result of the first General Appeal has been very satisfactory. The amount asked on the basis of 1/6 per member has been exceeded by over £100. The results from the Auckland and Wellington Districts were very good but the response from South Auckland and Hawkes Bay-Manawatu was very disappointing.

Details of the District receipts and disbursements of same are as follows:—

Amounts Received: District.	Allocation			Amount Received.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland .....	435	15	0	553	4	0
South Auckland .....	238	19	0	219	6	3
Taranaki-Wanganui .....	163	7	0	161	2	9
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu .....	203	2	0	152	18	6
Wellington .....	225	7	6	283	9	0
Nelson .....	111	16	6	112	1	0
North Canterbury .....	294	3	0	298	19	9
South Canterbury .....	116	17	0	116	17	0
Otago-Southland .....	192	0	0	196	5	4
	<b>£1,981</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>£2,094</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>

The total received has been disbursed as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Trinity College .....	801	0	0
Armed Forces' Chaplaincy .....	100	2	6
New Zealand Alliance .....	100	2	6
Council for Christian Education .....	200	5	0
National Council of Churches .....	300	0	0
Refund Home Mission Board N.C.C. Balance	101	5	3

Hospital Chaplains—Auckland	127	3	6
Wellington	25	0	6
Christchurch	50	0	0
Dunedin	50	0	9
University Chaplains—Auckland	30	1	0
Wellington	30	1	0
Christchurch	15	0	0
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	£1,930	2	0
To Fee General Purposes Trust Board $\frac{1}{2}\%$	10	10	0

Summary—	£1,940	12	0
By Receipts	2,094	3	7
Less Amounts disbursed	1,940	12	0
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	£153	11	7

The surplus of £153/11/7 is required by the Committee to build a fund to meet the stipends and allowances of the Hospital Chaplains as they become payable. This was approved by last Conference. It is not fair that Hospital Chaplains should be kept waiting until the current appeal moneys are being received. A carry over of at least £400 is necessary before the Fund can be said to be on a satisfactory basis.

#### General Appeal, 1953.

Conference has authorised that the basis of the appeal for 1953 be 2/- per member. The Committee desires to point out that this is the minimum amount. It has come to the knowledge of the Committee that some Circuits have retained amounts raised on behalf of the Appeal in excess of their allocations. All moneys so raised must be sent forward. Some Circuits have paid their allocations from the Circuit Funds and have not made an appeal. It is understood that in a few cases Circuit finance is provided for on a budget system, but nevertheless it is advisable that in all Circuits an appeal will be actually made.

#### Connexional Levies.

The Committee has obtained from the Treasurers of the Contingent Fund, of the Removal Expenses Fund, and of the Children's Fund particulars of their requirements for the five-year period commencing on the 1st February, 1954.

These are as follows:—

Contingent Fund	£5,650
Removal Expenses Fund	2,500
Children's Fund	2,800
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	£10,950

Following the procedure adopted when the previous allocations were made and in accordance with the directions of Conference the above sum is allocated amongst the Districts as follows:—

Auckland	£2,628
South Auckland	1,314
Taranaki-Wanganui	876
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	985
Wellington	1,314
Nelson	548
North Canterbury	1,861
South Canterbury	548
Otago-Southland	876

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£10,950

A statement showing the District allocations amongst the three funds will be sent out later.

### Stipends and Allowances to Ministers Appointed to Connexional Departments and Institutions.

The Committee, as directed, has given careful consideration to the matter of stipends and allowances paid to Ministers appointed to Connexional Departments and Institutions. It has had before it particulars of the stipends and allowances paid and has arrived at certain conclusions.

The Committee is of the opinion that it would be neither fitting nor proper to have this matter discussed in open meetings and therefore recommends that it report its findings to a special Committee to be set up as early as possible after Conference opens and that such Committee should make a recommendation to the Conference.

The Central Finance Committee recommends that the special Committee should comprise all District Chairmen, a layman from each District and the Convener of the Central Finance Committee.

W. T. BLIGHT, Chairman.

H. de R. FLESHER, Convener.

### SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

#### 1954 General Appeal

The Committee has obtained from the various Committees and Institutions the amounts required for the various funds to be included in the general appeal to be made in 1954.

The amounts required are as follows:

	£
Trinity College	1,000
National Council of Churches	300
New Zealand Council for Christian Education	200
Armed Forces Chaplaincy Fund	100
Hospital Chaplains—	
Auckland	£280
Palmerston North & Pukeora	65
Wellington	25
Christchurch	75
Dunedin	60
	505
University Chaplains—	
Auckland	£30
Wellington	35
Christchurch	15
	80
New Zealand Alliance	100

The Temperance Committee has this year recommended the inclusion of £100 for the New Zealand Alliance. It is possible a University Chaplain may be appointed at Otago University.

The Committee has not as yet been able to create a reserve fund of sufficient size to enable payments of stipends in the cases of the Hospital Chaplains to be made promptly.

The Committee recommends that the basis of the appeal for 1954 be at the rate of 2/- per member.

H. de R. FLESHER, Convener.

### RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the basis of the appeal for 1954 be at the rate of 2/- per member.

3. That the Central Finance Committee consider providing printed envelopes stating the purpose for which the moneys are to be used.

4. That the attention of the Committee be drawn to Resolution 7, page 165, Minutes, 1952.

5.(a) **Stipends:** That the minimum stipends of all Ministers, Home Missionaries and Deaconesses be increased by 12½ per cent as from 1st February, 1954.

The New Scale of Stipends is as follows—**Ministers:** Ordained Minister £495; Married Probationer £427; Single Probationer £371. **Home Missionaries:** Married Home Missionary £427; Married Home Missionary Probationer £399; Single Home Missionary £343; Single Home Missionary Probationer £320. **Deaconesses:** (a) When dedicated and for three years afterwards £320; (b) For the next three years £343; (c) After six years £371; (d) Deaconess Probationer £298.

5.(b) That a Standing Committee be appointed to consider Stipends paid to Ministers, Home Missionaries and Probationers, the Committee to be centred in Wellington and to consist of: (1) Six members in the Wellington district, preferably those used to handling financial matters and having a clear outlook on wages and other related conditions; (2) Four corresponding members, one of whom shall be the Vice-President of the Conference for the time being. The Chairman of the District to be an ex officio member of the Committee; (3) That the Committee for 1954 be: Chairman of the Wellington District, Messrs T. M. Pacey, A. J. Johnston, S. N. Roberts, R. Hardie Boys, S. Roberts, E. G. Heggie (Convener). Corresponding Members: Messrs H. M. Patrick (Vice-President), F. H. Southgate, W. J. Court, J. H. Yarr, L. A. Davis and P. A. LeBrun.

(Note: It shall be the duty of the Committee to make comparisons of salaries paid and allowances made to ministers in other connections and to people in other walks in life, some of whom may be in semi-professional duties, and others in work of a different category. The committee to make a comprehensive report each year to the General Purposes Committee for submission to Conference.)

6. That in addition to the percentage increase on Minimum Stipends granted to all Ministers and other Church Agents there be added as an allowance to the Salaries of Church Departmental Officers, i.e. Trinity College, Home and Foreign Missions, Connexional Secretary and Youth Directors the sum of £50 p.a.; and further that the Trinity College Council be asked to review—with a view to a further increase—the sum now paid to the Principal and Tutors at the College.

7. That the following be referred to the Church Council: "That a survey be made of the financial resources of our N.Z. Church to endeavour to relate the claims of the various inter-Church and Connexional funds and appeals."

#### 8. Finance Committees:

A. **CENTRAL COMMITTEE:** The President of the Conference, Rev. W. T. Blight, Messrs L. G. K. Steven, E. R. Caygill, C. H. Perkins and H. de R. Flesher (Convener).

#### B. DISTRICTS:

**AUCKLAND:** District Chairman, Revs. J. H. Allen and E. B. Chambers, Messrs A. Turner, H. P. Mourant, G. S. Gapper and W. J. Court.

**SOUTH AUCKLAND:** District Chairman, Revs. W. R. Francis and J. M. Blight, Messrs W. B. L. 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. W. Brewer, J. H. Oldman 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. B. F. 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, 1953.

#### Availability of Cars.

Arising out of the operations of Exchange Control by the Government through the Reserve Bank, the motor car supply position has again become exceedingly difficult. A survey of the Connexion which has just been completed shows that there are some cases where the need is really urgent and ministers are trying to work under considerable difficulty and to their financial disadvantage. The survey also shows that a number of cars are now reaching an age when they would, under normal conditions, be better traded in for new ones. The immediate outlook, however, is such that this action will not be possible for some time to come. Those affected, however, are advised to place an order for a new vehicle and get on some dealer's list without delay. Steps are being taken to approach the Government through the Inter-Church Council, for a special Import License and if this is granted, it should be possible to cover all urgent needs.

#### Travelling Allowances.

The mileage allowances payable in the Public Service have been those adopted by Conference during the recent years as the basis of re-imbursement to Ministers and Home Missionaries for use of cars on circuit work. On 1st April last, the Public Service rates were increased and prompt steps were taken to have the new rates published in the "Methodist Times" with the recommendation that they be immediately adopted by circuits. The new rates are as under:—

Mileage.	Cars from		
	Cars up to 9.5 h.p.	9.6-14.5 h.p. incl.	Cars over 14.5 h.p.
Up to 1,000 miles	7	8½	9½
1,001 to 2,000 miles	6½	7½	8½
2,001 " 3,000 "	6	7	8½
3,001 " 4,000 "	5¾	6¾	8
4,001 " 5,000 "	5½	6½	7½
5,001 " 6,000 "	5¼	6¼	7¼
Over 6,000 miles	5	6	7

The Board recommends the new scale for adoption by Conference.

## Financial Assistance for the Purchase of Cars.

The Board's activities in this connection have continued to expand. Advances have now been made to 21 Ministers and Home Missionaries to a total value of £6,877/6/2. Loans of £3,000 from the Foreign Mission Department and £1,250 from the Youth Department have made it possible to keep the interest rate at 4½ per cent. Sincere appreciation of the action of these two Church Departments is recorded. Similar assistance from other Departments and Trusts with available funds would be welcomed and would enable the interest rate to borrowers to be further reduced. The amount of loans outstanding as at 30th June, 1953, totalled £4,461/1/10 and repayments are being made in a satisfactory manner.

## Financial Statement.

The Annual Accounts for year ended 30th June, 1953, to be submitted to Conference show a surplus of £41/6/5 after absorbing the deficit of the previous year of £26/12/2.

## Personnel of Board for 1954.

Pursuant of Clause 3 of its Constitution the following are nominated as members of the Transport Trust Board for 1954: The Chairman of the Wellington District, the General Superintendent of Home Missions Department, Revs. R. Grice and A. J. Johnston; Messrs. R. Hardie Boys, A. J. Johnston, W. King, T. M. Pacey, J. H. Phillipps, J. C. Riddell, S. Roberts, C. A. Russell, D. Tayler, F. Torrence and G. E. Turney.

The following are nominated as corresponding Consultants: Revs. B. M. Chrystall, B. H. Riseley; Messrs. J. B. Beeche, W. J. Court, E. M. Hodder, W. F. Walters and C. V. Woodfield.

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 the new scale of travelling allowances be adopted and Circuits be urged to accept it.
3. That the Transport Trust Board prepare a statement on the regulations covering Circuit transport passed by recent Conferences and that these be printed periodically in the Minutes of Conference.

## 4—Closer Relations With Australia Committee

### REPORT FOR 1953.

While the report for this year is a routine one, the matters with which the Committee is concerned are under constant scrutiny and review.

The main field of operation had been the investigation by the Foreign Mission Department of the principles and practicability of a closer constitutional relationship between itself and the Overseas Mission Department of the Methodist Church of Australasia. Both Boards consider the time inopportune for a formal constitutional link, but suggest measures be taken to secure the fullest co-operation in Foreign Mission work. Practical suggestions are being made, viz, the regarding of both Australia and New Zealand as a common field for recruiting missionaries, the acceptance of the invitation of the Australian Church for New Zealand to co-operate in the venture of the Papua-New Guinea Highland Mission. This is the major progress to be reported by the Closer Relations Committee, who were delighted

that the Rev. S. G. Andrews was able to attend the Annual Meeting of the Australian Board in Sydney and discuss these matters.

#### **Reciprocal Visits.**

The visit of the President-General, Dr. Calvert Barber, marked a continuation of the desire of the Committee and of Conference, for contacts to be made through official visitors. The Rev. G. I. Laurenson visited Australia in his Presidential year and travelled extensively with the Rev. B. R. Riseley.

The visit of Dr. George Wheen, Youth Director of New South Wales, and a leading educationalist, is eagerly anticipated by all Youth Workers and the Church at large.

#### **Interchange and Supply Work.**

Dr. Barber discussed this matter when in New Zealand and pointed out the added difficulties caused by the change of time of our Conference. In spite of practical difficulties investigations are still in progress.

The Committee believes there is a steady interest in Closer Relations and that there is being built up general goodwill and a warm desire to explore every avenue of co-operation in respect to mutual work and interest.

E. D. PATCHETT, Chairman.

W. E. A. CARR, Convener.

#### **RESOLUTION**

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference accept the invitation of the Australasian General Conference, to the President of the New Zealand Conference to attend the Australasian General Conference in Brisbane in May, 1954.
3. That Conference express great appreciation of the visit of the President-General Dr. Calvert Barber to our N.Z. Church in 1953.
4. That the Committee be as for 1953. Convener: Rev. W. E. A. Carr.

#### **QUESTION LIX.—Who are Members of the Standing Committees?**

**A. 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.

#### **B. President's Committee of Advice.**

Ex-President, President-elect, Secretary of Conference, Revs. W. T. Blight, W. G. Slade, A. M. Costain, A. O. Harris, Vice-President, ex-Vice-President, Legal Adviser, Messrs E. R. Caygill, L. G. K. Steven, Sir Ernest Andrews, R. G. Pearce, P. A. Le Brun. Convener: Secretary of Conference.

#### **QUESTION LX.—Who are the Members of the District Executives? AUCKLAND:**

Chairman of the District, General Supt. of H.M. Dept., General Secretary of F.M. Dept., Principal of Trinity College, Superintendents of Auckland Central, Auckland Central Mission, Auckland South, Auckland West, Auckland East, Avondale, Devonport, Takapuna, Birkenhead, Onehunga, Henderson and Mahurangi Circuits, Rev. L. A. Brooks and Messrs S. E. Chappell, A. E. Freeman, C. K.

Wigglesworth, T. L. Hames, R. Laking, F. Souster, B. O. Stokes, G. H. Parkes, T. H. Todd, R. E. Adams, P. R. Osborn, and N. Wilson. Convener: Rev. L. A. Brooks.

#### NORTHLAND SUB-DISTRICT:

The Ministers of the Port Albert, Paparoa, Ruawai, Dargaville, Whangarei, Hikurangi, Kawa Kawa-Kaikoho, Hokianga North, Mangonui and Whangaroa Circuits (Chairman, Rev. J. H. Allen), Messrs H. Neal, J. W. Cliff, W. G. Simpkin, G. H. Lendrum, W. J. Court (Secretary), V. Gravatt, E. Williams, J. Keightley, G. Ferguson and J. T. Williams.

**Franklin Sub-District:** That a southern sub-district Executive be formed from Circuits comprising Otahuhu, Papatoetoe, Papakura, Pukekohe, Bombay-Tuakau, and Waiuku, and that the Circuits concerned nominate their representatives.

#### SOUTH AUCKLAND:

The Chairman of the District, The Superintendent Ministers of Hamilton, Hamilton East, Matamata, Cambridge, Te Awamutu, Te Kuiti, Te Aroha, Morrinsville, and Thames Circuits, Messrs W. B. L. Williams, W. B. Young, G. E. Simpson, W. A. Collins, J. R. Cullen, W. A. Clark, P. Rushton, W. F. Walters, J. B. Beeche. Convener: Rev. J. M. Blight.

**Bay of Plenty Sub-Executive:** Chairman of the District, Ministers of Rotorua, Tauranga and Whakatane Circuits; Messrs F. N. Christian, N. Pachoud and A. F. Barwell. Convener: Rev. A. T. Kent.

#### TARANAKI-WANGANUI:

Revs. E. T. Olds, L. Shapcott, H. Moore, H. W. Payne, L. G. Hanna; Messrs K. F. Andrews, M. S. Hughson, D. I. West, W. Greenwood, J. P. Harding.

#### WANGANUI SUB-DISTRICT:

Revs. G. R. Thompson, E. D. Grounds, A. R. Nuttall, H. Wright, and A. C. Watson; Messrs. E. L. F. Buxton, W. S. Thrush, J. H. Thomson and S. Laurenson.

#### HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU:

Revs. W. R. Laws, L. Greenslade, F. H. Parker, A. H. Ivory, H. V. Utting and J. A. Daghish; Messrs A. H. Smithers, J. R. Grigg, T. M. Henson, I. G. Baber, J. G. Bleakley, L. Gwynne, L. Cotter and W. Holloway. Convener: Rev. F. H. Parker.

**Hawke's Bay- Sub-District:** Ministers of Napier Circuit, Revs. T. H. Carr, E. C. Leadley; Messrs J. P. Boyd, L. A. Davis, J. H. Oldham, W. E. Donnelly

#### WELLINGTON:

Revs. G. H. Goodman, R. G. Bell, W. H. Greenslade, J. H. Woolford, L. V. Willing, A. J. Johnston, F. J. Handy, R. Grice, M. A. McDowell, L. T. Norwell, J. B. Dawson and W. F. Ford; Messrs C. G. Lovatt, C. J. Freeman, S. N. Roberts, W. S. White, T. H. Galbreath, D. W. Chisholm, R. E. Sullivan, Mesdames H. M. Craig, J. A. Bruce, Misses A. E. Johnston and V. Roughton.

#### NELSON:

Chairman of District, Ministers of Waimea and Motueka Circuits, 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, R. A. Leaper and G. Everett.

**Sub-District Executive:** Revs. W. G. Eisner, A. P. Dorrian, W. E. Moore; Messrs. W. T. M. Moore, E. W. Cock, F. Sara and L. McDonald.

#### NORTH CANTERBURY:

Revs. H. L. Fiebig, W. T. Blight, V. R. Jamieson, Dr W. G. Slade, G. R. Harris, A. M. Costain, A. K. Petch, W. A. Chambers, R. E. Patchett and C. D. Clark; Messrs H. de R. Flesher, S. D. Mc-harg, W. A. Clothier, J. Pryor, J. H. Yarr, G. E. Hill, H. Falkingham, N. G. Hillary, B. A. Caygill and R. M. Manhire.

#### SOUTH CANTERBURY:

To be appointed.

#### OTAGO-SOUTHLAND:

Revs. E. S. Hoddinott (Chairman of the District), H. G. Brown, G. R. H. Peterson, Dr R. Dudley, H. A. Cochrane, L. P. Schroeder, D. B. Gordon and O. M. Olds; Messrs J. McIndoe, G. R. Galbreath, H. H. Johnson, A. L. Stanton, C. Chirnside, E. D. Smyth, C. H. Kitchen, Miss E. C. Purdie, Sister Ruth Fawcett. Convener: Rev. H. A. Cochrane.

#### SOUTHLAND SUB-DISTRICT EXECUTIVE:

Revs. A. R. Witheford (Chairman), L. C. Clements, E. R. Eastwood, J. R. Hall, F. J. K. Baker, Mrs S. S. Craw, Messrs J. T. Sharp, E. A. Humphries, W. T. Pethick and E. McCulloch.

QUESTION LXI.—(a) 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

### DISTRICT CHAIRMEN.

1952 Minutes, Page 171, Resolution 3 (b).

In 1951 the Law Revision Committee pointed out that the office of District Chairman was one to which an experienced Minister should be appointed and, following the precedent of the President of the Conference being a Minister of not less than 15 years' standing and the Secretary of Conference being one of not less than 10 years' standing, recommended that a District Chairman should be a Minister of at least 10 years' standing.

The question of the eligibility of Ministers for election as District Chairmen and the method of such election has been referred to the Committee for re-examination.

The Chairman of a District is not merely a District official. He represents the Conference in his District. It is his duty to see that the laws of the Church are complied with therein and also to carry out the policy of the Conference. On the Stationing Committee he takes part in the stationing of all Ministers. He should have an adequate background of Circuit and Connexional life and work. He should be well acquainted with his brother Ministers. Both Ministers and laymen look to him for leadership. Therefore it is essential that experienced Ministers should be elected to this important office.

The Committee therefore recommends that there be added to paragraph 159 of the Book of Laws, page 27, after the second sentence:—

“He must be a Minister of not less than 10 years' standing.”

With regard to the method of election of District Chairmen, until recently the election was by ballot without nomination. An alteration was subsequently made whereby Synods had to submit a name of a Minister for the guidance of the Conference. This was later amended to make it optional for a Synod to make such nomination.

Each year at least one Chairman leaves his District. It is possible that after the next Conference at least three Chairmen will be changing. It is submitted that in such Districts it is not wise for the Synods to submit names to the Conference. They will want the most experienced man for their Chairman and until the stationing is complete the personnel of the Ministry in the District is not known.

A Minister's appointment is an annual one. Conference may unexpectedly move a Minister to another District. There is no real security of tenure and this makes it difficult for any Synod to give a lead.

Provision has been made in our Law recently whereby representatives of a District to Conference may bring forward a nominee. It must be pointed out that this in some instances will be done by a small group only as stationing is often not completed until towards the end of the Conference and some representatives may have left earlier.

It is submitted that the former system worked well for many years. It still works satisfactorily in the case of the election of the President and Secretary of the Conference. It is possible that the change desired in recent years may have been really an attempt to legislate for special cases which always is a most undesirable procedure.

The Committee therefore recommends that the former procedure be again adopted, i.e., the election of Chairmen shall be by ballot without nomination and by an absolute majority of votes cast.

H. de R. FLESHER, Convener.

#### RESOLUTION

That the Report on the Election of Chairmen be received, printed in the Minutes and given further consideration by Synods and Conference.

#### LAW REVISION COMMITTEE

##### REPORT 1953

After last Conference the Committee considered the various resolutions affecting the Laws of the Church and has incorporated the amendments made in the Supplement which is at the end of the 1952 Minutes.

The Conference passed certain resolutions re Ministerial Training which it was intended should be added to paragraph 93. The Committee in considering these found that paragraph 88 was really the one affected by the resolutions. Therefore the Committee recommends that Section 88, page 14, be repealed and the following be 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."

Conference proposed that an amendment be made to paragraph 253 specifying the number of sermons to be preached by Local Preachers. The Committee points out that in such cases it is not usual to state a number in the Law Book but to leave the matter open for the determination of Conference by resolution.

Therefore the Committee recommends that Section 253 be amended by adding after the words "on probation" the following:

"They shall also do such practical work in respect of the preparation of sermons and conduct of services of worship as may from time to time be determined by the Conference."

The following matters were referred to the Committee and its recommendations are set out below:

**(1) Annual Convocation of Deaconesses**

The Committee has been asked why there is no reference to the Annual Convocation of Deaconesses in the Law Book. The Committee points out that this is a private gathering of Deaconesses similar to a Ministers' Fraternal and to meetings of the Home Missionaries' Association, neither of which appears in the Law Book. It has been noted that there is no provision made for Deaconesses becoming members of the Order. The Committee recommends that the following be added at the end of sub-paragraph (30) on page 123 "and shall thereupon become members of the Order of Deaconesses."

**(2) Presentation of Reports to Conference**

The Committee has been directed to consider the method of presentation of reports to Conference.

Reports fall into two groups, first those from Departmental Committees, Councils and Boards and any special reports required by Conference; second, those from the Conference Committees of Details.

Most of the reports of the first group are first submitted to Synods. These, together with the Synod recommendations thereon, are submitted to the Conference Committees of Details. Such reports and Synod recommendations are made available through the Conference Agenda to all members before the Conference opens.

All Ministerial members of Conference and most lay representatives were members of the Synods held prior to Conference. Thus Conference members should be fully conversant with any report before it. Therefore it is submitted that there is no need for a detailed exposition of the report when it comes before the Conference.

Paragraphs 373 and 374 of the Book of Laws set out the manner in which reports are presented to Conference. The Standing Orders put limits on the time allowed to speakers. The mover of the adoption of a report is allowed 10 minutes and the seconder of the motion allowed 5 minutes. It is suggested such a period is too long in case of reports which have already been before Synods and Committees of Detail. The Committee does not suggest that there should be any reduction in the time allowed for a discussion on the recommendations in the report. The decisions of Conference are made by voting on the recommendations and therefore adequate time must be given to a consideration of such. The Committee recommends that the following be added to clause 10 of the Standing Orders (paragraph 521):

(f) Mover and seconder of a motion for the adoption of a report which has been previously circulated — 3 minutes. Unless determined by the President there shall be no detailed exposition of any such report.

**(3) Audit of Accounts**

The Committee was directed to consider paragraphs 288 and 462 re audit of accounts by qualified persons.

As both Registered Accountants and Public Accountants are members of the New Zealand Society of Accountants the Committee recommends as follows:

- (a) That the words "registered accountant" in paragraph 288 be deleted and there be substituted the words "member of the New Zealand Society of Accountants."
- (b) That the words "a public accountant" in paragraph 462 be deleted and there be substituted the words "member of the New Zealand Society of Accountants."
- (4) **Constitution of the New Zealand Methodist Social Services Association**

The Committee has considered the draft Constitution and found it necessary to redraft the Constitution in order to preserve uniformity. The draft has been submitted to the Association and will be considered during the coming year.

- (5) **Constitution of the Auckland Youth Opportunity (Wesley) Trust Board**

Conference approved in principal of the incorporation of the above Board and referred its proposed constitution to the Committee. The Committee has considered the draft Constitution as prepared by the Board, but could not approve of it in the form submitted. The Committee made certain amendments. The Constitution as amended will be very similar to that approved by Conference for the Wesley Church (Wellington Central) Social Services' Trust Board. The Board has accepted the Constitution as amended by the Committee. A copy of the Constitution has been handed in for inclusion in the Journal.

- (6) **Wellington Eventide Home Settlement and Hebrew Community**

The proposal of the Hebrew Community to erect buildings at the Eventide Settlement was referred by Conference to the Committee.

In view of the fact that with the Church's approval it has been publicly stated that the Settlement would be open to persons of any race and creed and in view of the Government assistance received, the Committee advised the Board that it was in order for it to accept moneys for the erection of a building for use by members of the Hebrew Community such building becoming the property of the Board.

The Committee was of the opinion that private services for members of the Hebrew faith could be held, and also a funeral service and a memorial service.

- (7) **District Chairman**

The Committee's recommendations on this matter are the subject of a special report.

- (8) **Ministerial Invitations (1952 Minutes, p. 58/9)**

The Committee has considered the report of the Church Council in this matter and is of the opinion that it is not practicable to compile a really reliable list of Ministers moving. It believes, however, that provision should be made for Circuit Stewards to confer with District Chairmen and Leaders' Meetings.

Therefore the Committee recommends the following sub-paragraph be added to paragraph 228:

- (f) Confer with Leaders' Meeting and District Chairmen in respect to the appointment of a Minister.
- (9) **Invitation to a Minister (par. 127)**

A matter relating to this paragraph was referred by the General Purposes Committee to this Committee and is still under review.

- (10) **Stationing Committee**

The Committee's attention has been drawn to the fact that there is now no provision providing for the attendance of the General

Superintendent of the Home Missions Department at meetings of the Stationing Committee. Therefore it is recommended that the following be added to paragraph 444:

"Unless appointed in another capacity the General Superintendent of the Home Missions Department shall attend all meetings of the Committee as consultant."

**(11) Native Ministers, Maori Representation in Synods and Conference, Maori Mission Circuits**

The Committee is considering matters relating to Native Ministers, both Maori and Solomon Islanders. It is also considering the question of Maori representation in Synods and Conference. It will report on these matters next year.

**Rev. E. Drake**

The Committee and the Church has suffered a loss during the year through the death of the Rev. E. Drake.

Mr Drake was a member of the Committee for many years. His knowledge of the Church history and polity was invaluable. He will be sadly missed from our meetings.

**Dr. C. H. Laws**

Dr Laws has asked the Committee to accept his resignation as a member of the Committee. He has been a member of the Committee since its inception and has taken an active part in its work right up to time of retirement. It is with regret that the Committee accedes to this request. Words cannot express the Committee's appreciation of the great assistance given it by Dr Laws.

H. de R. FLESHER, Convener.

**RESOLUTIONS**

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Law Revision Committee be asked to interpret for the guidance of Trustees the term "money held for special purposes" in the light of the resolutions passed giving authority for Trustees to make deposits in the Loans Fund of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee, the Home Mission and Church Extension Investment Funds Board and the Transport Trust Board, with the purpose of defining the moneys they may or may not so deposit.
3. That the Law Revision Committee be: Revs. H. L. Fiebig and W. T. Blight; Revs. H. J. Odell and W. A. Burley (corresponding members) and Mr. H. de R. Flesher (convener).

**QUESTION LXI.—(b) Who is appointed President's Legal Adviser?**

That Mr H. de R. Flesher, M.A., LL.B., be thanked for his services and be reappointed.

**QUESTION LXII.—What is the Report of the Ecumenical Committee?**

## **Ecumenical Committee**

### **ANNUAL REPORT, 1953.**

The Ecumenical Committee considered questions arising from the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches and gathered reports from the various Ecumenical Committees.

**Bible Sunday.**

The N.C.C. referred to the Committee reports of the 150th Anniversary of the commencement of the British and Foreign Bible Society. Because of the outstanding contribution of the Society to the life

of the Church it was agreed to recommend the observance of the Anniversary by special services on March 7th, 1954. Literature will be available through the Society.

#### **World Council of Churches at Evanston.**

The Second Assembly of the Council is at Evanston, Illinois, from August 15th to 31st, 1954. The Methodist Church of New Zealand is allocated two seats as representatives and two accredited visitors. The accredited visitors will attend all sessions but will not have the right to vote or participate in discussion.

The Connexional Secretary and Committee gave publicity in the Methodist Times to the Assembly, and invited nominations for attendance. The Committee will make recommendations to Conference. The Committee believes that the attendance of our representatives at Evanston would greatly benefit the Church here.

Associated with the Conference will be meetings of the Faith and Order Committee, International Missionary Council, Methodist World Council Executive, a Conference at Honolulu and an Ecumenical Summer School. Our representatives will have opportunity to attend one or more of these meetings.

#### **National Council of Churches.**

(1) **Inter-Church Aid:** From December, 1950, until June, 1953, the Churches associated with the N.C.C. have contributed a total of nearly £14,000 towards different projects of the World Council of Churches, in inter-church aid and service to refugees. Of this amount, over £3,700 was given in response to the N.C.C.'s 1952-53 appeal on behalf of European refugees in or near Hong Kong.

The 1953-54 appeal is to help the re-construction of Church buildings and the re-establishment of Church work in Eastern Indonesia. In this region (the most markedly Christian and most predominantly Protestant of all Indonesia), the Churches suffered almost total destruction during Japanese and Allied military operations in World War II, followed, unhappily, by heavy fighting during the civil war in that same area of Eastern Indonesia, which stopped only two years ago.

(2) **Borstal Chaplaincy:** Nominated by the N.C.C. and then appointed by the Government's Justice Department, the Rev. L. C. Clements, began in 1952 a part-time chaplaincy to the inmates of the Borstal Institution, in that city. This ministry has proved an unqualified success.

(3) **Conference for Theological Students:** Following the first venture of this kind in 1951, a very successful conference for theological students—arranged jointly by the N.C.C. and the New Zealand S.C.M.—was held from August 22-28, 1953, at Tyndale House, Christchurch.

(4) **Faith and Order:** The N.C.C. proposes to issue, for study by ministers and interested lay people, a booklet containing the replies of the Council's constituent Churches to the Faith and Order questions propounded by the Consultation on these matters, which was held by the N.C.C. in November, 1950.

(5) **Evanston Assembly:** In preparation for the Second Assembly of the N.C.C., to be held at Evanston, near Chicago, during August, 1954, the New Zealand N.C.C. has planned—for the period April-October, 1954—a large-scale campaign of study at the parish level, the seven subjects being the same as those which will form the basis of discussion at Evanston itself, namely:—

1. Christ, the Hope of the World (Main theme).
2. Faith and Order—Our Oneness in Christ and our Disunity as Churches.
3. Evangelism—The Mission of the Church to Those outside her Life.
4. Social Questions—The Responsible Society in a World Perspective.
5. International Affairs—Christians in the Struggle for World Community.
6. Inter-Group Relations—The Church amid Racial and Ethnic Tensions.
7. The Laity—The Christian in his Vocation.

#### **Maori Section of N.C.C.**

The Maori Section continues to be an active instrument of the Kingdom in Maori life and is becoming an increasingly effective witness. The Section shared the great sense of loss suffered by the whole race in the death of Princess Te Puea who stood for things the Section considers vital. The Annual meeting was held at Tikitiki, when the Church of England was host. During the year representations were made to various authorities on questions of moment—the needs of Maori seasonal workers; Maoris in Borstals; K Force Chaplaincy; Licensing and Temperance questions; University Education, etc. Study was also made of problems like Race Relations in New Zealand; Unity of the Churches; some economic problems in Maori life. Our Rev. G. I. Laurensen is again Chairman of this live expression in Maori life of the great ecumenical spirit.

#### **World Council Finance.**

In accordance with the request of the World Council and in co-operation with the other New Zealand members of the Council, and following the recommendation to last Conference, the Committee recommend the increased grant to the World Council.

G. H. GOODMAN, Chairman.

J. D. GROCOTT, Convener.

### **SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.**

#### **Evanston Assembly World Council of Churches.**

The Ecumenical Committee approached the President-elect, asking him to allow the Committee to nominate him, as President for 1954, to be the guest of the New Zealand Methodist Church at the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches at Evanston. The President-elect replied that reluctantly he had to decline the nomination as he was unable to attend. The Committee therefore is able to make only three nominations to fill the four seats allocated to New Zealand Methodism, two as Representatives and two as accredited visitors. We nominate the Revs. B. M. Chrystall, G. H. Goodman and R. Thornley, and ask Conference to nominate the fourth member.

We recommend that the two senior Ministers nominated be the representatives and the other members be the accredited visitors.

#### **1953-54 Christmas Appeal.**

We recommend that the N.C.C. Christmas Appeal for the re-establishing of work in the Churches of Indonesia, especially in the predominantly Protestant region of the Molucca Islands, be commended to the Churches, with suitable publicity in Church publications.

#### **Westminster Abbey Appeal.**

We recommend that the matter of the Westminster Abbey Appeal be referred to the appropriate Conference committee for consideration.

J. D. GROCOTT, Convener.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Reports be received and adopted.
2. That the representatives on the following Committees be:
  - (a) National Council of Churches; The Rev. H. L. Fiebig (President of Conference), the Revs. Dr. R. Dudley, J. D. Grocott, A. K. Petch; alternate, the Rev. G. H. Goodman.
  - (b) Women's Section, N.C.C. Mesdames R. Pearce, H. Ford, P. A. Le Brun, and (corresponding member).
  - (c) Maori Section, N.C.C. The Revs. G. I. Laurenson, E. Te Tuhi, H. A. Darvill, and Sister Heeni Wharemaru.
  - (d) Youth Committee, N.C.C. The Revs. A. J. Johnston, R.H. Allen, Mrs G. Hill and Mr. H. W. Beaumont.
3. That the following grants be authorised: (a) £300 to the budget of the N.C.C., (b) £6 affiliation fee to the N.C.C., (c) £98 to the World Council through the N.C.C., (d) £5 to the Ecumenical Committee.
4. That the N.C.C. Christmas appeal be commended to Circuits.
5. That the Church be called again to observe World Communion Sunday.
6. That Bible Sunday be observed in all Churches on March 7th, 1954, in commemoration of 150th Anniversary of the British and Foreign Bible Society.
7. That we commend to Circuits that groups be formed to study the N.C.C. booklet dealing with the Evanston Theme.
8. That Conference express its appreciation of the work of the Rev. L. C. Clements as Chaplain to the Borstal Institution at Invercargill.
9. That Conference appoint Revs. C. O. Hailwood, B. M. Chrystall, B.A., G. H. Goodman and R. Thornley, M.A., to proceed to the Assembly of the World Council of Churches at Evanston in 1954 as the representatives of the New Zealand Methodist Church.
10. That of the four ministers appointed by Conference, the two senior ministers be the representatives, and the others be the accredited visitors.
11. That the Representatives to the Evanston Assembly be accredited to the British Methodist Conference and other Methodist Conferences.
12. That Conference give approval to the idea of simultaneous preaching prior to, and during the Evanston Assembly of the World Council of Churches.
13. That the Revs. W. Walker and A. H. Scrivin be accredited to the British Methodist Conference and other Methodist Conferences they may visit.
14. That the Westminster Abbey Appeal be referred to the Church Council.
15. That Conference notes with pleasure the election of the President of Conference to the office of President of the National Council of Churches and assures him of the prayers and support of the Church as he fulfils this important task.

16. That the Committee for 1954 be: The Chairman of the Wellington District, the Revs. J. D. Grocott, M. A. McDowell, F. Greenwood, W. F. Ford, R. G. Bell, L. V. Willing and J. H. Woolford; Misses P. Yearbury and R. McBride, Mr R. Sullivan. Convener: The Rev. J. D. Grocott.

**QUESTION LXIII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on Other Questions?**

## 1—Faith and Order Committee

REPORT, 1953.

During the year the Committee has given consideration to the questions submitted by Conference (Minutes 1952, p. 52/7; p. 162/5b; pp. 182-3/11 g, 4, 5, 6.). Work on the Doctrine of the Ministry has not yet been able to be completed and authority is being sought to continue investigations for a further year.

### Handbook.

After consultations with the corresponding members the Committee has decided to recommend the publication of an inexpensive handbook on Methodist history, doctrine and polity, the book to be suitable for Bible Class Leaders, Church membership classes, and the educational work of the Spiritual Advance Crusade, and to sell at about 10/- per copy. The preparation of the Handbook is in the hands of the Rev. E. W. Hames.

### Statement on Membership.

The following interpretation of the obligation of membership is recommended by the Committee:—

“In so far as the Church is a Divine creation, Christians are made members of the Church by God Himself. The Church Militant is also a visible institution here on earth and must constantly endeavour so to order her life in obedience to the Gospel as to manifest the mind and spirit of her Lord.

“The Church on earth, as the People of God and the Body of Christ, is the means by which Christ and His saving grace are presented to the world. All believers, and those of their families who are gathered into a community of belief and response, as members of the Church share in this responsibility.

“It is the duty of such believers to identify themselves by personal choice with the Church in responsible membership and through her fellowship to express their faith and to perform their service. Every Christian should be actively associated with a Christian congregation in fellowship, service and stewardship.”

### Status of the Solomon Islands' Ministry.

A question regarding the status of the Solomon Islands' Ministry was received from the Foreign Missions Board.

### Baptismal Certificate.

The Committee has given close attention to the statement on the Sacraments which it is proposed to print on the Baptismal Certificates to be used in Union Churches. Since important issues are raised in the statement, the Committee is of the opinion that the statement should receive Conference approval before being sent out with Methodist authority.

### Doctrine of the Ministry.

The Committee is arranging a day Conference at which corres-

ponding members may also be able to share in discussions on this question.

#### **Bestowal of Authority to Administer The Sacraments.**

The Committee has not completed its investigations but hopes to have a report to submit to Conference.

E. W. HAMES, Chairman.

J. J. LEWIS, Convener.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the proposed "Handbook" take the form of an exposition of the Statement of Faith together with a brief account of history and polity, the publication to sell at about 10/- per copy.
3. (a) That since present supplies have become exhausted, the booklet containing the present orders of service for the use of congregations be re-printed.  
(b) That consideration be given to the use of the British Conference Covenant Service.
4. That the statement on membership be used by the Spiritual Advance Committee for educational purposes in the work of the Crusade.
5. That Conference authorise the Faith and Order Committee to give final approval to the statement concerning the Sacrament, on the Baptismal Certificate to be used in Union Churches, before being sent out with Methodist authority.
6. That the statement of the Faith and Order Committee on the Doctrine of the ministry be sent for consideration to the March Synods of 1954, and that the Committee continue its investigations on this subject.
7. That to the Resolutions of 1952 Conference, Minutes, p.182, paras. 2 (c) and (d) there be added the further clause: "That the authorisation of Conference shall be conveyed by formal letter over the signatures of the President and Secretary of Conference and be presented at the public service."
8. (a) **Pulpit Gowns.**—Recognising that an increasing number of ministers are wearing pulpit gowns, and that a wide variety exists in the gowns being worn, Conference refer the matter to the Faith and Order Committee with a view to securing greater uniformity, also giving guidance to ministers and Circuits who may desire it, the Committee to report to Synods and Conference, 1954.  
(b) That the following also be referred to the Committee:—Is it desirable that preachers should wear gowns when officiating at Church and other services? If so, then, in order that there be uniformity in the matter, guidance be given on:
  - (a) Who should wear gowns.
  - (b) The type or style of gown that should be worn.
  - (c) Whose responsibility it is to supply the gown.
9. That the Committee consider the doctrine and practice of the Methodist Church with regard to the administration of Holy Communion to children and report to Synods and Conference of 1954.
10. That the Committee be asked to prepare a Baptismal Certificate for use in connection with adult baptism, and that the Connexional Office have a suitable number printed.

11. That the Committee be: Revs. E. W. Hames, Dr. D. O. Williams, Dr H. Ranston, W. Walker, R. Thornley, A. R. Penn, H. C. Dixon; President of Conference, Secretary of Conference, Secretary of Board of Examiners, Revs. G. I. Laurenson, E. D. Patchett, B. M. Chrystall. Corresponding members: Revs. Dr. W. G. Slade, J. Silvester, W. R. Laws, J. D. Grocott, A. K. Petch, W. A. Burley, W. R. Francis, W. J. Morrison. Convener: Rev. J. J. Lewis.

## 2—Radio Committee

### N.Z. CENTRAL (Methodist) RADIO COMMITTEE.

The Committee has had the co-operation of Wellington Churches and the N.Z.B.S. in experimenting in a series of Radio Service Sessions designed along lines indicated in the special report to Conference in 1949. Much revealing evidence is being collected that report may be made to Conference and the C.R.A.C. in November.

An increasing realisation of the influence of Radio broadcasting, and failure of the Churches broadcasting in New Zealand to be able, under the present system, to fully avail themselves of the facilities and opportunities offering, has led the N.C.C. to revive the question of the need for appointment of a director of Religious Broadcasting. This Committee made recommendation along these lines some years ago, and it is assumed that since the present proposal is in no respect different from that then made, we are in support of the recommendation.

The Convener has supplied the Methodist Times and other periodicals with regular schedules of Church and Devotional broadcasts. If there have been occasional omissions it is because the necessary information has not been forwarded by due date.

GEO. H. GOODMAN, Chairman.

W. H. GREENSLADE, Convener.

### SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Experimental Church-Hour Broadcasts designed to gain the attention of non-church listeners were presented by the Committee from 2YA Studios. These varied in character, one being topical, one Biblical, and one doctrinal. Presentational methods also were varied employing drama, discussion, dialogue and the use of musical background build-ups.

From the three hundred persons who spontaneously expressed appreciation of the first of this series listening-post-groups were established throughout the North Island, one at a Military Camp, one amongst the young people of a suburban Church, and one from a business group in a Provincial town. These groups, along with other representative persons, were encouraged to report on the reactions of the greatest cross-section of radio listeners possible, and to state among other things, the Church attachment of all critics.

Of the 400 letters received over the period, 348 came from appreciative self-styled non-church-goers. Letters from Church-goers were significantly few and of those received above 48 per cent. indicated a preference for the usual Church Service broadcasts.

From the data obtained, it appears evident—

- (1) That the great body of non-church going public does not listen through a complete Church service, and a considerable percentage does not listen at all. The customary early acts of Public Worship, designed as they are for participation by persons assembled in a Church, have little worth to listeners who cannot recreate the

atmosphere of Church Worship. The great majority of non-church-listeners who do tune in to Church broadcasts practice selection and choose to listen to radio preachers rather than to associate themselves with any particular service of worship.

- (2) That Church-goers who can recreate the atmosphere of Church Worship generally prefer the orthodox service broadcast, and find all types of studio presentations unsatisfying.

A careful study of all reports leads the Committee to redirect the attention of the Church to its Report of 1949, and particularly to stress the need for the Church to

- (1) Determine its aim in Religious Broadcasting. Is its Radio Ministry directed to the "outsider" or to the non-going Church-goer? The needs of both groups cannot be met by the same methods. A presentationally satisfying and effective ministry to the non-church-goer will require the employment of personnel and resources beyond the reach of most local churches.
- (2) To direct the making over of at least a proportion of Church Service evening hours to especially designed Sessions for the non-Church public.
- (3) Encourage all Ministers whose privilege it is to broadcast, to co-opt the services of experienced broadcasting personnel, and draw on resources from beyond their local Church.

Resultant of this second experiment, and a restudy of the Reports of the Religious Broadcasting Departments of B.B.C. and A.B.C., this Committee is persuaded that until such time as the Church gains the same expert direction as is given in other Services, the merest fringe of its Radio potential will be touched.

G. H. GOODMAN, Chairman.

W. H. GREENSLADE, Convener.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Reports be received and adopted.
2. That the Central Methodist Radio Committee consult with the ministers broadcasting with a view to arranging for a proportion of Sunday evening broadcasts to be especially designed for non-Church listeners.
3. That the Director of Broadcasts and the C.R.A.C. be requested to seek the appointment of an officer to be attached to the N.Z.B.S., who shall be charged with the special responsibility of developing broadcasts of religious interest in existing and new fields.
4. That we commend the efforts of the National Council of Churches towards the ultimate appointment of a Director of Religious Broadcasting.
5. That the Methodist Radio Committee consider the calling of a Conference on Religious Broadcasting with a view to improving the standard of Methodist Church broadcasting, and making the most effective use of the time available for religious broadcasting.
6. That the Radio Committee explore the possibility of securing recordings and/or scripts of suitable material for religious broadcasting, especially the "Drama with a Challenge" series used in "The Mission to the Nation" through the "B" Stations in Australia.
7. That the Rev. W. H. Greenslade be thanked for his services and be reappointed representative of the Church on the N.Z.C.R.A.C.

8. That the Committee be: The Chairman of the Wellington District, the Ministers of Wellington City and Suburban Churches who are engaged in regular broadcasting; Messrs A. Alcorn, W. Roy Hill, Malcolm Rickard, Mrs. A. D. Priestley (convener), Rev. W. H. Greenslade.

#### GENERAL

1. **Memoir of Dr. C. H. Laws:** Conference learns with pleasure that steps are being taken to publish a memoir of the Life and Ministry of Dr. C. H. Laws, Foundation Fellow of Trinity College; also that the layman's fund has been established in order to subsidise its publication. It commends the enterprise to the support of the Church.

2. **Philip Keightley Bequest:** That the sum of £200 bequeathed by the late Philip Keightley to the General Purposes of the Methodist Church be allocated to the Special Loans Fund established by 1953 Conference.

3. **NELSON SYNOD re Preachers and Conscience:** That the Synod resolution (as follows) be referred to the Church Council:—  
“This Synod believes that every Minister and preacher should be free to interpret and proclaim the social implications of the New Testament Gospel as his conscience directs and asks how it is related to paragraphs 187 (page 33) and 207 (page 36) of the Law Book.”

4. **Thanks:** That the thanks of Conference be tendered to the President, the Secretary and his Assistants, the Arrangements Committee, the Trustees and Custodian of Wesley Church, Wellington, and the Hostesses for services rendered to the Conference.

**QUESTION LXIV.—When and Where shall the Next Conference be held?**

On Thursday, 4th November, 1954, at 7.30 p.m., at Durham Street Church, Christchurch.

HERBERT L. FIEBIG, President.

HUGH M. PATRICK, Vice-President.

GORDON R. H. PETERSON, Secretary.

Wellington, November 13th, 1953.

## AMENDMENTS TO LAW BOOK ADOPTED BY CONFERENCE, 1953.

### CIRCUIT QUARTERLY MEETING—ORDER OF BUSINESS.

That to Section 290 there be added the following:—

“10 (a) What are the reports of the Men's Organisations in the Circuit?”

### CONFERENCE AGENDA.

That Question XXXIII of Section 379 be repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

“33 (1) Who are elected as President and Secretary of the Conference for the ensuing year?”

(2) Have adequate arrangements been made for President's supply?”

### DISTRICT EXECUTIVES.

That there be added the following at the beginning of Section 351:—

“A District Executive Committee shall be appointed in each District to function as a Standing Committee of the Synod to which it shall report annually.”

That the following be added to Section 340:—

“22A. What is the report of the District Executive.”

### SUPERNUMERARY FUND.

That Sub-Section 27 of Section 511 be repealed .

### MINISTERS' HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND.

That Sub-Section 9 of Section 512 be amended. After the words “thirty-five years' service” add “or 5 years prior to reaching the retiring age of 65 years.”

### FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY—FURLOUGH FOR WORKERS.

That Sub-Sections 40 and 41 of Section 504 be repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

“(40) Ministerial and lay missionaries and missionary sisters who leave of their own accord for other than health reasons on the completion of their first or any subsequent term of service be granted three months' furlough and allowances.

(41) Workers who retire from the field for other than health reasons prior to completing the current term of service (three years) shall be granted furlough as determined by the Board.”

### DEACONESS ORDER.

That the following be added at the end of Sub-Section 30 of Section 506:—

“and shall thereupon become members of the Order of Deaconesses.”

### STANDING ORDERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

That the following be added to Sub-Section 10 of Section 521:—

“(f) Mover and seconder of a motion for the adoption of a report which has been previously circulated—3 minutes. Unless determined by the President there shall be no detailed exposition of any such report.”

#### AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS.

(a) That the words "registered accountant" in Section 288 be deleted and there be substituted the words "members of the New Zealand Society of Accountants."

(b) That the words "a public accountant" in Section 462 be deleted and there be substituted the words "member of the New Zealand Society of Accountants."

#### MINISTERIAL INVITATIONS AND CIRCUIT STEWARDS.

That the following Sub-Section be added to Section 228:—

"(j) Confer with Leaders' Meeting and District Chairmen in respect to the appointment of a Minister."

#### STATIONING COMMITTEE.

That the following be added to Section 444:—

"Unless appointed in another capacity the General Superintendent of the Home Missions Department shall attend all meetings of the Committee as a consultant."

## PASTORAL ADDRESS.

### The Address of the Conference to the Church, 1953.

The Annual Conference of ministers and elected representatives met in Wellington from November 5 to 13. Largely attended morning prayer meetings, daily devotional talks of a rich spiritual quality, the uplift of the Conversation on the Work of God and the Communion Service together with the inspiration of the Missionary gathering and the Conference Covenant Service—all combined to sustain the business sessions on a worthy spiritual level. Every aspect of the life and work of our Church came under review. The time to do all this was all too short, but under God our single aim and purpose was to make our beloved Church a more worthy and effective instrument to do the work committed to us.

We rejoiced in receiving 10 young men and one young woman as Candidates for the Ministry, and in ordaining 7 others to their life work. Three Deaconesses will also shortly commence work in their own sphere. We have 7 more ministers and probationers than in the previous year. The number of entries, however, in the Station Sheet, "One Wanted," is such that we again call the whole Church to prayerful and earnest consideration of this vital matter.

Remember this! Although our needs at home are great—when our Foreign Mission Department called us to extend our work from the Solomon Islands to the New Guinea Highlands and asked for the immediate appointment of a minister the Conference did not hesitate to follow its leaders and gladly accepted the offer of a faithful young minister and his devoted wife to commence this work. Let us maintain that spirit of faith and dedication throughout our whole Church!

The features of our Spiritual Advance Campaign this year were the Teaching and Evangelistic Missions, with particular emphasis on Church Membership. Much good work was done in many Circuits. The membership goal of a 10% increase which we set ourselves was not reached. We did, however, receive 2,562 new members which is a 9.69% increase. But this number was offset by deaths and other causes—with the actual result that our net increase was about one-fifth of the target set. This is our most vital task. Let us pursue it with all our strength!

In 1954 we are putting our spiritual emphasis on Leadership. Our Standing Committee will be giving a strong lead again in this matter and supplying Circuits with adequate material to guide and help them. This touches a most vital aspect of our life and work. In every realm of life the acid test in the long run is always—quality. Our Lord reminds us of that fact when He speaks of salt and leaven. If our witness is to be increasingly effective we must by prayer and thought and devotion look to the inherent quality of our Church membership and of our official leadership.

The work among our young people is most encouraging, with an increase of over 1,100 on our rolls. The call here for more buildings and more devoted workers is clamant and urgent. A "Christian" country with half of its children not attending a Sunday School is a challenge which can never let us rest.

As a Church we have this year continued our efforts to meet the situation by the purchase of 15 new sites, the erection of 2 new Churches, 7 Halls, 9 Parsonages, with additions to 14 others, while 6 other buildings have been acquired for use as Hostels, Eventide Homes, etc. New demands are constantly being made upon

our people. Vast new housing areas continue to arise all about us. It is an inescapable fact that largely the task of providing buildings and Sunday School staffs falls upon existing congregations, which means an added financial responsibility. We are confident, however, that our people will rise to the challenge here as they have in the past. Rising price levels in the economic sphere mean that every Church enterprise costs more. This applies not only to buildings but to the maintenance of the work of the ministry. Our people are urged to view their Church membership in the true spirit of Christian stewardship. If all do this and contribute to the work of the Church as God has blessed and prospered them, then not one of our enterprises will languish for lack of the needed financial support.

We are still baffled and thwarted in our work by rampant social evils such as excessive drinking and gambling, which are increased and not lessened because we live in a community rich in material things but tragically impoverished spiritually and shockingly self-satisfied and complacent.

A significant feature of Conference discussion was the sharp division of opinion on the statement on Temperance presented by our Standing Committee. That statement with resolutions thereon will be printed in due course in the Minutes of Conference and will be available to all our people. While there may be difference of opinion amongst us as to how this question of alcoholic drinking is best dealt with, we urge upon our ministers and people not to allow the main and crucial issue to be lost sight of—namely, that this strongly entrenched social practice as we see it in our midst casts a vicious blight upon vast areas of human life, and to that fact we dare not be indifferent.

Our confidence, however, in our mission has a two-fold source. Firstly, we know that we have the unfailing truth of God and the only true way of life in Jesus Christ. Secondly, we take up this task not in our own strength but in the unfailing grace which He supplies. Let us then go forth into the coming year strong in our conviction concerning these things, and prove yet again and again—that God is able to do for us far more abundantly than we can ever ask or think.

For and on behalf of the Conference,

H. L. FIEBIG, President.

H. M. PATRICK, Vice-President.

G. R. H. PETERSON, Secretary.

# 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 and ADDITIONS:

#### 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 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.)

#### Ministerial Duties (b) Superintendents of Circuits.

Page 25, Section 154 (k), add (see Section 7, page 2).  
(1952 Minutes, page 59.)

#### 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.)

#### Ministerial Invitations and Circuit Stewards.

Page 41, Section 228 is hereby amended by adding the following Sub-Section:—

"(j) Confer with Leaders' Meeting and District Chairmen in respect to the appointment of a Minister." (1953 Minutes, page 181.)

#### 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 of 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.)

### **Audit of Accounts.**

Page 52, Section 288 is hereby amended by deleting the words "registered accountant" and substituting therefor the words "member of the New Zealand Society of Accountants."

Page 88, Section 462 is hereby amended by deleting the words "public accountant" and substituting therefor the words "member of the New Zealand Society of Accountants."

(1953 Minutes, page 181.)

### **Circuit Quarterly Meeting—Order of Business.**

Page 54, Section 290 is hereby amended by adding the following question:—

"10A. What are the reports of the men's organisations in the Circuit?" (1953 Minutes, page 58.)

### **District Executives.**

Page 66, Section 340 is hereby amended by adding the following:—

"22A. What is the report of the District Executive."

(1953 Minutes, page 62.)

Page 68, Section 351 is hereby amended by adding to the beginning of the Section the following:—

"A District Executive Committee shall be appointed in each District to function as a Standing Committee of the Synod to which it shall report annually." (1953 Minutes, page 62.)

### **Conference Agenda.**

Page 75, Section 375 is hereby amended by repealing Question 33 and substituting therefor the following:—

"33 (1). Who are elected as President and Secretary of the Conference for the ensuing year?"

(2) Have adequate arrangements been made for President's supply?" (1953 Minutes, page 61.)

### **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.)

### **Stationing Committee.**

Page 86, Section 444 is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following:—

"Unless appointed in another capacity the General Superintendent of the Home Mission Department shall attend all meetings of the Committee as a consultant." (1953 Minutes, page 182.)

### **Standing Committees of the Conference.**

#### **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.)

#### **Faith and Order Committee.**

Page 91, Section 488A. Add the following:—

“ 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.)

#### **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.)

#### **Foreign Mission Society.**

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.)

Page 111, Sub-sections 40 and 41 of Section 504 are hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

“(40) Ministerial and lay missionaries and missionary sisters who leave of their own accord for other than health reasons on the completion of their first or any subsequent term of service be granted three months' furlough and allowances.

(41) Workers who retire from the field for other than health reasons prior to completing the current term of service (three years) shall be granted furlough as determined by the Board.”

(1953 Minutes, page 126.)

#### **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).

#### **Deaconess Order.**

Page 123, Section 506 is hereby amended by adding at the end of Sub-section 30 the following:—

“and shall thereupon become members of the Order of Deaconesses.” (1953 Minutes, page 180.)

#### **Supernumerary Fund.**

Page 136, Section 511 is hereby amended by repealing Sub-section 27. (1953 Minutes, page 117.)

Page 140 (Sec. 511, par. 50): Amount of grant at present is £120. (1951 Minutes, page 112.)

#### **Ministers' Home Acquirement Fund.**

Page 144. Sub-section 9 or Section 512 is amended by adding after the words “35 years' service” the words “or 5 years prior to reaching the retiring age of 65 years.” (1953 Minutes, page 117.)

#### **Church Building and Loan Fund.**

Page 152: “Special Loans Fund”. (1953 Minutes, page 95.)

#### **Standing Orders of Conference.**

Page 161, Section 521 is hereby amended by adding to Sub-section 10 the following:—

“(f) Mover and seconder of a motion for the adoption of a report which has been previously circulated—3 minutes. Unless determined by the President there shall be no detailed exposition of any such report.” (1953 Minutes, page 180.)

#### **Connexional Funds and Trusts.**

Page 170. Add: 17 Auckland Youth Opportunity (Wesley) Board. (1953 Minutes, page 181.)

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# APPENDIX

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# 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. Wesney	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. Laurenson	James H. Oldham	Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.
Nelson	1952	J. Henry Allen	Francis H. Southgate	Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.
Wellington	1953	Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.	Hugh M. Patrick	Gordon R. H. Peterson

\*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.,<br/>(Toronto) Foundation Fellow<br/>of Trinity College. (Sup.)</p> <p>1896—Blamires, Henry L. (Sup.)</p> <p>1897—Greenwood, Fred. (Sup.)<br/>,, Pybus, T. Arthur, (Sup.)</p> <p>1899—Keall, Robert P. (Sup.)</p> <p>1900—Blamires, E. Percy (Sup.)<br/>,, Haslam, Jonathan H. (Sup.)<br/>,, Hunt, George P. (Sup.)<br/>,, Leadley, Frank E. (Sup.)<br/>,, Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A.,<br/>(Sup.)</p> <p>1901—Ranston, Harry, M.A., Litt.D.,<br/>(Fellow of Trinity College)<br/>(Sup.)</p> <p>1902—Coatsworth, Thomas (Sup.)<br/>,, Oxbrow, Walter J. (Sup.)<br/>,, Patchett, Ernest D. (Sup.)</p> <p>1903—James, Benjamin J. (Sup.)<br/>,, Seamer, Arthur J., C.M.G. (Sup.)</p> <p>1904—Blamires, Ernest O. (Sup.)</p> <p>1905—Copeland, Fred. (Sup.)</p> <p>1906—Avery, William W. (Sup.)<br/>,, Roberts, Charles M. (Sup.)<br/>,, Ryan, Henry (Sup.)</p> <p>1907—Blair, Charles (Sup.)</p> <p>1908—Speer, William H. (Sup.)<br/>,, Tinsley, Robt. B. (Sup.)</p> <p>1909—Cotton, Harry (Sup.)<br/>,, McArthur, John D. (Sup.)</p> <p>1910—Burley, William A., M.A. (Sup.)<br/>,, Harris, Archer O. (Sup.)<br/>,, Olds, Charles H., B.A. (Sup.)<br/>,, Richards, James (Sup.)<br/>,, Sharp, Harold A. (Sup.)</p> | <p>1911—Enticott, Walter J. (Sup.)<br/>,, Fowles, Albert H. (Sup.)<br/>,, Hopper, Arthur (Sup.)<br/>,, Neale, Leslie B., M.B.E., B.A.,<br/>F.R.G.S., (Sup.)<br/>,, Richards, H. Leslie (Sup.)<br/>,, Rowe, William (Sup.)<br/>,, Te Tuhi, Eruera, O.B.E., (Sup.)</p> <p>1912—Hinton, George B. (Sup.)<br/>,, Lawrence, Frederick B. (Sup.)<br/>,, Scrivin, Arthur H. (Sup.)<br/>,, Walker, William E.D. (Sup.)</p> <p>1913—Bensley, Arthur A. (Sup.)</p> <p>1914—Burnet, Oswald (Sup.)<br/>,, Werren, Samuel J.</p> <p>1915—Cooke, Percy I. (Sup.)<br/>,, Olds, E. Thomas<br/>,, Odell, Henry J. (Sup.)<br/>,, Slade, William G., M.A., D.D.<br/>(Toronto).</p> <p>1916—Brown, George E.<br/>,, Fordyce, Robert E.<br/>,, Harkness, Edwin S. (Sup.)<br/>,, Kendon, Charles H. (Sup.)<br/>,, Metcalfe, John R.<br/>,, Sage, Ernest E.</p> <p>1917—Blight, William T., B.A., B.D.<br/>(Melb.)<br/>,, Chambers, Ernest B.<br/>,, Dennis, John (Sup.)<br/>,, Parker, Frederick J. (Sup.)</p> <p>1918—Costain, Alfred M., Dip.Soc.Sc.<br/>,, Neal, Wallace S. (Sup.)<br/>,, Parker, James W. (Sup.)<br/>,, Skuse, Thomas</p> <p>1919—Ford, Herbert (Sup.)<br/>,, Gatman, William (Sup.)<br/>,, Jefferson, Alfred E., (Sup.)</p> <p>1920—Orchard, Hector C. (Sup.)</p> <p>1921—Benny, Henry (Sup.)</p> |
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| <p>1922—Allen, J. Henry<br/>         „ Brooks, Leslie A. G.<br/>         „ Jack, J. Francis</p> <p>1923—Blakemore, Albert (Sup.)<br/>         „ Hames, Eric W., M.A.<br/>         „ Spencer, Herbert (Sup.)</p> <p>1924—Bailey, John H.<br/>         „ Bateup, Frank (Sup.)<br/>         „ Brown, Hubert G.<br/>         „ Fiebig, Herbert L., B.A.<br/>         „ Kings, Harry S.<br/>         „ McGregor, Robert<br/>         „ Taylor, Cecil R.</p> <p>1925—Peterson, Gordon, R. H.</p> <p>1926—Hall, James, H.<br/>         „ Harris, G. Raymond<br/>         „ Voyce, Arthur H.</p> <p>1927—Larsen, Norman P.<br/>         „ Laurenson, George I.<br/>         „ Penn, Athol R.<br/>         „ Raynor, Ivo M.<br/>         „ Silvester, A. Wharton E.<br/>         „ Utting, Harry V.</p> <p>1928—Grocott, John D., B.A.<br/>         „ Hailwood, Charlie O.<br/>         „ Handy, Francis J.</p> <p>1929—Dickens, Charles E.<br/>         „ Horwood, Leonard C.<br/>         „ Kent, Arthur T.<br/>         „ Parker, Walter</p> <p>1930—Blight, J. Montgomery<br/>         „ Draper, Joseph C.<br/>         „ Leadley, E. Clarence<br/>         „ McDowell, Matthew A.<br/>         „ Parker, Wesley, M.A., B.D.</p> <p>1931—Carr, Thomas H.<br/>         „ Carr, W. E. Allon<br/>         „ Dudley, Raymond, M.A.<br/>         „ D.D. (Dickenson, (U.S.A.)<br/>         „ F.R.E.S.<br/>         „ Greenslade, William W. H.<br/>         „ Moore, William E.<br/>         „ Parker, Gordon, M.A., Ph.D.<br/>         „ (Lond.)<br/>         „ Payne, Herbert W.<br/>         „ Williams, David O., M.A., LittD</p> <p>1932—Day, Reginald<br/>         „ Hickman, D. J. Donald<br/>         „ Jamieson, V. Roy, M.B.E. E.D.<br/>         „ Jenkin, William C.</p> | <p>1933—Chrystall, Bernard, M., B.A.<br/>         „ Daghish, J. Ainsley<br/>         „ Orr, A. Everil, M.B.E.<br/>         „ Patchett, Ralph E.</p> <p>1934—Goodman, George H.<br/>         „ Johnston, Andrew J.<br/>         „ Matthews, Howard C., B.A.</p> <p>1935—Duder, Clifford L.<br/>         „ Hanna, L. Gordon<br/>         „ Luxton, Clarence T. J.<br/>         „ Mills, William A.<br/>         „ Thornley, Robert, M.A., Dip.<br/>         „ Soc.Sc.<br/>         „ Witheford, Arthur R., B.A.</p> <p>1936—Hopper, H. Ian K., B.A.</p> <p>1937—Churchill, John<br/>         „ Francis, William R., B.A., B.D.<br/>         „ (Lond.)<br/>         „ Norwell, Leslie T.</p> <p>1938—Harkness, Howard E., M.A.,<br/>         „ B.D. (Melb.)<br/>         „ Hoddinott, Ernest S.<br/>         „ Laws, William R., M.A., B.D.<br/>         „ (Melb.)<br/>         „ Petch, Ashleigh K., B.A.<br/>         „ Silvester, John, M.A.<br/>         „ Whitfield, Harris</p> <p>1939—Cochrane, Herbert A.<br/>         „ Grice, Reginald<br/>         „ Hayman, Leslie A. D. B.Agr.Sc.<br/>         „ Lucas, Campbell P., L.Th.<br/>         „ Oldfield, Charles B.<br/>         „ Watson, John K., M.C., B.A.</p> <p>1940—Dawson, John B., B.A.<br/>         „ Dixon, Haddon C., M.A., B.D.<br/>         „ Gilmore, Leslie R. M., B.A.<br/>         „ Greenslade, Lawrence<br/>         „ Jones, Alan O.</p> <p>1941—Bell, Charles H., B.A.<br/>         „ Brown, Harold K.<br/>         „ Darvill, Harold A.<br/>         „ Thomas, Gordon V., B.A.<br/>         „ Woolford, Henry J., M.A.</p> <p>1942—Clement, R. Frederick, M.A.<br/>         „ Collins, Alan F.<br/>         „ Ivory, Arthur H., LLB.,<br/>         „ B.Com.<br/>         „ Lewis, John J., M.A., B.D.<br/>         „ (Melb.)<br/>         „ Morrison, William J., M.A.<br/>         „ Rogers, Ranginohooora<br/>         „ Willing, Leonard V.<br/>         „ Williams, J. C. Aldwyn</p> |
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| <p>1943—Andrews, Stanley G., M.A., Dip.<br/>         „ Brown, Clifford G. Ed.<br/>         „ Cramond, George W.<br/>         „ Dawson, W. Selwyn, M.A.<br/>         „ Falkingham, Wilfred E.<br/>         „ Grounds, Edmund D.<br/>         „ Jolly, Albert<br/>         „ Prosser, Frederick O.—(Sup.)</p> <p>1944—Allen, Robert H., B.A.<br/>         „ Bell, R. Graham, M.A.<br/>         „ Bycroft, Leslie F.<br/>         „ Chambers, Wesley A., B.A.<br/>         „ Dorrian, A. Peter<br/>         „ Sherson, Donald G., B.A.</p> <p>1945—Green, Warren<br/>         „ Gregory, William H.<br/>         „ Shapcott, Leonard</p> <p>1946—Haylock, Donald<br/>         „ McDonald, D. I. Alister<br/>         „ Moore, Harry<br/>         „ Olds, Norman W.<br/>         „ Shepherd, Trevor<br/>         „ Thompson, George R.</p> <p>1947—Attwood, A. Francis<br/>         „ Clements, Leslie C.<br/>         „ Divers, W. Lloyd<br/>         „ Hall, Allen H. M.A.<br/>         „ Parker, Francis H.<br/>         „ Riseley, Benjamin H.<br/>         „ Stewart, Edmond S.</p> <p>1948—Eisner, Wilf. G., B.A.<br/>         „ Hilder, Basil J.<br/>         „ Marshall, Edward M., B.A.,<br/>         Dip. Ed.</p> <p>1949—Baker, Edward<br/>         „ Benny, T. Ralph<br/>         „ Burt, Douglas H.<br/>         „ Cornwell, Gordon A. R.<br/>         „ Ford, Wilfred F.<br/>         „ Garner, William M.<br/>         „ Keightley, Clifford J.<br/>         „ Nuttall, A. Roger G., B.A.<br/>         „ Olds, J. Stanley<br/>         „ Pratt, R. Hori, B.A.<br/>         „ Ramage, Ian C. E., M.A.</p> <p>1950—Clark, Colin D., B.A.<br/>         „ Gordon, D. Bruce, B.A.<br/>         „ Ramsay, Phillip D.</p> | <p>1950—Schroeder, Leonard P., B.A.<br/>         „ Woodfield, Frank H.<br/>         „ Woodfield, Owen T.</p> <p>1951—Besant, H. David<br/>         „ Burrough, Amos W.<br/>         „ Carter, George G., M.A.,<br/>         Dip. Ed.<br/>         „ Clucas, Ivan J.<br/>         „ Gilbert, Geoffrey T.<br/>         „ Raynor, Charles H.<br/>         „ Ruck, Idris J.<br/>         „ Stead, Peter A.<br/>         „ Toothill, Harry W.<br/>         „ Olds, O. McLennan</p> <p>1952—Edmonds, David W.<br/>         „ Elsom, Ronald.<br/>         „ George, R. Leslie<br/>         „ Gibson, Loyal J.<br/>         „ Hall, John R.<br/>         „ Handyside, Allan J.<br/>         „ Mead, Arthur W. R.<br/>         „ Penman, John A.<br/>         „ Reid, Ian W.<br/>         „ Shaw, Harry I.<br/>         „ Spindler, Sidney J.<br/>         „ Thompson, John H.<br/>         „ Trebilco, George R.</p> <p>1953—Baker, Frederick J. K.<br/>         „ Le Couteur, E. Raymond<br/>         „ Craig, Hughan M.<br/>         „ McKay, Archibald W.<br/>         „ Newman, Alan<br/>         „ Ordish, E. Keith<br/>         „ Osborne, John H.<br/>         „ Stubbs, David G.<br/>         „ Turner, Edgar G. P.</p> <p>1954—Billinghurst, Noel D.<br/>         „ Cropp, James F.<br/>         „ Dickie, Arthur W.<br/>         „ Eastwood, Eric R.<br/>         „ Hodder, John E., B.A.<br/>         „ Kitchingman, Henry W.<br/>         „ Newton, Alan H. V.<br/>         „ Mabon, John C. F.<br/>         „ Rakena, Ruawai D.<br/>         „ Tahere, Wattie T.<br/>         „ Trebilco, David L.<br/>         „ Watson, Alexander C.</p> |
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### NATIVE MINISTERS

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| <p>1914—Rakena, Rakena P.<br/>         1920—Tauroa, Matarae (Sup.)<br/>         1941—Kukutai, Ngatete K. (Sup.)<br/>         1944—Piani, Timothy</p> | <p>1944—Taufa, John<br/>         1944—Palavi, Daniel<br/>         1949—Pita, Kemueli<br/>         1950—Vula, Aisake</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. F.M.—Foreign Missions.  
M.M.—Maori Missions. C.S.—Connexional Secretary  
Y.D.—Youth Department Th.C.—Theological College.

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1922	— 5	Allen, J. Henry, 149 Kamo Road, Whangarei	— 23
1944	— 3	Allen, Robert H., B.A., 57 Retreat Road, Christchurch N.E.1.	— Y.D.
1943	— 3	Andrews, Stanley G., M.A., Dip.Ed., 16 Atherton Road, Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3.	— F.M.
1947	— 3	Attwood, A. Francis, Katikati	— 34
1906	— S	Avery, William W., 58 Elizabeth Street, Timaru (1946)	— 120
1924	— 2	Bailey, John H., Normanby St., Dargaville	— 21
1949	— 3	Baker, Edward, 82 Pah Road, Motueka	— 94
1953	— 2	Baker, Frederick J. K., c/o 5 Chapman St. Invercargill	— 139
1924	— S	Bateup, Frank, Campbell Street, Thames (1948)	— 31
1941	— 5	Bell, Charles H. B.A., 105 Queen Street, Richmond Nelson	— 93
1944	— 3	Bell, R. Graham, M.A., 18 West Road, Northland Wellington, W.2.	— 77
1921	.... S	Benny, Henry, 111 Edgecombe St., New Plymouth (1954)	— 52
1949	— 3	Benny, T. Ralph, Taitua Street, Taumarunui	— 50
1913	— S	Bensley, Arthur A., No. 2 R.D., Te Puna, Tauranga (1950)	— 44
1951	.... 1	Besant, H. David, Rawene, Hokianga	.... 79
1954	.... 1	Billinghurst, Noel D., C/- 15 Nelson St. Riccarton Christchurch	.... 108
1907	— S	Blair, Charles, "Noeldene," Main Road, Stoke, Nelson (1947)	— 92
1923	.... S	Blakemore, Albert, 4 Thornton Road, Milford, Auckland N.2. (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)	— 76
1896	— S	Blamires, Henry L., 23 Aikman's Road., St. Albans, Christchurch, N.W.1. (1930)	— 101
1930	— 5	Blight, J. Montgomery, Tainui Street, Matamata	— 41
1917	— 4	Blight, William T., B.A., B.D., P.O. Box 32, Papanui Christchurch, N.W.2.,	— 110
1922	— 3	Brooks, Leslie A. G., 42 Melanesia Road, Kohimarama Auckland	— 5

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1943	— 2	Brown, Clifford G., 18 Tennyson Street, Opunake	— 58
1916	— 5	Brown, George E., 994 New North Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2	— 6
1941	— 3	Brown, Harold K., 226 Thames Street, Morrinsville	— 36
1924	— 3	Brown, Hubert G., 95 Fitzroy St., Kew, Dunedin S.W.1.	— 132
1910	— S	Burley, William A., M.A., Thompson St., Shannon (1951)	—
1914	.... S	Burnet, Oswald, Horseshoe Lake Road, Burwood, Christchurch. (1954)	.... 103
1951	.... 1	Burrough, Amos W., Scotland St., Roxburgh....	.... 138
1949	— 3	Burt, Douglas H., Regent Street, Waihi	— 34
1944	— 3	Bycroft, Leslie F., 22 Union Street, New Brighton Christchurch	— 103
1931	— 5	Carr, Thomas H., 801E Queen Street, Hastings, C.F.	— 64
1931	— 4	Carr, W. E. Allon, 5 Paice Avenue, Mt. Eden, Auckland S.1.,	— 3
1951	.... 3	Carter, George A., Methodist Mission, Kekeru, Teop, Bougainville, Terr. of New Guinea.	.... [9]
1917	.... 2	Chambers, Ernest B., 1 Seabrook Avenue, New Lynn Auckland	.... 6
1944	— 2	Chambers, Wesley A., M.A., 46 Radley Street, Christchurch, S.E.1.	.... 105
1933	— 9	Chrystall, Bernard M., B.A., 28 Mt. Albert Rd., Auckland S.W.2., C.F.	— H.M.
1937	— 3	Churchill, John, Te Reinga St., Kaitaia, Northland	— 28
1950	— 2	Clark, Colin D., B.A., 67 Brougham St., Sydenham Christchurch, S.1	— 106
1942	— 2	Clement, R. Frederick, M. A. 48 Lincoln Road, Masterton, C.F.	— 87
1947	— 3	Clements, Leslie C., 216 Earn Street, Invercargill	— 140
1951	— 4	Clucas, Ivan J., Wesley Terrace, Te Kuiti	— 49
1939	— 2	Cochrane, Herbert A., 60 Lawrence St., Mornington Dunedin, W.1	— 134
1942	.... 1	Collins, Alan F., 24 Eden Street, Oamaru	.... 128
1915	— S	Cooke, Percy L., Henderson, Auckland (1952)	— 7
1905	— S	Copeland, Fred, 19 Linwood Avenue, Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2. (1947)	— 6
1949	.... 6	Cornwell, Gordon A. R., Methodist Mission, Skotolan, Buka Passage, Bougainville, Terr. of New Guinea	[10]
1918	— 3	Costain, Alfred M., 237 Salisbury St., Christchurch, C.1.	— 104
1909	— S	Cottom, Harry, Springston R/D., Canterbury (1949)	— 112
1953	— 2	Le Couteur, E. Raymond, Kaeo	— 25
1953	— 2	Craig, Hughan M., 22 Mersey St., Island Bay, Wellington	— 78
1943	.... 1	Cramond, George W., 81 Johnson St., Milton,....	.... 137
1954	.... 1	Cropp, James F., C/o. 92 Liardet St., New Plymouth	.... 52
1933	— 4	Daglish, J. Ainsley, 230 High Street, Dannevirke	— 67
1941	— 10	Darvill, Harold A., Box 400 Hamilton.	— H.M
1940	— 3	Dawson, John B., B.A., 37 Nelson St., Petone, Wellington C.F.	— 84
1943	.... 1	Dawson, W. Selwyn, M.A., 1 Tennyson Ave., Takapuna, Auckland, N.2. C.F.	.... 9
1932	— 4	Day, Reginald, Bertram St., Warkworth, Northland	— 19
1917	.... S	Dennis, John, 28 Rothesay Bay Rd. Rothesay Bay, Auckland (1954)	.... 9
1929	— 4	Dickens, Charles E., 162 King Street, Rangiora	— 116
1954	.... 1	Dickie, Arthur W., Ohura	.... 51
1947	— 5	Divers, W. Lloyd, 129 Radley St., Christchurch, S.E.1.	— 105
1940	— 3	Dixon, Haddon C., M.A., B.D., 14 St. Vincent Ave., Remuera, Auckland, S.E.2.	— 5
1944	— 5	Dorrian, A. Peter, 20 Franklin Street, Greymouth	— 99

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1930	— 9	Draper, Joseph C., 17 Pukehana Avenue, Epsom Auckland, S.E.3., C.F.	— 5
1935	.... 1	Duder, Clifford L., 162 Sutherland Rd., Wellington, E.3	79
1931	— 3	Dudley, Raymond, M.A., D.D., F.R.E.S., 56 Royal Terrace, Dunedin, C.2.	— 129
1954	.... 1	Eastwood, Eric R., Otautau, Southland	.... 142
1948	— 4	Eisner, Wilf. G. B.A., 112 Derby St., Westport	— 98
1952	— 2	Edmonds, David W. B., Greendale No 1 R.D. Christchurch	118
1952	.... 1	Elsom, Ronald, 46b Leslie Ave., Morningside, S.W.1. Auckland	.... 1
1911	— S	Enticott, Walter J., Nahum Street, Paeroa (1948)	— 33
1943	— 4	Falkingham, Wilfred E., Central Mission 53 Cathedral Square, Christchurch	— 102
1924	— 9	Fiebig, Herbert L., B.A., P.O. Box 931 Christchurch	— C.S.
1919	— S	Ford, Herbert, 24 Denman Street, Sumner, Christchurch (1948)	— 101
1948	.... 1	Ford, Wilfred F., Huanui St., Porirua, Wellington	.... 81
1916	— 4	Fordyce, Robert E., Arney Street, Paeroa	— 33
1911	— S	Fowles, Albert H., 18 Lionel Street, Avonside Christchurch, N.E.1., (1941)	— 103
1937	.... 1	Francis, William R. B.A., B.D., 32 London Street, Hamilton, C.F.	.... 38
1949	— 2	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, R. Leslie, 59 Higgins Rd., Frankton Junction	.... 38
1952	— 3	Gibson, Loyal J., Cromwell.	— 146
1952	.... 1	Gilbert, Geoffrey T., 9 Paynters Ave., New Plymouth	.... 52
1940	.... 1	Gilmore, Leslie R. M., B.A., 12 Poronui St., Mt. Eden Auckland	.... 5
1934	— 7	Goodman, George H., 18 Matai Rd., Hataitai, Wellington, E.2	— 79
1950	.... 1	Gordon, D. Bruce, B.A., 3 Delta St., Roslyn, Dunedin	129
1945	— 4	Green, Warren, Kirk Street, Otaki	— 90
1940	— 3	Greenslade, Lawrence, 111 Wood St., Palmerston North	71
1931	— 8	Greenslade, William W. H., 38 McFarlane Street, Wellington, C.4., C.F.	— 76
1897	— S	Greenwood, Fred, 37 Charlotte Avenue, Brooklyn, Wellington, S.W.1. (1934)	— 76
1945	.... 1	Gregory, William H., Gloucester St., Taradale Napier	63
1939	.... 4	Grice, Reginald, 10 Orari St., Ngaio, Wellington	.... 80
1928	— 4	Grocott, John D., B.A., 224 Karori Rd., Wellington, W.3	77
1943	— 3	Grounds, Edmund D., 138 Somme Parade, Aramoho Wanganui	— 60
1928	— 3	Hailwood, Charlie O., 320 Hardy Street, Nelson	— 92
1947	.... 8	Hall, Allen H. M.A., Methodist Mission, Roviana, Gizo, British Solomon Islands	.... [5]
1926	— 2	Hall, James H., Otorohanga	— 48
1952	— 3	Hall, John R., 5 William Street, Gore	— 141
1923	— 16	Hames, Eric W., M.A., "Richmond House," Trinity College, Grafton, Auckland, C.3.	— Th.C.
1952	.... 1	Handyside, Allan J., 27 Cambrai Ave., Mt. Roskill Auckland, S.E.2.	.... 3
1928	— 4	Handy, Francis J., 235 Karori Rd., Wellington, W.3.	— 77
1935	— 7	Hanna, L. Gordon, 19 Regent Street, Hawera	— 56

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1916	— S	Harkness, Edwin S., 14 Atanga Avenue, Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.I., (1947)	— 5
1938	.... 1	Harkness, Howard E., M.A., B.D., 45 High St., Blenheim	.... 96
1910	— S	Harris, Archer O., 44 Redruth Ave., Spreydon, Christchurch (1951)	— 101
1926	— 5	Harris, G. Raymond, 15 Nelson St., Riccarton Christchurch, W.I.	— 108
1900	— S	Haslam Jonathan H., 26 Rhodes St., Waimate (1940)	123
1946	— 3	Haylock, Donald, Bank Street, Te Awamutu	— 47
1939	.... 1	Hayman, Leslie A. D., B.Agri.Sc., Porirua Road, Johnsonville, Wellington	.... 80
1932	— 4	Hickman, D. J. Donald, 119 Burnett St., Ashburton	— 126
1948	— 2	Hilder, Basil J., Oxford	— 119
1912	— S	Hinton, George B., 28 Carrington St., Christchurch (1949)	109
1954	.... 1	Hodder, John E., B.A., 3 Corin Ave., Manurewa	.... 14
1938	— 4	Hoddinott, Ernest S., 80 Wesley St., Dunedin, S.I.	— 132
1911	— S	Hopper, Arthur, 416 Massey Rd., Hastings (1935)	— 64
1936	.... 1	Hopper, H. Ian, K., B.A., Selwyn Street, Leeston	.... 113
1929	— 9	Horwood, Leonard C., 336 Selwyn Street, Addington, Christchurch, S.W.I.	— 107
1900	— S	Hunt, George P., 116 Peary Road, Mt. Eden, Auckland (1940)	— 3
1942	— 3	Ivory, Arthur H., LL.B., B.Com., 77 Grey St., Woodville	68
1922	— 3	Jack, J. Francis, 35 Wood Street, Papakura, Auckland	14
1903	— S	James, Benjamin J., 22 Winton Street, St. Albans, Christchurch, N.I. (1940)	— 101
1932	— 8	Jamieson, V. Roy, M.B.E., E.D. 170 Fitzgerald Avenue, Christchurch, C.I., C.F.	— 103
1919	.... S	Jefferson, Alfred E., 49 Gray Avenue, Papatoetoe (1954)	13
1932	— 2	Jenkin, William C., Springston No. 4 R.M.D., Christchurch	— 112
1934	.... 2	Johnston, Andrew J., 298 Adelaide Rd., Wellington S.I	78
1943	— 2	Jolly, Albert, 77 Grey Street East, Onehunga, Auckland S.E.5	— 11
1940	.... 1	Jones, Allan O., 98 North Street, Timaru	.... 120
1899	— S	Keall, R. Purcell, 22 Trinity Avenue, Lower Hutt, (1940)	82
1949	.... 1	Keightley, Clifford J., C/- Box 5023, Auckland, C.I.	[11]
1916	.... S	Kendon, Charles H., 99 Avondale Rd., Greenmeadows, Napier (1954)	.... 63
1929	— 5	Kent, Arthur T., 124 Devonport Road, Tauranga, C.F.	44
1924	— 2	Kings, Harry S., 64 Station Road, Otahuhu, Auckland S.E.7	— 12
1927	.... 1	Larsen, Norman P., Verran Place, Bryndwr Christchurch, N.W.I	.... 109
1927	— 16	Laurenson, Geo. I., Kakariki Avenue, Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.I.	— HM
1912	— S	Lawrence, Frederick B., Sadlier Street, Stoke, Nelson (1949)	— 93
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	— 3	Laws, William R., M.A., B.D., 524 Church Street, Palmerston North	— 70
1930	— 2	Leadley, E. Clarence, 463 Gladstone Road, Gisborne	— 65
1900	.... S	Leadley, Frank E., 7 Fowler's Ave, Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.E.2. (1940)	.... 6

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1942	— 2	Lewis, John J., M.A., B.D., Trinity College Grafton, Auckland, C.3	— — — Th.C.
1939	— 2	Lucas, Campbell P., L.Th., 112 Cambridge St., Levin	— 89
1935	.... 1	Luxton, Clarence T. J., Queen Street, Waiuku	.... 17
1954	.... 1	Mabon, John C. F., 16 Maitland Ave., Stoke, Nelson	.... 93
1948	— 7	Marshall, Edward M., B.A., Dip.Ed., Wesley College Paerata, Auckland	— — — 15
1934	.... 1	Matthews, Howard C., B.A., 8 Madeira Steps, Napier	C.F. 63
1909	— 8	McArthur, John D., 47 Rogers St., Blenheim (1949)	— 96
1946	— 2	McDonald, D. I., Alister, Methodist Mission, Choiseul British Solomon Islands	— — — [7]
1930	.... 4	McDowell, Matthew A., 77 Pretoria Street, Lower Hutt	82
1924	— 5	McGregor, Robert, Ashhurst	— — 72
1953	.... 1	McKay, Archibald W., Auckland St., Picton	.... 96
1952	.... 1	Mead, Arthur W. R., C/- 98 North St., Timaru	.... 122
1916	.... 35	Metcalfe, John R., Methodist Mission, Roviana, Gizo, British Solomon Islands	.... [5]
1935	— 7	Mills, William A., 1 Rewi Street, Te Awamutu	— 47
1946	— 5	Moore, Harry, 179 Regan Street, Stratford	— — 55
1931	— 5	Moore, William E., 62 Tancred Street, Hokitika	— 100
1942	— 4	Morrison, William J., M.A., 142 North St., Timaru	— 121
1918	— 8	Neal, Wallace S., 61 Mathiesons Rd., Linwood Christchurch, E.1 (1953)	— — — 103
1911	.... 8	Neale, Leslie B., M.B.E., B.A., F.R.G.S., 39 Allendale Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland (1952)	.... 2
1953	— 2	Newman, Alan, Main Road, Greytown	— 85
1954	.... 1	Newton, Alan, H. V., 11 Beerehaven Rd., Seatoun, Wellington, E. 5.	.... 6
1949	— 2	Nuttall, A. Roger, B.A., 8 Cambridge Street, Gonville Wanganui	— — — 61
1937	— 2	Norwell, Leslie T., 60 Norton Park Ave, Lower Hutt	— 82
1915	.... 8	Odell, Henry J., 75 Puriri Ave., Beachaven, Auckland N.5 (1953)	.... 10
1939	— 3	Oldfield, Charles B., 68 Firth Street, Hamilton East	— 39
1910	— 8	Olds, Charles H., B.A., 21 Alpha St., Cambridge (1951)	— 37
1915	— 5	Olds, E. Thomas, 92 Lizardet Street, New Plymouth	— 52
1949	— 4	Olds, J. Stanley, Port Albert, Wellsford R.D.	— 26
1946	— 4	Olds, Norman W., 30 Church Street, Te Aroha	— 35
1951	.... 1	Olds, O. McLennan, 46 Beresford St., Roslyn, Dunedin	135
1920	— 8	Orchard, Hector C., 8 Seddon Street, Timaru (1947)	— 120
1953	.... 2	Ordish, E. Keith, Woodend, North Canterbury	.... 117
1933	.... 22	Orr, E. Everil, M.B.E., C.F., Box 5014, Auckland C.1.	2
1953	.... 2	Osborne, John H., 125 Ireland Road, Panmure Auckland, S.E.2	— — — 5
1902	— 8	Oxbrow, Walter J., 66 Elizabeth Street, Rotorua (1938)	43
1947	— 3	Parker, Francis H., 100 West Street, Feilding	— 73
1917	— 8	Parker, Frederick J., 11 Plymouth Street, Wanganui	— 59
1931	— 4	Parker, Gordon, M.A., Ph.D., 6 Coronation St., Waimate	123
1918	— 8	Parker James W., 143 St. John's Rd., Meadowbank, Auckland, S.E.3. (1950)	— — — 5
1929	— 3	Parker, Walter, 261 Manukau Rd., Epsom, Auckland S.E.3.	— — — 3
1930	.... 2	Parker, Wesley, M.A., B.D., 10 New Bond St., Kingsland Auckland	— — — 1

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1902	— S	Patchett, Ernest D., 36 Orakau Ave., Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3., (1945)	5
1933	— 5	Patchett, Ralph E., 77 Shirley Rd., Christchurch N.E.1.	103
1931	— 3	Payne, Herbert W., 8 King Edward St., Eltham	55
1952	.... 1	Penman, John A., 107 Dyers Pass Road, Cashmere Christchurch, .....	101
1927	— 4	Penn, Athol R., 49 Glenfield Road, Birkenhead, Auckland, N.5.	10
1938	— 3	Petch, Ashleigh K., B.A., 54 Chester St., Christchurch, C.1.	101
1925	— 4	Peterson, Gordon R. H., 52 Queen's Drive, Musselburgh, Dunedin, S.2.	133
1949	— 3	Pratt, R. Hori, B.A., 3 Scotia Street, Port Chalmers	136
1943	— S	Prosser, Frederick O., 34 Stoke Street, Sumner, Christchurch (1948)	105
1897	— S	Pybus, T. Arthur, 269 Main Road, Ravensbourne Dunedin, (1939)	133
1954	.... 1	Rakena, Ruawai P., Waima, Hokianga	[1]
1949	.... 1	Ramage, Ian C. E., M.A., 30 Matai Street Hamilton	38
1950	— 5	Ramsay, Phillip D., R.N.Z.A.F. Station Woodbourne, Blenheim	96
1901	— S	Ranston, Harry, M.A. Litt.D., Fellow Trinity College, 34 Alexis Avenue, Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2. (1941)	6
1951	— 3	Raynor, Charles H., Marchant Street, Putaruru	42
1927	— 4	Raynor, Ivo M., 43 Queen Street, Cambridge	37
1952	.... 1	Reid, Ian W., 24 Passmore Crescent, Maori Hill, Dunedin, N.E.1	131
1911	— S	Richards, H. Leslie, Leeston (1948)	113
1910	— S	Richards, James, 59 Quinn's Road, Shirley Christchurch (1951)	103
1906	— S	Roberts, Charles M., 286 South Road, New Plymouth (1945)	52
1947	.... 1	Riseley, Benjamin H., 53 Fuller St., Kaiapoi	114
1942	.... 1	Rogers, Ranginohoora, 519 Mt. Albert Road, Auckland S.1.	[1]
1911	— S	Rowe, William, 5 Cavendish Square, Strathmore, Wellington, E.5., (1949)	79
1951	.... 1	Ruck, Idris J., Hassard Street, Manaia	57
1906	— S	Ryan, Henry, 8 Burns Road, Napier (1943)	63
1916	— 7	Sage, Ernest E., 274 High Street, Carterton	86
1950	.... 2	Schroeder, Leonard P., B.A., 811 George St., Dunedin, N.1	130
1900	— S	Scotter Adolphus N., B.A., 9 Elmwood Road, Fendalton, Christchurch, N.W.1 (1940)	101
1912	— S	Scrivin, Arthur H., "Roviana", 16 Empire Road, Epsom, S.E.3, Auckland (1952)	5
1903	.... S	Seamer, Arthur J., C.M.G., Box 400 Hamilton (1939)	2
1945	— 4	Shapcott, Leonard, Mowatt Street, Waitara	53
1910	.... S	Sharp, Harold A., 20 Konini Street, Rotorua	43
1952	— 2	Shaw, Harry I., Fraser Crescent, Upper Hutt	83
1946	— 8	Shepherd, Trevor, Methodist Mission, Bilua, Vella Lavella British Solomon Islands	[6]
1944	.... 1	Sherson, Donald G., B.A., 170 West Coast Road, Glen Eden, Auckland	7
1927	.... 1	Silvester, A. Wharton E., Ruawai, Northland	22
1938	.... 1	Silvester, John, M.A., Kolmar Street, Papatoetoe	13
1918	— 2	Skuse, Thomas, 12 Wesley Street, Pukekohe	15
1915	— 2	Slade, William G., M.A., D.D. 3 Repton St., Merivale Christchurch, N.W.1	109

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1908	—	S Speer, William H., Whakaue Street, Rotorua (1937)	— 43
1923	—	S Spencer, Herbert, 24 Hipango Terrace, Ext., Durie Hill, Wanganui (1949)	— 59
1952	....	3 Spindler, Sidney J., 4 Kimihia St., Huntly	.... 40
1951	—	2 Stead, Peter A., 38 Cranford Street, Christchurch, N.1	109
1947	—	2 Stewart, Edmond S., Hillcrest Road, Kaikohe	— 27
1953	—	2 Stubbs, David G., C/o 320 Hardy Street, Nelson	— 92
1954	....	1 Tahere Wattie, 37 Breakwater Road, New Plymouth	.... [4]
1924	—	1 Taylor, Cecil R., 16 Ure Street Oamaru	.... 128
1911	....	S Te Tuhi Eruera, Oturei, Aratapu, Northern Wairoa (1954)	.... H.M.
1941	....	1 Thomas, Gordon V., B.A., 42 Malfroy Road, Rotorua	.... 43
1946	—	3 Thompson, George R., 33 Wicksteed Street, Wanganui	— 59
1951	—	3 Thompson, John H., Paparua, Northland	— 20
1935	—	5 Thornley, Robert, M.A., 130 Grafton Road, Auckland, C.3	— 1
1908	....	S Tinsley, Robert B., 77 Fox Street, Hamilton (1949)	.... 38
1951	—	3 Toothill, Harry W., Paraparaumu	— 91
1954	....	1 Trebilco, David L., Wairoa, Hawkes Bay	.... 66
1952	....	2 Trebilco, George R., Bay of Islands Rd., Kamo, Whangarei	.... 124
1953	—	1 Turner, Edgar G. P., Methodist Church Wairoa, H.B.	— 66
1927	—	4 Utting, Harry V., 64 Albert Street, Pahiatua	— 69
1926	—	29 Voyce, Arthur H., Buin Bay, Bougainville, Terr. of New Guinea	— [8]
1912	—	S Walker, William, E.D., 54 St. John's Road, Remuera, Auckland, S.E.2 (1945)	— 5
1954	....	1 Watson, Alexander C., Taihape	.... 62
1939	....	1 Watson, John K., M.C., B.A., Box 34 Sanson, Manawatu, C.F.	.... 74
1914	....	1 Werren, Samuel J., 38 Sealey Street, Thames	.... 31
1938	—	8 Whitfield, Harris, 229a Ponsonby Road, Auckland, W.2, C.F.	— 4
1931	—	8 Williams, David O., M.A., Litt.D., "Leigh House," Trinity College, Grafton Road, Auckland, C.3	Th.C.
1943	....	1 Williams, J. C. Aldwyn, 88 Linwood Ave, Christchurch E.1	.... 103
1942	—	5 Willing, Leonard V., 39 Strathavon Street, Miramar, Wellington, E.4	— 79
1935	—	5 Witheford, Arthur R., B.A., 5 Chapman Street, Invercargill, C.F.	— 139
1953	—	S Woodnutt, Alfred G., 456 South Road, Dunedin	— 131
1950	—	5 Woodfield, Frank H., Methodist Mission, Roviana, Gizo, British Solomon Islands	.... [5]
1950	....	1 Woodfield, Owen T., Willowby R.D., Ashburton	.... 127
1941	—	4 Woolford, J. Henry, M.A., 39 Washington Avenue, Brooklyn, Wellington	— 76

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1914	—	11 Rakena, Rakena P., Waihi Road, Hawera	— [4]
1920	....	S Tauroa, Matarae, Pupuke, Kaeo, Northland (1954)	.... [1]
1941	....	S Kukutai, Ngatete Kerei, Te Kohanga, Tuakau (1954)	.... [1]
1944	....	8 Taufa, John, Tonu, South Bougainville, New Guinea	[8]
1944	....	7 Palavi, Daniel, Tearaka, Private Bag, Kekesu Bougainville	.... [9]
1944	....	6 Piani, Timothy, Roviana, Gizo, British Solomon Islands	[5]
1949	....	4 Pita, Kemueli, Roviana, Gizo, British Solomon Islands	[5]
1953	....	1 Vula, Aisake, Honiara, British Solomon Islands	.... [5]

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1952	....	3 Miss Dorothea Jones, B.A., 6 Chalmers St., Auckland, S.W.3,	
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## HOME MISSIONARIES

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1907	S. Keen (Retired) Kirk Street, Otaki	16
1909	T. W. Featherstone (Retired) 2 Roy Ter., New Plymouth	17
1917	A. L. Withford, (Retired) 14 Claude Street, Claudelands, Hamilton	20
1919	J. W. Bayliss (Retired) Campbell Road, Judea, Tauranga	16
1922	H. Ashworth (Retired), 571 South Road, New Plymouth	18
1922	C. Robinson (Retired) Waipawa	3
1924	R. T. Alexander (Retired) Pah Road, Motueka	3
1924	W. H. Wilson (Retired), 19 Rangitoto Terrace, Takapuna, Auckland, N.2	16
1925	W. J. Henderson, Stanley Street, Eketahuna	5
1925	H. J. Malcolm (Retired), 31 Blair Avenue, Ch.Ch., N.W.2	14
1926	W. Sussex (Retired), Bayswater, Auckland	16
1928	R. Coombridge (Retired), Stanmore Bay, Silverdale, Auckland	4
1930	J. C. R. Ashworth, Ohoka R.D., Kaiapoi	1
1940	W. J. Bryant, 49 King Street, Whakatane	2
1941	L. E. G. Sharp, (Leave of Absence) P.O. Box 25, Tua Marina	1
1941	T. Steele, Mace Street, Reefton	1
1944	C. E. Roke, Kawhia, King Country	7
1945	J. M. Daley, B.A., Ford Street, Opotiki	4
1946	O. L. Christian, Balclutha	4
1946	W. E. Sleep (Retired), Raetihi (Supply 7th Year)	9
1947	F. J. Climo, Belvedere St., Te Puke	3
1948	H. Prowse, Halcombe	3
1948	F. D. Peterson, Silverdale, Auckland	7
1949	A. E. Tardif, 78 Church Street, Mosgiel	3
1951	G. C. Armitage, 18 Robinson Street, Foxton	1

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1951	I. G. Fowler, C/o 77 Grey Street, Onehunga	2
1952	F. L. Johnson, P.O. Box 11, Kohukohu, Hokianga	3
1953	A. G. Reid, Ngatea, Hauraki Plains	2
1953	J. R. Hamlin, Okato, Taranaki	2
1953	F. A. Fitzsimons, Inglewood	2
1953	Rushton, M.F. (Miss) C/o 14 St. Vincent Ave, Remuera Auckland,	1
1954	Gilbert, Wilfred S., 91 Portobello Road, Broad Bay, Dunedin	1

### HOME MISSIONARY "SUPPLIES"

H. R. Wright,	Wellington Road, Marton.
Ian D. Grant—	(Non-Resident Student of Trinity College) 19 Schofield Street, Grey Lynn, Auckland.
N. Thornicroft—	(Non-Resident Student of Trinity College), Bombay, Auckland.
F. E. Trim,	Waikouaiti
Thomas Walker,	Coromandel.
M. R. Edgar,	Kaukapakapa
Rev. W. M. Isitt,	Geraldine.
Rev. J. L. Gammon,	28 Elizabeth Street, Bluff.
D. I. Robertson,	P.O. Box 5104, Auckland.

### MAORI HOME MISSIONARIES

1922	Te Hira Ratete, Punakitere, Hokianga, Northland	27
1930	Paahi Moke, Te Kuiti	1
1932	Rameka Eru, Victoria Valley, Northland	5
1932	Tuteao Manihera, Raglan	7
1932	Paikea, H Toka., 5 Miro Street, Kelston, New Lynn, Auckland	5
1934	Huru, Wiperi, 2a Cleveland Road, Parnell, Auckland	9
1934	Poo Kingi, Whatawhata, Waikato	21
1934	Heemi Rihimona, Methodist Maori Parsonage, Ngaruawahia	14

Ent.	Name and Address	Years
1936	Ngaweke Tuhimata, Tuakau	9
1937	Roi Moke, Aotea Harbour, Kawhia	3
1938	Paraire Paraone Kena, Pouto, Kaipara Heads	17
1938	Piripi Livingstone, Pokere, Bay of Islands	17
1938	Wiremu Paki Ihaka, 15 Ropata Avenue, Tamaki	1
1939	John Harris, Pakiri, North Auckland	16
1939	Nehana Pu, Opuawhanga, R.D., Hikurangi	16
1940	Wiremu Tonga, Box 400, Hamilton	15
1942	Tawai Te Riri Kawiti, Waiomio, Bay of Islands	13
1944	Te Urunga Pura Wetere, Atawa Settlement, Waihou, R.D., Te Aroha	11
1944	Paki Manga, Main South Road, Otorohanga	11
1944	Rangi Katipa, Ngutunui, Te Awamutu	11
1945	Tame Ponui, P.O. Kopaki, King Country	6
1946	Waiwera Rangawhenua, Maketu Pa, Kawhia, King Country	9
1946	Tumu Te Huia, Makomako, via Kawhia	9
1946	Waka Kukutai, Tamanganui, Tuakau	9
1946	Henare Kapa, Rangitane Pouto, Kaipara Heads	9
1947	Whaterau Ira Wharehoka, Pungarehu, Taranaki	8
1947	Mu Maihi, Waikaretu, Waikato Coast	8
1948	Nguru Winikerei Marakopa, King Country	7
1950	Maharaia Winiata, Cleek Road, Mangere, Auckland	5
1950	Enoka Marumaruru, Aramiro, Waikato	5
1950	Houtai Mita Hohepa, P.O. Box 169, Kaikohe	5
1950	Te Iwikau Waaka, Otaramarae, P.O. Rotorua	5
1951	Tutea Rau, Te Hoe, South Auckland	4
1951	Pukerau Rangitutia, Box 400, Hamilton	4
1952	Matene Hori de Thierry, Rangiriri, Waikato	3
1952	Ngemugeru Tame Pihama, Te Kowhai, R.D. Horotui	3
1952	Hone Wilcox, 81 Premier Ave., Pt. Chevalier, Auckland	3
1952	Joseph Hatoitoi Pihama, Higgins Road, Frankton Junction.	3
1952	Hohepa Hemara, Carter's Road, Hikurangi	3
1952	Tutu Keepa, Taurangawae Pa, Ngaruawahia	3
1953	Hohepa Timahu Hona, Pareora, King Country	2

#### 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, "West Hills" Titirangi Road, Titirangi Auckland
1929	Sister Airini Hobbs, P.O. Box 400, Hamilton
1928	Sister Ivy Jones, Box 5023, Auckland
1933	Sister Olive Bott, Taheke, Hokianga
1935	Sister Madeline Holland, "Kurahuna" 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, 124 Devonport Road, Tauranga.
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, Box 400, Hamilton.
1947	Sister Margaret Taylor, C/o 48 Lincoln Rd., Masterton.

- 1948—Sister Rona Collins, Methodist Children's Home, Papanui, Christchurch  
 1948—Sister Grace Clement, P.O. Box 102, Te Kuiti  
 1949—Sister Rona Keightly, Dargaville  
 1949—Sister Betty Yearbury, Longfellow Street, Opunake  
 1949—Sister Frances Smith, Box 400, Hamilton  
 1949—Sister Fiona Summerell, C/o 75 Taranaki Street, Wellington. (Leave of Absence)  
 1950—Sister Te Atakohu Fitzpatrick, 8 Airedale Street, Auckland, C.I  
 1950—Sister Marcia Powell, 35 Octagon, Dunedin  
 1950—Sister Evelyn Taylor C/o 801E Queen Street, Hastings  
 1954—Probationer Winifred Bennet, Box 400, Hamilton  
 1954—Probationer Joyce Gribble, C/o Pitt St. Methodist Church, Auckland.  
 1954—Probationer Mary Whitlow, C/o 524 Church Street, Palmerston North

### MISSIONARY SISTERS

- Sister Ada Lee, Methodist Mission, Kihili, Buin, 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, Kihili, Buin, Bougainville  
 Terr. of New Guinea  
 Sister Lucy Money, Methodist Mission, Choiseul, British Solomon Islands.  
 Sister Davinia Clark, Methodist Mission, Roviana, Gizo, British Solomon Islands.  
 Sister Jessie Grant, Methodist Mission, Choiseul, British Solomon Islands.  
 Sister Myra Fraser, Methodist Mission, Bilua, Vella Lavella, British Solomon Islands.  
 Sister Jane Bond, Methodist Mission, Roviana, Gizo, 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, Kekesu, Bougainville, Terr. of New Guinea.  
 Sister June Hilder, Kekesu, Bougainville, Terr. of New Guinea.  
 Sister Rewa Williamson, Roviana, Gizo, British Solomon Islands.  
 Sister Norma Graves, 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 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.

# 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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Brasell, H. Maurice	Masterton, New Zealand	1910	1949	9th July, 1953	Napier
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
Bunby, 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
Coatsworth, Thomas	Durham, England	1877	1902	21st March, 1953	Palmerston North
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
Drake, Edward	Staffordshire, England	1868	1893	28th April, 1953	Christchurch
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

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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
Fairelough, Paul W.	South Australia	1852	1874	17th April, 1917	Christchurch
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

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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
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
Jordan, Charles B., M.A., B.D., F.R.E.S.	Motueka, New Zealand	1880	1908	19th October, 1593	Stoke, Nelson
Jory, John D.	Cornwall, England	1846	1874	16th June, 1935	Auckland
Joughin, Thomas A.	Isle of Man	1863	1887	10th January, 1942	Auckland
Kakuere, Hori	Mangere	1863	1911	21st August, 1938	Pukekohe
Keall, William	Holbeach, Lincolnshire, Eng.	1838	1869	31st August, 1906	Palmerston North
Keast, W. H.	—	—	1880	—	Christchurch
Kirk, William	Owston, Lincolnshire, Eng.	1825	1846	19th May, 1915	Wellington
Knight, Percy N., B.A.	Norwood, Australia	1867	1889	16th August, 1944	Auckland
Kuri, Te Hori	Hokianga	1828	1879	6th May, 1891	Hokianga
Law, John	Lancashire, England	1841	1868	1st August, 1908	Auckland
Lawry, Albert Charles	Auckland, New Zealand	1862	1885	21st June, 1940	Christchurch
Lawry, Henry Hassall	New South Wales	1821	1845	8th May, 1906	Auckland
Lawry, Samuel	Cornwall, England	1854	1877	26th July, 1933	Christchurch
Lawry, Walter	Cornwall, England	1793	1817	30th March, 1859	Parramatta, N.S.W.
Laycock, William	Lancashire, England	1858	1884	13th November, 1927	Christchurch
Lee, William	Yorkshire, England	1841	1864	12th November, 1925	Auckland
Leigh, Samuel	Milton, England	1788	1812	2nd May, 1852	Reading, England
Lewis, John James	Abergavenny, Wales	1844	1870	12th June, 1931	Auckland
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

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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
Martin, J. Frederick	Waimate	1879	1908	28th July, 1952	Wanganui
Mather, Joseph John	Leeds, England	1854	1883	8th November, 1921	Auckland
McBean, Angus	Ballarat, 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
Ngaxopi, 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

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Pratt, M.A., Rugby	Gisborne	1875	1902	6th March, 1946	Christchurch
Prior, Samuel F.	Bedford, England	1851	1875	1919	Masterton, N.Z.
Purchon, Samuel R.	Leeds, England	1851	1875	24th January, 1878	Motueka
Raine, Robert	Durham, England	1868	1892	17th March, 1942	Wellington
Rakena, Piripi		—	1882	25th March, 1934	Mangamuka
Rands, Frederick	Methven, New Zealand	1883	1908	14th February, 1919	Germany
Ratou, W. Te Kote Te	Wairarapa	1820	1859	4th May, 1895	Lower Wairarapa
Read, Frederick T.	Sleaford, Lincolnshire, Eng.	1867	1889	29th July, 1937	Christchurch
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

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Standage, Charles Henry	Campbell Town, Tasmania	1847	1875	8th June, 1936	Dunedin
Stannard, George	Yorkshire, England	1803	1844	8th December, 1888	Wanganui
Stockwell, George F.	Leicestershire, England	1876	1904	20th December, 1945	Auckland
Suckling, Joseph B.	Chelmsford, England	1880	1909	7th December, 1918	Nadroga, Fiji
Taylor, Robert	Rochdale, Lancashire, England	1839	1866	28th May, 1918	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.	Waingarua (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
Warahi, 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	Wellington
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

Name of Minister	Birthplace	Year of Birth	Entered the Ministry	Date of Death	Place of Burial
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

**METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND—SPIRITUAL ADVANCE COMMITTEE**  
**Balance Sheet for Year Ending 30th June, 1953**

RECEIPTS				EXPENDITURE										
				£	s.	d.					£	s.	d.	
				381	17	6	Cheques Presented					9	11	7
				34	13	6	Secretarial					9	8	5
				25	0	0	Printing					250	13	11
				25	0	0	Stationery					15	15	2
				30	10	1	Stamps					15	9	8
				28	10	9	Tolls					13	18	10
				5	10	6	Travelling Expenses to S.A.C.					19	10	6
				61	15	2	Duplicating					7	0	9
				4	6		Posters					20	12	6
				Collections—			Travelling—							
				95	17	1	Preparation Course					60	18	2
				120	9	11	Dr. W. C. Poole					95	14	8
				3	6	8	Dr. C. Barber					116	5	8
				Cheques Unpresented			Bank Fee					10	0	0
							Cheque Books					12	0	0
							Interest					1	0	0
							Cash on Hand					1	0	6
							Balance at Bank					175	12	4
				£812	15	8						£812	15	8

Audited and found correct.

L. C. GWYNN.

**NEW ZEALAND METHODIST LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION  
GENERAL ACCOUNT**

RECEIPTS			EXPENDITURE		
July 1, 1952—		£ s. d.	August, 1952—		£ s. d.
Credit Balance .. .. .		23 5 1	T. Woodfield, Secretarial Expenses .. .. .		7 0 0
Interest on Government Stock .. .. .		15 0 2	Bank Charge .. .. .		10 0
Book Orders .. .. .		9 12 11	Printing and Duplicating .. .. .		15 19 2
			Wreath .. .. .		1 10 0
			Presentation Books, Pres. B. Room .. .. .		6 4 4
			Methodist Church N.Z. Law Book .. .. .		10 0
			Transfer to Food Parcels Account .. .. .		4 0 0
			By Balance .. .. .		12 4 8
		£47 18 2			£47 18 2

**Benevolent Fund Account**

July 1, 1952—		£ s. d.	August, 1952—		£ s. d.
Balance .. .. .		154 12 9	Donation Auckland Branch .. .. .		20 0 0
Interest Government Stock .. .. .		26 19 10	By Balance .. .. .		161 12 7
		£181 12 7			£181 12 7

**Food Parcels for Britain Account**

July 1, 1952—		£ s. d.	August, 1952—		£ s. d.
Credit Balance .. .. .		8 0 0	Bank Charge .. .. .		10 0
Donations .. .. .		71 13 0	Purchases N.Z. Farmers' Co-op., 81 Parcels ..		64 6 6
		£79 13 0	Balance .. .. .		14 16 6
					£79 13 0

**Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1953**

LIABILITIES			ASSETS		
General Account .. .. .		£ s. d.	Balance National Bank New Zealand—		£ s. d.
Benevolent Account .. .. .		512 4 8	General Account .. .. .		12 4 8
(Liability to Epworth Press as at 31st March, 1953, £29 17s 9d Stg.)		1,061 12 7	Benevolent Account .. .. .		161 12 7
			Invested in Government Stock—		
			General .. .. .		500 0 0
			Benevolent .. .. .		900 0 0
		£1,573 17 3			£1,573 17 3

Audited and found correct.

R. G. PEARSE, Hon. Auditor.

12th September, 1953

**WOMEN'S GUILD FELLOWSHIP**  
**Statement for Year Ended 31st October, 1952**

RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Balance in Hand 1/11/51 .. .. .	5	9 9	By Printing 9 Reports .. .. .	1	15 0
" Donation .. .. .	5	0 0	" Printing President's Letters .. .. .	1	3 3
" Donation (Conference Travel Expenses) .. .. .	1	4 0	" Envelopes and Stamps .. .. .	1	11 3
" Levies from all Districts .. .. .	37	3 6	" 2 Dozen Copies Amended Constitution .. .. .	2	9 0
" Levies from 10 Associate Guilds .. .. .	2	11 0	" Secretary's Expenses .. .. .	3	2 6
			" Printing Dedication Service, etc. .. .. .	1	12 0
			" Donation Cambridge Terrace Church .. .. .	2	2 0
			" Exec. Fares to Nelson (3) .. .. .	13	10 0
			" Album for Exec. Photos .. .. .	1	6 6
			" Treasurer's Petty Cash .. .. .	13	6 6
				27	5 0
			Balance 31/10/52 .. .. .	24	3 3
	£51	8 3		£51	8 3

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METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND—YOUTH DEPARTMENT

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Directors' Salaries .. .. .				930	0	0	By Circuit Contributions .. .. .	3,154	13	7
.. Christchurch Property Expenses				284	18	5	.. Interest .. .. .		34	2
.. Wellington Property Expenses ..				86	9	5	.. Trading Profit .. .. .	1,136	0	5
.. Connexional Charges .. .. .				126	17	6	.. Youth Conference .. .. .		92	4
.. Travelling Expenses .. .. .				535	8	9	.. Grant Connexional Fire Insurance Fund ..	100	0	0
.. Grants—										
District Youth Councils .. ..	75	0	0							
Nat. Committee Recreation and Leisure .. .. .	10	0	0							
Nat. Committee Church-Home Relationships .. .. .	5	0	0							
Nat. Leadership Committee ..	5	0	0							
				95	0	0				
.. Home Sunday School and B.C.				65	12	0				
.. Depreciation .. .. .				209	17	8				
.. Christian Education .. .. .				53	13	0				
.. Film Expenses .. .. .				4	19	10				
.. National Leadership Committee ..				24	12	6				
.. Proportion Administrative Expns.				1,054	8	3				
.. Bad Debts Written Off .. .. .				1	12	4				
.. Excess Income Over Expenditure				1,043	11	0				
				£4,517	0	8				£4,517 0 8

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT

To Youth Conference Reserve .. .. .	92	4	2	By Excess Income over Expenditure Transferred			
.. Trading Account .. .. .	700	0	0	from I. and E. Account .. .. .	1,043	11	0
.. Accumulated Fund .. .. .	251	6	10				
	£1,043	11	0				£1,043 11 0

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND—YOUTH DEPARTMENT

TRADING ACCOUNT

		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
To Stock in Hand 30/6/52	.. .. .	630	0	0	By Sales in Advance 1952	.. .. .	1,405	5	6
„ Purchases	.. .. .	4,041	11	4	„ Stock in Hand 30/6/53	.. .. .	700	0	0
„ Sales in Advance 1953	.. .. .	1,598	8	8	„ Sales	.. .. .	5,992	7	8
„ Gross Profit	.. .. .	1,838	19	2	„ Film Hire	.. .. .	11	6	0
		<hr/>					<hr/>		
To Administrative Costs Transferred	.. .. .	£8,108	19	2	By Gross Profit	.. .. .	£8,108	19	2
„ Surplus Profit to Inc. and Ex. Account	.. .. .	702	18	9			1,838	19	2
		<hr/>					<hr/>		
		£1,838	19	2			£1,838	19	2

ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL EXPENSES

		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
To Office Salaries	.. .. .	1,034	15	1	By Duplicating Services	.. .. .	220	3	10
„ Postages, Printing, Stationery and General	.. .. .	942	15	9	„ Allocation of Administration and General Expenses—				
		<hr/>			Inc. and Ex. Account 3/5ths	.. .. .	1,054	8	3
		<hr/>			Trading Account 2/5ths	.. .. .	702	18	9
		£1,977	10	10			<hr/>		
							£1,977	10	10

**METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND—YOUTH DEPARTMENT**  
Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1953

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Sundry Creditors .. .. .			574 7 8	Cash in Hand .. .. .			1 4 6
Loans, Home Mission Board, secured by—				Post Office Savings Bank—			
Mortgage on Christchurch Property		1,443	0 8	Special Appeal Fund .. .. .			177 1 5
Mortgage on Wellington Property		1,395	0 0	Car Fund .. .. .			372 15 6
Special Reserves—				Vella Lavella Hostel .. .. .			1,550 0 0
Special Appeal .. .. .	1,439	3	0	Parsonage Extension Reserve			141 6 8
Motor-car .. .. .	372	15	6	Parsonage Furniture Fund .. .. .			357 8 8
Special Purposes .. .. .	864	19	6	General Fund .. .. .			12 2 5
Temperance Education .. .. .	23	11	9	Special Purposes .. .. .			864 19 6
Missions .. .. .	15	19	4	Sundry Debtors .. .. .	3,602	11	0
Youth Conference .. .. .	102	4	2	Less Sales in Advance .. .. .	1,598	8	8
Parsonage Extension .. .. .	141	6	8				2,004 2 4
Parsonage Furniture .. .. .	357	8	8	Stock in Hand .. .. .			850 0 0
Vella Lavella Hostel .. .. .	1,561	19	4	Christchurch Parsonage—			
Trading Account .. .. .	700	0	0	Cost and Impro. less Depreciation			1,712 10 0
			5,579 7 11	Furniture Cost less Depreciation			405 2 8
National Bank of N.Z., Ltd. .. .. .			253 5 2	Wellington Parsonage—			
Accumulated Fund—				Cost less Depreciation .. .. .			3,218 6 8
Balance as at 30/6/52 .. .. .	3,493	14	3	Furniture Cost less Depreciation			138 15 0
Net Movement in Reserves Used				Equipment Cost less Depreciation ..			370 0 1
and Transferred .. .. .	531	11	4	Projectors Cost less Depreciation ..			9 5 8
Appropriation Account .. .. .	251	6	10	Films Cost less Depreciation .. .. .			74 11 2
			4,276 12 5	Loans to Transport Trust Board			
			£13,521 13 10	(Special Appeal Fund £1,250, Plus			
				Accrued Interest) .. .. .			1,262 1 7
							£13,521 13 10

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, 1953, 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 30/6/53, according to the best of our information and the explanation given to us and as shown by the books of the Department.

Wellington,  
11th September, 1953.

PATRICK, FEIST, JACK AND MIDDLEBROOK,  
Public Accountants and Auditors.

METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING & LOAN FUND

Revenue Account for the Year ended 31st May, 1953

Loans Account

EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Amount of Loans as at 31st May, 1952	20,394	6 5	By Loans Repaid	4,453	7 1
New Loans Advanced	6,950	2 6	Amount of Loans as at 31st May, 1953	22,891	1 10
	<u>£27,344</u>	<u>8 11</u>		<u>£27,344</u>	<u>8 11</u>

Sites Fund Account

	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Grants for Sites—					Donations—		
Brown's Bay	50	0 0			Home Mission Board	100	0 0
Waverley	50	0 0			Anonymous	25	0 0
White Swans Road	50	0 0			Fire Insurance Fund	50	0 0
Stokes Valley	50	0 0					175 0 0
Auckland East	150	0 0			Interest on Deposits		29 1 8
Pinehaven	50	0 0			Transfer from Capital Account		470 18 4
Napier	50	0 0					
Weka Weka	25	0 0					
Raumati Beach	50	0 0					
Glenbrook	75	0 0					
Puru	50	0 0					
Mt. Maunganui	25	0 0					
			675	0 0			
			<u>£675</u>	<u>0 0</u>			<u>£675 0 0</u>

Administration Account

	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Authorised Appropriation	400	0 0	Working Expenses Repaid	161 6 3
Stationery & General Expenses	86	3 10	Trust Contributions	143 5 0
			Interest on Deposits	21 7 0
			Hymn Book Commission	143 4 6
				469 2 9
			Reserve Appropriation Account	17 1 1
	<u>£486</u>	<u>3 10</u>		<u>£486 3 10</u>

METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING & LOAN FUND

Balance Sheet as at 31st May, 1953

LIABILITIES						ASSETS							
£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.			
<b>Loans Account:</b>						<b>Loans Account:</b>							
Accumulated Funds as at						Outstanding Loans							
31.5.52				19,400 0 0				24,135 2 2					
Grant from Fire Ins. Fund						Less Working Expenses							
		200 0 0				1,196 12 6							
						Less Interest							
				<u>19,600 0 0</u>		<u>47 7 10</u>		1,244 0 4					
<b>Capital Account</b>						<u>22,891 1 10</u>							
<b>Bequests:</b>						<b>Deposits:—</b>							
Thomas Emsley 1,500 0 0						Bank of N.Z.							
H. Herbert Wake		50 0 0						418 18 2					
David Graham 50 0 0						<b>Trust Account:</b>							
Wm. H. Duke 100 0 0						<b>Deposits:—</b>							
Samuel Lawry		50 0 0				Supernumery							
Geo. Winstone 1,000 0 0						Fund							
Thomas Fee		50 0 0											
W. G. Andrews 100 0 0						2,900 0 0		Loan to Springs-					
								ton Circuit					
								Bank of N.Z.					
								776 18 9					
<b>Donations:</b>						<b>Sites Fund Account:</b>							
Mrs. E. M. Winston-						Deposit P.O.S.B.							
Blackwell		500 0 0				1,158 13 1							
Anonymous 100 0 0						Supernumerary Fund							
Mr. and Mrs. L.		10 0 0				137 14 9							
Philpott 10 0 0								<u>1,296 7 10</u>					
Rev. J. Olphert 100 0 0								882 5 4					
Anonymous 50 0 0								Bank of N.Z. O/draft					
Anonymous 50 0 0						810 0 0							
								<u>414 2 6</u>					
								<b>Administration Account:</b>					
								Hymn Book Commission					
								2 4 11					
								Bank of New Zealand					
								<u>187 2 7</u>					
						<u>3,710 0 0</u>							

Trust Account (Properties sold)		808	10	6	
Sites Fund Account:					
As at 31st May, 1952	885	0	10		
Decrease	470	18	4		
				414	2 6
Administration Capital Account:					
Working Expenses					
Trust A/c	300	0	0		
Less Reserve Ap- propriation A/c	84	6	2		
Plus Rates on Sites	9	5	3		
Transfer from Rev- enue A/c	17	1	1		
				110	12 6
				189	7 6
				<u>£24,722</u>	<u>0 6</u>
					<u>£24,722 0 6</u>

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, 1953.

H. L. FIEBIG            )  
H. de R. Flesher.       ) Treasurers.

H.F. ARNOLD, A.R.A.N.Z.,  
R. H. SHERRIS, A.C.S.N.Z., Auditors.  
Christchurch, 16th June, 1953.



**THE PROBERT TRUST OF THE METHODIST  
CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.**

Expenditure for Year ended 30th June, 1953.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
<b>Repairs, Maintenance &amp; Renovations:</b>			
No. 1 Block .....	460 7 1		
No. 2 Block .....	91 10 5		
No. 3 Block .....	39 6 5		
Cottages etc. ....	416 8 11		
		1,007 12 10	
<b>Probert Chambers:</b>			
Caretaker .....	40 18 3		
Electric Power Board .....	5 13 7		
Lift Maintenance .....	6 10 0		
Repairs to Lift .....	100 0 0		
		153 1 10	
<b>Insurance Premiums</b> .....			1,160 14 8
<b>Rates</b> .....			188 9 2
<b>Interest: Auckland Sinking Fund</b>			741 2 1
Commissioners .....		494 10 0	
Emsley Trust .....		21 7 6	
<b>Sundries:</b>			515 17 6
Audit Fee .....		10 10 0	
Land Tax .....		70 17 0	
Bank Charges .....		10 0	
Sundries, Legal Charges and Valuation Fees .....		14 1 5	
Secretary's Salary .....		62 10 0	
Commission on Rents and Interest Collected .....		131 4 2	
			289 12 7
			£2,895 16 0

Examined and found correct.

A. R. MARTIN }  
L. KNIGHT } Auditors.

J. H. BLACKWELL, Chairman.  
M. IZZARD, Secretary.

**Revenue Account for Year ended 30th June, 1953.**

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1952		
June 30 To Balance .....	388 9 6	
1953		
June 30 To Rents Accrued .....	5,053 19 8	
" Interest Accrued .....	82 2 0	
By Rents Received .....		5,166 3 8
" Interest Received .....		82 2 0
" Rents Written Off .....		229 16 9
" Balance .....		46 8 9
		£5,524 11 2
		£5524 11 2

Examined and found correct.

L. KNIGHT }  
A. R. MARTIN } Auditors.

J. H. BLACKWELL, Chairman.  
M. IZZARD, Secretary.

**THE PROBERT TRUST BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND**  
**BALANCE SHEET as at 30th June, 1953**

LIABILITIES				ASSETS				
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
Capital Account	36,620	4	6				Freehold Properties—	
Add Profit on Sale Pro-							Great North Road	
bert Chambers	5,910	4	7				55,220 7 3	
				42,530	9	1	Post Office Savings Bank—	
Income Account—							Deposit	
Balance as at 30th June,							2,037 12 0	
1953				17,479	13	9	National Savings Account No. 1/9522	
							2,544 10 0	
							Bank of New Zealand—	
							Current Account	
							198 13 7	
							Cash in Hand	
							9 0 0	
				£60,010	2	10	£60,010 2 10	
MEMO:								
Liability—Rates for year ending								
31st May, 1954 (approx.)				700	0	0		

We have examined the Books and Accounts of the Probert Trust Board for the year ended 30th June, 1953, and certify that all our requirements as Auditors have been complied with. We report that the foregoing Balance Sheet is properly drawn up to as to exhibit a correct view of the Board's position on the 30th June, 1953, as shown by the Books.

A. R. MARTIN, F.P.A.N.Z. }  
 L. KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z. } Auditors

J. H. BLACKWELL, Chairman.  
 M. IZZARD, Secretary

Auckland, 22nd July, 1953.



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

Income and Expenditure Account from 1st July, 1952, to 30th June, 1953.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
To Stamps, Bank Charges Etc	2	10	0				By Interest Inscribed Stock
„ Office Rent	5	0	0				„ Interest Auckland Savings Bank
„ Secretary's Allowance	15	0	0				„ Interest National Savings
				22	10	0	
„ Grants				318	5	9	
„ Excess Income over Ex- penditure				29	13	8	
				£370	9	5	£370
							9
							5

**BALANCE SHEET as at 30th June, 1953**

LIABILITIES				ASSETS				
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	
Trust Fund Account	11,400	0	0				N.Z. Govt. Inscribed Stock:—	
Income Account	689	8	8				3½%, 1960	
				12,098	8	8		3%, 1962
								Cash Balances—
								Auckland Savings Bank
								National Savings Account
								Bank of New Zealand
				£12,098	8	8		689
								8
								8
								£12,089
								8
								8

Certified correct.

(Signed) E. A. ASTLEY,

31st August, 1953.

**THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS.**  
**REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1952.**

	EXPENDITURE.		INCOME
	1951		1951
	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	129 To Rates and Land Tax .....	130 3 7	365 By Rent .....
	141 „ General Expenses .....	145 1 9	622 „ Interest .....
	22 „ Insurance .....	31 11 11	
	7 „ Travelling Expenses .....	—	
	1188 „ Balance Carried Down .....	1,189 5 6	
	<u>£1487</u>	<u>£1,496 2 9</u>	<u>£1487</u>
	To Masterton Home:		1188 By Balance Brought Down .....
	1161 Cash Remittances .....	1,168 0 0	224 „ Excess of Expenditure over Income 178 19 6
	150 Depreciation .....	150 0 0	
		1,318 0 0	
	499 Less Interest received O/a Home	549 15 0	
		768 5 0	
	812 „ Net Grant to Masterton .....	600 0 0	
	600 „ Grant—Rangiatea Maori College	—	
	<u>£1412</u>	<u>£1,368 5 0</u>	<u>£1412</u>
			<u>£1,368 5 0</u>

**THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS.**  
**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1952.**

LIABILITIES					ASSETS				
1951		£	s.	d.	1951		£	s.	d.
44187	Capital Account	43,963	5	8	8900	Masterton Property	8,750	0	0
	Less Excess				150	Less Depreciation	150	0	0
224	Expenditure	178	19	6					
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43963				43,784	8750				8,600
				6	16113	Wellington Property			16,113
				2	617	Foxton Property			617
12406	Masterton Capital				21117	N.Z. Government Inscribed Stock			22,051
	Account	13,716	13	6		N.Z. Government, Newcombe Fund			8
1310	Plus Bequests	1,470	2	6	51	Investment			51
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13716				15,186	6650	Loans on Mortgage			6,930
				16	201	Loans on Table Repayment			143
				0	1159	National Savings Account			1,194
51	Newcombe Trust Fund	51	5	0	163	Post Office Savings Account			1,166
2	Plus Interest		3	15		Fixed Deposit—Australia & N.Z.			19
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				55	1000	Bank			1,000
				0		Current Account, Australia & N.Z.			0
53				0	1951	Bank			1,092
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122	Interest Paid in Advance			34	38	Interest Accrued			59
				19	45	Rent Accrued			41
				6					13
<hr/>					<hr/>				
£57855				£59,061	£57855				£59,061
				1					1
				8					8

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, 1952, 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.

WELLINGTON, 15th September, 1953.

G. T. WITHERS, F.R.A.N.Z., Auditor.

**EMSLY TRUST**

**Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ended 30th June, 1953.**

1953	£ s. d.	1953	£ s. d.
June 30 To Interest from Deposit with Probert Trust to 1.9.52 .....	21 7 6	June 30 By Theological College — —	68 17 6
„ Interest from National Savings .....	47 10 0		
	£68 17 6		£68 17 6

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**INVESTMENT ACCOUNT**

1953	£ s. d.	1953	£ s. d.
June 30 To Capital .....	1,900 0 0	June 30 By Deposit at National Savings Investment Account No. 1/9553 .....	1,900 0 0
	£1,900 0 0		£1,900 0 0

Audited and found correct.  
T. L. HAMES, Auditor.

J. H. BLACKWELL, Treasurer.

KAI IWI MISSION ESTATE

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ending 30th June, 1953.

EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Remittances—			By Balance as at 30th June, 1952	7	11 3
Home Mission Dept. ....	100	0 0	" Rent	311	0 6
Rangiatea College Trust ....	100	0 0			
" Deposit in National Savings ....	100	0 0			
" Land Tax	9	5 8			
" Sundries	1	2 11			
" Balance at Bank of N.S.W. ....	8	3 2			
	<u>£318</u>	<u>11 9</u>		<u>£318</u>	<u>11 9</u>

KAI IWI FARM HOUSE REPLACEMENT ACCOUNT

	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Amount Credited in National Savings Account No. 174921 (30.6.53)	841	4 10	By Deposits to National Savings Account during Years 1942 to 1953	700	0 0
			" Interest Accrued to 30.6.53	141	4 10
	<u>£841</u>	<u>4 10</u>		<u>£841</u>	<u>4 10</u>

We have examined the Cash Book, Vouchers and Bank Statements and certify that the above Statement is correct.

GEORGE R. THOMPSON, Chairman.  
E. L. F. BUXTON, Secretary.

D. R. SMART, A.R.A.N.Z. }  
J. DRAKE } Auditors

**GREY INSTITUTE TRUST**

**Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ending 30th June, 1953**

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS									
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.				
To Balance 30/6/52 .. .. .				853	3	7	By Rates .. .. .	52	8	2			
„ Rentals from Leases .. .. .	1,402	11	0				„ Purchase of Leases (J. D. Wright) .. .. .	400	0	0			
„ Rental from Dwelling .. .. .	141	5	0				„ Survey and Legal .. .. .	12	19	6			
„ Noting Fees .. .. .	12	1	6				„ Printing and Stationery .. .. .	10	8	6			
				1,555	17	6	„ Dwelling Property—						
							Sewerage Connection .. .. .	99	17	1			
							Repairs to Dwelling .. .. .	309	18	2			
							Tree Planting .. .. .	1	10	0			
							„ Interest on Advances from H.M. Board .. .. .	235	15	0			
							„ Reduction of Advances from H.M. Board .. .. .	407	15	9			
							„ Bank Fees and Exchange .. .. .	1	2	6			
							„ Sundries .. .. .	1	0	3			
							„ Postage and Petties .. .. .	16	10	9			
							„ Land Tax .. .. .	203	18	11			
							„ Secretary .. .. .	125	0	0			
							„ Remittances to General Funds of H.M. Board .. .. .	350	0	0			
							„ Insurances .. .. .	2	18	1			
							„ New Titles .. .. .	22	0	0			
										2,253	2	8	
							„ Balance Bank of New South Wales .. .. .				155	18	5
				£2,409	1	1					£2,409	1	1

**CONTINGENT LIABILITY—**

Advances from H.M. Board ..	7,850	0	0
Less Repayments .. .. .	1,327	14	7
Balance due as at 30/6/53 ..	£6,522	5	5

W. P. OKEY, Secretary.

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I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing Statement of Receipts and Payments for the period year ending 30th June, 1953. 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.

(Signed) DUFF & DUFF,  
Auditors.

NEW PLYMOUTH,  
25th August, 1953.

**ROBERT GIBSON ESTATE**

**Statement of Accounts of the Public Trustee's Administration**  
**30th June, 1952 to 30th June, 1953:**

	£	s.	d.	Dr.	Cr.	
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance .....					6,333	0 8
<b>Implement Account:</b>						
Sale of Petrol Engine	12	10	0			
<b>Depreciation Transferred:</b>						
Top Farm .....	13	18	0			
Lower Farm .....	31	2	6			
						57 10 6
<b>Farm Accounts:</b>						
<b>Net Profit Transferred—</b>						
Top Farm .....	1,264	2	9			
Lower Farm .....	1,147	8	2			
						2,411 10 11
<b>Public Trust Office:</b>						
<b>Interest:</b>						
30.6.52 to 30.6.53 at 3%						174 10 0
<b>Realty Improvements Account:</b>						
<b>Lower Farm—</b>						
Fencing, Wire, Gates etc	281	11	0			
Water Supply & Troughs	214	4	0			
Construction of Crossing	288	5	6			
Drain Digging .....	127	10	0			
						911 10 6
<b>Shares:</b>						
91 Kaponga Dairy Co. shares				56	17	6
<b>Balance</b> .....				8,008	4	1
				£8,976	12	1
<b>Balance:</b>				£8,008	4	1

ROBERT GIBSON ESTATE.

Farm Working Account, No. 1.

	£	s.	d.	Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
<b>Sales:</b>											
Butterfat .....								4,322	5	3	
Crops, Seeds & Manures .....				74	11	0					
<b>Sharemilkers Account:</b>											
Share of Milk Cheques .....				2,593	7	2					
<b>Balance, being Gross Profit</b>											
Transferred to Farm Profit											
& Loss Account .....				1,654	7	1					
									£4,322	5	3
									£4,322	5	3

Farm Profit and Loss Account.

<b>Gross Profit, Transferred from</b>											
Farm Working Account								1,654	7	1	
<b>Realty and Leasehold Account:</b>											
Rates and Insurance .....	72	18	4								
Land-tax .....	8	12	8								
Repairs .....	23	15	0								
								105	6	0	
<b>Maintenance, Stores &amp; General Expenses:</b>											
Grass Seed, Manure & Lime	231	19	11								
General Expenses, including											
General Repairs, Cartage,											
Labour, Fees, Employers											
Liability Insurance and											
Sundry .....	52	8	0								
								284	7	11	
<b>Capital Account:</b>											
Depreciation on Implements								31	2	6	
<b>Public Trustee's Charges for</b>											
Administration .....								86	2	6	
<b>Balance, being Net Profit Transferred</b>											
to Estate Account .....								1,147	8	2	
									£1,654	7	1
									£1,654	7	1

Farm Working Account, No. 2.

	£	s.	d.	Dr.	Cr.	
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<b>Sales:</b>						
Butterfat .....					5,210	0 10
<b>Crops, Seeds and Manures</b> .....	100	6	7			
<b>Sharemilkers Account:</b>						
Share of Milk Cheques .....	3,126	0	5			
<b>Balance, being Gross Profit</b>						
Transferred to Farm Profit						
& Loss Account .....	1,983	13	10			
	£5,210	0	10	£5,210	0	10

Farm Profit & Loss Account.

<b>Gross Profit, Transferred from</b>						
Farm Working Account .....				1,983	13 10	
<b>Realty and Leasehold Account:</b>						
Rates and Insurance .....	71	6	2			
Land-tax .....	8	12	9			
Repairs .....	189	7	4			
				269	6 3	
<b>Maintenance, Stores &amp; General Expenses:</b>						
Grass Seed, Manure & Lime .....	145	12	10			
General Expenses, including						
Repairs, Cartage, Employers'						
Liability Insurance, Mec-						
hanical Releaser, etc. .....	188	2	1			
				333	14 11	
<b>Capital Account:</b>						
Depreciation on Implements .....				13	18 0	
<b>Public Trustee's Charge for</b>						
Administration .....				102	11 11	
<b>Balance, being Net Profit</b>						
Transferred to Estate A/c .....	1,264	2	9			
	£1,983	13	10	£1,983	13 10	

**ROBERT GIBSON ESTATE.**

**Schedule of Assets and Liabilities as at 30th June, 1953.**

		ASSETS.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Cash as per Accounts	.....			8,008 4 1
Shares:				
Kaponga Co-operative Dairy Co. Ltd—				
560 £1 fully paid	.....			Not ascertained.
Implements (Top Farm):				
6-Cow G.V.B. Milking Plant	.....		85 0 0	
2½ Anderson Engine	.....		26 0 0	
Electric Water Heater	.....		13 0 0	
Switchboard	.....		3 0 0	
Pressure Pump and Housing	.....		96 14 9	
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Less:			223 14 9	
Depreciation to 30.6.52	..... £96 8 6			
Less Adjustment—Engine Sold	£11 13 9			
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			£84 14 9	
Less Depreciation to 30.6.53	£13 18 0			
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			98 12 9	
Implements (Lower Farm):				125 2 0
L.K.G. Milking Plant & Cooler, Water Heater and Pump	.....		415 8 9	
Less:				
Depreciation to 30.6.52	..... £104 3 4			
Less Depreciation to 30.6.53	£31 2 6			
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			135 5 10	
Realty:				280 2 11
(a) Section 77, Block X, Kaipokonui S.D.				
Area: 259 acres, 2 roods, 30 perches				
C.T.: 46-67	.....			
(b) Section 97, Block X, Kaipokonui S.D.				
Area: 60 Acres. C.T.: 37/250	.....			
Government Valuation 29.2.52 (a) & (b) :				
Unimproved, £8290; Improve-				
ments; £14,770, Capital	.....		23,060 0 0	
(Valuation does not include new				
buildings draining and fencing				
improvements, etc. carried out				
in recent years.)				
Top Farm—Approximately 159 acres:				
Sharemilker: D. O'Leary who receives				
60% of milk cheques.				
Term: 3 years expiring 30.6.53.				
Insurance: National Insurance Co.				
Dwelling, £950, Sleeping Room, £50,				
Milking Shed £400, Implement and				
Store Shed £150, Washhouse and				
Milk Shed £50.				
Lower Farm—Approximately 160 acres:				
Sharemilkers: Hughes and Tidswell who				
receive 60% of milk cheques.				
Term: 3 years from 1.7.52				
Insurance: Taranaki Farmers' Mutual—				
Dwelling £2,000, Cow and Waggon				
Shed £550, contents of Cow Shed				
£210, Manure and Implement Shed £260.				

**LIABILITIES.**

Administration Expenses:			
Including Remuneration of Advisory Trustees			Nominal
Public Trustee's Charge for Administration:			
Balance Commission	.....		At Scale Rates

**THE WELLINGTON PROVINCIAL DISTRICT METHODIST LOCAL PREACHERS' TRUST FUND**  
(also known as "THE SANSON BEQUEST TRUST")

**Statement of Receipts and Income—Year Ended June 30, 1953**

RECEIPTS AND INCOME.				PAYMENTS.					
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
1952					1952				
July 1	To Balance at Post Office Savings Bank ..	214	19	9	July 2	By Payment to Wellington District Methodist Local Preacher's Association of Grant authorised and provided for in period ended 30/6/52 ..	5	0	0
Aug. 1	„ Interest on Inscribed Stock to 15/7/52		15	0					
1953					1953				
Feb. 5	„ Interest on Inscribed Stock to 15/2/53		15	0	June 30	„ Purchase of £100 Inscribed Stock in N.Z. Government Loan, 3½%, Maturing May 15, 1962 ..	98	10	0
Mar. 31	„ Interest on Post Office Savings Bank Account:				June 30	„ Balance at Post Office Savings Bank, including accrued interest ..	120	1	6
	Year to 31/3/53 .. ..	£5	5	4					
	Less accrued 30/6/52 .. ..	1	6	7					
				3	18	9			
June 30	„ Interest on Post Office Savings Bank Account accrued to 30/6/53 .. ..		1	3	0				
	<b>TOTAL ..</b>	<b>£223</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>			<b>£223</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>

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**Balance Sheet as the 30th June, 1953**

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.							
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.				
Accumulated Fund, 30/6/52 .. ..		309	19	9	Post Office Savings Bank Balance, 30/6/53 .. ..	118	18	6			
Add:					Post Office Savings Accrued Interest ..	1	3	0			
Premium on Purchase of Government Stock .. ..		1	10	0				120	1	6	
Income during Year .. ..		8	11	9	N.Z. Government Inscribed Stock:						
					3½%, 1957 .. ..	100	0	0			
Deduct:					3½%, 1962 .. ..	100	0	0			
Accumulated Fund, 30/6/53.				320	1	6			200	0	0
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES ..</b>		<b>£320</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>TOTAL ASSETS ..</b>				<b>£320</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>

WELLINGTON,  
31/8/1953.

Audited and Found Correct.  
C. D. FULLER.



# METHODIST CHURCH CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND

Balance Sheet as at 31st May, 1953

LIABILITIES.						ASSETS.																							
			£	s.	d.				£	s.	d.																		
Accumulated Funds .. .. .						33,500	0	0	Mortgage Investments .. .. .			3,290	19	1															
Fire Loss Reserve Account .. .. .			12,115	0	0				Interest Accrued .. .. .			10	10	0															
Plus Provision .. .. .			1,500	0	0							3,301	9	1															
						13,615	0	0	Debenture Investments .. .. .			43,717	2	6															
Investment Contingency Reserve .. .. .			1,236	5	8				Interest Accrued .. .. .			450	8	9															
Less Premium .. .. .			5	0	0							44,167																	
						1,231	5	8	Loan to Children's Fund .. .. .						150	0	0												
Plus Appreciations .. .. .			224	13	8				Deposits—																				
						1,455	19	4	P.O. Savings Bank .. .. .			1,065	19	1															
Plus Provision .. .. .			200	0	0				Supernumerary Fund .. .. .			4,453	1	2															
						1,655	19	4							5,519	0	3												
Recommended Grants .. .. .						1,665	0	0	Levies in Arrear .. .. .									585	17	11									
Profit and Loss Appropriation A/c .. .. .						170	5	6	Govt. Earthquake Insurance Due .. .. .												598	6	0						
Levies Prepaid .. .. .						16	16	10	Due on Account Natural Calamities Fund:																				
Commission Due .. .. .						113	19	0	Home Mission Department .. .. .			25	0	0															
Natural Calamities Fund—									Contingent Fund .. .. .			25	0	0															
Balance as at 31/5/52 .. .. .			937	10	0				Premiums due .. .. .															50	0	0			
Fire Insurance Fund Grant .. .. .			100	0	0																								
Contingent Fund Grant .. .. .			25	0	0																								
Home Mission Dept. Grant .. .. .			25	0	0																								
Interest .. .. .			38	1	2																								
						1,125	11	2																					
Bank of New Zealand .. .. .						2,681	6	6																					
Home Acquirements Fund .. .. .						10	0	0																					
Suspense Account .. .. .						1	4	2																					
						£54,555	2	6																					

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and attached Revenue Account and have compared them with the Books of the Fund and Certify to the correctness of the same. We have had all the securities produced to us except those deposited with the Bank of New Zealand, whose certificate has 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, 1953.

H. L. FIEBIG,  
E. R. CAYGILL,  
Treasurers.

H. F. ARNOLD, A.R.A.N.Z.,  
F. M. SOWDEN, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S.,

Auditors

5/8/53.

**CONNEXIONAL SECRETARYSHIP COMMITTEE**

**Statement of Income and Expenditure for Year ended 30th June, 1953**

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EXPENDITURE				INCOME								
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			
By Salaries .. .. .				2,097	2	10	To Appropriations—					
„ Connexional Charges .. .. .				106	15	0	Supernumerary and Allied Funds .. .. .	800	0	0		
„ House Account—							Fire Insurance Fund .. .. .	650	0	0		
Principal, Interest, Rates, etc. ..				227	3	10	Church Building and Loan Fund .. .. .	400	0	0		
House—Depreciation .. .. .				90	0	0	Methodist Times .. .. .	325	0	0		
„ Office Rent .. .. .	150	0	0				Contingent Fund .. .. .	300	0	0		
Less Lettings .. .. .	50	15	0				South Island Orphanage Board .. .. .	100	0	0		
				99	5	0	„ Registration Fees .. .. .	41	17	0		
„ Telephones, P.O. Box, Bank Charge, etc. .. .. .				46	12	9	„ Interest .. .. .	8	4	4		
„ Stationery and General Expenses				69	17	11	„ Deficit .. .. .	111	16	0		
				£2,736	17	4				£2,736	17	4

**CONNEXIONAL SECRETARYSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**Balance Sheet for Year ended 30th June, 1953**

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Mortgage, Fire Insurance Fund .. .. .				1,884	18	6	House, Merivale Lane .. .. .	2,500	0	0
Depreciation House Account .. .. .	223	5	7				Furniture, do. .. .. .	500	0	0
Plus Provision .. .. .	90	0	0				<hr/>			3,000
				313	5	7	Office Equipment .. .. .			400
Office Equipment Account .. .. .				223	15	3	<b>Deposits—</b>			
Salaries Fluctuation Account .. .. .				146	12	5	Bank of New Zealand .. .. .	272	17	10
Publications Board .. .. .				18	6		Supernumerary Fund .. .. .	281	16	8
Contingent Fund Treasurers .. .. .				137	8	2	<hr/>			554
Capital Account .. .. .	1,404	13	1				Master Roll .. .. .	246	6	6
Less Deficit .. .. .	111	16	0				Less Sales .. .. .	127	6	7
Less Mortgage Re- duction .. .. .	73	18	11				<hr/>			118
				37	17	1				19
				<hr/>						11
				1,366	16	0				<hr/>
				<hr/>						£4,073
				£4,073	14	5				14
										5

H. L. FIEBIG,  
W. T. BLIGHT,  
Treasurers.

Audited and found correct,  
E. H. SMITH.  
17th August, 1953.

**TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE**

**Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year ended 30th June, 1953**

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.						
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Probert Trust .. .. .				1,500	0	0	Debit Balance, 1st July, 1952 .. ..	126	16	5
Emsly Trust .. .. .				21	7	6	House and Service .. .. .	3,882	7	0
Contingent Fund .. .. .				1,375	0	0	Stipends and Allowances .. .. .	1,422	11	10
Connexional Fire Insurance Fund ..				150	0	0	Tutor's Fees .. .. .	30	0	0
Home Mission Department .. .. .				150	0	0	Bursaries .. .. .	232	0	0
Foreign Mission Department .. .. .				75	0	0	Circuit Levies .. .. .	171	15	0
Prince Albert College .. .. .				400	0	0	Rates .. .. .	183	13	10
Pitt Street Church .. .. .				100	0	0	Insurance .. .. .	80	19	8
Collegiate Church .. .. .				129	3	2	Repairs and Renewals .. .. .	454	13	2
Hostel Fees .. .. .				2,863	7	9	Furnishings .. .. .	203	8	9
Central Finance Committee .. .. .				800	0	0	Telephones .. .. .	40	0	5
Friends of Trinity College .. .. .				180	7	8	University Fees .. .. .	133	1	6
Students' Contributions .. .. .				50	10	0	Bible Class Camp Fees .. .. .	4	1	3
Student Christian Movement .. .. .				125	0	0	Rent Board Room .. .. .	13	0	0
Rents—							Printing, Postage and Stationery ..	88	17	3
134 Grafton Road .. .. .		104	0	0			Bank Interest and Charges .. .. .	10	9	0
Garden Plots .. .. .		6	12	0			Sundries .. .. .	22	13	3
				110	12	0	House, 134 Grafton Road—			
Students' Washing Machine (final) ..				18	2	0	Repayment Principal .. .. .	313	14	10
Debit Balance, 30/6/53 .. .. .				614	6	10	Interest .. .. .	102	5	7
							Rates .. .. .	43	4	8
							Insurance .. .. .	3	6	1
							Renovations .. .. .	259	9	6
							Furniture and Furnishings .. ..	840	7	11
								1,562	8	7
				£8,662	16	11		£8,662	16	11

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Statement of Receipts and Payments for Twelve Months Ended 30th June, 1953

REHABILITATION FUND.

	£	s.	d.
Bank Balance, 1st July, 1952 .. .. .	168	11	8
Add Interest .. .. .	4	4	0
	£172	15	8

NEW ORGAN FUND.

	£	s.	d.
Fund as at 1st July, 1952 .. .. .	663	12	0
Add: Bank Interest .. .. .	9	9	9
Dividends .. .. .	31	10	0
	704	11	9
Less Repairs to Organ .. .. .	6	10	0
Fund as at 30th June, 1953 .. .. .	£698	1	9

METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Twelve Months Ended 30th June, 1953

GARLAND PRIZE FUND.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance .. .. .	21	4	6	By Prizes .. .. .	4	10	0
„ Debenture Interest .. .. .	4	5	0	„ Balance .. .. .	21	8	7
„ Auckland Savings Bank Interest .. .. .		9	1				
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	£25	18	7		£25	18	7

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

Capital .. .. .	£100	0	0	Auckland Harbour Board Debenture .. .. .	£100	0	0
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ELOCUTION PRIZE FUND.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance .. .. .	54	8	7	By Prizes .. .. .	3	10	0
„ National Savings Investment Interest .. .. .	3	0	0	„ Balance .. .. .	55	4	1
„ Auckland Savings Bank Interest .. .. .	1	5	6				
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	£58	14	1		£58	14	1

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

Capital .. .. .	£100	0	0	National Savings Investment Account .. .. .	£100	0	0
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Audited and Found Correct.

E. W. HAMES, }  
F. E. SUTHERLAND, } Joint Treasurers.

J. R. BLAYNEY, }  
P. DELLOW, } Joint Auditors.

## METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

### Statement of Receipts and Payments for Twelve Months Ended 30th June, 1953

WAGSTAFF MEMORIAL FUND.							
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance .. .. .	12	16	9	By Prizes .. .. .	4	10	0
„ National Savings Investment Account .. .. .	3	0	0	„ Balance .. .. .	11	11	3
„ Auckland Savings Bank Interest .. .. .	4	6					
	£16	1	3		£16	1	3

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.							
Capital .. .. .	£100	0	0	National Savings Investment Account .. .. .	£100	0	0

KENT MEMORIAL FUND.							
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance .. .. .	45	17	8	By Balance .. .. .	£49	19	9
„ National Savings Investment Interest .. .. .	3	0	0				
„ Auckland Savings Bank Interest .. .. .	1	2	1				
	£49	19	9		£49	19	9

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.							
Capital .. .. .	£100	0	0	National Savings Investment Account .. .. .	£100	0	0

JOHN WHITE MEMORIAL PRIZE FUND.							
To National Savings Investment Interest .. .. .	£3	0	0	By Balance .. .. .	£3	0	0

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.							
To Legacy .. .. .	£100	0	0	By National Savings Account .. .. .	£100	0	0

Audited and Found Correct.

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METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Twelve Months Ended 30th June, 1953

GORMAN BOOK FUND.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance .. .. .	14	9	2	By Purchases .. .. .	2	0	0
„ Government Stock Interest .. .. .	4	10	0	„ Balance .. .. .	17	6	7
„ Auckland Savings Bank Interest .. .. .		7	5				
	<hr/>				<hr/>		
	£19	6	7		£19	6	7

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

Capital .. .. .	£180	0	0	Government Inscribed Stock .. .. .	£180	0	0
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PARIS MEMORIAL FUND.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance .. .. .	53	18	10	By Balance .. .. .	55	4	6
„ Auckland Savings Bank Interest .. .. .	1	5	8				
	<hr/>				<hr/>		
	£55	4	6		£55	4	6

Audited and Found Correct.

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**METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE**

Statement of Receipt and Payments for Twelve Months Ended 30th June, 1953

**STUDENTS' LIBRARY FUND.**

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance .. .. .	54	13	2	By Purchases .. .. .	50	9	6
„ National Savings Investment Interest .. .. .	24	0	0	„ Balance .. .. .	28	16	1
„ Auckland Savings Bank Interest .. .. .	12	5					
	£79	5	7		£79	5	7

**CAPITAL ACCOUNT.**

Capital .. .. .	£800	0	0		National Savings Investment Account .. .. .	£800	0	0
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**PASTORAL THEOLOGY PRIZE FUND.**

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance .. .. .	118	13	5	By Purchases .. .. .	3	10	0
„ National Savings Investment Interest .. .. .	3	9	3	„ National Savings Investment Account .. .. .	118	12	8
	£122	2	8		£122	2	8

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**THE BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE**  
**Annual Accounts for the Year Ended 31st December, 1952**

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT.**

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Loss on College .. .. .	1,598	13	3	By Profit on:						
„ General Expenses .. .. .	1,098	1	4	Farm, Paerata .. .. .				1,597	9	0
„ Excess Income over Expenditure transferred to Capital Account .. .. .	6,324	3	1	Wellington Park Property .. .. .				4,232	8	7
				„ Rents Received:						
				Waikowhai Property .. .. .	1,467	8	10			
				Grafton Property .. .. .	997	9	9			
				„ Interest and Dividends .. .. .				2,464	18	7
								726	1	6
								£9,020	17	8
								£9,020	17	8

**INTEREST AND DIVIDENDS ACCOUNT.**

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance transferred to Income and Expenditure Account .. .. .	726	1	6	By Interest:						
				Grafton Property .. .. .	100	0	0			
				Wellington Park Property .. .. .	75	0	0			
				New Zealand Government Stock .. .. .	60	0	0			
				Savings Bank Accounts .. .. .	34	10	0			
				Mt. Albert Property .. .. .	23	10	8			
				Harding Estate .. .. .	3	17	6			
								296	18	2
				„ Dividends:						
				New Remuera Panmure Land Co. Ltd. .. .. .	225	0	0			
				Marua Estates Ltd. .. .. .	204	3	4			
								429	3	4
								£726	1	6
								£726	1	6

**THE BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE**

**GENERAL EXPENSES ACCOUNT.**

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		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Salary .. .. .		600	0	0	By Balance transferred to Income and Expendi- ture Account .. .. .	1,098	1	4
„ Repairs and Maintenance .. .. .		119	1	9				
„ Rates .. .. .		87	10	0				
„ Property Expenses .. .. .		70	1	8				
„ Legal Expenses .. .. .		66	19	9				
„ Audit Fees .. .. .		52	10	0				
„ Circuit Levies .. .. .		35	0	0				
„ Printing and Stationery .. .. .		26	2	11				
„ Sundry Expenses .. .. .		24	10	3				
„ Board Room Rent .. .. .		16	5	0				
		£1,098	1	4		£1,098	1	4

**THE BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE**  
**Annual Accounts for the Year Ended 31st December, 1952**  
**COLLEGE WORKING ACCOUNT.**

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
To	Wages .. .. .				5,018	15	6	By	Fees .. .. .	17,616	6	8
"	Salaries .. .. .				4,900	5	11	"	Bad Debts Recovered—Maori .. .. .	34	0	0
"	Provisions:							"	Piano Fees .. .. .	18	10	0
	Bread .. .. .	515	12	6				"	Rent .. .. .	17	12	6
	Dairy Produce .. .. .	524	0	10				"	Working Loss transferred to Income and Expenditure Account .. .. .	1,598	13	3
	Groceries .. .. .	1,101	9	10								
	Meat .. .. .	1,358	17	0								
	Sundries .. .. .	269	11	7								
					3,769	11	9					
"	Beneficiary Work:											
	Maori .. .. .	1,197	13	4								
	Island Boys .. .. .	170	0	0								
	European .. .. .	50	13	4								
"	Bad Debts—Maori .. .. .	168	10	0								
					1,586	16	8					
"	Repairs and Maintenance .. .. .				1,465	4	7					
"	Fuel and Light .. .. .				971	10	6					
"	Depreciation .. .. .				533	2	8					
"	Stationery and Books .. .. .				296	8	4					
"	Insurance .. .. .				179	8	0					
"	Woodwork and Crafts .. .. .				149	17	7					
"	Garden .. .. .				146	10	2					
"	Sundry Expenses .. .. .				121	4	4					
"	Poultry .. .. .				85	2	2					
"	Advertising .. .. .				24	12	9					
"	Sports .. .. .				22	8	4					
"	Prizes .. .. .				14	3	2					
					£19,285	2	5			£19,285	2	5

**THE BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE  
FARM WORKING ACCOUNT.**

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Wages .. .. .	2,727	19	6	By Dairy Receipts .. .. .	4,856	8	11			
„ Lime, Seeds and Manure .. .. .	743	1	1	„ Wool, Hides and Skins .. .. .	909	10	11			
„ Repairs and Renewals .. .. .	687	16	1	„ Sheep:						
„ Power and Light .. .. .	376	7	5	Flock .. .. .	734	1	0			
„ Depreciation .. .. .	370	17	3	Stud .. .. .	73	1	4			
„ Rates .. .. .	161	8	3					807	2	4
„ Sundry Expenses .. .. .	132	11	2	„ Dairy Cattle:						
„ Stock Foods .. .. .	59	12	6	Jersey and Grade .. .. .	104	5	10			
„ Insurance .. .. .	57	16	7	Friesian and Stud .. .. .	175	4	4			
„ Horses .. .. .	9	10	0					279	10	2
„ Freight and Cartage .. .. .	4	1	8	„ Produce .. .. .				44	8	2
„ Working Profit transferred to Income and Expenditure Account .. .. .	1,597	9	0	„ Timber .. .. .				31	10	0
	£6,928	10	6					£6,928	10	6

**WELLINGTON PARK WORKING ACCOUNT.**

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Sundry Expenses .. .. .	82	19	0	By Scoria Royalties .. .. .	2,804	12	4
„ Rates .. .. .	78	6	5	„ Rents .. .. .	1,607	19	4
„ Insurance .. .. .	18	17	8				
„ Working Profit Transferred to Income and Expenditure Account .. .. .	4,232	8	7				
	£4,412	11	8		£4,412	11	8



**Wesley Training College Balance Sheet—continued**

Brought Forward ..                      £    s.    d.  
 170,382    9    0

Brought Forward ..                      £    s.    d.                      £    s.    d.  
 143,251    1    8

**New Building**

**Investments—**

**N.Z. Govt. Stock:**

3%, 1952/55    3,920    0    0

3%, 1960/62    2,000    0    0

5,920    0    0

**Scholarship**

**Investments—**

**N.Z. Govt. Stock:**

3%, 1961/63    1,000    0    0

4%, 1954/58    2,000    0    0

3,000    0    0

**Savings Bank**

**Accounts—**

**Auckland**

Savings Bank    517    14    2

**Post Office**

Savings Bank    2,528    5    0

3,045    19    2

**Shares—**

**F. M. Winstone**

(Mchts.) Ltd.

(1000 Shares of

£1 each fully

paid) .. .. . 1,000    0    0

**New Remuera-**

**Panmure Land**

**Co. Ltd.**

(600 Shares of

£1 each paid

to 12s 6d—at

valuation ..    75    0    0

Carried Forward ..                      170,352    9    0

Carried Forward ..                      143,251    1    8

**Wesley Training College Balance Sheet—continued**

Brought Forward ..	170,382 9 0	Brought Forward ..	143,251 1 8
		Marua Estates Ltd.	
		(1225 Shares of £1 each paid to 6s 8d—at valuation .. .. .)	70 0 0
		Nukuroa Fruitlands Ltd.	
		(250 Shares of £1 each paid to 17s 6d—at valuation .. .. .)	43 15 0
			1,188 15 0
		<b>Sundry Debtors—</b>	18,253 9 11
		For Rent .. .. .	245 0 10
		For Fees .. .. .	2,111 18 10
		For Sundries .. .. .	4,848 19 9
			7,205 19 5
		Less Reserve for Bad Debts	70 0 0
			7,135 19 5
		<b>Cash Balances—</b>	
		Bank of New Zealand ..	1,184 3 1
		Wool Retention Account ..	557 14 11
			1,741 18 0
	£170,382 9 0		£170,382 9 0

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 31st December, 1952, as shown by the books. We have obtained from the Solicitors to the Board, Messrs. Peak, Kirker and Newcomb, a certificate that all the Title Deeds and Securities are in order, and have been furnished with certified valuations of the Stock on Hand at Paerata, which we have accepted as correct.

AUCKLAND  
9th February, 1953.

HUTCHISON, ELLIFFE, CAMERON & CO.  
Auditors.

## RANGIATEA MAORI COLLEGE TRUST

### Income and Expenditure Account for Year Ending 30th June, 1953

EXPENDITURE				INCOME					
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
To	Staff Salaries .. .. .	751	0	0	By	Fees .. .. .	443	13	1
	„ Plus Travelling .. .. .	16	13	4		„ Staff Board .. .. .	103	17	0
		767	13	4		„ Rent Hostel .. .. .	17	5	6
	Less Subsidy from H.M. Board	161	9	4			564	15	7
		606	4	0		„ Rental—Spotswood Property ..	275	0	0
	„ Fuel (Wood, Coal, Oil) .. ..	115	10	9		„ Grants less Expenses .. .. .	849	5	0
	„ Bread, Meat, and Milk .. ..	234	3	2		„ Interest on Mortgage and			
	„ Telephone Rental .. .. .	8	16	5		Investments .. .. .	178	14	10
	„ Printing and Stationery .. ..	5	11	5		„ Interest N.P. Savings Bank ..	25	0	0
	„ Repairs and Renewals .. ..	203	15	9		„ Interest P.O. Savings Bank ..	44	17	3
	„ Deaconess Retiring Fund .. ..	19	0	0		„ Interest National Savings ..	101	15	2
	„ Insurances .. .. .	10	0	3		„ Fixed Deposit .. .. .	173	1	6
	„ Radio Licence .. .. .	1	5	0			1,647	13	9
	„ Tolls .. .. .	2	0	2					
	„ Groceries and Vegetables .. ..	423	9	6					
	„ Petty Cash Imprest .. .. .	60	0	0					
	„ Light and Heat .. .. .	21	0	2					
	„ Laundry .. .. .	1	4	5					
	„ Labour .. .. .	60	14	0					
	„ Rates .. .. .	5	11	6					
	„ Sundries .. .. .	9	14	9					
		1,181	17	3					
	„ GENERAL—								
	Bank Charges .. .. .	2	12	6					
	Audit Fees .. .. .	6	6	0					
	Labour—Spotswood Property	19	10	0					
	Rates .. .. .	103	16	8					
	Insurances .. .. .	1	6	9					
	Secretary-Treasurer .. ..	50	0	0					
	Depreciation .. .. .	67	6	6					
		250	18	5					
		2,038	19	8					
	„ EXCESS OF INCOME OVER								
	EXPENDITURE .. .. .	173	9	8					
		£2,212	9	4			£2,212	9	4



## Fixed Assets—

Land 50a. 3r. 30p. at Cost ..	4,523 15 3
Development—Tree Planting	525 3 11
Furniture, Crockery, Tools, etc., less Depreciation ..	242 1 0
Linos, Floor Coverings, less Depreciation .. .. .	34 9 0
Sewing Machines, less Dep'n	22 6 0
Piano, less Depreciation ..	32 8 0
Radio Set .. .. .	6 17 6
Water Heater .. .. .	64 1 0
Washing Machine .. .. .	51 11 0
Sundry Debtors .. .. .	749 5 0

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 £26,900 15 5

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 £26,900 15 5

I have audited the Books, Accounts, and Vouchers of the Rangiatea Maori College Trust Board for the 12 months ended 30th June, 1953, 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.

W. P. OKEY, Secretary.

(Signed) F. V. MORINE, F.P.A.N.Z.  
NEW PLYMOUTH,  
14/10/53.



Circuit Levies		
Accrued ..		1,090 13 1
Personal Subs in		
Arrear .. ..		624 0 11
Annuities Prepaid		726 2 7
Freehold Properties—		
Rent Due .. ..	219 6 1	
Rent Accrued ..	42 18 7	
		<u>262 4 8</u>
	<u>£173,045 13 4</u>	<u>£173,045 13 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, 1953.

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H. L. FIEBIG, }  
 G. S. SALTER, } Treasurers.

For E. R. CAYGILL AND CO.,  
 B. A. CAYGILL, B.Com., A.P.A.N.Z.,  
 Auditors.



**SUPERNUMERARY FUND, BENEVOLENT BRANCH**  
**Revenue Account for the Year Ended 30th June, 1953**

EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Authorised Appropriation .. .. .	6	0 0	By Balance as at 30/6/52 .. .. .	1,194	8 8
„ Stationery and General Expenses .. .. .	2	14 1	„ Donations—		
„ Balance: Supernumerary Fund Deposit .. .. .	1,424	5 8	Fire Insurance Fund .. .. .	25	0 0
			Special .. .. .	114	17 0
			„ Interest .. .. .		139 17 0
					98 14 1
					<u>1,432 19 9</u>
	<u>£1,432</u>	<u>19 9</u>			<u>£1,432 19 9</u>

**Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1953**

	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Capital Account .. .. .	1,400	0 0	Plampin Bequest—		
Balance Revenue Account .. .. .	1,424	5 8	Debentures .. .. .	500	0 0
			Capital Account—Deposit Supernumerary Fund	500	0 0
			Penrose Bequest—		
			Capital A/c.—Deposit Supernumerary Fund	300	0 0
			Revenue Account Debenture .. .. .	100	0 0
			Deposit Supernumerary Fund .. .. .	1,424	5 8
					<u>£2,824 5 8</u>
	<u>£2,824</u>	<u>5 8</u>			<u>£2,824 5 8</u>

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Revenue Account and have compared them with the Books of the Fund. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 30th June, 1953.

H. L. FIEBIG, }  
 G. S. SALTER, } Treasurers.

For E. R. CAYGILL AND CO.,  
 B. A. CAYGILL, B.Com., A.P.A.N.Z.,  
 Auditors.

25/9/53.

**METHODIST HOME MISSIONARIES' RETIRING FUND**  
Contributors' Account for Year Ended 30th June, 1953

EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Retiring Allowances .. .. .	630	14 10	By Balance as at 30/6/52 .. .. .	4,471	6 7
„ Benefits Surrendered .. .. .	15	5 0	„ Contributions—		
„ Transfers to Supernumerary and Home Acquirement Funds .. .. .	38	15 5	Personal .. .. .	228	0 0
„ Home Mission Board Refund .. .. .	20	0 0	Circuit .. .. .	171	0 0
„ Balance as at 30/6/53 .. .. .	4,457	12 2	H.M. Board .. .. .	165	0 0
	<u>£5,162</u>	<u>7 5</u>	„ Interest .. .. .	564	0 0
				<u>127</u>	<u>0 10</u>
				£5,162	7 5

**Revenue Account for Year ended 30th June, 1953**

	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Interest to Contributors' Accounts			127	0 10	By Balance as at 30/6/52 .. .. .	362	11 0
„ Office Expenses—					„ Interest .. .. .	167	11 11
Authorised Appropriation ..	58	15 0			„ Forfeitures .. .. .	15	5 0
Stationery and General Exp. ..	10	4 8					
			68	19 8			
Balance as at 30/6/53 .. .. .			349	7 5			
			<u>£545</u>	<u>7 11</u>			
						£545	7 11

**Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1953**

LIABILITIES			ASSETS		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Personal Accounts .. .. .	4,457	12 2	Debentures .. .. .	3,110	0 0
Accumulated Funds .. .. .	184	15 0	Debenture Interest Accrued .. .. .	19	2 4
Revenue Account .. .. .	349	7 5	Deposit Supernumerary Fund .. .. .	1,862	12 3
	<u>£4,991</u>	<u>14 7</u>		<u>£4,991</u>	<u>14 7</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, 1953.

H. L. FIEBIG, }  
G. S. SALTER, } Treasurers.  
25/9/53.

For E. R. CAYGILL AND CO.,  
B. A. CAYGILL, B.Com., A.P.A.N.Z.,  
Auditors.

**METHODIST DEACONESS' RETIRING FUND**  
Contributors' Account for Year Ended 30th June, 1953

EXPENDITURE			INCOME				
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Retiring Allowances .. .. .	1,606	5 8	By Balance as at 30/6/52 .. .. .			9,663	14 4
„ Balance as at 30/6/53 .. .. .	9,462	18 5	„ Contributions—				
			Personal .. .. .	469	15 0		
			Circuit .. .. .	170	5 0		
			Home Mission Board .. .. .	193	10 0		
			Foreign Mission Board .. .. .	291	5 0		
			Interest .. .. .			1,124	15 0
						280	14 9
						11,069	4 1
						11,069	4 1

**Revenue Account**

	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Interest to Contributors' Account			280	14 9	By Balance as at 30/6/52 .. .. .	893	1 9
„ Office Expenses—					„ Interest .. .. .	492	13 4
Authorised Appropriation ..	58	15 0					
Stationery and General Exp. ..	10	3 9					
			68	18 9			
Balance as at 30/6/53 .. .. .			1,036	1 7			
			1,385	15 1			
			1,385	15 1			

**Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1953**

LIABILITIES			ASSETS				
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Personal Accounts .. .. .	9,462	18 5	Debentures .. .. .	3,075	0 0		
Capital Account .. .. .	2,100	0 7	Debenture Interest Accrued .. .. .		23	18 11	
Revenue Account .. .. .	1,036	1 7	Deposit—Supernumerary Fund .. .. .	9,500	1 8		
						12,599	0 7
						12,599	0 7

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Revenue Account and have compared them with the Books of the Fund. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 30th June, 1953.

H. L. FIEBIG, {  
G. S. SALTER, { Treasurers.

For E. R. CAYGILL AND CO.,  
B. A. CAYGILL, B.Com., A.P.A.N.Z.,  
Auditors.

25/9/53.

**HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND**  
Contributors' Account for Year Ended 30th June, 1953

EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Withdrawals .. .. .	1,076	5 11	By Balance as at 30/6/52 .. .. .	18,891	17 11
„ Revenue Account (Benefits and Forfeitures Surrendered) .. .. .		52 6 2	„ Personal Subscriptions .. .. .	771	12 7
„ Balance as at 30/6/53 .. .. .	19,421	11 8	„ Fire Insurance Subsidy .. .. .	370	0 0
			„ Interest to Contributors' Account .. .. .	516	13 3
	£20,550	3 9		£20,550	3 9

**Revenue Account**

	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Interest to Contributors' Account			516	13 3	By Balance as at 30/6/52 .. .. .	208	14 4
<b>Office Expenses—</b>					„ Benefits and Forfeitures Surrendered .. .. .	52	6 2
Authorised Appropriation ..	127	10 0			„ Interest on Deposits .. .. .	688	2 5
Stationery and General Exp. ..	40	13 0					
			168	3 0			
Balance as at 30/6/53 ..			264	6 8			
			£949	2 11		£949	2 11

**Balance Sheet as at 30/6/53.**

LIABILITIES			ASSETS		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Personal Accounts .. .. .	19,421	11 8	Debentures .. .. .	8,795	0 0
Revenue Account .. .. .	264	6 8	Debenture Interest Accrued .. .. .	73	0 8
			Deposit—Supernumerary Fund .. .. .	10,653	7 8
			Subsidies in Advance .. .. .	164	10 0
	£19,685	18 4		£19,685	18 4

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, 1953.

H. L. FIEBIG, }  
G. S. SALTER, } Treasurers.

For E. R. CAYGILL AND CO.,  
B. A. CAYGILL, B.Com., A.P.A.N.Z.,  
Auditors.

25/9/53.

**METHODIST GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD (INC.)**  
**Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th June, 1953**

EXPENDITURE				INCOME									
				£	s.	d.							
To	Interest to Trust Accounts	..	..	1,454	9	2	By	Commission	..	..	11	14	7
..	Authorised Appropriation	..	..	120	0	0	..	Interest on Deposits and Investments	..	..	1,742	9	3
..	Stationery and General Expenses	..	..	33	8	9	..	Discount on Debentures Purchased	..	..	69	12	6
..	Debenture Premiums	..	..	4	10	0							
..	Balance to Capital Account	..	..	211	8	5							
				£1,823	16	4					£1,823	16	4

**Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1953**

LIABILITIES				ASSETS									
				£	s.	d.							
	Trust Accounts—			£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.			
	Connexional Funds	..	..	19,955	17	3	Debentures and Government Stock	..	..	..	38,130	0	0
	Church Trusts	..	..	27,814	6	8	Debenture Interest Accrued	..	..	..	169	7	8
	Personal Trusts	..	..	1,386	19	3	Te Puke Trust Loan	..	..	..	84	2	0
277	Connexional Appeal	..	..	168	6	9	Deposits—						
	T. W. Newbold Trust—						Supernumerary Fund	..	..	..	9,202	12	1
	Capital Account as at 30/6/52	4,794	13	8			P.O. Savings Bank (No. 1 Account)	..	..	..	2,049	6	4
	Transfer from Revenue A/c.	277	19	4			P.O. Savings Bank (No. 2 Account)	..	..	..	2,049	13	10
				5,072	13	0	Bank of New Zealand	..	..	..	914	2	3
	General Purposes Capital Account						Freehold Property (Newbold Trust)	..	..	..	2,400	0	0
	as at 30/6/52	..	..	514	5	2							
	Less Adjustment of Interest	..	..	124	12	4							
				389	12	10							
	Transfer from Revenue	..	..	211	8	5							
				601	1	3							
				£54,999	4	2					£54,999	4	2

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, 1953.

H. L. FIEBIG, }  
 G. S. SALTER, } Treasurers.

For E. R. CAYGILL AND CO.,  
 B. A. CAYGILL, B.Com., A.P.A.N.Z.,

Auditors.

25/9/53.



**METHODIST CONFERENCE CONTINGENT FUND**

**Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year ended 30/6/53.**

		RECEIPTS				EXPENDITURE				
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To balance 30/6/52 .....					831	1	5			
<b>Balances Held by Districts—</b>										
	Auckland .....									
	South Auckland .....	31	18	3						
	Taranaki-Wanganui .....	47	8	3						
	Hawkes Bay-Manawatu .....	33	19	0						
	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	3			
<b>Current Levies—Districts—</b>										
	Auckland .....	1251	0	0						
	South Auckland .....	614	10	0						
	Taranaki-Wanganui .....	417	10	0						
	Hawkes Bay-Manawatu .....	426	0	0						
	Wellington .....	668	0	0						
	Nelson .....	283	10	0						
	North Canterbury .....	844	10	0						
	South Canterbury .....	263	15	0						
	Otago-Southland .....	506	0	0						
					5274	15	0			
<b>Synod Collections—</b>										
	Auckland .....	12	13	1						
	South Auckland .....	24	8	3						
	Taranaki-Wanganui .....	7	15	0						
	Wellington .....	9	12	3						
	Hawkes Bay-Manawatu .....									
	Nelson .....	12	0	10						
	North Canterbury .....	12	0	0						
	South Canterbury .....	5	6	8						
	Otago-Southland .....	16	13	11						
					100	10	0			
<b>By Cost of Conference—</b>										
(a) Travelling:										
	Equalisation Fund .....	423	17	6						
	Official Representatives ..	232	5	5						
								656	2	11
(b) Printing and General:										
	Agendas, Station Lists, and Financial Statements	317	15	11						
	Minutes .....	366	0	0						
	Conference Staff .....	11	0	0						
	Duplicating Reports ..	6	3	6						
	Secretary's Expenses ..	51	3	0						
	Stationery, etc. ....	9	19	6						
								1418	4	10
<b>District Expenses—</b>										
	Auckland .....	88	16	9						
	South Auckland .....	108	10	6						
	Taranaki-Wanganui .....	58	18	10						
	Hawkes Bay-Manawatu .....	65	13	7						
	Wellington .....	71	14	1						
	Nelson .....	34	14	8						
	North Canterbury .....	40	8	1						
	South Canterbury .....	21	13	7						
	Otago-Southland .....	63	2	7						
								553	12	8
<b>Synod Expenses—</b>										
	Auckland .....	83	4	4						
	South Auckland .....	99	3	6						
	Taranaki-Wanganui .....	23	0	0						
	Hawkes Bay-Manawatu .....	49	7	3						
	Wellington .....	22	0	6						
	Nelson .....	36	9	1						
	North Canterbury .....	20	7	7						
	South Canterbury .....	16	13	0						
	Otago-Southland .....	60	1	5						
								410	6	8

METHODIST CONFERENCE CONTINGENT FUND—continued

<b>Ministerial Supply—</b>			
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu .....	12	0	0
	<hr/>		12 0 0
<b>Connexional Payments—</b>			
President's Travel .....	113	16	7
President's Expenses at Confer. ....	4	18	0
Printing Synod Reports .....	109	13	3
Printing Membership Cards .....	62	16	9
Printing Statistical Forms:			
Youth Department .....	20	14	9
Binding Book of Laws .....	47	13	9
Examination Committee .....	41	4	0
Church Council Trav. ....	58	11	0
<b>Conference Committees—</b>			
Spiritual Advance 1/2 Prepara-			
tion Courses .....	30	10	1
Faith and Order .....	3	10	0
Church Union .....	15	12	0
World Peace .....	16	14	6
General .....	4	0	0
Inductions .....	4	14	0
Stationery Connex. Secretary	9	7	6
	<hr/>		543 16 2
<b>Grants—</b>			
Trinity College .....	1400	0	0
Connexional Secretary .....	300	0	0
Deaconess Fund .....	125	0	0
Methodist Times .....	150	0	0
Methodist Editor's Expenses ..	12	0	0
Overseas Travel Fund .....	50	0	0
Natural Calamities Fund .....	25	0	0
Spiritual Advance .....	25	0	0
Public Questions .....	20	0	0
N.Z. Council of Churches .....	6	0	0
World Council of Churches ..	34	0	0
Ecumenical Committee .....	5	0	0
World Methodist Council .....	10	0	0
Wesley Historical Society .....	5	0	0
University Fees .....	49	1	4
	<hr/>		2216 1 4

Sales—		Treasurers—	
Minutes .....	94 16 1	Exchange and Bank Charges ..	6 11 9
Agendas .....	25 2 0	<b>Balances Due by Districts—</b>	
Books of Offices .....	17 17 1	Auckland .....	—
Book of Laws .....	62 18 0	South Auckland .....	13 2 6
Nelson Conference:		Taranaki-Wanganui .....	15 14 5
Conference Services ..	68 8 8	Hawkes Bay-Manawatu .....	27 18 2
General .....	16 9 0	Wellington .....	54 3 9
	285 10 10	Nelson .....	30 15 11
		North Canterbury .....	31 16 11
		South Canterbury .....	53 17 4
		Otago-Southland .....	34 15 5
			262 4 5
		Balance Bank of New Zealand ....	1461 11 8
	£6884 9 6		£6884 9 6

I hereby certify that I have examined the books and vouchers of the METHODIST CONFERENCE CONTINGENT FUND, together with the District Chairman's financial statements for the year ended 30th June, 1953, and in my opinion the above account is properly drawn up to show a true and correct view of the fund at that date.

Signed

AUCKLAND, 21st September, 1953.

J. C. WIGGLESWORTH, B.Com., A.P.A.N.Z., A.C.S.N.Z.

## REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND

### Receipts and Payments Account for Year Ending 30th June, 1953

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Cash in Hand, 1/7/52 .. .. .	646	0	3	By Removal Expenses .. .. .	2,475	10	5
„ Levies Received, 30/6/53 .. .. .	2,280	5	0	„ Postages, Exchange, Bank Charges .. .. .	5	18	6
„ Refunds .. .. .	15	2	2	„ Balance in Hand .. .. .	459	18	6
	£2,941	7	5		£2,941	7	5

### Revenue Account for Year Ending 30th June, 1953.

		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
15	To Removal Expenses .. .. .	2,460	8	3	By Levies from Circuits .. .. .	2,500	0	0
20	„ Expenses and General .. .. .	5	18	6				
	„ Balance Capital Account .. .. .	33	13	3				
		£2,500	0	0		£2,500	0	0

### Balance Sheet as at June 30, 1953

		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
	Capital Account Balance, 1/7/52 .. .. .	1,540	0	1	Outstanding Levies .. .. .	1,113	14	10
	Plus Transfer Revenue Account .. .. .	33	13	3	Bank New Zealand .. .. .	459	18	6
		£1,573	13	4		£1,573	13	4

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.  
Christchurch, 30th June, 1953.

METHODIST WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF NEW ZEALAND

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Twelve Months Ended August 31st, 1953

RECEIPTS					PAYMENTS				
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balances in Bank, 31/8/52—									
Sisters' Salaries and Executive Fund	3,538	5	6				2,800	0	0
Gleanings	1,020	18	3				2,800	0	0
Sisters' Salaries Reserve	2,165	18	8						5,600 0 0
"Kurahuna" Funds	412	5	10						
Stamp Fund	627	16	10						
Medical and Educational	438	12	8				39	9	6
Solomon Island Gift Boxes	414	16	2				65	8	5
Smethurst Estate	854	7	9				64	10	0
Equipment Maori Youth Extension	45	5	3				29	2	3
Donations	60	0	0				16	6	6
S.I. Jubilee Travelling Fund	48	13	2				211	9	9
Legacies	135	0	0						426 6 5
Special Objective	2,278	2	3						
				12,040	2	4			
"Kurahuna" Emergency	2,223	18	2				15	13	6
"Kurahuna" Repairs and Replacements	45	10	0				2	0	0
"Kurahuna" Depreciation	857	3	10				3	0	0
				3,126	12	0			
Receipts—									
Affiliation Fees	26	10	0						
Sisters' Salaries and Executive Fund	4,943	3	6						
Bank Interest, etc.	112	11	10						
				5,082	5	4			
"Kurahuna" Funds	886	14	1						
Debenture Interest	20	3	10						
				906	17	11			
Home Mission Sisters' Salaries									
Solomon Island Sisters' Salaries									
Deaconess Trainees									
Travelling Expenses									
Executive Expenses									
Sundries									
Dunedin Jubilee Conference Expenses									
Printing and Stationery									
Leper Fund									
Deaconess House									
S.I. Girls' School									
Projector									
S.I. Jubilee Travelling Expenses									
Equipment Maori Youth Extension									
Refrigerators and Plates for Sewing Machines									
S.I. Capital A/c. (including Exchange)									
Home Mission A/c. (inc. Exchange)									
									265 14 2
"Kurahuna" Funds—									
Maintenance									
Depreciation									
Repairs and Replacements									
Debenture Interest									
Emergency Expenses									
Repairs and Replacements Expenses									
									1,216 19 6

METHODIST WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF NEW ZEALAND—*continued*

Medical and Educational .. ..	546	18	2		Medical and Educational .. ..	392	0	0	
Gleanings .. .. ..	1,118	19	4		Solomon Island Gift Boxes .. ..	414	16	2	
Stamp Fund .. .. ..	589	10	8		Stamp Fund .. .. ..	627	16	10	
Special Objective .. .. ..	2,197	1	9		Special Objective .. .. ..	2,197	1	9	
Solomon Island Gift Boxes .. ..	422	9	6						3,631 14 9
				4,874 19 5	Smethurst Expenditure .. .. ..	292	13	11	
Legacy .. .. ..	52	6	7						292 13 11
Other Moneys .. .. ..	45	13	6		Credit Balances in Banks—				
S.I. Jubilee Travelling Fund ..	34	4	6		“Kurahuna” Emergency P.O.S.B. ..	4,202	12	0	
Sisters' Salaries Reserve Bank Int.	64	15	2		Legacy .. .. ..	100	0	0	
				196 19 9	“Kurahuna” Repairs and Replace-				
Smethurst Estate .. .. ..	181	0	7		ments P.O.S.B. .. .. ..	13	8	8	
Smethurst Residue A/c. Int. .. ..	1	18	2		“Kurahuna” Depreciation P.O.S.B.	901	18	4	
Interest Accrued on Legacy .. ..	120	4	0						5,217 19 0
				303 2 9	Smethurst Estate .. .. ..	733	3	1	
“Kurahuna” Emergency Bank Int.	60	18	4		Smethurst Residue A/c. .. .. ..	45	10	4	
“Kurahuna” Depreciation .. ..	23	6	0		Interest from Legacy .. .. ..	86	3	2	
“Kurahuna” Depreciation Interest	21	8	6						864 16 7
“Kurahuna” Repairs and Replace-					Sisters' Salaries Res. National Savings	2,190	19	4	
ments .. .. ..	49	19	0		Sisters, Salaries Res. Interest P.O.S.B.	39	14	6	
“Kurahuna” Bank Interest .. ..	1	10	1		Sisters' Salaries and Executive Fund	3,615	2	8	
				157 1 11					5,845 16 6
					“Kurahuna” Fund .. .. ..	446	1	5	
					Stamp Fund .. .. ..	589	10	8	
					Gleanings .. .. ..	1,118	19	4	
					Medical and Educational .. .. ..	593	10	10	
					Solomon Island Gift Boxes .. ..	422	9	6	
					Legacies .. .. ..	48	9	0	
					S.I. Jubilee Travelling Fund .. ..	70	3	8	
					Equipment Maori Youth Extension ..	36	16	2	
									3,326 0 7
									£26,688 1 5
				£26,688 1 5					£26,688 1 5

Examined and found correct. (Signed) E. D. SMYTH, 11/9/53.





**DEACONESS INSTITUTION**  
**Balance Sheet as at 31st May, 1953**

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.					
1952		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		
107	Sundry Creditors .. .. .			75	8 9	5,000	Freehold Property .. .. .	5,000	0 0
21	Grants Paid in Advance ..			20	16 8	2,183	Less Depreciation Reserve	2,283	6 8
325	Furniture Renewals Account			286	12 10				
15	Trainees Cycle Allowances ..			30	0 0	2,817			2,716 13 4
5	Trainees Emergency Fund ..			5	5 0	667	Furnishings .. .. .	667	10 0
556	Property Repairs Reserve A/c			555	18 0	60	Aga Cooker Gas Stove .. ..	138	12 0
	Accumulated Funds:								806 2 0
	Balance as at 31st May, 1952	3,698	9 6			593	Post Office Savings Bank ..	810	12 5
	Add Excess Income for Year	79	8 6			386	Bank of New Zealand .. ..	344	8 2
3,968		3,777	18 0			20	Cash in Hand .. .. .	20	0 0
									1,175 0 7
2	Sister Lena Fund .. .. .					186	Sundry Debtors .. .. .		54 3 4
4,729				£4,751	19 3	4,729			£4,751 19 3

Audited and Found Correct.

B. A. CAYGILL, B.Com., A.P.A.N.Z.  
 24/8/1953.

G. R. HARRIS, Chairman.

A. F. COLLINS, Secretary.





<b>Furnishings and Plant</b> .. .. .	1,949	15	6	
Add New .. .. .	81	4	3	
	2,030	19	9	
Less Depreciation .. .. .	203	2	0	
				1,827 17 9
<b>Motor Van</b> .. .. .	23	10	0	
Less Depreciation .. .. .	4	14	0	
				18 16 0
<b>Stock on Hand</b> .. .. .		40	0	0
<b>Payments in Advance and Sundry Debtors</b> .. .. .				198 6 8
<b>Bank Balances—</b>				
Auckland Savings Bank .. .. .		7,537	11	11
Post Office Savings Bank .. .. .		4,427	19	6
National Savings Accounts .. .. .		17,197	3	10
Bank of New Zealand .. .. .		6,085	6	1
				£76,791 15 5
<b>Trounson Bequest—with General Purposes Trust Board</b> .. .. .		£510	0	0
<b>John Sheat Bequest—with Public Trust</b> .. .. .		£3,180	0	0

£76,791 15 5

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, 1953, as shown by the books of the Trust.

12th August, 1953.

Treasurers: Sister Ivy Jones and Mr. P. Dellow.

A. R. W. GREGORY, F.P.A.N.Z.,  
Public Accountant.





**SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME**

**Revenue Account for Year Ended 31st May, 1953**

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.			
£		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
3,323	To Salaries and Wages .. ..	3,232	16 11				
1,170	.. House Supplies .. ..	1,419	19 7	By Interest Received .. ..	7 3 8		10
587	.. Drapery, Clothing, etc. ..	828	11 8	.. Donations and Collections	1,626 0 3		1,493
447	.. Lighting and Heating .. ..	487	17 7	.. Combined Orphanage Appeal .. ..	1,947 0 0		1,921
192	.. Repairs, Renewals and Paint	412	1 8	.. Maintenance Fees .. ..	3,356 18 3		3,305
262	.. Stationery, Stamps and General Expenses .. ..	335	7 9	.. Rent .. ..	110 10 0		110
40	.. Insurances .. ..	38	9 10	.. Miscellaneous Receipts ..	80 3 11		117
80	.. Board and Residence Payments .. ..	11	10 0			7,127 16 1	
85	.. Grounds .. ..	108	19 3	.. Deficit .. ..		668 6 7	
307	.. Miscellaneous Expenses ..	333	13 9				
65	.. Travelling Expenses .. ..	85	4 1				
18	.. Rates .. ..	22	16 1				
	.. Furnishings .. ..	17	14 6				
	.. Depreciation Written Off ..			7,335	2 8		
				461	0 0		
				£7,796	2 8	£7,796	2 8

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## SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME

Balance Sheet as at 31st May, 1953

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.					
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
Sports and Playground Equipment					<b>Home Buildings and Grounds—</b>				
Fund				48 13 6	Home and Outbuildings	16,462 2 6			
Permanent Capital Account				10,062 11 9	Less Depreciation	300 0 0			
Sundry Creditors				125 7 11			16,162 2 6		
Accumulated Funds		12,929	5	9	Grounds		4,363 17 0		
Less Deficit, 1953		668	6	7	Furnishings	378 0 0			
		12,260 19 2			Plus Purchases	78 8 4			
						456 8 4			
					Less Depreciation	60 0 0			
							396 8 4		
					Tennis Courts	252 0 0			
					Plus Purchases	15 9 6			
						267 9 6			
					Less Depreciation	42 0 0			
							225 9 6		
					Live Stock	79 16 3			
					Plus Purchases	54 2 6			
						133 18 9			
					Less Sales	27 13 4			
						106 5 5			
					Less Depreciation	7 0 0			
							99 5 5		
					Implements and Tools	47 11 9			
					Plus Purchases	115 14 10			
						163 6 7			
					Less Depreciation	20 0 0			
							143 6 7		

**SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME**

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	Harewood Road Bungalow .. 449 0 0
	Less Depreciation .. .. 32 0 0
	417 0 0
	Deposits P.O. Savings Bank .. 102 4 9
	Supernumerary Fund .. .. 162 12 2
	264 16 11
	Home Petty Cash Imprest
	Account .. .. . 20 0 0
	Sundry Debtors .. .. . 3 19 2
	Balance at Bank of New Zea-
	land .. .. . 382 18 7
	Rent Outstanding .. .. . 18 8 4
	£22,497 12 4
	£22,497 12 4

We have audited the Accounts of the South Island Methodist Orphanage for the year ended 31st May, 1953, 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,

7th September, 1953.

For E. R. CAYGILL & CO.,

B. A. CAYGILL, B.Com., A.P.A.N.Z.,

Auditors.

**SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE INVESTMENT BOARD**

**Revenue Account for Year Ended 31st May, 1953**

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Expenses and Commission Account	.. .. .	8	16 11	By Interest Earned	.. .. .	714	10 5
" Investment Fluctuation Reserve	.. .. .	72	10 0	" Legacies Received	.. .. .	1,024	1 7
" Transferred to Capital Account	.. .. .	1,069	1 7	" Capital Profit on Investments	.. .. .	67	10 0
" Balance to Income Account	.. .. .	655	13 6				
		£1,806	2 0			£1,806	2 0
LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Investment Fluctuation Reserve	.. .. .	567	16 8	Mortgage Investments	.. .. .	4,784	13 10
Plus Further Provision	.. .. .	72	10 0	Debenture and Government Stock	.. .. .	12,060	10 0
			640 6 8	Secured Deposit Stock N.Z. Farmers'	.. .. .	350	0 0
Capital Account	.. .. .	18,109	12 9	Deposits:			
Plus Transfers	.. .. .	1,069	1 7	Supernumerary Fund	.. .. .	2,826	2 0
			19,178 14 4	General Purposes Trust Board	.. .. .	26	1 10
Income Account	.. .. .	3,059	5 3	P.O. Savings Bank	.. .. .	1,807	0 1
Plus Transfer from Revenue	.. .. .			National Savings	.. .. .	1,443	12 6
Account	.. .. .	655	13 6			6,102	16 5
			3,714 18 9	Balance at Bank of New Zealand	.. .. .	235	19 6
			£23,533 19 9			£23,533	19 9

We have audited the Accounts of the above Investment Board for the period ended 31st May, 1953, 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.

CHRISTCHURCH,

7th September, 1953.

For E. R. CAYGILL & CO.,

B. A. CAYGILL, B.Com., A.P.A.N.Z.,

Auditors.

METHODIST TIMES

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th April, 1953

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EXPENDITURE			INCOME	
	£	s. d.		
Printing and Publishing .. .. .	2,726	17 10	Subscriptions .. .. .	2,320 13 0
Address Plates .. .. .	30	9 6	Advertisements .. .. .	604 9 9
Process Blocks .. .. .	59	12 7	Interest .. .. .	24 4 3
Distribution Charges .. .. .	368	17 0	Grants—	
Exchange .. .. .	3	19 3	Fire Insurance Fund .. .. .	200 0 0
Agents' Commission .. .. .	100	2 0	Contingent Fund .. .. .	75 0 0
Editors' Honoraria, Expenses and Contributors' Fees .. .. .	191	3 7	Contingent Fund—Half Editors' Honoraria .. .. .	75 0 0
Office Expenses .. .. .	51	3 3	Contingent Fund—Editors' Expns. .. .. .	12 0 0
Authorised Appropriation .. .. .	325	0 0		
	<b>£3,857</b>	<b>5 0</b>	Balance from Accumulated Funds .. .. .	362 0 0
				<b>545 18 0</b>
				<b>£3,857 5 0</b>

## METHODIST TIMES

### Balance Sheet as at 30th April, 1953

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
<b>Unexpired Values—</b>		£	s. d.	£	s. d.		
Advertisements .. .. .		175	8 9			Advertising Accounts in Arrear ..	47 18 11
Subscriptions .. .. .		129	10 1			Subscriptions in Arrear .. .. .	212 2 5
		304	18 10			<b>Deposits—</b>	
Agents' Commission Provision .. ..			8 3 0			P.O.S.B. .. .. .	617 5 3
Suspense Account .. .. .			4 11 0			Supernumerary Fund .. .. .	346 8 0
Contingent Reserve Account .. .. .		500	0 0				963 13 3
Accumulated Funds as at 31st May, 1952 .. .. .		654	17 8				
		1,154	17 8				
Less Transfer from Revenue Account		545	18 0				
Bank of New Zealand .. .. .			608 19 8				
			297 2 1				
		£1,223	14 7				£1,223 14 7

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Revenue Account and have compared them with the Books of the Fund. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 30th April, 1953.

Audited and found correct.

ERNEST H. ANDREWS, }  
 H. L. FIEBIG, } Treasurers.  
 11th May, 1953.

H. F. ARNOLD, A.R.A.N.Z., }  
 E. H. SMITH, } Auditors.

**THE BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS**  
**Income and Expenditure Account for Year Ended 31st July, 1953**

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
	To Stock of Booklets, 31/7/52 .. ..				5	7	6	
	.. Printing Booklets—							
	Church and Me .. .. .	25	10	0				
	Let's Think Again .. .. .	41	17	0				
	Lenten .. .. .	28	7	6				
	Teaching Mission .. .. .	34	0	0				
	Coronation Service .. .. .	50	5	0				
	Aldersgate Sunday .. .. .	36	0	0				
	New Life in Christ .. .. .	14	7	6				
					230	7	0	
	Total Cost of Booklets .. .. .				235	14	6	
	Less Stock of Booklets 31/7/53 at Cost .. .. .				43	7	3	
					192	7	3	
296	Cost of Booklets Sold .. .. .							£
	.. Petty Cash, Postages, Exchange and Bank Fees .. .. .				32	8	10	s.
	Excess Inc. over Expenditure .. .. .				176	3	7	d.
					£400	19	8	
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**METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND, TRANSPORT TRUST BOARD**  
**Receipts and Payments Account for Year Ended 30th June, 1953**

RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Refunds of Advances .. .. .	1,648	11 0	By Balance at 30/6/52 .. .. .	348	13 1
.. Loan—Youth Department .. .. .	1,250	0 0	.. Advances .. .. .	2,578	7 2
.. Balance .. .. .	169	15 5	.. Bank Interest .. .. .	14	9 6
			.. Interest on Loans .. .. .	124	11 7
			.. General Expenses .. .. .	2	5 1
				<u>£3,068</u>	<u>6 5</u>
	<u>£3,068</u>	<u>6 5</u>	By Balance at 30/6/53 .. .. .	169	15 5

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**Income and Expenditure Account for Year Ended 30th June, 1953**

EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To General Expenses .. .. .	2	5 1	By Interest on Advances .. .. .	178	7 10
.. Legal Expenses on Incorporation .. .. .	11	13 0			
.. Interest on Loans .. .. .	94	11 7			
.. Bank Interest .. .. .	14	9 6			
.. Excess Income over Expenditure Transferred to Accumulated Funds .. .. .	55	8 8			
	<u>£178</u>	<u>7 10</u>		<u>£178</u>	<u>7 10</u>

**TRANSPORT TRUST BOARD**  
**Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1953**

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	f	s.	d.		f	s.	d.
Loans—At Call:				Secured Advances .. .. .	4,460		
Foreign Mission Department ..			3,000 0 0				4 11
Youth Department .. ..			1,250 0 0				
Outstanding Liabilities .. ..			11 13 0				
Bank Overdraft .. .. .			169 15 5				
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES .. .. .</b>			<b>£4,431 8 5</b>				
Accumulated Funds—							
Excess Income over Expenditure							
at 30/6/53 .. .. .	55	8	8				
Less Deficit at 30/6/52 .. ..	26	12	2				
			28 16 6				
			<b>£4,460 4 11</b>				<b>£4,460 4 11</b>

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 the 30th June, 1953. I have examined the relative Chattel Security Agreements in respect 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, 1953.

T. M. STEPHENS, F.R.A.N.Z.,

Hon. Auditor.

**SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT—STATISTICAL RETURNS, 1953.**

	ROVIANA	CHOISEUL	VELLA	BUIN	TEOP	BUKA	TOTAL
Churches .....	37	33	24	64	27	35	220
Other preaching Places .....	5	2	6	17	9	5	44
European Ministers .....	3	1	1	1	1	1	8
Doctors .....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Sisters .....	4	3	3	1	2	2	15
Lay Missionaries .....	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	2
Native Ministers .....	3	.....	.....	1	1	.....	5
Native Agriculturalists .....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1
Catechists .....	8	4	1	3	1	3	20
Native Teachers .....	43	32	33	76	40	45	269
Native Medical Assistants .....	5	1	3	6	.....	3	18
Local Preachers .....	116	26	34	8	12	32	228
Class Leaders .....	57	38	6	10	3	28	142
European Members .....	14	5	5	6	4	4	38
Youth Roll .....	2	2	2	1	2	1	10
Adherents .....	1	.....	5	4	.....	2	12
Native Members .....	2376	1544	521	1353	219	1200	7213
Youth Roll .....	2403	1594	1001	487	140	583	6208
Adherents .....	104	143	808	1737	1364	418	4574
Sunday Schools .....	27	22	23	17	4	27	110
S.S. Scholars .....	1328	733	716	177	121	694	3769
Day Schools .....	37	34	29	65	21	29	215
Scholars .....	1866	1069	940	931	479	660	5945
Day School Teachers .....	63	55	48	86	37	47	336
Members and Adherents .....	4883	3281	2330	3577	1723	2201	17995

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**STATISTICAL RETURNS OF THE MAORI MISSION, 1953**

GENERAL—CHURCHES .....	.....	19	Deaconesses .....	.....	.....	.....	17
Other Preaching Places .....	.....	232	Local Preachers .....	.....	.....	.....	44
Parsonages .....	.....	7	CHURCH MEMBERS .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ordained Ministers .....	.....	5	Seniors .....	.....	.....	.....	4107
Home Missionaries .....	.....	37	Juniors and Infants .....	.....	.....	.....	5197



# STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

of the

## Methodist Foreign Mission Department

for the year ended

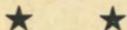
31st AUGUST, 1953

together with

## Estimates of Expenditure

for the year ending

31st AUGUST, 1954.



## METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND

Income and Expenditure Account for year ended 31st August, 1953.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
<b>To Solomon Islands Expenses:</b>							
Missionaries' Stipends etc. ....				4421	6	3	
Doctor's Stipend, etc. ....				639	15	0	
Sisters' Stipends, etc. ....				4497	0	2	
Lay Workers' Stipends, etc. ....				695	13	0	
Native Ministers' Stipends, etc. ....				930	0	6	
Native Agents' Stipends .....				4063	5	6	
Superannuation and Retiring Funds .....				635	14	0	
Educational .....				3450	6	2	
Boats and Travelling .....	344	16	7				
District Boats .....	5014	17	8				
				5359	14	3	
European and Native Fares and Travelling .....				3391	12	6	
Freight .....				549	19	7	
Hospital and Medical .....				4577	2	7	
Furniture .....				303	6	1	
Buildings .....				649	19	2	
Electricity Account .....				581	3	11	
Printing and Stationery, Postage, etc. ....				214	6	7	
Insurance .....				263	2	10	
Jubilee Expenses .....				45	2	4	
Lands Account .....				68	16	0	
Customs Account .....				89	0	5	
Technical Account .....				92	19	5	
				35519	6	3	
<b>Special Funds:</b>							
Leper Fund .....	2181	6	0				
Don Alley Memorial Fund .....	110	0	0				
Rehabilitation Fund .....	13352	5	8				
Building and Equipment Fund .....	3593	17	4				
Bilua Hostel .....	122	2	0				
				19359	11	0	
				54878	17	3	
<b>Less Medical Income</b> .....	1233	18	2				
Special Funds as above .....	19359	11	0				
				20593	9	2	
<b>CARRIED FORWARD</b>				34285	8	1	
<b>By Solomon Islands Contributions:</b>							
Roviana Circuit .....				2501	7	11	
Vella Lavella Circuit .....				2643	12	8	
Choiseul Circuit .....				2049	5	8	
Buin Circuit .....				430	0	0	
Teop Circuit .....				482	10	2	
Buka Circuit .....				618	0	0	
							8724 16 5
<b>Government Grants —</b>							
B.S.I.P. Medical .....				1185	15	0	
Educational .....				1695	0	0	
Meteorological .....				60	16	8	
<b>Bougainville: Buka —</b>							
Medical .....				682	1	3	
Educational .....				1500	0	0	
							5123 12 11
<b>Sales of Produce —</b>							
Boviana Circuit .....				75	9	3	
Vella Lavella Circuit .....				30	8	4	
Choiseul Circuit .....				476	2	6	
Buin Circuit .....				1091	7	9	
Buka Circuit .....				312	12	6	
District Training Institution .....				496	0	9	
							2482 1 1
<b>Koriovuku Lease Rents</b> .....							124 14 11
<b>Unrecorded Cash in Hand</b> .....							448 1 2
<b>New Guinea Highlands Account—</b>							
Solomon Islands Church Contribution .....							285 17 4
<b>CARRIED FORWARD</b>							17189 3 10

## Income and Expenditure Account (cont.)

EXPENDITURE	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
BROUGHT FORWARD				34285	8	1
<b>To New Zealand Working Expenses:</b>						
General Secretary—						
Stipend	463	6	8			
Allowance	33	6	8			
Travelling	107	18	1			
Travelling — Australian Board's Annual Meeting	68	1	0			
House Maintenance (Special £50)	150	0	0			
Treasurer's Expenses	60	0	0			
Connexional Charges	83	0	0			
Deputation, Printing, Travelling, etc.	176	7	0			
Printing Annual Appeal Folder	70	0	0			
Printing & Stationery (Special £100)	149	19	8			
Annual Report, Printing and Postage	187	12	6			
Office Salaries	450	15	8			
Audit Fee	21	0	0			
Office Expenses—Postage, etc.	118	6	4			
Office Rent	143	0	0			
Telephones	45	5	9			
Travelling, Annual Meeting	28	8	6			
				2356	7	10
<b>Miscellaneous Payments:</b>						
Publications Account Debit	172	17	4			
Interest on Loan	7	0	0			
Deacons Institution	25	0	0			
Trinity College	75	0	0			
Jubilee Film	196	7	2			
National Missionary Council	48	0	0			
Orphaned Missions	100	0	0			
Special Grants (Personal)	305	0	0			
Children's Allowance (Alley)	16	0	0			
Life Insurance Premium	21	17	0			
Projector	25	0	0			
"Methodist Times" Grant	20	0	0			
CARRIED FORWARD	1012	1	6	36641	15	11

INCOME	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
BROUGHT FORWARD				17189	3	10
<b>By New Zealand Contributions:</b>						
Circuit Income	15452	11	10			
Native Teachers	92	15	0			
Orphans	43	3	0			
				15588	9	10
M.W.M.U.				2800	0	0
Connexional Fire Ins. Fund	150	0	0			
Sundry Donations	20	0	0			
				170	0	0
Interest, General Account				753	1	3
Solomon Islands Jubilee Expenses, Refunds				57	0	6
<b>Medical Income:</b>						
Interest	1231	8	2			
Donations	2	10	0			
				1233	18	2
<b>Leper Fund:</b>						
Interest	165	16	0			
Donations	127	9	0			
Lepers' Trust Board	2500	0	0			
				2793	5	0
<b>Boat Insurance Fund:</b>						
Interest	300	4	8			
Proceeds, sale of ROVIANA	4000	0	0			
				4300	4	8
<b>Don Alley Memorial Fund:</b>						
Interest				25	9	4
<b>Rehabilitation Fund:</b>						
Interest	1860	12	8			
Donations	19	0	0			
				1879	12	8
<b>Solomon Islands Building &amp; Equipment Fund:</b>						
Bequests				2502	11	11
<b>Technical Tool Fund:</b>						
Donations				5	0	0
<b>M.W.M.U. Special Funds:</b>						
Interest	64	0	0			
Grant for Refrigerators	219	6	2			
				283	6	2
CARRIED FORWARD				49581	3	4



# METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST AUGUST, 1953 (Excluding Solomon Islands Properties)

LIABILITIES				ASSETS					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<b>Solomon Islands District:</b>									
Circuit Balances .....	1414	19	10						
Personal Balances .....	2149	9	3						
Sundry Creditors .....	7059	5	3						
Retiring Fund Accounts .....	138	1	1						
				10761	15	5			
<b>Islands District Balance</b> .....				9593	7	5			
<b>Loans</b> .....				200	0	0			
<b>Special Funds:</b>									
<b>Medical Fund:</b> .....				33998	19	0			
<b>Medical Fund:</b> (for support of Native Orderly) .....				530	9	8			
<b>Leper Fund:</b>									
Balance, 1952 .....	8524	15	9						
Added during year									
Interest .....	165	16	0						
Donations .....	127	9	0						
Lepers' Trust Board .....	2500	0	0						
				2793	5	0			
				11318	0	9			
Less Expended .....	2181	6	0						
ditto — previous year's transferred to Island District Account .....	3634	3	0						
				5815	9	0			
							5502	11	9
<b>Boat Insurance Fund:</b>									
Balance 1952 .....	8168	2	8						
Added during year—									
Interest .....	300	4	8						
Appropriation from Income .....	212	16	3						
Proceeds of sale of "ROVIANA" .....	4000	0	0						
				4513	0	11			
							12681	3	7
<b>Don Alley Memorial Fund:</b>									
Balance 1952 .....	1285	12	11						
<b>CARRIED FORWARD</b>	1285	12	11	73268	6	10			
<b>Solomon Islands District:</b>									
Cash in hand and in Bank .....	10813	16	10						
Sundry Debtors .....	1233	2	6						
Stock in hand and uncompleted Buildings .....	21250	18	1				33297	17	5
							12000	0	0
Boats .....							1007	19	5
Rananga Lease .....							149	19	5
Expenditures Unallocated .....									
<b>Medical Fund Assets:</b>									
N.Z. Government Stock .....	19764	1	8						
National Savings In'ments .....	2435	8	4						
Debentures — Nelson City .....	4800	0	0						
Debentures — W'gton City .....	1600	0	0						
Debentures — Auck Gas. Co. ....	2309	10	0						
Shares — Auckland Gas Co. ....	1466	10	0						
Shares — Colonial Sugar Co. ....	500	0	0						
Post Office Savings Bank .....	623	9	0						
Auckland Savings Bank .....	500	0	0						
							33998	19	0
<b>Leprosy Relief Vessel Investment:</b> .....							8587	17	8
<b>Boat Insurance Fund Assets:</b>									
N.Z. Government Stock .....	10939	5	0						
Post Office Savings Bank .....	720	0	0						
National Savings Invest'ts .....	1021	18	7						
							12681	3	7
<b>Rehabilitation Fund Assets:</b>									
N.Z. Government Stock .....	23414	9	4						
National Savings Invest'ts .....	19097	1	9						
Post Office Savings Bank .....	1915	2	3						
Auckland Savings Bank .....	500	0	0						
Transport Trust Board .....	3000	0	0						
							47926	13	4
<b>Working Capital Assets:</b>									
N.Z. Government Stock .....	15201	17	0						
<b>CARRIED FORWARD</b>	15201	17	0	149650	9	10			

Balance Sheet (continued)

LIABILITIES									
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
BROUGHT FORWARD				1285	12	11	73268	6	10
<b>Don Alley Memorial Fund (cont.)</b>									
Added during year, Exchange and Interest				745	9	4			
				2031	2	3			
Less Expended				110	0	0			
							1921	2	3
<b>Rehabilitation Fund:</b>									
Balance 1952				62317	3	10			
Added during year —									
Interest	1860	12	8						
Donations	19	0	0						
Refund of Expenditure	44	15	0						
				1924	7	8			
				64241	11	6			
Less Expended	13352	5	8						
Transfer to LOTU Church Fund	1062	12	6						
Transfer to Elizabeth Common Bequest (includes Interest)	1900	0	0						
				16314	18	2			
							47926	13	4
<b>Solomon Islands Jubilee Fund:</b>							10682	9	4
<b>Solomon Islands Building &amp; Equipment Fund:</b>									
Balance 1952				3853	13	4			
Added during year (bequests)				2502	11	11			
				6356	5	3			
Less Expended				3593	17	4			
							2762	7	11
<b>Technical Tool Fund:</b>									
Balance 1952				157	2	11			
Added during year				5	0	0			
							162	2	11
							12000	0	0
<b>Boat Reserve Account:</b>									
<b>M.W.M.U. Fund:</b> For Native Girls' Hostels (Roviana and Bilua)									
Balance 1952				1542	4	5			
Added during year—Interest				30	0	0			
				1572	4	5			
Less Expended — Bilua				122	2	0			
							1450	2	5
<b>CARRIED FORWARD</b>							150173	5	0

ASSETS									
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
BROUGHT FORWARD				15201	17	0	149650	9	10
<b>Working Capital Assets (cont.)</b>									
National Savings Invest'ts				1106	13	3			
Debentures Auckland City				1300	0	0			
Shares — J. E. Astley & Sons				392	14	0			
Post Office Savings Bank				812	6	10			
Auckland Savings Bank				421	6	9			
Home Mission Investment Funds Board (at call)				5000	0	0			
							24234	17	10
<b>General Secretary's Residence</b>							729	0	0
<b>Sydney Account</b>							77	17	10
<b>Samoa Account</b>							34	18	6
<b>M.W.M.U. Refrigerator Account</b>							268	4	6
<b>N.Z. Government Stock</b>							14592	5	5
<b>Bank of New Zealand</b>							3894	19	7

We hereby certify that we have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND, and that in our opinion the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Society's affairs as at 31st August, 1953, as shown by the books of the Society. Island assets and liabilities have not been verified, these having been entered on the basis of signed statements received from the Islands.

MACKY & FREAR                      Public  
 AUDITORS                              Accountants  
 Auckland.                                3rd November, 1953.

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Balance Sheet (continued)

LIABILITIES

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
BROUGHT FORWARD							150173	5	0
<b>M.W.M.U. Fund: For Sister's Quarters, Teop:</b>									
Balance 1952			930	13	4				
Added During Year, Interest			18	0	0				
						948	13	4	
<b>M.W.M.U. Fund: For Solomon Islands Girls' School:</b>									
Balance 1952			823	6	8				
Added during year—Interest			16	0	0				
						839	6	8	
<b>Working Capital Fund:</b>									
Balance 1952			24131	3	10				
Added during Year			103	14	0				
						24234	17	10	
<b>Lotu Church Fund:</b>						1083	2	0	
<b>Elizabeth Common Bequest Account:</b>						1891	4	0	
<b>Lotu Church Window Fund:</b>						18	10	4	
<b>Vella Lavella Memorial Hall:</b>						71	18	8	
<b>Leprosy Relief Vessel Fund:</b>									
Balance 1952			4500	0	0				
Added during Year—Lepers' Trust Board			4000	0	0				
Interest			87	17	8				
						4087	17	8	
						8587	17	8	
<b>Atherton Road Property Maintenance Account:</b>						38	14	9	
<b>Printing Account: Special Appropriation—</b>						68	0	0	
<b>Sundry Creditors</b>						138	12	2	
<b>Exchange Account</b>						2065	3	2	
<b>General Reserve</b>						3037	10	7	
<b>New Guinea Highlands Account: Solomon Islands Church Contributions</b>						285	17	4	

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ASSETS

**SUMMARY OF REHABILITATION FUND**

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Receipts: 1942/52				117,982	14	3
1953				1,879	12	8
				119,862	6	11
<b>Less Transfers:</b>						
Lotu Church	1,062	12	6			
Elizabeth Common Bequest	1,900	0	0			
				2,962	12	6
				116,899	14	5
<b>Less Payments:</b>						
1943/52	55,665	10	5			
Less Refunds	44	15	0			
				55,620	15	5
1953	13,352	5	8			
				68,973	1	1
				£47,926	13	4

**ANALYSIS OF REHABILITATION EXPENDITURE**

Buildings, Equipment	£	Miscellaneous Stores	
	42,171		12 9
Stock 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	850		11 6
Compensation for personal losses of Staff	2,554		0 0
Evacuation Expenses, Premium on Inscribed Stock, written off, Brokerages and Sundry Expenses	635		16 10
	£68,973		1 1

A. BLAKEMORE, G. S. GAPPER — General Treasurers.

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# METHODIST FOREIGN MISSION DEPARTMENT

REVISED ESTIMATES OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDING  
30th JUNE, 1954.

**Income:—**

N.Z. Income for Circuits (3 year average) . . . . .	£14096
M.W.M.U. . . . .	3100
Interest on Working Capital . . . . .	700
Connexional Fire Insurance Fund . . . . .	150
Medical Income . . . . .	1500
Leper Fund . . . . .	1200
Solomon Islands Income	
Subscriptions and Collections . . . . .	£8480
Government Grants . . . . .	4450
Sales of Produce . . . . .	3210
	16140
	£36886

**Expenditure:—**

Solomon Islands . . . . .	£32442
Papua-New Guinea Highlands . . . . .	1000
Home Base . . . . .	3319
Surplus . . . . .	125
	£36886

**Special Expenditure:—**

(a) That the following expenditure covered by special funds now in hand be authorised:

J. F. Goldie College (Jubilee Fund) . . . . .	£10682
Elizabeth Common Hospital . . . . .	1891
D. C. Alley Hospital—completion . . . . .	1030
Vella Lavella Boys' Hostel (Youth Dept.) . . . . .	1600
	£15203

(b) That the following expenditure be authorised from the Exchange Account:

"Munda" Engine—re-estimated . . . . .	£ 700
"Malakuna" Engine . . . . .	1845
Refrigerators—Second Instalment . . . . .	350
	£ 2895

(c) That the following expenditure be met from the Building and Equipment Fund:

<b>Roviana:</b>	
Stove for Mannall .....	£ 50
Mechanic's Workshop .....	200
Mechanic's Tools .....	180
<b>Vella Lavella:</b>	
Water Supply Project .....	£ 200
Lighting Plant .....	deferred
Church Hall Jubilee .....	deferred
<b>Choiseul:</b>	
Lighting Plant—re-established .....	£ 500
Hospital Completion .....	100
Bathroom—Maternity Block .....	50
<b>Buin:</b>	
Boys' Dormitory .....	deferred
<b>Teop:</b>	
Sisters' House .....	deferred
Rotary Cultivator .....	deferred
Boys' Dormitory .....	deferred
Heifer .....	35
Fencing .....	50
Electric Light Plant—re-estimated .....	500
<b>Buka:</b>	
Fencing for Stock .....	110
Lighting Plant .....	deferred
Boys' Dormitory .....	deferred
<b>Helena Goldie Hospital:</b>	
Buildings .....	deferred
<b>"Cicely II":</b>	
Awning—To be carried out of Boats and Travel.	
<b>Slip:</b>	
Completion .....	150
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	£ 2125

(d) That the following expenditure be met from the Lepers' Trust Board grant:

Marovo Dispensary—re-estimated .....	£ 500
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**Rehabilitation Expenditure:—**

That the following expenditure from the Rehabilitation Fund be authorised:

Minister's House—Roviana Circuit .....	£ 3000
Sisters' House—Roviana Circuit .....	3000
Minister's House—Choiseul Circuit .....	3000
Cattle Fencing—Choiseul Circuit .....	60
Copra Dryer—Buka Circuit .....	150
Furnishing 6 Mission Houses .....	1200
Half Cost completion Choiseul Hospital .....	100
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	£10510

## HOME BASE ESTIMATES:

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### General Administration:—

General Secretary: Stipend .....	£465	
Allowance .....	50	
House .....	100	
Travelling .....	120	
Connexional Charges .....	92	
Clerical Treasurer's Expenses .....	60	
Office Assistance .....	460	
Rent of Office .....	143	
Printing and Stationery .....	120	
Office General Expenses (Postages) .....	120	
Auditor's Fee .....	21	
Legal Expenses .....	10	
Telephones .....	50	
Sundries .....	50	
Annual Board Travelling .....	45	
	£1906	

### Publicity and Deputation:—

Annual Report .....	175	
Subsidy to Publications—		
"Lotu" .....	£136	
"Open Door" ....	49	
	185	
Appeal Leaflets .....	90	
Deputation travelling and handbills .....	120	
	570	

### Special Charges:—

Special Deputation .....	25	
"Methodist Times" Grant .....	20	
Annuity and Children's Allowance .....	30	
Trinity College .....	75	
Deaconess House .....	25	
Literature Special .....	50	
Film Purchase (re-estimated) .....	100	
Office Renovations .....	100	
Projector .....	270	
Orphaned Missions .....	100	
National Missionary Council .....	48	
	843	
	£3319	

**THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND**  
**HOME AND MAORI MISSION DEPARTMENT**  
**Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year ending 31st July, 1953.**

Treasurers: REV. B. M. CHRYSTALL and MR. F. PENN.

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
		£	s.	d.			£ s. d.
Legacies held for Disbursement ....		1014	19	9	Balance 31st July, 1952		4837 13 9
<b>CIRCUIT INCOME</b>				<b>MAORI MISSION</b>			
Auckland District .....	3148	13	4	Stipends, Cir. Expenses	9322	17	4
South Auckland .....	1857	0	5	Investment Funds Board:			
Taranaki-Wanganui .....	1151	2	5	Rent .....	401	0	0
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu .....	1451	6	0	Car Accounts .....	1058	17	0
Wellington .....	1685	1	8	Car Deprectn. Reserve	100	0	0
Nelson .....	472	5	1	Sunday School Materials	10	0	0
North Canterbury .....	2382	19	5	Printing Maori Paper .....	30	0	0
South Canterbury .....	807	2	9	Subsidy "Maataapuna" .....	200	0	0
Otago-Southland .....	1276	0	1	Sth. Island Travelling	70	0	0
	14,231	11	2	Workers' Conference ..	50	0	0
1952 Appeal .....	11,027	12	10	Students .....	50	0	0
1953 Appeal .....	3203	18	4	Maori Furniture .....	32	10	0
Debt Reduction Appeal	104	10	0	"Methodist Times" .....	7	10	0
Sundry Donations .....	3	10	6	Contingencies .....	100	0	0
District Youth Councils	95	9	8	Youth Camps .....	5	0	0
M.W.M.U. ....	2750	0	0	Maori Section N.C.C. ....	20	0	0
M.W.M.U. Special .....	78	0	0	Social Service Grant .....	5	0	0
	2828	0	0	11,462	14	4	
Conference Collections	16	10	10	<b>CIRCUIT GRANTS</b>			
Duplicating & Typing ..	12	19	3	<b>AUCKLAND DISTRICT —</b>			
Legacies for Disbursement	1162	18	8	<b>Aided Circuits</b>			
Fire Insurance .....	150	0	0	North Hokianga .....	45	0	0
Less overcredited 1952	50	0	0	North Waitemata .....	82	10	0
	100	0	0	Bombay-Tuakau .....	5	0	0
Connexional Properties:				Hokianga .....	20	0	0
Grey Institute .....	350	0	0	Mangonui .....	10	0	0
Kai Iwi .....	100	0	0	Mahurangi .....	45	0	0
Spring Creek Rent	5	0	0	Kawakawa-Kaikohē .....	110	0	0
	455	0	0	Port Albert .....	5	0	0
Interest on Investments .....	2224	11	0	Papakura (E. W. B.) .....	35	0	0
E. W. B. Trust, Share of Rents	294	1	6	Onehunga, Waitangi Rd.	75	0	0
Maori Ministers' Home Acquirement				432	10	0	
Fund: Subsidy, Fire Insc. Fund	10	0	0	<b>SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT —</b>			
Refund of Advance, N.C.C. 1952 ..	136	3	6	<b>Home Mission Stations:</b>			
Donation, Books for Home				Kawhia .....	50	0	0
Missionaries .....	10	0	0	Ngaruawahia .....	12	10	0
Debit Balance 31st July, 1953 .....	3825	10	5	<b>Aided Circuits</b>			
				Taumarunui .....	75	0	0
				Hauraki Plains .....	15	0	0
				Waihi .....	50	0	0
				Te Kuiti .....	112	10	0
				Putaruru .....	20	0	0
				Opotiki .....	32	10	0
				Ohura .....	57	10	0
				Whakatane .....	20	0	0
				445	0	0	
				<b>TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT —</b>			
				<b>Home Mission Stations:</b>			
				Inglewood .....	21	13	4
				Marton .....	10	0	0
				<b>Aided Circuits</b>			
				Wanganui West .....	40	0	0
				Taihape .....	20	0	0
				Waitara .....	12	10	0
				104	3	4	
				<b>HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT —</b>			
				<b>Home Mission Stations</b>			
				Waipawa-Waipukurau	20	0	0
				Apti .....	27	10	0
				<b>Aided Circuits</b>			
				Wairoa .....	40	0	0
				Gisborne .....	25	0	0
				Gisborne (E. W. B.) .....	35	0	0
Carried Forward .....	26,525	16	3	147	10	0	

**THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND**  
**HOME AND MAORI MISSION DEPARTMENT**  
**Statement of Receipts and Payments—Continued.**

Brought forward ..... 26,525 16 3

**WELLINGTON DISTRICT —**

**Aided Circuits**

Paraparaumu .....	55	0	0
Porirua .....	30	0	0
Eketahuna .....	35	0	0
Upper Hutt .....	5	0	0
Upper Hutt (E. W. B.) .....	30	0	0
Taita Union .....	71	5	0
Masterton .....	37	10	0

263 15 0

**NELSON DISTRICT —**

**Aided Circuits**

Waimea .....	5	0	0
Westport .....	35	0	0
Hokitika .....	50	0	0
Murchison .....	10	0	0

100 0 0

**NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT —**

**Aided Circuits**

Riccarton .....	75	0	0
Oxford .....	17	10	0
Woodend-Sefton .....	17	10	0
St. Albans .....	25	0	0
Lyttelton .....	15	0	0

150 0 0

**SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT —**

**Aided Circuits**

Temuka .....	30	0	0
Temuka Maori .....	5	0	0
Marchwiell Union .....	18	15	0
Marchwiell Union (E.W.B.) .....	37	10	0

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**OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT —**

**Home Mission Stations**

Waikouaiti-Palmerston .....	30	0	0
Balclutha .....	5	0	0

**Aided Circuits**

Mosgiel .....	45	0	0
Cromwell .....	25	0	0
Cromwell (E. W. B.) .....	30	0	0
Edendale .....	50	0	0
Bluff .....	90	0	0
St. Kilda .....	85	0	0
Dunedin South .....	35	0	0
Roxburgh .....	90	0	0
Port Chalmers .....	97	10	0
Dunedin North .....	52	10	0
Corstorphine Union Parish (E. W. Blackwell) ..	75	0	0
Western Southland .....	45	0	0
Invercargill Central .....	12	10	0

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**LEGACY DISBURSEMENT GRANTS —**

Coromandel Church .....	20	0	0
Coromandel Parsonage .....	20	0	0
Western Springs .....	20	0	0
Port Chalmers .....	20	0	0
Hokitika .....	20	0	0
Helensville .....	20	0	0
Te Kuiti Parsonage .....	20	0	0
Woodville Hall .....	20	0	0
Reefton Parsonage .....	20	0	0
Hokianga Transport ..	25	0	0
Huntly Transport .....	30	0	0
Paraparaumu Parsonage ..	20	0	0
Oamaru South .....	20	0	0
Russell Parsonage .....	40	0	0
Kerepehi Hall .....	25	0	0
Rotorua Hall .....	25	0	0
Huntly Church Site .....	50	0	0
Pukekohe, Clark's Beach ..	25	0	0
Roxburgh Parsonage .....	50	0	0
Maori Mission Cars .....	60	0	0
Educational Grant .....	40	0	0

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**THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND**  
**HOME AND MAORI MISSION DEPARTMENT**  
**Statement of Receipts and Payments—Continued.**

RECEIPTS		£	s.	d.		PAYMENTS		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Brought forward .....	26,525	16	3											
						<b>MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS —</b>								
						Maori Ministers' Home								
						Acquirement Fund ..	60	4	0					
						Church Sites Fund ....	100	0	0					
						Deaconess Institution ..	100	0	0					
						Board of Publications ..	50	0	0					
						Ecumenical Conference								
						Travel Fund .....	25	0	0					
						Natural Calamities Fund	25	0	0					
						Otago-Southland Colportage								
						Society .....	25	0	0					
						Christchurch Maori Girls'								
						Hostel .....	125	3	0					
						Spiritual Advance Com.	25	0	0					
						Students (Deaconesses)	52	10	0					
						Theological College ....	150	0	0					
						Removal Expenses Fund	45	0	0					
						Picture Department ....	75	0	0					
						Home Missionaries' Study								
						Conference .....	50	0	0			907	13	0
						Office Salaries .....	437	3	0					
						Annual Report .....	214	0	2					
						Deputation Expenses ..	295	0	7					
						Interest on Overdraft ...	87	17	3					
						Ministerial Supply ....	24	16	6					
						Life Insurance .....	21	17	0					
						Staff Insurance (Maori								
						and European) .....	35	1	10					
						Special Grants .....	25	14	4					
						"Methodist Times" .....	25	0	0					
						Office Rent .....	156	0	0					
						Office Maintenance ....	23	3	2					
						Printing & Stationery ..	58	5	9					
						Office Expenses, Postages,								
						Petty Cash, etc. ....	97	11	1					
						Share of cost of "Lotu"								
						—2 years .....	94	0	0					
						Telephones .....	67	8	8					
						Sundry Expenses .....	23	6	6			1686	5	10
						<b>Retiring Funds —</b>								
						Home Missionaries .....	149	15	7					
						Deaconesses .....	291	0	0			440	15	7
						Maori Ministers' Home								
						Acquirement Fund ....						10	0	0
						<b>General Superintendent —</b>								
						Stipend .....	449	7	6					
						Special Allowance .....	75	0	0					
						Travelling .....	127	18	1			652	5	7
						<b>Assistant Superintendent —</b>								
						Stipend .....	424	7	6					
						Travelling .....	150	0	0			574	7	6
						<b>Missionary in Maori Work —</b>								
						Stipend .....	424	7	6					
						Travelling .....	195	1	5			619	8	11
						Investment Funds Board:								
						Rent for 3 Parsonages ..	450	0	0					
						Connexional Charges ..	205	0	0					
						Legacies held for Dis-								
						bursement 31st July,								
						1953 .....						1587	18	5
												£26,525	16	3

We have audited the Accounts 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, 1953.

T. L. CRAWFORD, A.R.A.N.Z.  
R. B. VERRY, A.R.A.N.Z.,  
Hon. Auditors.

METHODIST HOME MISSIONARIES' REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND, 1953

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.				
Balance 31st July, 1952 .....				413	12	11	Removal Expenses .....		59	13	3		
Circuit Levies .....				69	0	0	Balance 31st July, 1953 .....		567	19	8		
Home Mission Fund .....				45	0	0							
Fire Insurance Fund, 1952 .....	50	0	0										
Fire Insurance Fund, 1953 .....	50	0	0										
				100	0	0							
				£627	12	11					£627	12	11

HOME MISSIONARIES' TRAINING CONFERENCE

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Home Mission Fund .....	50	0	0	*Balance 31st July, 1952 .....	48	15	7
				Balance 31st July, 1953 .....	1	4	5
	£50	0	0		£50	0	0

HOME MISSION PICTURE DEPARTMENT

Statement of Receipts and Payments for year ended 31st July, 1953.

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS					
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		
Balance 31st July, 1952: Capital .....	14	18	6	Working Expenses .....			19	5	0
Working Account .....	24	15	2	Balance 31st July, 1953: Capital .....	14	18	6		
				Working Expenses .....	80	9	4		
Home Mission Fund .....							95	7	10
							£114	13	8
							£114	13	8

Balance Sheet as at 31st July, 1953.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.		
Capital .....	480	11	6	Equipment .....			465	13	0
Working Account .....	80	9	4	Cash in Bank: Capital .....	14	18	6		
				Working Account .....	80	9	4		
							95	7	10
	£561	0	10				£561	0	10

**MAORI MINISTERS' HOME ACQUIREMENTS FUND**

Statement of Receipts and Payments for year ended 31st July, 1953.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Home Mission Fund Subsidy .....	60	0	0	Balance to Accumulated Funds .....	175	16	0
Fire Insurance Fund Subsidy .....	10	0	0				
Ministers' Contributions .....	40	0	0				
Interest, National Savings .....	65	16	0				
	£175 16 0				£175 16 0		

**Balance Sheet as at 31st July, 1953.**

LIABILITIES	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Accumulated Funds, 31/7/52 .....	2155	11	9	National Savings Investment Account .....	2331	7	9
Added during year .....	175	16	0				
	£2331 7 9				£2331 7 9		





## SPECIAL LOANS ACCOUNT, 31st July, 1953

	Loans Current 31/7/53	New Loans	Repaid During Year	Current 31/7/53
Auckland Permanent Youth Camps .....	1200 0 0		550 0 0	650 0 0
Campbells Bay Church (Auckland) .....	495 12 6		22 6 3	473 6 3
Castlecliff Hall .....	188 13 5		11 13 9	176 19 8
Christchurch Central Mission Parsonage .....	400 0 0			400 0 0
Christchurch Maori Hostel .....	2230 0 0		76 17 6	2153 2 6
Claudelands Church .....	937 9 2		37 9 2	900 0 0
Coromandel Church .....	1146 11 1		39 13 4	1106 17 9
Coromandel Parsonage .....	65 2 10	20 0 6	20 0 0	65 3 4
Corstorphine Section .....		390 0 0		390 0 0
Dominion Road Parsonage .....	734 3 1		64 7 5	669 15 8
Dublin Street Church .....	184 18 6		29 11 9	155 6 9
Dunedin Methodist Hostel .....	2320 12 6		94 7 6	2226 5 0
Epsom Church .....	978 17 6		85 16 8	893 0 10
Fairfield Section (Dunedin) .....	175 0 0			175 0 0
Gisborne Hall .....		1000 0 0		1000 0 0
Glen Eden Church .....	100 0 0		20 0 0	80 0 0
Glen Eden Parsonage .....	100 0 0		20 0 0	80 0 0
Grey Institute .....	6672 5 5		150 0 0	6522 5 5
Hamilton Maori Centre .....	1956 6 1	378 17 9	993 0 0	1342 3 10
Hastings Youth Centre .....		2000 0 0	17 10 0	1982 10 0
Helensville Church .....		300 0 0		300 0 0
Hokitika Church .....	803 14 9		80 0 6	723 14 3
Invercargill North Church .....		1500 0 0	13 2 6	1486 17 6
Kaitiaki Section .....	127 6 11		17 0 3	110 6 8
Kaitoke Church (Wanganui) .....	119 5 0		7 2 6	112 2 6
Kohukohu Parsonage .....	295 7 8		24 2 5	271 5 3
Manly Church Hall .....	332 8 4		13 17 7	318 10 9
North Brighton Section .....	100 0 0			100 0 0
North Canterbury District Youth Council .....	1736 17 6		303 7 6	1433 10 0
Otago-Southland Youth Camp .....	890 10 0		39 1 8	851 8 4
Otaki Youth Hall .....	579 11 9		35 19 4	543 12 5
Paeroa Parsonage .....	93 2 3		32 17 0	60 5 3
Paraparaumu Parsonage .....	350 0 0		29 16 0	320 4 0
Papatoetoe Parsonage .....	650 0 0		250 0 0	400 0 0
Pinchaven Section (Upper Hutt) .....	390 0 0		50 0 0	340 0 0
Port Chalmers Parsonage .....	90 0 0		90 0 0	
Pukerua Bay Hall .....	350 0 0			350 0 0
Puru, Thames .....	100 0 0			100 0 0
Raumati South Section .....		250 0 0		250 0 0
Religious Film Society .....	200 0 0			200 0 0
Richardson Road Section .....	580 0 0			580 0 0
Riselaw Road (Dunedin) .....		100 0 0		100 0 0
Roskill Church (2) .....	1274 19 0		33 10 0	1241 9 0
Roskill Sunday School .....	1262 1 3		61 6 3	1200 15 0
Russell Parsonage .....	870 0 0	150 0 0	48 4 0	971 16 0
South Auckland Permanent Camp Site .....	486 16 3		18 1 8	468 14 7

Stokes Valley Section (Upper Hutt) .....		375 0 0	50 0 0	325 0 0
Taita Union Parsonage .....	1404 10 0		131 1 3	1273 8 9
Trinity College .....	2177 13 10		99 10 0	2078 3 10
Trinity College Special .....	180 0 0		180 0 0	
Waitangi Road (Onehunga) .....	182 4 0		63 13 0	118 11 0
Waverley Section (St. Kilda) .....	475 0 0			475 0 0
Western Springs (Auckland) .....	842 13 6		110 0 0	732 13 6
Youth Director's House, Christchurch .....	1620 1 0		177 0 4	1443 0 8
Youth Director's House, Wellington .....	1559 2 6		175 2 6	1384 0 0
Home and Maori Mission Transport .....	549 1 9	100 0 0	130 12 6	518 9 3
Huntly Circuit Transport .....	25 7 4		25 7 4	
Putaruru Circuit Transport .....	301 17 7		57 18 11	243 18 8
Private Car Loans .....	308 2 7		152 9 9	155 12 10
	<u>£41,193 6 10</u>	<u>£6563 18 3</u>	<u>£4732 18 1</u>	<u>£43,024 7 0</u>

**EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST**  
Revenue Account for the year ended 31st July, 1953.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Repairs to Buildings .....	302	12	7				By Rents .....		1559 19 10
Insurance .....	148	9	11					£1559 19 10	
Rates .....	214	16	5				By Net Revenue Brought Down .....	612 17 11	
Legal Expenses .....	3	3	0				Interest Post Office Savings Bank A/cs.	52 0 11	
Depreciation Reserve .....	200	0	0				Balance held for Disbursement, 1952:		
Commission .....	78	0	0				Brought Forward .....	70 9 2	
				947	1	11	Balance Excess of Expenditure over		
NET REVENUE CARRIED DOWN .....				612	17	11	Income: Carried Down .....	72 6 0	
				£1559	19	10			
To Transfer to Capital: Rents .....	147	0	10						
Interest .....	21	10	0						
				168	10	10			
Transfer to Depreciation Reserve: Int.				30	10	11			
Transfer to Home Mission Fund .....				269	1	6			
Transfer to Investment Funds Board for									
Disbursement — GRANTS as under:									
Christchurch Maori Girls' Hostel .....	35	9	2						
Hillcrest .....	10	0	0						
Mt. Maunganui .....	10	0	0						
Himitangi .....	10	0	0						
Upper Hutt Parsonage .....	10	0	0						
Alexandra .....	24	6	8						
Wekaweka .....	25	0	0						
Wellford .....	20	0	0						
Cashmere, Wellington .....	20	0	0						
Gisborne Hall .....	20	0	0						
Claudelands .....	20	0	0						

Hamilton Maori Boys' Hostel .....	15	0	0		
Auckland Maori Girls' Hostel .....	15	0	0		
Western Springs .....	10	0	0		
Dargaville Maori Centre .....	15	0	0		
Te Kuiti Maori Centre .....	15	0	0		
Hamilton Maori Girls' Hostel .....	15	0	0		
	<u>289</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>10</u>		
Balance held for Disbursement as at 31st July, 1953 .....	49	14	11		
				339	10 9
				<u>£807</u>	<u>14 0</u>
BALANCE BROUGHT DOWN .....				£72	6 0
					<u>£807 14 0</u>

**Balance Sheet as at 31st July, 1953.**

Capital .....	£	s.	d.	Buildings .....	£	s.	d.
Depreciation Reserve .....	10,839	4	6	National Savings Account .....	1954	14	9
Sundry Creditor .....	1183	7	4	Post Office Savings Bank Account .....	17	17	1
	72	6	0	Income and Expenditure Account .....	72	6	0
				Sundry Debtors for Excess Distribution .....	50	0	0
	<u>£12,094</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>10</u>				
					<u>£12,094</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>10</u>

**REV. THOMAS AND MRS. BUDDLE CENTENNIAL GIFT**

To Balance 31st July, 1952 .....	£	s.	d.	By Interest Disbursed to Rangiatea Library Fund .....	£	s.	d.
Interest .....	90	5	0	Balance 31st July, 1953 .....	2	5	10
	2	5	10		90	5	0
	<u>£92</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>				
					<u>£92</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>

**REV. GEORGE AND MRS. BUTTLE CENTENNIAL GIFT**

To Balance 31st July, 1952 .....	£	s.	d.	By Interest Disbursed to Kurahuna .....	£	s.	d.
Interest .....	266	0	0	Balance 31st July, 1953 .....	6	15	6
	6	15	6		266	0	0
	<u>£272</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>6</u>				
					<u>£272</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>6</u>



**METHODIST LITERATURE AND COLPORTEUR SOCIETY**  
**TRADING ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st JULY, 1953.**

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Stock .....	4088	14	2	By Sales .....	6997	6	11
" Purchases .....	5043	10	3				
		9132	4				
Less Stock 31/7/53 .....	4456	4	6				
Cost price of goods sold .....	4675	19	11				
" Gross Profit .....	2321	7	0				
	£6997	6	11		£6997	6	11

**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st JULY, 1953.**

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Accountancy and Audit .....	75	0	0	By Gross Profit .....	2321	7	0
" Advertising .....	29	12	0	" Interest Received .....	12	10	0
" Commission .....	32	19	0	" Rent Received .....	12	15	0
" Freight and Cartage .....	9	11	4				
" General Expenses .....	27	11	4				
" Insurance .....	9	2	1				
" Interest on Van Reserve .....	29	10	3				
" Light and Power .....	8	10	2				
" Postages and Stamps .....	116	13	3				
" Printing and Stationery .....	41	14	0				
" Rates .....	39	16	2				
" Rent .....	370	0	0				
" Salaries .....	987	1	0				
" Telephone and Tolls .....	29	0	2				
" Depreciation on Fittings and Equipment .....	24	12	1				
" Net Profit .....	515	19	2				
	£2346	12	0		£2346	12	0



# Methodist Home Mission Department

## ESTIMATES, INCOME & EXPENDITURE for 1954

### INCOME

**1. CIRCUITS, HOME MISSION STATIONS, AND MAORI CIRCUITS:—**

(Average Income based on last three years of ordinary income).

**DISTRICTS:**

AUCKLAND .....	£2819	13	2	
SOUTH AUCKLAND .....	1653	5	0	
TARANAKI-WANGANUI .....	1134	2	0	
HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU ..	1470	18	6	
WELLINGTON .....	1532	12	0	
NELSON .....	855	0	0	
NORTH CANTERBURY .....	1993	3	5	
SOUTH CANTERBURY .....	858	1	9	
OTAGO-SOUTHLAND .....	1356	11	0	
	£13673	6	10	
<b>2. PROPERTIES AND INVESTMENTS .....</b>	<b>2500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>3. SPECIAL—M.W.M.U. OBJECTIVE FOR MAORI WORK .....</b>	<b>3100</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>4. SPECIAL—NON-RECURRING GRANT FROM M.W.M.U. ....</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>5. MISCELLANEOUS .....</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
	<b>£20023</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED INCOME FROM ALL SOURCES</b>				

# EXPENDITURE

## AUCKLAND DISTRICT

### Maori Work

	£	s.	d.
Acting Senior Maori Superintendent—			
Honarium .....	52	0	0
Travelling .....	100	0	0
Special Travelling .....	52	0	0
Minister—			
Stipend .....	495	0	0
Travelling .....	75	0	0
Probationary Minister—			
Stipend .....	371	5	0
Travelling .....	100	0	0
Supernumerary Minister—			
Honarium .....	52	0	0
Travelling .....	50	0	0
Supernumerary Minister—			
Honarium .....	52	0	0
Travelling .....	100	0	0
Home Missionary (Part Time)—			
Stipend .....	52	0	0
Travelling .....	52	0	0
Rent .....	26	0	0
Home Missionary—			
Travelling .....	104	0	0
Hon. Home Missionaries—			
Grants for Travelling and			
General Circuit Expenses ..	102	0	0
Deaconess—			
Stipend .....	371	5	0
Travelling .....	25	0	0
Deaconess—			
Stipend .....	343	2	6
Provision for Car .....	70	0	0
Deaconess—			
Stipend .....	371	5	0
Provision for Car .....	70	0	0
Deaconess—			
Stipend .....	371	5	0
Provision for Car .....	70	0	0
Deaconess Supply (2/3rds time)—			
Stipend .....	247	10	0
Provision for Car .....	70	0	0
Deaconess—			
Stipend .....	343	2	6
Provision for Car .....	70	0	0
Connexional Charges			
(2 ministers) .....	48	0	0
Investment Funds Board for			
Parsonages: Auckland .....	80	0	0
Waimea .....	52	0	0
Tuakau .....	52	0	0
	£4462	15	0

### European Work

#### Circuits with Home Missionaries

North Waitemat—M.H.M.			
and M.H.M.S. ....	145	0	0
Onehunga—S.H.M.P. ....	50	0	0

#### Aided Circuits

North Hokianga—M.H.M.P. ..	100	0	0
Hokianga-Rawene—M.O.M. ....	50	0	0
Kawakawa-Kaikohu .....	100	0	0
Papakura—S.P. ....	30	0	0
Mahurangi .....	40	0	0
Port Albert for Wellsford—S.P.	100	0	0
	£615	0	0

## SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

### Maori Work—Waikato Circuit

	£	s.	d.
Home Missionary (Supt.)—			
Stipend .....	78	0	0
Travelling .....	80	0	0
Home Missionary—			
Stipend .....	286	17	6
Rent .....	25	0	0
Travelling .....	80	0	0
Home Missionary—			
Stipend .....	286	17	6
Travelling .....	80	0	0
Home Missionary (Part time)—			
Stipend .....	100	0	0
Travelling .....	50	0	0
Home Missionary (Part time if app'd)			
Stipend .....	120	0	0
Rent .....	52	0	0
Travelling .....	52	0	0
Hon. Supt., Hon. H.Ms, and			
General Circuit Exs. ....	393	10	0
Deaconess—			
Stipend .....	371	5	0
Provision for Car .....	70	0	0
Deaconess—			
Stipend .....	371	5	0
Provision for Car .....	70	0	0
Deaconess—			
Stipend .....	371	5	0
Provision for Car .....	70	0	0
Deaconess Probationer—			
Stipend .....	298	2	6
Provision for Car .....	70	0	0
Deaconess Nurse, Ngaruawahia			
(Supply arrangements)			
Stipend .....	298	2	6
Travelling .....	70	0	0
Hon. S.S. Teacher—			
Travelling .....	36	0	0
Investment Funds Board—Rent			
for Ngaruawahia .....	52	0	0
	£3832	5	0

## KING COUNTRY CIRCUIT

### Maori Work

Home Missionary—			
Stipend .....	286	17	6
Rent .....	25	0	0
Travelling .....	75	0	0
Home Missionary (Supt.)—			
Stipend .....	52	0	0
Provision for Car .....	60	0	0
Travelling .....	60	0	0
Home Missionary (Supply)—			
Stipend .....	78	0	0
Travelling .....	75	0	0
Home Missionary (Supply)—			
Stipend .....	78	0	0
Travelling .....	75	10	0
Kawhia Circuit—			
Travelling .....	60	0	0
Grants for Travelling, Hon. H.Ms.			
and General .....	260	0	0
Circuit Expenses .....	10	0	0
Special Travelling .....	10	0	0
Deaconess—			
Stipend .....	343	2	6
Provision for Car .....	70	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Deaconess—			
Stipend .....	343	2	6
Provision for Car .....	70	0	0
Deaconess (Supply half-time)—			
Stipend .....	149	1	3
Travelling .....	35	0	0
Investment Funds Board for Rent—			
Kawhia .....	60	0	0
Te Kuiti .....	52	0	0
	<u>£2317</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>9</u>

#### Home Mission Stations

Ngaruawahia—if M.H.M. ....	25	0	0
Kawhia—M.H.M. ....	40	0	0
Coromandel—M.H.M. Supply ..	50	0	0

#### Aided Circuits

Ohura—S.P. ....	50	0	0
Te Kuiti—M.O.M. ....	60	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. ....	30	0	0
Putaruru—M.O.M. ....	75	0	0
Putaruru (if second Agent)—			
Tokoroa .....	75	0	0
	<u>£625</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

#### TARANAKA-WHANGANUI DISTRICT

##### Maori Work

Minister—			
Stipend .....	495	0	0
Travelling .....	75	0	0
Special Travelling .....	20	0	0
Probationer—			
Stipend .....	371	5	0
Travelling .....	60	0	0
Rent—Parsonage .....	50	0	0
Provision for Car .....	60	0	0
Connexional Charges .....	24	0	0
Hon. H.Ms., Grants for Travelling			
and General Exs. ....	120	0	0
Deaconess—			
Stipend .....	371	5	0
Provision for Car .....	70	0	0
Deaconess—			
Stipend .....	343	2	6
Provision for Car .....	70	0	0
Deaconess (New Plymouth Appt.)			
Stipend .....	185	12	6
Travelling .....	25	0	0
Investment Funds Board for Rent			
Hawera .....	75	0	0
	<u>£2415</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>

#### Home Mission Stations

Inglewood—M.H.M.P. ....	25	0	0
Marton—M.H.M.P. ....	20	0	0

#### Aided Circuits

Wanganui West .....	60	0	0
Taihape—S.P. ....	50	0	0
	<u>£155</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

#### HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT

##### Home Mission Stations

	£	s.	d.
Apiti—if M.H.M. ....	25	0	0
Waipawa—M.H.M. Supply .....	25	0	0

##### Aided Circuits

Wairoa—S.P. ....	45	0	0
Wairoa—Travelling .....	15	0	0
Gisborne—			
2nd Agent—if S.H.M.P. ...	50	0	0
	<u>£160</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

#### WELLINGTON DISTRICT

##### Aided Circuits

Wellington East (3rd M.O.M.) ..	50	0	0
Porirua .....	25	0	0
Paraparaumu—M.O.M. ....	70	0	0
Upper Hutt—M.P. ....	40	0	0
Taita Union Parish .....	55	0	0
Eketahuna .....	10	0	0
Travelling .....	25	0	0
	<u>£275</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

#### NELSON DISTRICT

##### Aided Circuits

Westport .....	40	0	0
Reefton—M.H.M. ....	50	0	0
Hokitika—M.O.M. ....	55	0	0
Murchison—if S.P. ....	40	0	0
	<u>£185</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

#### NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

##### Aided Circuits

Riccarton—for 2nd agent—S.P. ....	65	0	0
Lytelton—Maori .....	5	0	0
Ch'ch St. Albans 3rd M.O.M. ....	?		
	<u>£70</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

#### SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

##### Aided Circuits

Marchwiell Union Parish—if S.P. ....	75	0	0
	<u>£75</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

#### OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

##### Home Mission Stations

Waikouaiti-Palmerston .....	55	0	0
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##### Aided Circuits

Dunedin South .....	15	0	0
Corstorphine Union Parish—			
if M.O.M. ....	75	0	0
St. Kilda—for Peninsular			
(S.H.M.P.) .....	50	0	0
Travelling .....	20	0	0
Port Chalmers—O.M. ....	90	0	0
Roxburgh .....	65	0	0
Travelling .....	25	0	0
Western Southland—if second			
agent .....	150	0	0
Edendale—if M.H.M. ....	40	0	0
Travelling .....	10	0	0
Mosgiel—M.H.M. ....	35	0	0
Bluff .....	50	0	0
Cromwell-Alexandra—M.P. ....	55	0	0
Travelling .....	25	0	0
Milton—M.O.M. ....	60	0	0
	<u>£820</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

## GENERAL EXPENDITURE

### Maori Work

	£	s.	d.
Sunday School Materials .....	10		0
Printing and Subsidy—			
Maori Paper .....	200	0	0
Special South Island Travelling .....	70	0	0
Worker's Conference .....	50	0	0
Students—Theological and			
Deaconess .....	50	0	0
Maori Furniture .....	50	0	0
Maori Removals .....	75	0	0
Deaconess Car Account—			
Depreciation .....	100	0	0
Methodist Times .....	10	0	0
South Island Deaconess—			
Stipend .....	52	0	0
Sundry Exs. .....	10	0	0
Maori Contingencies .....	100	0	0
National Council of Churches—			
Maori Section .....	20	0	0
Maori Ministers' Home .....			
Acquirement Fund .....	20	0	0
Subsidy—Akd. Maori Girls' Hostel .....	250	0	0
	£1071	10	0

### MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS

H.M. Retiring Fund (Estimate) ..	200	0	0
Deaconess 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—			
General Work .....	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 Deputations ..	50	0	0
Wesley Circulating Library .....	5	0	0
Ecumenical Conference Travel Fund .....	25	0	0
Methodist Times Advertising ..	12	10	0
Printing and Stationery .....	250	0	0
Interest and Bank Charges .....	200	0	0
H.M. Study Conference Fund ..	50	0	0
Colportage Society of Otago-Southland .....	25	0	0
Workers' Compensation Insurance ..	38	0	0

Contingencies and Sundries ...	400	0	0
Share of "Lotu" Printing .....	50	0	0
	£2440	10	0

### GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

Stipend .....	520	0	0
Travelling .....	150	0	0
General Allowance .....	50	0	0
	£720	0	0

### ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

	£	s.	d.
Stipend .....	495	0	0
Travelling .....	150	0	0
General Allowance .....	50	0	0
	£695	0	0

### MISSIONARY IN MAORI WORK

Stipend .....	495	0	0
Travelling .....	125	0	0
	£620	0	0

### CONNEXIONAL CHARGES

Connexional Charges for the above .....	225	0	0
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### GENERAL TREASURERS

Bookkeeping .....	180	0	0
General Expenses .....	20	0	0
	£200	0	0

### OFFICE EXPENSES

Secretarial .....	300	0	0
Rent .....	180	0	0
Lights, etc. ....	10	0	0
Postages, etc. ....	100	0	0
Telephones, etc. ....	100	0	0
	£690	0	0

### INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD

#### RENT FOR PARSONAGES

General Superintendent .....	150	0	0
Assistant Superintendent .....	150	0	0
Maori Missionary .....	150	0	0
	£450	0	0

<b>GRAND TOTAL OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE—</b>	£23,119	18	9
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## SUMMARY OF HOME MISSION DEPARTMENT ESTIMATES

### INCOME

	£	s.	d.
Circuits and H.M. Stations ..	13,673	6	10
Properties and Investments ..	2,500	0	0
Special—M.W.M.U. for Maori ..	3,100	0	0
Special—M.W.M.U. for Maori ..	500	0	0
Miscellaneous .....	250	0	0
DEFICIT .....	3,096	11	11
	£23,119	18	9

### EXPENDITURE

	£	s.	d.
Maori Work .....	14,719	8	9
European and General .....	8,400	10	0
	£23,119	18	9

**NOTE—**(1) Actual Accumulated Debit Balance at 31st July, 1953 ..... £3,825 10 5  
 (2) Stipends are in accordance with the new scale as from 1st February, 1954.



GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30th, 1953

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Church Membership											
									Members on Roll	Number Recd. during Year			Number Removed from the Roll			Net Increase	Net Decrease	On Probation	No. of Baptisms	Communi-cants
										New Members	Transfers from other Churches	By Death	Transfers to Other Circuits	Ceased to Attend						
Auckland Central	6	1	6	3	3	1		10	558	22	23	10	19	50	34		81	360		
Auckland Central Mission	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	5	207	16	2		8	4	6		14	180		
Auckland South	3	1	3	2	4			7	375	36	24	3	26	2	29		46	335		
Auckland West	2		3	1	1			4	99	12	12	1	6	2	15		39	190		
Auckland East	9	2	7	7	14			27	959	59	52	13	56	12	30		47	800		
Avondale	4	1	3	2	4			16	427	10	19	6	21	2		8	37	364		
Henderson	4	3	1	1	2			3	144	1	12	2	17	1			19	130		
Devonport	3		2	1	2			3	184	2	14	4	4	9	1		7	150		
Takapuna	2	4	1	1	3	2		13	330	17	28	3	9	3	30		29	265		
Birkenhead	4	1	2	2	2			7	217	12	4	2	5	9			22	260		
Onehunga	5	4	1	2	1	1		7	264	7	19	1	11	2	12		38	250		
Otahuhu	2	1	1	1	1			3	181		6	4	8	2		8	19	150		
Papatoetoe	2	2	1	1	1			7	186		17	5	9	4		1	20	110		
Papakura	3	2	2	1	2			5	190		3	5	2	8		12	15	110		
Pukekohe	4	2	1	1	2			7	155		3	4	8			9	18	130		
Bombay-Tuakau	3	4	1	1	1			3	93		7	1	8	3		5	4	89		
Waiuku	1	5	2	2	1			3	114		2	2	3	3		6	8	70		
Mahurangi	2	9	1	1	1			5	99		1	1	2			3	6	100		
North Waitemata	4	18	3	2		3	1	14	125	5	2		6		1		14	81		
Paparoa	4	4	1	1	1			3	84	1	1	2	2	2		4	4	56		
Dargaville	3	8	3	1	1			5	229	3	5	2	12	2		8	24	150		
Ruawai	2	2	1	1	1			5	99		3	2			1		15	100		
Whangarei	4	5	2	1	1			10	253	8	15	5	12		6		12	190		
Hikurangi	1	3	1	1	1			2	55	6	4		3		7		12	30		
Whangaroa	2	3	1	1	1			4	56	1	1		2				4	30		
Port Albert	7	4	3	1	1			4	126	6	5		2		9		17	140		
Kawakawa-Kaikohu	2	6	1	1	1			1	59	12	4		3	4		9	14	62		
Mangonui	4	2	1	1	1			5	85	10	3		9		4		19	70		
Hokianga	2	5	2	1		1		3	57	5	1		6							
Bay of Islands	1	1	1	1					16	1				5		4				
North Hokianga	3	7	2	1		1		2	76	2	2		2	2			5	96		
Totals	99	102	60	44	57	10	2	193	6102	254	293	80	281	122	168	105	612	5108		

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Thames	2	2	1	1	2				141		2	4	3	2		9	3	75	
Hauraki Plains	2	4	1	1		1		1	56	2	2		5		3	2	50		
Paeroa	1	1	1	1					45	7	2		4	5		9	50		
Waihi	1	5	1	1	2		3		86	8	3	2					20		
Te Aroha	4	1	2	1	1		4		202	1	10	1	18		8	18	177		
Morrinsville	3	4	2	2	1		3		254	4	15	4	24		11	25	285		
Cambridge	3	1	2	1	2		5		170	7	7	1	8	2	3	13	141		
Hamilton	5	2	4	3	4	1	2	14	530	22	37	7	34	7	11	42	400		
Hamilton East	3	3	3	1	1		5		199	2	26	1	10	4	13	24	195		
Huntly	1	5	1	1	1		4		89	3	7	1	5		4	11	55		
Matamata	3	5	1	1	1		3		167		2	3	10	2	13	19	190		
Putaruru	1	3	1	1	1		2		75	3	3	1	1	4		14	35		
Rotorua	2	1	1	1	3		9		149	6	25	2	14	15		23	90		
Tauranga	3	8	1	2	2	2	10		338	24	12	4	16	7	9	25	300		
Whakatane	1	1	1	1	1		1		77	11	3	1	1	8	4	14	35		
Opotiki	2	2	2	1		1	2		53	2	2	1	1	2		5	68		
Te Awamutu	2	4	2	1	2		1		184	10	3	1	4	3	5	13	180		
Otorohanga	1	10	1	1	1		1		108	9	9		5		13	16	90		
Te Kuiti	1	5	1	1	1				60	2	3		8		3	14	38		
Taumarunui	1	5	1	1	1		1		69	5	2		7			17	75		
Ohura	3	7	1	1	1				42		2		2			7	33		
Ngaruawahia	3		1	1		1	1		52		1		7		6	10	41		
Coromandel	1	8	1	1			1		22			14			14	1	20		
Kawhai	1	9	1	1		1			36	2	1		5		3	12	25		
Raglan Union									51										
Totals	50	95	29	26	29	8	2	71	3255	130	179	48	186	44	92	70	9	360	2714

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

New Plymouth	7	3	5	3	3	1	18		613	25	8	12	16		5		55	460
Waitara	3	5	2	1	1		5		99	2	4	1	1		4		15	109
Stratford	7	1	1	1	1		4		173	9	10	1	10	3	5		21	175
Eltham-Kaponga	2	3	2	1	1		7		119	9	1	2	4		4		15	90
Hawera	5	1	1	2			8		254	12	50	4	8		50		17	160
Mania	2	5	1	1	1		3		102	2	2				4		26	70
Opunake	5	5	4	3	1	1	8		167	3	3	1	18		13		20	155
Wanganui	2	1	1	1	3		4		220	18	18	6	8	2	20		20	230
Wanganui North	3	2	3	2	1		8		178	17	6	4	7		12		18	170
Wanganui West	3	1	1	1	1		3		92	7	8	2	8	1	4		13	80
Taihape	1	2	1	1					42	10	2		5		7		4	25
Inglewood	2	2	1	1		1	3		98	11	7	2	5		4		10	
Marton	1	2	1	1		1	1		71		2		4		2		20	65
Raetihi	1					1			20		3	1			2		10	78
Totals	44	30	23	17	15	5	72		2248	125	124	36	94	6	117	19	244	1867

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Napier	4		4	2	3		16		406	19	6	4	16		5		24	310
Hastings	3	3	1	1	2		8		330	20	10	2	7	27	6		31	200
Gisborne	3	1	1	1	1	1	5		220	16	8	2	13	15	6		30	220
Wairoa	1	3	1	1	1		1		36	1	2		6		3		14	12
Dannevirke	1	1	1	1	1		3		109	7	9	2	7	3	4		7	70
Woodville	1	1	1	1	1		3		111	6				2	4		12	110
Pahiatua	3	3	1	1	1		3		104	3	5		5		3		9	90
Palmerston N. (St. Paul's)	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	6	280	13	33	7	21	4	14		38	200
Palmerston N. (Cuba St.)	2	2	1	1	1		6		282	12	20	4	4	2	22		14	230
Ashurst-Bunnythorpe	3	2	1	1	1		2		100	5	1	3	9	3		9	6	80
Feilding	6	3	4	2	1	1	7		349	25	9	7	10		17		28	230
Sanson-Rongotea	3	2	1	1	1		2		155	5	1	2	4	5		5	18	150
Waipawa	2	3	1	1	1	1	1		52		8		8	1		1	2	46
Foxton-Shannon	4	1	1	1	1	1	3		106	14	2	2	1	13		14	90	
Apiti	2	2	1	1		1	1		68	1	5		4		2		8	35
Norsewood	2								50	3	1		2	2			3	20
Totals	41	22	24	16	16	6	1	67	2758	150	120	35	111	83	71	30	258	2093

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Wellington Central	3		3	2	4		7		385	14	57	11	59		1		39	375
Wellington West	3	1	3	2	3		6		277	15	18	4	39	10	20		14	270
Wellington South	2		3	2	2				221	7	22	5	19	2	3		21	203
Wellington East	4		2	3	4		8		354	13	27	4	43		7		33	314
Wellington North	3		3	2	2		8		194	12	11	2	5	6	10		19	110
Porirua	4	1	1	1	1		6		120	8	6		8	2	4		23	120
Hutt	5		4	2	4		1	9	474	50	26	7	34	8	27		59	399
Upper Hutt	1	2		1	1		2		92	1	10	3	9			1	15	78
Petone	2		1	1	1				132									

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30th, 1953  
NELSON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Church Membership											
									Members on Roll	Number Recd during Year			Number Removed from the Roll			Net Increase	Net Decrease	On Probation	No. of Baptisms	Communi-cants
										New Members	Transfers from other Churches	Transfers to other Churches	By Death	Transfers to Other Circuits	Ceased to Attend					
Nelson	2		4	1	4			10	346	19	10	8	17	7		3	22	260		
Elenheim	8	10	4	4	3			13	404	11	10	2	7		12		37	250		
Waimea	7		4	1	2			9	220	4	13	1	8		8		17	180		
Greymouth	2	4	1	1	1			1	205	12	1	2	4	2	5		10	161		
Motueka	1	3	3	1	1	1		7	113		2	3				1	13	75		
Westport	2	1	1	1	1			1	84	2	4		4	6		4	6	62		
Hokitika	1	2	1	1	1			2	59		6	1	3		2		8	50		
Reefton	2	2	1	1	1			1	76	2	1	1	1		1		8	72		
Murchison	1	3						3	20		2		1				10	30		
TOTALS	26	25	19	11	14	1		47	1527	50	49	19	45	15	28	8	131	1140		

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Durham Street	2	1	3	2	9			11	505	20	30	6	30	1	13		23	580
Central Mission	1	1	1	1	1			1	40								5	35
Christchurch East	6	3	8	4	7			110	655	24	34	10	30	12	6		71	670
Cambridge Terrace	3		3	2	1			3	100	5	7	6	10	2		6	14	89
Woolston	5		5	2	3			4	335	17	16	3	29	15		14	42	300
Sydenham	2	1	3	2	1			5	204	2	3	1	6		2	22	190	
Addington	1		1	1	1			1	156	5		4	16	2		17	8	110
Riccarton	4	1	4	1	2			4	214	12	10	2	15	2	3		16	193
St. Albans	3		3	2	5			11	535	26	33	7	31	2	19		33	450
Papanui	3		1	2	1	1	1	4	180	6	14	3	9	4	4		15	170
Lytelton	1	2	1	1	1				46	1		3	6	6		14	7	25
Springston	7	1	3	2	2			5	141	11	1	5	4	2	1		15	110
Leeston	5		1	1	2			5	185			2			11	13	8	100
Kaiapoi	2		1	1	1			1	115								8	50
Ohoka	4					1		5	99	2			2				1	87
Rangiora	3		1	1	1			4	186	4	9	2	2	1	8		14	121
Woodend-Sefton	4		1	1	1				93		5		4	3		2	10	61
Greendale	2		5	1	1			7	101	1	9		6	5		1	1	50
Oxford	4		2	2	1			3	113		4	1	7		4		2	67
Harwarden	1	1							39	2			1		1		4	
TOTALS	62	16	42	30	40	2		383	4042	138	175	55	208	68	55	73	319	3458

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Willowby	6	3	2	2	1			5	140		2		9			10	14	70
Ashburton	4	5	3	1	1			116	380	4	18	8	14	1		1	23	272
Temuka	1	1	1	1	1				71	2		1	10		9	1	56	
Geraldine	1		1	1					71	6	3	2	2	1	4		3	60
Timaru, Banks Street	1	2	2	1	3			2	211	6	2	5	16	4		17	27	175
Timaru, Woodlands St.	1		1	1	1				217	7	5	6	10		4		27	190
Timaru South	3	1						2	74	1	3		2	1	1		2	70
Waimate	2		2	1	2			1	176		1				1		9	116
Oamaru	3		1	1					172		11	4	1	3	3		8	115
Marchweil Union	1		1		1				59		5				5		6	40
TOTALS	23	12	14	8	11			126	1571	26	50	26	64	10	14	41	120	1164

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Dunedin Central	3		2	2	3			11	236	6	16	6	18	7		9	14	160
Dunedin Central Mission	1	2	1	2	2			1	8	141	9	4	2		9	9	12	300
Dunedin North	3		3	1	1			4	155	18	4	1	8	8	5		15	130
Dunedin South	4		3	2	3			8	278	10	8	10	17			9	18	255
Corstorphine Union Church		1			1				7				3			3	1	10
Dunedin (St. Kilda)	3		1	1	3			1	158		13	2	15	4		8	17	128
Dunedin (Mornington)	1		1	1	1			4	163	3	15	4	5	2	7		6	100
Dunedin (Roslyn)	1		1	1		1		1	79	1	3	2	10		8		9	55
Port Chalmers	3		1	1	1			1	60	7		2	2	1	2		4	30
Milton	1		1	1	1				45	1	3	2			2		2	35
Roxburgh	3			1				1	53		4		4	1		1	7	94
Invercargill (Central)	2	2	2	1	2			5	284	11	10	7	11	3			24	150
Invercargill (St. Peter's)	3		1	2	1			1	213	11	7	4	20			6	14	180
Gore	2		1	2	1			2	114	3	2		1	1	3		2	40
Western Southland	7	1	1	1	1			4	131	9	7	1	8	2	5		12	83
Edendale	2	2		1		1		2	52		1	1	2	1		3		49
Mosgiel	1	1		1	1				61		5	2				5	5	55
Bluff	2		1	1	1				70			1	1	1		3	4	50
Cromwell-Alexandra	2	2	1	1	1				59	1	9		12	3		5	4	68
Waikouaiti	2	1		1		1			38		3				3		2	36
Balclutha	2	2	1	1		1		3	92				6	7		13	18	30
Lawrence	1		1	1					28			1				1		26
TOTALS	49	14	23	26	24	4		157	2517	90	114	48	145	44	36	69	190	2064

GENERAL FINANCIAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30th, 1953

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. Minister 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	500 0 0		All Exps.	C	218 19 8		617 14 10	2484 15 4	
	440 0 0		15 0 0	M					
	380 0 0		52 0 0	M					
Auckland Central Mission	440 0 0		All Exp.	M		70 9 8	23 10 1		
Auckland South	440 0 0	8 0 0	62 0 0	C	59 12 10				
	440 0 0	8 0 0	12 0 0	M					
	220 0 0	4 0 0		M					
Auckland West	452 10 0		52 10 0	M	17 12 3		73 16 7		
Auckland East	480 10 0	5 0 0	60 0 0	M		173 19 4	989 6 10	79 4 9	
	450 12 6	5 0 0	50 0 0	M					
	450 12 6	5 0 0	60 0 0	M					
	450 12 6	5 0 0	60 0 0	M					
	330 0 0	5 0 0	30 0 0	C					
	75 0 0								
Avondale	450 0 0		80 0 0	M	22 12 7		543 19 6	1753 10 10	
	440 0 0		36 0 0	M					
	380 0 0		75 0 0	M		2 4 1	97 14 2		
Henderson	440 0 0				102 3 3		273 16 8		
Devonport	440 0 0				18 19 9		424 7 7	46 18 5	
Takapuna	440 0 0		90 0 0	M	83 0 0		1026 10 4		
Birkenhead	440 0 0		70 0 0	M	13 0 8		65 4 7		
Onehunga	440 0 0		52 0 0	C					
	285 0 0								
Otahuhu	440 0 0			M		22 19 3	84 17 11		
Papatoetoe			All Exes.	M	133 5 0		66 0 9		
Papakura	440 0 0		120 0 0	M	44 7 0		471 6 0		
	320 0 0		13 0 0	M					
	440 0 0			C		117 11 2	217 1 1		
Pukekohe	380 0 0		All Exp.	M	87 3 4		120 16 7		
Bombay-Tuakau	402 10 0		160 0 0	M	24 12 3		93 12 10	928 6 6	
Waiuku	440 0 0		103 9 3	C		25 11 10	68 0 0		
Mahurangi	440 0 0		140 0 0	M					
North Waitemata	380 0 0		135 0 0	M	11 2 8		168 7 0		
	380 0 0		135 0 0	M					
	345 0 0		138 0 0	M	95 16 6		74 8 5		
Paparoa	440 0 0		175 0 0	M	29 9 11		65 15 2		
Dargaville	440 0 0		132 0 0	M	39 7 0		39 8 0		
Ruawai	440 0 0		104 0 0	M	14 6 4		39 1 3	91 12 6	
Whangarei	465 0 0		70 0 0	M		56 17 6			
Hikurangi	309 15 0			M	12 13 2			22 14 8	
Whangaroa	380 0 0		All Exep.	C	11 12 2		156 19 5	1 3 0	
Port Albert	421 5 0			C		71 14 8	21 1 0		
Kawakawa-Kaikohu	440 0 0		171 15 7	M	15 14 8		72 9 5	0 0 8	
Mangonui	421 5 0		188 17 11	M	55 17 6			1547 9 1	
Bay of Islands						83 13 0	23 7 9		
North Hokianga	355 0 0		200 0 0	M					
TOTALS					1117 19 0	629 19 8	6224 9 7	5566 2 6	

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Thames	421 0 0		75 0 0	M		66 1 4	1 5 8	
Hauraki Plains	355 0 0		32 2 2	M	42 13 1		198 8 6	
Paeroa	421 5 0	20 0 0			104 3 10		163 4 11	
Waihi	441 5 0		114 18 1	M		21 11 1	5 5 0	
Te Aroha	425 2 6		150 0 0	M	107 11 4		435 3 10	
Morrinsville	465 0 0	50 0 0	150 0 0	M	20 2 10		361 17 9	
Cambridge	420 0 0		84 10 0	M	190 3 10		52 19 3	
Hamilton	452 0 0	8 2 2	106 3 9	C	340 7 11		6425 14 0	11 5 7
	440 0 0	8 2 2	100 0 0	M				
	330 0 0	5 8 5	6 9					
Hamilton East	466 0 0		79 8 8	C	23 19 3		55 0 6	
Huntly	380 0 0		142 17 0	C	26 6 1		8 19 5	
Matamata	460 0 0		130 0 0	M		26 5 3	88 12 5	9 0 0
Putaruru	380 0 0		100 3 4	C		107 3 2		6 5 8
Rotorua	440 0 0		100 0 0	M		35 5 8	125 15 7	
Tauranga	440 0 0	10 0 0	108 13 10	M	14 15 2		474 15 7	6 0 0
	367 10 0	5 0 0	129 0 8	M				
Whakatane	380 0 0		69 11 8	M	47 4 6		1 2 2	
Opotiki	380 0 0		100 0 0	M	47 10 10		34 8 4	
Te Awamutu	440 0 0		150 0 0	M	191 7 8		26 3 9	
Otorohanga	421 5 0			C	50 10 8		131 0 4	
Te Kuiti	327 19 1		100 7 5	M	33 12 0			132 3 9
Taumarunui	421 5 0		106 3 1	M		18 14 6		
Ohura	330 0 0		55 0 0	C	8 3 2		35 17 3	
Ngaruawahia	322 10 0					22 6 2	110 19 11	7 14 5
Coromandel					164 18 0		28 13 0	
Kawhia	362 10 0		154 6 5	M	86 10 0		No Trust	
Raglan Union	468 0 0		180 0 0	M				
TOTALS	10957 11 7	106 12 9	2518 12 0		1500 1 0	297 7 2	8765 7 2	172 9 5

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

New Plymouth	515 0 0		55 0 0	M	49 9 0		405 10 11	
	440 0 0		20 0 0					
	285 0 0							
Waitara	440 0 0		93 0 0		164 10 6		163 8 7	
Stratford	440 0 0		144 0 0	M	30 6 9		263 14 3	
Eltham-Kaponga	440 0 0			C	72 14 8		149 8 7	2 0 0
Hawera	440 0 0		90 0 0	M	103 2 0		189 0 0	
Mania	440 0 0		100 0 0	M	51 8 3		78 16 1	
Opunake	440 0 0			C	58 1 10		218 7 5	
	380 0 0							
Wanganui	480 0 0		50 0 0	C	83 6 6		536 4 10	
Wanganui North	421 0 0		37 0 0	M	148 5 1		566 11 10	
Wanganui West	440 0 0		20 0 0	M	51 19 2		118 13 2	
Taihape	181 0 0				64 5 4		176 0 2	
Inglewood	355 0 0		100 0 0	M	174 8 1		120 16 1	
Marton	380 0 0		5 0 0		5 1 6		27 1 3	
Raetihi					176 19 1		6 1 0	
TOTALS	6517 0 0		714 0 0		1233 16 11		3219 14 2	2 0 0

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Napier	460 0 0		72 10 0	M	22 18 0		259 15 3	
	435 0 0		20 0 0	M				
Hastings	450 0 0	26 0 0	80 0 0	M	107 17 9		30 4 7	
Gisborne	440 0 0		52 0 0	M		46 2 8	170 0 3	
	278 0 0		4 0 0					
Wairoa	301 1 9		10 5 0	M		12 5 4		
Dannevirke	440 0 0			C	70 16 5		9 19 3	
Woodville	440 0 0		40 0 0	M		13 12 3		
Pahiatua	440 0 0		83 6 8	M	22 14 1		20 17 0	
Palmerston N. (St. Paul's)	450 0 0		80 0 0	M	171 5 1			1267 11 10
	288 0 0							
Palmerston N. (Cuba St.)	490 0 0		100 0 0	M		16 8		137 16 8
Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe	440 0 0		80 0 0	M		91 10 7	231 0 9	450 0 0
Feilding	440 0 0		115 0 0	M	41 7 2		1405 13 11	
	310 15 0		76 7 2	M				
Sanson-Rongotea	450 0 0		200 0 0	M			39 18 0	
Waipawa	345 0 0		80 0 0	M	25 13 11		64 18 6	
Foxton-Shannon	362 10 0		104 0 0	M	24 4 1		145 5 0	9 18 3
Apiti	380 0 0		209 7 6	M	68 2 10		5 0 1	2 4
Norsewood								
TOTALS	7640 6 9	26 0 0	1406 19 4		555 0 2	164 7 6	2841 16 5	1865 9 0

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Wellington Central	529 0 0		126 10 0	M	347 17 8		336 2 6	
	436		12 0 0					
Wellington West	485 0 0		18 0 0		16 8 2		708 18 9	
	450 0 0		30 0 0	M				
Wellington South	440 0 0	25 0 0	40 0 0	M	105 8 2		148 13 10	
	380 0 0	15 0 0	20 0 0	M				
Wellington East	445 0 0		50 0 0	M	86 9 6		267 14 9	33 10 4
	410 0 0		40 0 0	M				
	355 0 0		10 0 0					
Wellington North	440 0 0		45 0 0	M		6 7 9	1507 9 7	
	380 0 0		18 0 0					
Porirua	440 0 0		156 0 0	M	7 11 7		145 13 9	595 15 6
Hutt	485 0 0		101 0 0	M	69 1 6		1226 19 7	43 3 6
	455 0 0		101 0 0	M				
	335 0 0		15 0 0					
Upper Hutt	330 0 0		20 0 0	M	18 19 3		216 10 8	
Petone	440 0 0		70 0 0	M	49 18 1			29 4 7
Greytown-Featherston	362 10 0		Expenses	C	30 15 2		597 10 4	
Caterton	440 0 0		Expenses	C	43 14 2		96 18 2	
Masterton	450 0 0		90 0 0	M	123 4 8		183 15 6	
	285 0 0		12 0 0					
Eketahuna	380 0 0		78 0 0	C	5 19 9		278 9 3	
Levin	420 0 0		80 0 0		59 10 11		83 8 7	
Otaki	402 10 0		70 0 0	M		3 0 1	131 4 3	

**GENERAL FINANCIAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30th, 19  
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	440 0 0		100 0 0	M	5 17 7		32 18 4		
Blenheim	330 0 0								
	465 0 0		Expenses	C	50 0 6		842 12 11		
	440 0 0			C					
Waiwera	440 0 0		100 0 0	M	21 7 6		254 10 11		
	200 0 0		26 0 0	M					
Greymouth	440 0 0		70 0 0	M	2 5 7		205 12 10		
Moteuka	400 0 0		56 0 0	M	11 17 6		30 11 11		
Westport	440 0 0		43 17 0	M	27 9 11		42 17 11		
Hokitika	300 0 0			M	24 2 0		37 2 1		
Reefton	330 0 0				33 6 1		250 6 8		
Murchison					107 3 9				
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4225 0 0</b>		<b>395 17 0</b>		<b>283 10 5</b>		<b>1696 13 7</b>		

**NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.**

Durham Street	525 0 0	25 0 0	100 0 0	M	195 6 4		344 2 5	
	460 0 0		50 0 0	M				
Central Mission	402 0 0		100 0 0	M	No Returns			
Christchurch East	457 0 0	10 0 0	15 0 0	M	7 3 1		994 2 7	
	432 10 0		25 0 0	M				
	432 10 0		42 0 0	M				
	432 10 0		20 0 0					
Cambridge Terrace	440 0 0		40 0 0	M		15 9	497 17 10	
Woolston	411 19 0		13 0 0	M	30 8 0		297 17 7	12 16 7
	411 19 0		13 0 0	M				
	90 5 0		13 0 0					
Sydenham	440 0 0		78 0 0	M	15 16 1		167 13 10	48 18 8
Addington	404 0 0	52 0 0	25 0 0	M		10 4 8		56 15 0
Riccarton	440 0 0			M	8 3 10		211 18 8	
	330 0 0							
St. Albans	490 0 0		46 0 0	M	18 13 1		221 18 8	225 13 3
	440 0 0		40 0 0	M				
	440 0 0		6 0 0					
Papanui	440 0 0		30 0 0	M	10 0 0		138 16 1	
Lyttelton	221 5 0		3 3 0		77 16 1		377 5 11	
Springston	402 11 8		150 0 0	M	147 19 2		207 7 10	
Leeston	402 10 0		70 0 0	M	96 2 0		276 1 3	
Kaipoi	420 15 0				98 15 9		53 11 8	
Ohoka	325 0 0		80 0 0	M	37 16 0		101 8 6	3 12 0
Rangiora	421 5 0		60 0 0	M	84 14 8		136 15 2	
Woodend-Sefton	387 5 10		113 18 0	M	77 19 9		737 18 4	
Greendale	323 19 2		111 3 10	M	44 19 1		99 6 7	
Oxford	440 0 0		171 5 0		115 4 1		277 12 1	
Hawarden			35 0 0		20 2 7			
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>11264 4 8</b>	<b>87 0 0</b>	<b>1450 9 10</b>		<b>1086 19 7</b>	<b>11 0 5</b>	<b>5141 15 0</b>	<b>347 15 6</b>

**SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.**

Willowby	440 0 0		150 0 0	M			160 10 7	
Ashburton	441 0 0		135 0 0	M	690 2 4		523 1 1	131 4 6
Temuka	440 0 0		100 0 0	M		73 9 8	76 0 7	
Geraldine					144 17 3		98 17 8	
Timaru (Banks St.)	450 0 0		78 0 0		110 4 2		15 11 10	
Timaru (Woodlands St.)	440 0 0			M	27 12 6			
Timaru South					50 2 6		29 5 10	
Waimate	444 0 0			C	46 5 1			37 9 1
Oamaru	450 0 0		40 0 0	M	60 3 5		126 5 11	
Marchweil Union	330 0 0				5 3 1			
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3435 0 0</b>		<b>503 0 0</b>		<b>1134 10 4</b>	<b>73 9 8</b>	<b>1029 13 6</b>	<b>168 13 7</b>

**OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.**

Dunedin Central	420 0 0		76 0 0	M	30 0 0		324 18 3	466 6 9
	420 0 0		12 0 0					
Dunedin Central Mission	552 0 0	100 0 0		M	9 16 11			3865 11 8
	380 0 0	15 0 0		C				
	289 0 0							
Dunedin North	421 0 0		64 0 0	M	19 8 7			28 9 6
Dunedin South	430 0 0		20 0 0	M	136 13 9		83 19 1	
	430 0 0		9 15 0	M				
	175 0 0		25 0 0					
Corstorphine Union Church	440 0 0							
Dunedin (St. Kilda)	402 10 0		40 0 0	M	14 12 7		74 2 6	
	299 0 0		12 0 0	C				
Dunedin (Mornington)	440 0 0		40 0 0	M	69 16 10		22 9 9	
Dunedin (Roslyn)	374 0 0					18 2 2	45 9 11	
Port Chalmers	402 10 0		42 10 0	M		49 0 0	139 2 5	
Milton	353 15 0		16 3 7	M	54 15 7		40 16 6	
Roxburgh	350 0 0		100 0 0	M	5 13 2		30 10 2	
Invercargill (Central)	420 0 0		80 0 0	M	26 7 6		216 11 4	
	287 0 0		6 0 0					
Invercargill (St. Peter's)	440 0 0	45 0 0	70 0 0	M	69 3 5			27 4 11
Gore	428 0 0		80 0 0	M	105 2 6		25 9 3	636 2 6
Western Southland	421 5 0		150 0 0	M	1 10 4		393 9 11	
	150 18 9		21 0 0					
Edendale	380 0 0		80 0 0	M	16 2 2			13 13 1
Mosgiel	362 10 0		10 0 0		29 5 5		6 19 10	
Bluff	430 0 0				55 4 10		176 16 7	
Cromwell-Alexandra	329 0 0		110 0 0	M	35 12 8		33 19 10	
Waikouaiti	375 0 0				129 4 10		150 15 7	
Balclutha	380 0 0	12 0 0	10 0 0			29 14 2	9 13 0	17 13 1
Lawrence			104 6 3		43 19 7		42 6 7	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>10982 8 9</b>	<b>172 0 0</b>	<b>1178 14 10</b>		<b>852 10 8</b>	<b>96 16 4</b>	<b>1817 10 6</b>	<b>5055 1 6</b>

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