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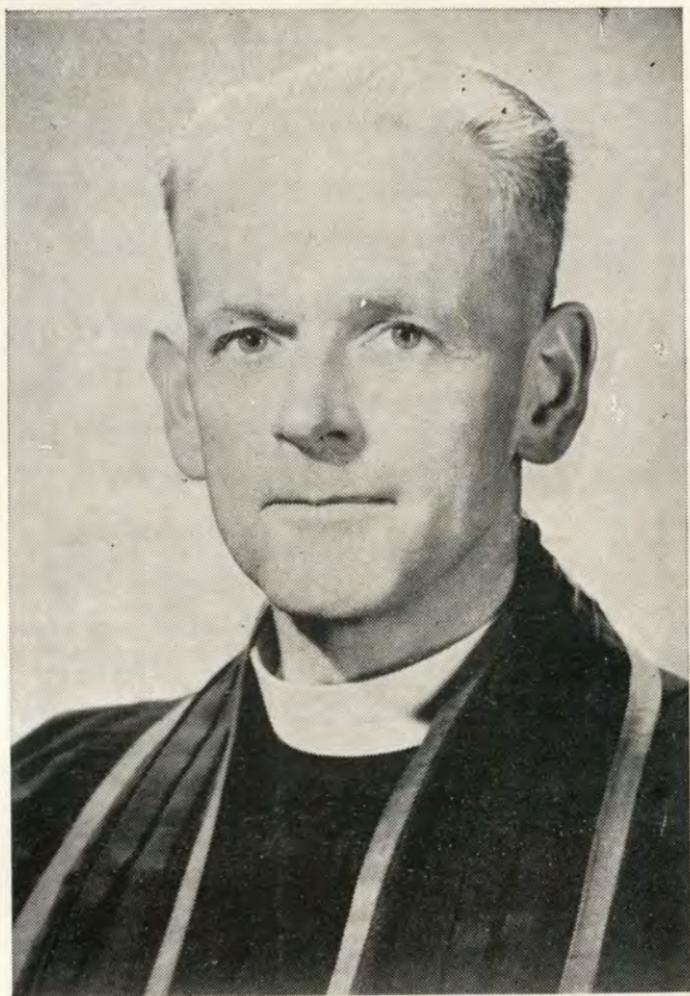
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“The Missions in Australia, Van Diemen’s Land, the Friendly Islands and Feejee” were constituted by the British Conference of 1854 “a distinct Connexion, to be denominated “The Australasian Wesleyan-Methodist Connexion,” with an Annual Conference,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

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

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

THE FIRST NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

of the Australasian Wesleyan Methodist Church was held in 1874.

THE TWENTY-FOURTH NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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

THE FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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

THE FIRST CONFERENCE

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

THE FIRST CONFERENCE

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LECTIONARY : 1956-57

(Adopted by Conference for optional use by Preachers)

MAY, 1956	MORNING	EVENING
5th after Easter (Bible Sunday)	6 Psalm 119 : 97-112 John 5 : 30-47	Isa. 5 : 1-16 Luke 4 : 16-30
Sun. aft. Ascension (Mother's Day or Home & Family Sunday)	13 Magnificat Ephes. 5 : 22-6 : 4	Deut. 8 : 11-20 2 Tim. 1 : 1-14
Whit Sunday (Aldersgate Sunday)	20 <i>The Spirit Poured Out.</i> Joel 2 : 28-32 Acts 2 : 1-13	<i>The Holy Spirit Foretold.</i> Isa. 11 : 1-9 John 14 : 15-31a
Trinity Sunday	27 <i>The Holy Trinity-</i> Isa. 6 : 1-8 Matth. 28 : 16-20	<i>Glory, Honour & Power</i> Exodus 34 : 1-10 Revelation 4
JUNE		
1st after Trinity	3 <i>The Golden Rule</i> Isa. 5 : 11-24 Matth. 7 : 1-14	<i>Paul's Conversion</i> Exodus 34 : 29-35 Acts 9 : 1-22
2nd after Trinity	10 <i>Hearers and Doers</i> Isaiah 12 Matth. 7 : 15-29	<i>Samson and Paul</i> Judges 14 : 1-19 Gal. 1 : 11-24
3rd after Trinity	17 <i>Call of Matthew</i> Isaiah 29 : 15-24 Matth. 9 : 1-17	<i>Paul at Lystra</i> Judges 16 : 16-30 Acts 14 : 8-18
4th after Trinity	24 <i>Healing Miracles</i> Jeremiah 12 : 1-6 Matth. 9 : 18-38	<i>Paul at Philippi</i> Ruth 1 : 1-22 Acts 16 : 16-40
JULY		
5th after Trinity	1 <i>Mission of the 12</i> Jeremiah 18 : 1-10 Matth. 10 : 1-15	<i>Paul at Athens</i> 1 Sam. 8 : 1-22 Acts 17 : 16-34
6th after Trinity	8 <i>The Coming Test</i> Ezek. 3 : 4-15 Matth. 10 : 24-42	<i>Paul at Ephesus</i> 1 Sam. 9 : 1-20a Acts 18 : 24-19 : 6

	JULY	MORNING	EVENING
7th after Trinity (Youth Day)	15	<i>The Rich Young Ruler</i> 1 Sam. 17 : 33-51 Matth. 19 : 13-30	<i>Discipleship</i> 1 Sam. 3 : 1:10- Mark 10 : 35-45
8th after Trinity	22	<i>The Lord of the Sabbath</i> Ezek. 18 : 1-4; 19- 23; 31-32 Matth. 12 : 1-21	<i>Farewell to Ephesus</i> 1 Sam. 18 : 1-16 Acts 20 : 17-38
9th after Trinity	29	<i>Power over Demons</i> Ezek. 34 : 1-16 Matth. 12 : 22-37	<i>Church Divisions</i> 2 Sam. 1 : 1-16 1 Corin. 1 : 1-17

AUGUST

10th after Trinity	5	<i>The Sign of Jonah</i> Isaiah 42 : 1-9 Matth. 12 : 38-50	<i>God's Temple</i> 2 Sam. 1 : 17-27 1 Corin. 3
11th after Trinity	12	<i>Feeding the Crowd</i> Isaiah 42 : 10-17 Matth. 14 : 1-21	<i>Gifts of the Spirit</i> 2 Sam. 12 : 1-7a 1 Corin. 12 : 1-11
12th after Trinity	19	<i>Walking on the Water</i> Isaiah 44 : 6-20 Matth. 14 : 22-36	<i>The Body of Christ</i> 2 Sam. 18 : 1-17 1 Cor. 12 : 12-13:1
13th after Trinity	26	<i>Jesus and His Critics</i> Isaiah 45 : 1-13 Matth. 15 : 1-20	<i>The Spiritual Body</i> 2 Sam. 18 : 19-33 1 Corin. 15 : 35-58

SEPTEMBER

14th after Trinity	2	<i>Jesus foretells His Death</i> Isaiah 51 : 7-16 Matth. 16 : 21-28	<i>Paul's Credentials</i> 1 Kings 3 : 5-15 2 Cor. 5 : 20-6 : 10
15th after Trinity	9	<i>The Transfiguration</i> Isaiah 57 : 15-21 Matth. 17 : 1-13	<i>Paul's Sufferings</i> 1 Kings 8 : 54-62 2 Cor. 11 : 16-31
16th after Trinity (Temperance Sunday)	16	<i>The Weaker Brother</i> Jeremiah 35 : 12-19 Romans 14	<i>Offences</i> Proverbs 23 : 29-35 Mark 9 : 38-50
17th after Trinity	23	<i>The Unmerciful Servant</i> Zechariah 8 : 1-8 Matth. 18 : 15-35	<i>Fruit of the Spirit</i> 1 Kings 12 : 1-15 Gal. 5 : 16-6 : 5
18th after Trinity	30	<i>Labourers in the Vineyard</i> Zechariah 13 Matth. 20 : 1-16	<i>Life in the Spirit</i> 1 Kings 17 : 1-16 Romans 8 : 1-17

	OCTOBER	MORNING	EVENING
19th after Trinity (World Communion)	7	<i>First Place in the Kingdom</i> Malachi 3 : 13-4 : 3 Matth. 20 : 17-34	<i>More than Conquerors.</i> 1 Kings 18 : 20-39 Romans 8 : 26-39
20th after Trinity	14	<i>The Two Sons</i> Proverbs 1 : 1-19 Matth. 21 : 18-32	<i>Righteousness by Faith in Christ</i> 1 Kings 21 : 1-20 Romans 10 : 1-15
21st after Trinity (Industrial Sunday)	21	<i>A Social Programme</i> Proverbs 1 : 20-33 Luke 4 : 14-22	<i>Good Citizenship</i> Psalm 15 Romans 13
22nd after Trinity	28	<i>The Marriage Feast</i> Proverbs 2 : 1-22 Matth. 22 : 1-22	<i>Those raised with Christ</i> 2 Kings 20 : 1-11 Coloss. 3 : 1-11

NOVEMBER

23rd after Trinity	4	<i>A Summary of the Law</i> Proverbs 6 : 6-19 Matth. 22 : 34-46	<i>All things Summed Up in Christ</i> 2 Kings 23 : 21-27 Ephesians 1 : 3-23
24th after Trinity (Remembrance Day)	11	<i>The Beatitudes</i> Joshua 4 : 1-9 Matth. 5 : 1-16	<i>The Vision of the Redeemed</i> 2 Sam. 23 : 8-17 Rev. 7 : 9-17
25th after Trinity	18	<i>Pharisaism Denounced</i> Prov. 14 : 31-15 : 7 Matth. 23 : 23-39	<i>Joy and Peace</i> Ezra 3 Phillip. 4 : 4-13
Next before Advent	25	<i>Always Ready</i> Haggai 2 : 1-9 Matth. 24 : 32-51	<i>The Visible and the Invisible</i> Eccles. 12 : 1-8 2 Corin. 4

DECEMBER

1st in Advent	2	<i>The Coming King</i> Jeremiah 23 : 1-8 Luke 7 : 18-35	<i>The Alpha and Omega</i> Isaiah 32 : 1-8 Revelation 1 : 1-8
2nd in Advent	9	<i>The Scriptures</i> Psalm 19 2 Tim. 3 : 14-4 : 8	<i>Hearts of Flesh</i> 2 Kings 22 : 8-20 2 Corin. 3 : 1-11

	DECEMBER	MORNING	EVENING
3rd in Advent	16	<i>The Son of Man</i> Daniel 7 : 9-14 Matth. 25 : 31-46	<i>The Reproach of Christ</i> Jeremiah 24 1 Peter 4 : 12-19
4th in Advent	23	<i>The Call to Repentance</i> Isaiah 42 : 1-9 Matth. 3 : 1-12	<i>Entering into Life</i> Isaiah 52 : 1-10 Matth. 18 : 1-14
1st after Christmas	30	<i>The Word Incarnate</i> Isiah 62 1 John 1	<i>The meaning of Incarnation</i> Psalm 8 John 1 : 1-14

JANUARY, 1957

The Epiphany	6	Deut. 26 : 16-19 Matth. 2 : 1-12	Isaiah 61 Luke 3 : 15-22
1st after Epiphany	13	<i>Light of the Gentiles</i> Isaiah 49 : 1-13 Luke 2 : 25-40	<i>Water into Wine</i> Genesis 11 : 1-9 John 2 : 1-11
2nd after Epiphany	20	<i>Massacre of the Innocents</i> Jeremiah 31 : 1-17 Matth. 2 : 13-23	<i>The Woman at the Well</i> Genesis 12 : 1-9 John 4 : 5-26
3rd after Epiphany	27	<i>True Sacrifice</i> Jeremiah 7 : 21-28 Hebrews 10 : 1-8	<i>The Bread of Life</i> Genesis 18 : 23-33 John 6 :41-59;66-69

FEBRUARY

4th after Epiphany	3	<i>Mount Sinai and Zion</i> Exodus 19 : 7-25 Hebrews 12 : 18-29	<i>The Good Shepherd</i> Genesis 28 : 10-22 John 10 : 1-18
5th after Epiphany	10	<i>The True Passover Lamb</i> Exodus 12 : 21-36 1 Peter 1 : 3-25	<i>The Anointing at Bethany</i> Deut. 10 : 12-22 John 12 : 1-11
Septuagesima	17	<i>The Christian Law</i> Genesis 1 : 1-2 : 3 Matth. 5 : 13-26	<i>The Feet Washing</i> Deut 11 : 13-32 John 13 : 1-20
Sexagesima	24	<i>Love for Enemies</i> Genesis 3 : 1-24 Matth. 5 : 33-48	<i>The True Vine</i> Deut. 30 : 1-20 John 15 - 1:15

	MARCH	MORNING	EVENING
Quinquagesima	3	<i>Trust in God</i> Genesis 6 : 5-22 Matth. 6 : 16-34	<i>Persecution Fore-</i> Job 1 (<i>told</i>) John 15 : 16-27
1st in Lent	10	<i>The Temptation</i> Amos 5 : 18-24 Luke 4 : 1-13	<i>The Anointing</i> Job 2 Matthew 26 : 1-16
2nd in Lent	17	<i>The Penalty of Sin</i> Isaiah 28 : 1-13 Romans 5 : 12-21	<i>The Last Supper</i> Job 38 : 1-21 Matth. 26 : 17-35
3rd in Lent	24	<i>The Wages of Sin</i> Ezekiel 2 : 1-10 Romans 6 : 15-23	<i>Gethsemane</i> Job 38 : 22-41 Matth. 26 : 36-56
4th in Lent	31	<i>Sin and Deliver-</i> <i>ance</i> Jeremiah 17 : 5-14 Romans 7 : 7-8 : 2	<i>Jesus before</i> <i>Caiaphas</i> Job 40 : 1-14 Matth. 26 : 57-75
APRIL			
5th in Lent (Passion Sunday)	7	<i>Salvation through</i> <i>the Cross</i> Isaiah 63 : 1-9 1 Peter 2 : 18-25	<i>Jesus before Pilate</i> Isaiah 50 : 4-10 Matth. 27 : 11-31
6th in Lent (Palm Sunday)	14	<i>The Triumphal Entry</i> Zechariah 9 : 9-12 Matthew 21 : 1-17	<i>The Crucifixion</i> Isa. 52 : 13- 53 : 12 Matth. 27 : 32-54
Easter Day	21	<i>The Christian Passover</i> Exodus 12 : 1-14 Matthew 28 : 1-10	<i>Emmaus</i> Exodus 14 : 15-31 Luke 24 : 13-35
1st after Easter	28	<i>Feed My Sheep</i> Isaiah 25 : 1-9 John 21 : 1-22	<i>After Eight Days</i> Ezekiel 37 : 1-14 John 20 : 19-31

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	MORNING	EVENING
Covenant Sunday	Genesis 17 : 1-9 Matthew 3	2 Chron. 15 : 1-15 2 Peter 1 : 1-11
Palm Sunday	Nehemiah 8 : 9-18 John 12 : 1-19	
Good Friday	Genesis 22 : 1-14 John 19 : 1-22	
Easter Day	Isaiah 62 Matthew 28 : 1-15	Isaiah 52 1 Corin. 15 : 1-20

	MORNING	EVENING
Ascension Day	2 Kings 2 : 1-15 Acts 1 : 1-14	
Whit Sunday	Deut. 31 : 1-13 Acts 2 : 22-47	Ezekiel 36 : 22-38 2 Corin. 3 : 12-18
Aldersgate Sunday (Except when it falls on Whit Sunday)	Isaiah 51 : 1-6 Romans 5 : 1-11	Isaiah 40 : 1-11 ; 27-31 John 3 : 1-16
Spring or Flower Service	Psalm 65 , Psalm 126 , Genesis 1 Matthew 13 : 1-9	Matthew 13 : 24-30
Harvest	Genesis 8 : 15-22; Deut. 16 : 9-17, 26 : 1-10, 16-19, Leviticus 26 : 1-13, Ruth 2 : 1-17, Nehemiah 10 : 32-39, Isaiah 55 , Matthew 13 : 24-34, Mark 4 : 1-12, Luke 8 : 4-10, John 4 : 27-38	
Home and Overseas Missions	Exodus 19 : 1-8, Isaiah 11 , 40 , 60 , Hosea 14 Matthew, 16 : 13-28, John 3 : 1-21, 12 : 20-36, Acts 17 : 16-34, Romans 1 : 1-17, Romans 10 : 1-17, Ephesians 4 : 1-16.	
Church Anniversary	1 Kings 8 : 22-30, 1 Chronicles 22 , Haggai 2 : 1-9, Matthew 16 : 13-28, Colossians 1 : 1-23, 1 John 5	
Youth Day	Isaiah 11 : 1-9 Luke 18 : 18-30 Acts 26 : 1-23	
Local Preachers' Sunday	Exodus 20 : 1-17, Isaiah 55 , Psalm 111 , Luke 10 : 1-20, John 1 : 35-51, Romans. 10 : 1-15	
A Dedication Service	Numbers 7 : 1-11 Romans 12 :	1 Chronicles 28 Matthew 10 : 1-23
Temperance Sunday	Amos 8 : Romans 13 :	
Christmas Day	Isaiah 9 : 2-7 Luke 2 : 1-20	Isaiah 7 : 10-16 Matthew 1 : 18-25
Watchnight or End of the Year	Psalm 90 , Exodus 12 : 21-36, Ecclesiastes 3 1-15, Matthew 24 : 32-51, Luke 21 : 25-36,	
New Year	Psalm 91 , 103 , Matthew 6 : 19-34, 1 Thess. 5 : Ephesians 5 : 1-21	

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Mr. Leonard A. Davis was elected Vice-President, and was welcomed to that office.

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

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 Home " Missionaries' Representatives
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 Foreign Mission Department "
 Youth Department
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 Connexional Secretaryship Committee
 Supernumerary Fund
 Contingent Fund
 Church Building & Loan Fund
 Fire Insurance Fund
 Children's Fund
 Wesley College
 Removal Expenses Fund
 Deaconess Board
 Methodist Women's Missionary Union
 Local Preachers' Association
 Methodist Men's Fellowship
 Rangiatea College
 Women's Guild Fellowship
 Deaconess Order
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 Maori Missions
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G. S. Gapper
 W. E. Archer
 J. C. Tietjens
 W. J. Bryant
 W. J. Henderson
 G. S. Gapper
 M. Hardie Boys
 H. F. Hart
 Miss P. Yearbury
 Miss D. M. Jones
 H. de R. Flesher
 R. H. Smith
 H. de R. Flesher
 W. E. Clothier
 Mrs P. A. Le Brun
 Miss E. C. Purdie
 H. A. Penny
 W. E. Roberts
 Mrs F. M. Cooper
 Sister Mavis Dickie
 Sister Margaret Taylor
 Mrs R. P. Rakena
 Sister Kathleen Rogers

District Secretaries of Church Property.

Auckland
 South Auckland
 Taranaki-Wanganui
 Hawke's Bay-Manawatu
 Wellington
 Nelson
 North Canterbury
 South Canterbury
 Otago-Southland

S. N. Roberts
 H. Oldham
 P. G. Woodnorth
 C. H. Kitchin

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

John R. Hall

Who has travelled four years.

Frederick J. K. Baker

John H. Osborne

R. Leslie George

David G. Stubbs

Alan Newman

Who have travelled three years.

Ruawai D. Rakena

Who has travelled two years.

Ormond E. Burton, M.A.

QUESTION III.—What Preachers remain on Probation?

(a)

Noel D. Billingham

Alan H. V. Newton

Hughan M. Craig

Percy P. Rushton

Arthur W. Dickie

Te Awha W. Tahere

Eric R. Eastwood

David L. Trebilco

John Grundy, M.A.

Alexander C. Watson

Ernest Heppelthwaite

Who have travelled two years.

(b)

William K. Abbott

Trevor L. Nicholls (see Q.V.)

Trevor L. Bennett

Cuthbert F. Peart

Edward J. Boyd (see Q.IV.)

Frank S. Rigg

Wilfred J. Cable (see Q.IV.)

Lane M. Tauroa, B.A.

James F. Cropp (see Q.V.)

Neville Thornicroft

Henry W. Kitchingman (see Q.V.)

Ronald H. Wood (see Q. IV.)

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

Who have travelled one year.

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

Robert S. Andrews

Ian D. Grant

George L. Bennett

Owen Kitchingman

Edward J. Boyd (see Q. III.)

Bruce Scammell

Wilfred J. Cable (see Q. III.)

Brian M. Watson, M.Sc.

H. Rabey Falla

Ronald H. Wood (see Q. III.)

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

(a)

Brian A. Walker, M.A. (Over-seas) John A. Ziesler, B.A. (Overseas)

Who are continued for a fourth year.

(b)

G. Basil W. Bell

Kenneth H. Russell

Maurice H. Downer

Geoffrey E. Scarr

Phyllis M. Guthardt

Philip F. Taylor

Trevor L. Nicholls (see Q. III.)

(with part of year in study overseas.)

Who are continued for a third year.

(c)

Gordon D. Brough, B.A.

Richard J. Hamlin

James F. Cropp (see Q. III.)

Henry W. Kitchingman (see Q. III.)

Wilfred S. Gilbert

Evan R. Lewis, M.Sc.

Frank G. Glen

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

Who are continued for a second year.

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

Peter S. Barker
Lewis A. Bowen
Mervyn L. Dine
Irwin J. Fowler
Roger M. Gibson
Stanley J. Goudge

Keith C. Griffith
John S. Hosking, B.A.
David L. Kitchingham
William Morrison
Robert W. Widdup

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

None.

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

John Veo Bitibule, Ahofitu Maka.

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?

Sisters Doreen Bulford, Gwenda Kennedy and Kathleen Rogers.

(2) What Deaconesses are placed on Probation?

Misses Lorraine Joyce Flowers, Joyce Edith Foster and June Elizabeth Peters.

(3) What Candidates are received for Deaconess Training?

Misses Ann Elizabeth Saunders and Lynette Pamela Quarrie.

(4) What Students are continued for Training?

Miss Beverley Taylor.

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

Third Year:

A. G. Reid
Mrs F. M. Robertson

First Year:

L. H. Major
J. F. Walls

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

James Henry Allen
Benjamin J. James.
Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.

Also: Henry J. Malcolm (Home Missionary).
Tutea Rau (Maori Home Missionary)

BENJAMIN JOHN JAMES

Benjamin John James was born in Victoria in 1874. His people were Wesleyan Methodists, and one of his ancestors was a Class Leader under John Wesley. Before coming to New Zealand Mr James served as a Home Missionary in Victoria, and on arriving in New Zealand he was appointed to Home Mission work. After one year he was received at the Conference of 1901 as a Candidate for the ministry and spent two years in Prince Albert College. His appointments were in eleven Circuits.

He became a Supernumerary in 1940 and settled in Christchurch. He led a quiet life, and passed away on July 20th, 1955, after some years of indifferent health.

Mr James was a typical Circuit Minister. Many families cherish grateful memories of his pastoral zeal. He was a good student, especially of Methodist history and theology, and his preaching was thoughtful and

evangelistic. He served as Synod Secretary, Convener of several Connexional Committees, and for two years as Associate Editor of the Methodist Times.

Mrs James, who survives him, has been a kindly and sympathetic helpmate through the years. We assure her and her family of our loving remembrance, and give thanks for the long years of a strong and loyal ministry.

ADOLPHUS NELSON SCOTTER, B.A.

Adolphus N. Scotter was born in Napier on February 4th, 1875. From Gisborne he entered Home Mission Work. After being received as a Candidate for the ministry, he was trained at Prince Albert College and began his Ministry in 1900. His ministry was exercised mainly in our four main cities. In 1940 Mr Scotter superannuated in Christchurch, but he gave ten years to supply work before failing health compelled him to cease from preaching.

He was a thoughtful preacher, a diligent pastor, and a capable administrator. Every department of the work received careful attention. He took the closest interest in Overseas Missions, and in 1927 was sent by Conference to the Solomon Islands to convey the greetings of the New Zealand Church on the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Mission. For six years Mr Scotter was the Secretary of the Conference and in 1930 was elected President. In addition he was elected District Chairman on many occasions; he served on many Connexional Committees, and was for a time assistant editor of the Methodist Times. These facts indicate the quality and power of his ministry.

Mr Scotter passed away peacefully on October 8th, 1955, after five years of poor health. To his bereaved wife, and his five children, we tender the prayers and remembrance of the whole Church.

HENRY JOHN MALCOLM

On March 1st, 1955, at Papanui, there passed to his reward an honoured servant of the Lord Jesus, Henry John Malcolm.

Mr Malcolm was born in Victoria and for some years, both there and in New Zealand was a baker. As a young man he became a local preacher of great zeal and with many gifts.

In 1925 Mr Malcolm was received into Home Mission work, and served for sixteen years and then for six years as Supply.

He was an earnest and devoted Christian, vigorous and moving in the pulpit, gifted in prayer, sympathetic in pastoral work. Every Circuit was left the stronger for his ministry. Many give thanks for blessings received under that ministry. For 51 years Mrs Malcolm shared with her husband his devotion to Christ and His Church. To her and the two daughters the loving sympathy of the Church is extended.

TUTEA RAU

The Waikato Maori Circuit lost a faithful and devoted worker when Tutea Rau died suddenly at his home, Te Hoe, during the year. Although not born a Methodist, he was, after his contact with our Church a very helpful and sympathetic layman who welcomed and assisted our workers as they visited his area. In 1951 he was given status as a Home Missionary and appointed to Ngaruawahia. Personal considerations and indifferent health led to his return to his home where he continued to give all possible assistance to the work there. The sympathy of the Church goes out to his widow and family, whose loss we share.

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
R. Purcell Keall
Jonathan H. Haslam
George P. Hunt
Frank E. Leadley
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
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
Henry Benny
Oswald Burnet
John Dennis
Alfred E. Jefferson
Charles H. Kendon
Ngatete K. Kukutai
Eruera Te Tuhi
Matarae Tauroa
Alfred M. Costain, Dip. Soc. Sc.
Ernest E. Sage
Cecil R. Taylor

QUESTION XV.—What Ministers now become Supernumeraries?

J. Henry Allen
John H. Bailey
George E. Brown
Ernest B. Chambers

J. Francis Jack
Harry S. Kings
Thomas Skuse
Samuel J. Werren

JAMES HENRY ALLEN

J. Henry Allen was born at Normanby, Taranaki, in 1891. Although early associations were with the Church of England he heard the call to become a Methodist preacher in the Hawera Circuit and was accepted as a Home Missionary in 1917 and stationed at Hikurangi adjacent to the last Circuit of his ministry.

He was a Candidate for the ministry at the Centennial Conference 1922 and was ordained in 1926. Subsequently he exercised fruitful ministries in six circuits. While stationed in Christchurch he became Chairman of the District and also served in that capacity in the Taranaki-Wanganui District, and as Deputy Chairman of the Auckland District.

He had the qualities of an able leader which gained recognition by the Church which called him to the Conference Presidency in 1952.

Mr Allen consecrated all his gifts and energies as an eloquent preacher, an able administrator and an excellent pastor to Christ and His Church. Owing to ill-health Mr Allen retired earlier than anticipated much to the regret of the Church.

He was twice married and has a family of four children, one of whom, Rev. R. H. Allen, served as Youth Director for four years. The present Mrs Allen was Miss Allnutt, of Dunedin. Both ladies have

rendered conspicuous service to the Church, and the ministry of Mr Allen had been enriched by their choice personalities and gifts.

NOTE: After the above tribute was prepared and was about to be printed "Harry" Allen was called home to God on 6th December, 1955, after a period of grave illness. The Church is poorer for his going. We thank God for his sincere, devoted and effective life and ministry. To Mrs Allen and the Rev R. H. Allen and other members of the family the Church extends its Christian sympathy.

JOHN HEYS BAILEY

John H. Bailey was born in Oldham, Lancashire, in 1895, and came to New Zealand in 1907. He is a true son of the County Palatine, in his salty humour, and in the sturdy commonsense and independence of character. His spiritual life was nurtured and his powers developed in active association with the Christian Endeavour and the Bible Class especially after his conversion under the ministry of Rev. Robert Raine. On his return from Overseas Service he was encouraged to prepare for the ministry, being accepted for training in Dunholme in 1921, and ordained in 1928. In 1926 he married Miss Grace Mackay, daughter of the late W. S. Mackay. In his wife, home and children he has been greatly blessed.

Mr Bailey has served in nine Circuits and in them all he has fulfilled a faithful and effective ministry. He has sought to preach constantly the vital doctrines of our Christian faith. He has been a diligent pastor, ever welcome in the homes of his people, as they have been in his. Practical by temperament and a tradesman before he was a minister, he has an eye for property matters, and gave careful attention to Trust affairs in the Circuits where he ministered. He and Mrs Bailey have given themselves without stint, and gained a host of friends.

Mr Bailey has taken his share of Connexional responsibility. He has been a member of the Examination Committee of Conference since 1934. He was Secretary of the College Council for several years, and served as Secretary of the District Executive in South Auckland.

Mr and Mrs Bailey will be missed from the active ranks, but we trust that they may be spared for many years to enjoy their retirement, and to serve in a quieter way the Church to which they are devoted.

GEORGE E. BROWN

George E. Brown retires after a ministry of forty years, which is characterised by splendid devotion and enthusiasm. He was born in Dunedin and came forward as a candidate from the St. Kilda Circuit.

In the early days of the Bible Class Movement he became one of its leaders and statesmen and in 1923 was Dominion President. During the whole of his ministry he has been a tireless worker for the youth of the Church.

Mr Brown was a student at "Dunholme" and his first appointment after College was Manaia. From there he went on "Active Service" and served at home and overseas for 2½ years. Since then his ministry has been served in eight Circuits.

He has always taken a full share of Connexional work, having been Secretary for the Nelson and Otago Districts; and for six years was General Statistical Secretary of Conference.

In regard to Church property he has left behind him in the Circuits quite a number of monuments to his work.

Mr Brown is a good reader, has a fine logical mind and his preaching may be characterised as thoughtful and expository with a quiet fervent evangelism.

In 1924 he married Miss B. M. Hodge of Wellington, and she has been a capable and eager partner in his work throughout the years.

These "servants" come to the evening-time of their ministry with the grateful esteem and good wishes of the whole Church.

ERNEST B. CHAMBERS

Born in Northamptonshire, where he was trained for teaching, Ernest B. Chambers came to New Zealand in 1908 and went into business. In 1915 he entered Dunholme for theological training, which was interrupted by war service.

He has laboured in eleven Circuits and served as Secretary of the North Canterbury and Otago-Southland Districts.

Two outstanding gifts have marked the ministry of E. B. Chambers; his talent in music and his business acumen. In his first appointment, he built a Parsonage. In closing his ministry he will leave a new Sunday School. In several Circuits he attempted big things and succeeded.

Looking back over his ministry, Mr Chambers rejoices in one noteworthy service to the Church; he has nominated seven men for the ministry, all of whom were accepted, one being his own son.

Mr Chambers is a man of quiet grace and deep sincerity. He has exercised a faithful personal ministry supported by earnest prayer and diligent use of reading designedly chosen for his immediate work.

In 1917 he married Mary Bridge of Auckland. She has been to him a devoted wife and a very able helper.

We give thanks for the ministry of E. B. Chambers and rejoice in his wish to serve the Church still.

JOHN FRANCIS JACK

The retirement of John Francis Jack from the active work brings to a close a rich and fruitful ministry, in which Mrs Jack has been his unfailing inspiration.

Francis Jack was born in Palmerston, Otago in 1892, where the Sunday School and Bible Class had a marked impression upon his early years. At eighteen years of age he made his decision for Christ.

He was received into the Ministry in 1922, and ordained in 1926.

He has served with distinction in six Circuits.

For five years he was Secretary of Trinity College Council. He was the beloved Chairman of Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District for five years and served on the Home Mission Board for five years.

He was a most able preacher, and a sympathetic pastor, and many recall with gratitude his touch upon their lives.

Owing to ill health he has had to retire earlier than he anticipated, but we earnestly hope and pray for a happy retirement for Mr and Mrs Jack. The Church is grateful for such a blessed ministry.

HARRY S. KINGS

Harry S. Kings was born in 1890. After his conversion the impulse he felt to undertake Christian work led him to enter Cliff College. The spiritual glow of those college days never left him. Soon after his arrival in New Zealand, in 1914, he entered Home Mission work.

He enlisted for active service in the First World War, was wounded and invalidated home. In 1920 he married Miss L. Lane of Rawene, who, throughout the years, has proved an excellent helpmate, giving herself graciously and without reserve to the work.

Accepted as a candidate for the ministry in 1924, he was placed on probation and ordained in 1928. Whatever Brother Kings has done, has been "with both hands earnestly." In his preaching he has kept to the positive; in his pastoral work he has been kindly; in his administration he has been methodical.

In all his Circuits he has kept a careful watch on property matters. He has taken his full share of Connexional work, being District Secretary in North Canterbury and in Nelson, Orphanage Secretary in Christchurch

and Associate Editor of the Methodist Times, while in Levin, and for a time an Assistant Secretary of Conference.

Not the least of his graces is his sense of humour. Young people have found him easily approachable.

During the Second World War he served as Chaplain in the Air Force. Here he won the respect and confidence of men in all ranks of the Services. Grateful for such devoted service we pray that in their retirement Mr and Mrs Kings may find much joy.

THOMAS SKUSE

Thomas Skuse was born in November 1890 and is a son of Wales, but the major part of his life has been spent in New Zealand in the service of our Church.

In 1914 he came to New Zealand and worked at Abbotsford, coal mining for a year. His interest in the work of the Church led to his offering for Home Mission work. In 1918 he offered for the ministry and was ordained in 1922.

In all his eight Circuits he has furthered the work with zeal and devotion. Our brother went into the pulpit from the coal pits and this has given him a close contact with working people, and has influenced the directness and appeal of his preaching. As a pastor, worker among youth, overseer of Church property and in the wider opportunities of community service and citizenship, Mr Skuse has served the Church well.

In 1923 he was appointed a chaplain to the forces and during World War II served in chaplaincy appointments for three years in New Zealand and in 1944 went overseas on a troopship. For 21 years voluntary service he was awarded the Efficiency Decoration.

His marriage, in Wales, to Miss B. James has provided a happy partnership throughout the years. Mrs Skuse has entered into every part of the work with both zeal and ability.

To Mr and Mrs Skuse we extend cordial greetings for a long, happy, and useful retirement.

SAMUEL JOHN WERREN

Samuel John Werren was born at Little River, Canterbury, in 1890, the son of devoted Christian parents.

While he was still young, the death of his father left him with a burden of responsibility that developed in early years a seriousness and earnestness that characterised his whole ministry.

In 1909 he entered the Home Mission work, and in 1911 was accepted for the Ministry and was trained under the Rev. C. H. Garland. In the First World War he served in the ranks overseas, gaining useful knowledge of men and experience in leadership.

Mr Werren has given 42 years of devoted and vigorous Ministerial service to the Church, an evangelistic and expository preacher, ever keenly interested in youth. He has filled appointments in 12 Circuits. For six years he was Chairman of the South Auckland district. In 1922 Mr Werren married Miss Doris Christie, who has shared faithfully in the life and activities of Circuit work. Both carry with them into retirement the esteem, affection and best wishes of Ministerial brethren and of a wide circle of friends.

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	W. H. Wilson
H. Ashworth	W. E. Sleep
J. W. Bayliss	R. T. Alexander
W. Sussex	Roy Coombridge
T. W. Featherstone	Cyril Robinson

(b) Placed on Retired List?

W. J. Bryant

W. J. BRYANT

Mr W. J. Bryant entered Home Mission work 16 years ago and during that period has rendered valuable and devoted service to the Church. His cheerful personality earnestness and sympathetic understanding have endeared him to young and old alike. His energy and artistic gifts, were devoted to the service of Christ in the Church. Mr Bryant has served his brethren most acceptably as Secretary of the Home Missionaries Association for 8 years, and as their representative to Conference for a like period. He has been loyally helped by his wife and family. We thank him for his consecrated service and wish him and Mrs Bryant a long and happy retirement.

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

Leslie C. Clements (with permission to serve as Senior Chaplain of the Justice Department.)

QUESTION XIX.—What Ministers are "left without Pastoral Charge"?
None.

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

Alexander C. Watson.

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

Ahofitu Maka, from Tonga Conference (for work in the Solomon Islands).

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

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

QUESTION 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?

BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

Secretary and Conveñer: Rev. H. C. Matthews, B.A.

Assistant Secretary: Rev. A. R. Witheford, B.A.

Principal Theological College: Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A.

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J. F. Jack, O. Burnet, H. Benny, L. B. Neale, B.A., H. G. Brown, L. A. G. Brooks, A. H. Fowles, W. Rowe, G. R. Harris, J. J. Lewis, M.A., B.D., C. O. Hailwood.

(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.
 Maori 1 and 2—Rev. Ranginohora Rogers.
 Pre-Collegiate Course—
 N.T.: Rev. A. K. Petch, B.A.
 O.T. and Homiletics: Rev. W. A. Chambers, M.A.
 Theology (Clarke's Outline)—Rev. V. R. Jamieson, M.B.E.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Tutors in Theology.

1st Cycle	....	....	....	Rev. R. Graham Bell, 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.

1955	.....	.....	.....	Rev. W. Parker, M.A., B.D.
1956	.....	.....	.....	Rev. L. P. Schroeder, B.A., B.D.
1957	.....	.....	.....	Rev. O. T. Woodfield

(B) Examiners for Students.

Theology—
 (a) God, Man, Sin Rev. B. M. Chrystall, B.A.
 (b) Person and Work of Christ Rev. J. Silvester, M.A.
 (c) Holy Spirit, Church, Ministry and Sacraments, Last Things Rev. W. R. Laws, M.A., B.D.
 Pastoral Theology—
 (a) Homiletics Rev. L. C. Horwood
 (b) Pastoral Practice Rev. W. E. Allon Carr
 (c) Religious Education Rev. M. A. McDowell
 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

(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

Tutors in Bible Knowledge.

1st Year	.....	.....	.....	.....	Rev. H. I. K. Hopper, B.A.
2nd Year	.....	.....	.....	.....	Rev. B. H. Riseley
3rd Year	.....	.....	.....	.....	Rev. L. T. Horwell
4th Year	.....	.....	.....	.....	Rev. A. H. Ivory, LL.B., B.Com.

(E) Examiner for Native Probationers.

Rev. A. O. Harris.

(F) Examiners for Local Preachers.

Bible Knowledge	.....	.....	.....	.....	Rev. H. K. Brown
Theology	.....	.....	.....	.....	Rev. C. H. Bell, B.A.
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 1956 (from N.Z. B.D. Course Stage I.)

- 1st year: Luke chapters 8-10 (inclusive) Acts 20 and 21 Philippians Chapter 1.
- 2nd and 3rd year: Luke Chapters 8-14 (inclusive) Acts 19-21 Philippians 1 and 3.
- 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. Dcdd (Moffatt Comm.).
- 3rd year: Hebrews. Peake (Century Bible), and Pastoral Epistles (Moffatt Commentary).

3. THEOLOGY A. For 1956—2nd Cycle: "The Person and Work of Christ."

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

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

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

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

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

B. WESLEY'S SERMONS (with Lawson's Notes). Each cycle to be co-ordinated with A. above. For 1956—2nd Cycle (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).

1st year: Principles of Maori Grammar, conversation, dictation and pronunciation. Translations—Maori into English, and English into Maori. Translation of unseen passages.

Text Books:—

"Teach yourself Maori" by Harawira. Special attention to graded lessons at the back of the book.

"First Lessons in Maori," by Williams.

The Bible (Authorised Version); Maori Bible ("Paipera Tapu"); Maori Service Book ("Nga Ihoi me nga Himene")

"He Konae Aranui" by Kohere.

Scriptural passages:—Psalms 1, 8, 23, 24, 95, 100 and 121.

Matthew 5/1-16; 13/1-12; Luke 14/1-11; 15/1-24.

2nd year: Maori Language; History; Culture; Comparison with other Polynesian areas.

Text Books:—

St. John's Gospel, Psalms, Acts of the Apostles, Maori . . . for reading and translation at sight.

Grey's Mythology (Polynesian) Nga mahi a nga Tupuna, for reading and translation at sight.

Buck: "The coming of the Maori," especially Book 3.

Keesing: "The changing Maori."

Norman Smith: "The Maori People and Us."

J. G. Laughton's paper "Maoritanga" (issued on request of R. Rogers).

Beaglehole: "Some Modern Maoris."

Piddington: "Introduction to Social Anthropology" (Chapts. 1-4; X and XI).

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 are required 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 Rev. J. J. Lewis, M.A., B.D., 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 may 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 text-book, shall be on the subject as a whole. Text-books are intended to provide a basis for wider and more thorough reading in the subject, and Probationers are encouraged to pursue the more extensive study, rather than limit it to one or two works.
7. Any Probationer pursuing a University Course shall be entitled to exemption from subjects (1) and (4) for two years of his Probation, but such exemption shall not be granted in his third year. 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 Mediat-

ing 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 Methodist 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.

1. OLD TESTAMENT.

Text Book: "Study Notes on the Old Testament" by Fred A. Farley, M.A., B.D. (Epworth Press).

A general knowledge of the text of the O.T. particularly the sections dealt with in Farley.

2. NEW TESTAMENT.

Text Book: "The Approach to the New Testament" by Greville P. Lewis, B.A., B.D. (Epworth Press).

A general knowledge of the text of the N.T., particularly the sections dealt with in Lewis.

3. THEOLOGY.

Text Book: "Christian Foundations" by Maldwyn Hughes (Epworth Press); Methodist Catechism (without Hunter); and selected passages from "Wesley's Notes on the N.T."

(At least one question on the passages and Wesley's Notes thereon will be compulsory).

SELECTED PASSAGES:

Matthew chapters 5-7.

Luke chapters 14-16

John chapters 14-17

Romans chapters 5, 8, 12, 14

Galatians chapter 5

Ephesians chapters 2 and 4

Hebrews chapter 11

I John chapters 3 and 4.

(Attention is drawn to "Selections from John Wesley's Notes on the New Testament" by John Lawson).

N.B.—In addition, Candidates are required by Conference to read carefully John Wesley's Forty-Four Sermons, and the N.Z. Methodist "Book of Laws".

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. "The 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. “The Craft 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.

Bible Knowledge shall be taken under Correspondence Tutors, marks being assessed as follows: Correspondence work 50; Examination 50. Each tutor appointed shall send out study papers for five consecutive months beginning in mid-March. He shall mark the work sent in and return the corrected work with suitable guidance. (Maximum marks for each study paper, 10.) Each tutor shall keep full records of each individual case, and on or before 1st September shall forward a complete report to the Assistant-Secretary of the Board of Examiners.

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.

1. General Bible Knowledge. Text Book: “The Book Supreme”—J. I. Brice (Epworth Press). (Two-hour Paper.)

2. Theology: “What a Christian Believes and Why” (Hunter). (Two-hour Paper.)

3. Homiletics.—

(a) “The Craft of Sermon Construction”—Sangster.

(b) “Heralds of God”—Stewart.

(c) “The Conduct of Worship”. (Study notes available from Assistant-Secretary Board of Examiners. Price 1/-.) (Three-hour Paper.)

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 1956 shall commence on the following dates:

Probationers.—Tuesday, May 15th and Tuesday, September 11th.

Tutorials for Probationers.—Greek, February 1st. Theology, June 1st.

Candidates for Ministry.—Tuesday, July 17th.

Home Missionary Probationers.—Tuesday, September 11th.

Bible Knowledge Tutorials for H.M. Probationers.—Tuesday, March 13th.

Deaconess Entrance.—Tuesday, August 7th.

Local Preachers:

(1) The first week in June and the first week in 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 Oral Examiner for 1956 be Rev. Dr. D. O. Williams, M.A..

2. That Conference congratulate Revs. J. Grundy, D. B. Gordon and Student B. A. Walker on securing the M.A. degree; Student B. M. Watson on securing the M.Sc.; Rev. R. Graham Bell, M.A. and Rev. L. P. Schroeder B.A. on securing the B.D. degree; and Revs. H. D. Besant and P. A. Stead on securing B.A. degree, and that permission be granted for these to be printed in the Minutes.

3. That we record receipt of THESES during the year as follows:— Rev. W. F. Ford, B.A., on "The Priesthood of all Believers"; Rev. W. L. Divers on "The Social Witness of the Church with special reference to the Evangelical Revival and its Social Effects"; Rev. A. H. Hall, M.A., on "The Translation of the Minor Prophets into the Roviana Language"; Rev. R. G. Nuttall on "Pauline Conception of Leadership in the Church".

4. That the Secretary, Rev. H. C. Matthews, B.A., be thanked for his services and re-appointed.

5. That the Assistant-Secretary, Rev. A. R. Witheford, B.A., be thanked for his services and re-appointed.

6. That the Board of Studies investigate the position of available ministerial manpower and the possible requirements for the future.

7. (a) That the whole question of the marriage of students and probationers be considered by a special committee and reported to Conference through the General Purposes Committee. (b) That the Committee be Revs. E. W. Hames, Dr D. O. Williams, A. R. Penn, G. I. Laurensen, B. M. Chrystall, S. G. Andrews, with Revs. H. L. Fiebig and H. C. Matthews and Messrs G. C. Buxton and W. E. Donnelly as corresponding members.

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

NORTH CANTERBURY:

1. *LYTTELTON AND WOOLSTON.* That Woolston and Lyttelton Circuits be amalgamated and known as the Woolston-Lyttelton Circuit, the staffing to be Three Ordained Ministers.

2. That the boundaries of the Rangiora Circuit be extended to include Hawarden H.M. Station and Woodend-Sefton Circuit, the staffing to be Two Ordained Ministers.

3. That the boundaries of the Oxford Circuit be extended to include Horrelville.

4. That the boundaries of the Kaiapoi Circuit be extended to include Ohoka, East Eyreton and Swannanoa, the staffing to be an Ordained Minister.

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

AUCKLAND:

HENDERSON—That the staffing be Two Ordained Ministers.

NORTH WAITEMATA—That the staffing be One Ordained Minister and a married Probationer.

WHANGAREI: That the staffing be One Ordained Minister and a Probationer.

SOUTH AUCKLAND:

KAWERAU—That in view of the situation at Kawerau an Ordained Minister be appointed at Whakatane who shall work the Kawerau Circuit in the meantime.

TAUPO—That subject to approval by the necessary Courts of the Churches concerned permission be granted for the inauguration of a Union Parish at Taupo.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU:

PALMERSTON NORTH (Trinity)—That the staffing be One Ordained Minister and a Deaconess.

WELLINGTON:

PORIRUA—That the staffing be One Ordained Minister and a Probationer.

GREYTOWN-FEATHERSTON—That the staffing be an Ordained Minister.

NELSON:

WESTPORT—That the staffing be an Ordained Minister.

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

(See Question XXV (b)).

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

None.

QUESTION XXVII.—What New Stations are now constituted.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND:

BALCLUTHA: That Balclutha Home Mission Station be constituted a Circuit, the staffing to be an Ordained Minister.

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

HAMILTON (3rd) is due, and is relieved for one year.

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

HAURAKI PLAINS is due, and is relieved for another year.

TAIHAPE is due, and is relieved for another year.

WAIROA (H.B.) is due, and is relieved for another year.

HUTT (3rd) is due, and is relieved for another year.

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

IMARU SOUTH is due, and is relieved for another year.

DISTRICT SURVEYS:

Conference directed District Executives to make a survey with a view to using our manpower to the best possible advantage. Districts report as follows:—

AUCKLAND:

A thorough survey of the district reveals the clamant need of additional staff in many areas, and no place from which a minister could be withdrawn. Our reply to Conference must be: "There is absolutely no redundancy in the staffing of the Auckland Synodal District."

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU:

The Sub-District Executive reports it is unable to suggest how manpower may be saved in the area.

WELLINGTON:

That the Executive having considered all the Circuits in the District finds it is not possible to recommend any reduction of staff in any Circuit. In view of rapid expansion of population and as there has been no increase in the number of ministerial appointments in this district during recent years, additions to staffing are urgent.

NELSON:

This District Executive believes that the need of this district is for increased staffing rather than less.

That where Circuits are left vacant District Executives should be responsible for most preaching appointments.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND:

A comprehensive survey was presented to Synod and received, and the following recommendations are made:—

1. That for the effective working of the District, the present staffing should be considered the absolute minimum.

2. That the Milton and Lawrence Circuits be urged to consider the advisability of uniting to form one Circuit, the staffing to be an Ordained Minister.

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. M. ALEXANDER McDOWELL.

Vice-President—MR. LEONARD A. DAVIS.

Secretary—REV. GORDON R. H. PETERSON.

STATIONS OF MINISTERS, 1956.

(N.B.—Each of the places mentioned in these Stations and numbered consecutively 1 to 146 and [1] to [10] for Maori Stations and the Solomon Islands Mission Circuits is the head of a Circuit or Mission, and the Minister first named is the Superintendent. The Superintendent or other Minister or Ministers stationed in or appointed to the several Circuits or Missions is or are appointed by the Conference to preach and perform all acts of religious worship and Methodist discipline in each and every one of the Methodist Churches already erected, or to be erected, in each Circuit respectively, during the current connexion 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.)

1.—AUCKLAND DISTRICT

1. **Auckland Central**—Robert Thornley, M.A., Dip. Soc.Sc., Wesley Parker, M.A., B.D. (Kingsland), Ian D. Grant (St. Jude's Richmond Road), A Deaconess.
- The Foreign Mission Department**—Stanley G. Andrews, M.A., Dip.Ed. (Gen. Sec.).
- The Home Mission Department**—George I. Laurenson (Gen. Supt.), Bernard M. Chrystall, B.A. (Asst. Supt.), Harold A. Darvill (Maori Missionary), Ereura 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., One Wanted, Arthur J. Seamer, C.M.G. (Sup.), Leslie B. Neale, M.B.E., B.A. (Sup.), Two Deaconesses.
3. **Auckland South**—W. E. Allon Carr, Allan J. Handyside (Roskill), Walter Parker (Sandringham), George P. Hunt (Sup.). Children's Home: Chaplain, Allan J. Handyside.
4. **Auckland West**—Harris Whitfield, One Wanted.
5. **Auckland East**—L. Gordon Hanna, Leslie R. M. Gilmore, B.A., Joseph C. Draper, Haddon C. Dixon, M.A., B.D., Edward G. P. Boyd, One Wanted, Charles H. Laws, B.A., D.D. (Foundation Fellow of Trinity College) (Sup.), William Walker, E.D. (Sup.), Edwin S. Harkness (Sup), Walter J. Oxbrow (Sup.), Ernest D. Patchett (Sup.), James W. Parker (Sup.), Frederick J. Parker (Sup.), Arthur H. Scrivin (Sup.).
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)**—Athol R. Penn, One Wanted (Avondale), Frank E. Leadley (Sup.), Harry Ranston, M.A., Litt.D. (Fellow of Trinity College) (Sup.), Fred Copeland (Sup.), Ernest E. Sage (Sup.), George E. Brown (Sup.).
7. **Auckland (Henderson)**—Donald G. Sherson, B.A., One Wanted, Percy I. Cooke (Sup.), Ernest B. Chambers (Sup.), Thomas Skuse (Sup.).
8. **Auckland (Devonport)**—G. Raymond Harris, E. Percy Blamires (Sup.).
9. **Auckland (Takapuna)**—W. Selwyn Dawson, M.A., One Wanted, William Gatman (Sup.), Albert Blakemore (Sup.), John Dennis (Sup.), J. Francis Jack (Sup.).
10. **Auckland (Birkenhead)**—Robert H. Allen, B.A., One Wanted.
11. **Onehunga**—Albert Jolly, One Wanted, Alfred E. Jefferson (Sup.).
12. **Otahuhu**—Francis J. Handy.
13. **Papatoetoe**—John Silvester, M.A.
14. **Papakura**—Herbert W. Payne, Percy P. Rushton.
15. **Pukekohe**—W. Lloyd Divers (Who shall supervise the Bombay-Tuakau Circuit), Wesley Training College, Paerata: Principal, Edward M. Marshall, B.A., Dip.Ed.
16. **Bombay-Tuakau**—Neville Thornicroft.
17. **Waiuku**—Clarence T. J. Luxton.
18. **North Waitemata**—Ivan J. Clucas, Bruce Scammell.
19. **Mahurangi**—George R. Trebilco, John H. Bailey (Sup.).
20. **Paparoa**—Frederick J. K. Baker.
21. **Dargaville**—Norman W. Olds, A Home Missionary (Te Kopuru)
22. **Ruawai**—A. Wharton E. Silvester (Medal of Merit, U.S.A.).
23. **Whangarei**—Arthur T. Kent (who shall supervise Hikurangi Circuit), One Wanted.
24. **Hikurangi**—One Wanted.
25. **Whangaroa**—R. Hori Pratt, B.A. (Kaeo).
26. **Port Albert**—David G. Stubbs, One Wanted (Wellsford).
27. **Kawakawa-Kaikohe**—Edmond S. Stewart, A Home Missionary (Kawakawa).
28. **Mangonui**—A. Francis Attwood
29. **Hokianga**—H. David Besant, B.A.
30. **North Hokianga**—One Wanted.

MAORI MISSION—

[1] Auckland—

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

BAY OF ISLANDS—A Home Missionary.

COLPORTEUR WORK—A Home Missionary.

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

A. WHARTON E. SILVESTER, Deputy-Chairman.

ERNEST B. CHAMBERS, Financial Secretary.

II—SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

31. **Thames**—William M. Garner, Frank Bateup (Sup.).
32. **Hauraki Plains**—One Wanted.
33. **Paeroa**—Robert McGregor, Walter J. Enticott (Sup.).
34. **Waihi**—Douglas H. Burt.
35. **Te Aroha**—John Churchill.
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., One Wanted, Robert B. Tinsley (Sup.), Samuel J. Wer-ran (Sup.).
- 38a. **Raglan Union Parish**—Cong, Appointment.
39. **Hamilton East**—Charles B. Oldfield, One Wanted.

40. **Huntly**—Ronald H. Wood.
41. **Matamata**—Charles H. Bell, B.A.
42. **Putaruru**—Cuthbert F. Peart, One Wanted (Tokoroa).
43. **Rotorua**—Gordon V. Thomas, B.A.
44. **Tauranga**—J. Henry Woolford (who shall supervise Opotiki and Whakatane Circuits), One Wanted (Te Puke), One Wanted (Mt. Maunganui), Arthur A. Bensley (Sup.).
45. **Whakatane**—Arthur W. Dickie.
46. **Opotiki**—One Wanted.
47. **Te Awamutu**—Leslie A. G. Brooks (who shall supervise the Kawhia H.M. Station).
48. **Otorohanga**—J. Ainsley Daglish.
49. **Te Kuiti**—Alan H. V. Newton, A Home Missionary.
50. **Taumarunui**—Hughan M. Craig.
51. **Ohura**—George L. Bennett.
52. **Kawerau**—One Wanted.
- [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—Lane M. Tauroa, B.A.

COROMANDEL—A Home Missionary.

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

HAROLD K. BROWN, Financial Secretary.

III—TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT

53. **New Plymouth**—E. Thomas Olds, James H. Hall, Frank H. Woodfield, Geoffrey T. Gilbert (C.F.—Overseas), Charles M. Roberts (Sup.), Henry Benny (Sup.).
54. **Waitara**—John H. Osborne, A Home Missionary.
55. **Stratford**—J. Montgomery Blight.
56. **Eltham-Kaponga**—E. Raymond Le Couteur, A Home Missionary.
57. **Hawera**—Ralph E. Patchett. A Home Missionary (Patea).
58. **Manaia**—Idris J. Ruck.
59. **Opunake**—Clifford G. Brown, One Wanted.
60. **Wanganui Central**—George R. Thompson, Herbert Spencer (Sup.).
61. **Wanganui North**—Edmund D. Grounds (who shall supervise the Taihape Circuit and Raetihi-Ohakune H.M. Station), One Wanted.
62. **Wanganui West**—John H. Thompson.
63. **Taihape**—Robert S. Andrews.
64. **Marton**—Trevor L. Bennett.
- [4] **Taranaki-Waimarino**—Rakena P. Rakena (Hawera), Te Awha W. Tahere (New Plymouth—under supervision of District Chairman) 12 Home Missionaries, 3 Deaconesses.

INGLEWOOD—A Home Missionary.

RAETIHI-OHAKUNE—A Home Missionary.

E. THOMAS OLDS, Chairman of the District.

EDMUND D. GROUNDS, Financial Secretary.

IV—HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT

65. **Napier**—Howard C. Matthews, B.A., William H. Gregory (Greenmeadows), Henry Ryan (Sup.), Charles H. Kendon (Sup.).
66. **Hastings**—Leonard C. Horwood, One Wanted, Arthur Hopper (Sup.).
67. **Gisborne**—E. Clarence Leadley, One Wanted.

68. **Wairoa**—David L. Trebilco.
 69. **Dannevirke**—Sydney J. Spindler.
 70. **Woodville**—One Wanted.
 71. **Pahiatua**—A. Roger Nuttall, B.A.
 72. **Palmerston North** (St Paul's)—William R. Laws, M.A., B.D. (who shall supervise Woodville Circuit). One Wanted.
 73. **Palmerston North** (Trinity)—Lawrence Greenslade (who shall supervise the Foxton-Shannon H.M. Station), A Deaconess.
 74. **Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe**—Charles H. Raynor.
 75. **Feilding**—Francis H. Parker (who shall supervise the Apiti Circuit), A Home Missionary.
 76. **Sanson-Rongotea**—John K. Watson, M.C., B.A.
 77. **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

78. **Wellington Central**—William W. H. Greenslade, Owen Kitchingman, One Wanted, A Deaconess, Fred Greenwood (Sup.), Ernest O. Blamires (Sup.), Henry J. Odell (Sup.).
Youth Department—Senior Youth Director, Andrew J. Johnston.
 79. **Wellington West**—Ernest S. Hoddinott, R. Graham Bell, M.A. B.D. (Thorndon).
 80. **Wellington South**—Andrew J. Johnston, R. Leslie George (Island Bay).
 81. **Wellington East**—George H. Goodman, Arthur H. Ivory, LL.B., B.Com., Clifford L. Duder, William Rowe (Sup.), Leslie C. Clements (Resting).
 82. **Wellington North**—Reginald Grice (Chaplain to Arohata Women's Borstal Institution), Leslie A. D. Hayman, B.Agr. Sc.
 83. **Porirua**—Wilfred F. Ford, B.A., One Wanted.
 84. **Hutt**—M. Alexander McDowell (President of the Conference), Leslie T. Norwell, William K. Abbot, R. Purcell Keall (Sup.).
 84a. **Taita Union Parish**—(Presbyterian Appointment).
 85. **Upper Hutt**—Harry I. Shaw (C.F. for duty in C.M.T. Camp).
 86. **Petone**—John B. Dawson, B.A. (who shall supervise the Probationer appointed to the Wainui-o-Mata Union Parish).
 86a. **Wainui-o-Mata Union Parish**—Brian M. Watson, M.Sc.
 87. **Greytown-Featherston**—Alan Newman.
 88. **Carterton**—Reginald Day.
 89. **Masterton**—R. Frederick Clement, M.A., One Wanted.
Masterton Children's Home: Chaplain, R. Frederick Clement, M.A.
 90. **Eketahuna**—Robert E. Fordyce.
 91. **Levin**—Campbell P. Lucas, L.Th. (Chaplain to Levin Farm), Harry S. Kings (Sup.).
 92. **Otaki**—Ormond E. Burton, M.A.
 93. **Paraparaumu**—Harry W. Toothill, A Home Missionary.
 M. ALEXANDER McDOWELL (President of the Conference), Chairman of the District.

VI—NELSON DISTRICT

94. **Nelson**—Charlie O. Hailwood, Noel D. Billingham, Charles Blair (Sup.).
 95. **Waimea**—Harry Moore, John Grundy, M.A., Frederick B. Lawrence (Sup.).
 96. **Mōtueka**—Edward Baker.

97. **Murchison**—One Wanted.
 98. **Blenheim**—Howard E. Harkness, M.A., B.D., Archibald W. McKay (Picton), One Wanted, Phillip D. Ramsay (C.F.), John D. McArthur (Sup.), Alfred M. Costain, Dip.Soc.Sc. (Sup.).
 99. **Reefton**—One Wanted.
 100. **Westport**—Wilf. G. Eisner, B.A.
 101. **Greymouth**—D. Bruce Gordon, M.A. (who shall superintend the Hokitika Circuit), One Wanted.
 102. **Hokitika**—One Wanted.

CHARLIE O. HAILWOOD, Chairman of the District.
 WILF. G. EISNER, Deputy Chairman.

VII—NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

103. **Christchurch** (Durham Street)—Ashleigh K. Petch, B.A., John A. Penman, Henry L. Blamires (Sup.), Herbert Ford (Sup.), Archer O. Harris (Sup.).
 CONNEXIONAL SECRETARY AND AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE—
 Herbert L. Fiebeg, B.A.
 YOUTH DIRECTOR—One Wanted.
 104. **Christchurch Central Mission**—Wilfred E. Falkingham, A Deaconess.
 105. **Christchurch East**—V. Roy Jamieson, M.B.E., E.D., J. C. Aldwyn Williams, Leonard V. Willing, Leslie F. Bycroft, Albert H. Fowles (Sup.), James Richards (Sup.), Wallace S. Neal (Sup.), Oswald Burnet (Sup.).
 106. **Christchurch** (Cambridge Terrace)—Hubert G. Brown.
 107. **Christchurch** (Woolston-Lyttelton)—Wesley A. Chambers, M.A., Harry V. Utting (Opawa), William E. Moore (Lyttelton), Frederick O. Prosser (Sup.).
 108. **Christchurch** (Sydenham)—Colin D. Clark, B.A., One Wanted.
 109. **Christchurch (Addington)**—Thomas H. Carr (Chaplain to Sunnyside Hospital), Harold A. Sharp (Sup.).
 110. **Christchurch** (Riccarton)—John D. Grocott, One Wanted.
 111. **Christchurch** (St. Albans)—William G. Slade, M.A., D.D., Peter A. Stead, B.A., Norman P. Larsen, George B. Hinton (Sup.), Cecil R. Taylor (Sup.).
 112. **Christchurch** (Papanui)—William T. Blight, B.A., B.D. (Connexional Editor).
 South Island Orphanage—Chaplain, William T. Blight, B.A., B.D.
 113. **Springston**—William C. Jenkin, One Wanted (Islington), H. Rabey Falla (Without Pastoral Charge), Harry Cottom (Sup.).
 114. **Leeston**—H. Ian K. Hopper, B.A., Horace L. Richards (Sup.).
 115. **Kaiapoi**—Benjamin H. Riseley.
 116. **Rangiora**—Charles E. Dickens, One Wanted.
 117. **Greendale**—Loyal J. Gibson.
 118. **Oxford**—Basil J. Hilder.

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

JOHN A. PENMAN, Financial Secretary.

VIII—SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

119. **Timaru** (Banks Street)—Alan O. Jones, Hector C. Orchard (Sup.).
 120. **Timaru** (Woodlands Street)—William J. Morrison, M.A.
 120a. **Marchiel Union Parish**—(Presbyterian Appointment).
 121. **Timaru South**—One Wanted.
 122. **Waimate**—A. Peter Dorrian, Jonathan H. Haslam (Sup.).
 123. **Temuka**—One Wanted.

124. **Geraldine**—John R. Hall (who shall superintend Temuka Circuit).
 125. **Ashburton**—D. J. Donald Hickman, One Wanted.
 126. **Willowby**—Owen T. Woodfield.
 127. **Oamaru**—Alan F. Collins.

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

IX—OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

128. **Central Church and Mission (Dunedin)**—Raymond Dudley, M.A., D.D., Frank S. Rigg (Industrial Chaplain to Hillside Workshops), One Wanted, One Deaconess.
 129. **Dunedin (Dundas Street)**—Leonard P. Schroeder, B.A., B.D. (C.F. for duty in C.M.T. Camp), (Chaplain to Seacliff and Orokonui Hospitals).
 130. **Dunedin North**—Ian W. Reid (Industrial Chaplain to Hillside Workshops).
 131. **Dunedin South**—Gordon Parker, M.A., Ph.D (Industrial Chaplain to Hillside Workshops), Leonard Shapcott, One Wanted (Abbotsford).
 131a. **Corstophine Union Parish**—(Presbyterian Appointment).
 132. **Dunedin (St. Kilda)**—Gordon R. H. Peterson (Secretary of the Conference), One Wanted, T. Arthur Pybus (Sup.).
 133. **Dunedin (Mornington)**—Herbert A. Cochrane.
 134. **Dunedin (Roslyn)**—O. McLennan Olds.
 135. **Port Chalmers**—One Wanted.
 136. **Milton**—George W. Cramond.
 137. **Roxburgh**—Amos W. Burrough.
 138. **Invercargill (Central)**—Arthur R. Witheford, B.A. (who shall supervise the Edendale Circuit), Wilfred J. Cable.
 139. **Invercargill (St. Peter's)**—J. Stanley Olds (who shall supervise the Western Southland Circuit).
 140. **Gore**—T. Ralph Benny.
 141. **Western Southland**—Eric R. Eastwood, One Wanted.
 142. **Edendale**—One Wanted.
 143. **Mosgiel**—One Wanted.
 144. **Bluff**—David W. Edmonds.
 145. **Cromwell-Alexandra**—Ernest Heppelthwaite.
 146. **Balclutha**—Warren Green.

WAIKOUAITI—A Home Missionary.

LAWRENCE—A Home Missionary.

GORDON R. H. PETERSON, Chairman of the District.

LEONARD P. SCHROEDER, B.A., B.D., Financial Secretary.

X—SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT

[5] **Roviana Circuit**—

John R. Metcalfe (Chairman Kokengolo), Allen H. Hall, M.A. (D.T.I. Banga), Alexander C. Watson (Kokengolo), Aisake Vula Honiara), Ahofitu Maka (Marovo), One Missionary Sister (Teacher), One Missionary Sister (Teacher), One Missionary Sister (Nurse), One Missionary Sister (Secretary), One Lay Missionary (Technician), 6 Native Catechists, 46 Native Teachers, 5 Native Medical Assistants.

District Training Institution—

Chairman of the District (Principal), Allen H. Hall, M.A. (Vice-Principal), 4 Native Teachers.

[6] **Vella Lavella Circuit**—

Trevor Shepherd, One Missionary Sister (Teacher), One Missionary Sister (Nurse), One Missionary Sister (Nurse) Wanted, 4 Native Catechists, 32 Native Teachers, 6 Native Medical Assistants.

[7] **Choiseul Circuit—**

D. I. Alister McDonald (Sasamunga), Timothy Piani (Senga), One Missionary Sister (Teacher), One Missionary Sister (Nurse), One Missionary Sister, 5 Native Catechists, 35 Native Teachers

[8] **Buin Circuit—**

A. Harry Voyce (Kihili), John Taufa (Kieta), Kemueli Pita (Tonu), One Missionary Sister (Teacher), District Girls' School, Kihili, One Missionary Sister (Teacher) Wanted, District Girls' School, Kihili, One Missionary Sister (Teacher Tonu) One Missionary Sister (Nurse Tonu), 9 Native Catechists, 72 Native Teachers, 5 Native Medical Assistants.

[9] **Teop Circuit—**

George G. Carter, M.A., Dip.Ed. (Kekesu), Daniel Palavi (Tea-raka), One Missionary Sister (Nurse), One Missionary Sister (Teacher), 3 Native Catechists, 36 Native Teachers, 1 Native Medical Assistant.

[10] **Buka Circuit—**

Gordon A. R. Cornwell (Skotolan), John A. Bitibule (Skotolan), One Missionary Sister (Nurse), One Missionary Sister (Teacher), 4 Native Catechists, 42 Native Teachers, 7 Native Medical Assistants.

Helena Goldie Hospital—

Gerald E. Houl, 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.

XI—PAPUA-NEW GUINEA HIGHLANDS MISSION

(Ministers of the New Zealand Conference appointed to the Papua-New Guinea Highlands Mission shall serve under the general direction of the Methodist Foreign Missionary Society of New Zealand and, for purposes of ministerial training, status, discipline and membership of funds, continue their connection with the New Zealand Conference). (Minutes of Conference 1953, page 124).

Mendi—

Gordon H. Young, one lay missionary, three missionary sisters.

Tari—

Roland L. Barnes, L.Th., Clifford J. Keightley, one lay missionary, one carpenter, three missionary sisters.

N.B.—Gordon H. Young and Roland L. Barnes are ministers of the New South Wales Conference.

QUESTION XXX—How are the Home Missionaries employed by the Conference stationed for the ensuing year?

AUCKLAND DISTRICT—

Youth Director—One Wanted.

Auckland Methodist Central Mission (2nd)—One Wanted.

Auckland East (6th)—Supply (Mrs M. F. Robertson).

Auckland West (2nd)—One Wanted.

Auckland (Avondale) (2nd)—One Wanted.

Auckland (Takapuna) (2nd)—Supply (Rev J. Dennis), W. Sussex and W. H. Wilson (Retired).

Auckland (Birkenhead) (2nd)—Supply (D. I. Robertson).

Onehunga (2nd)—Supply (Rev. A. E. Jefferson).

North Waitemata—R. Coombridge (Retired).

Henderson (2nd)—Non-resident Student Supply (Evan R.

Lewis, M.Sc.); J. W. Bayliss (Retired).

Hikurangi—J. F. Walls.

North Hokianga—(Kohukohu)—F. L. Johnson.
Dargaville—(Te Kopuru)—One Wanted.
Whangarei (2nd)—One Wanted.
Port Albert—(Wellsford)—One Wanted.
Bay of Islands—One Wanted.
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
Paihia—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)—Supply.
Hikurangi—Hohepa 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, M.A., Ph.D., Dip.Ed.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT—

Hamilton (3rd)—Supply (Rev. S. J. Werren), A. L. Withford (Retired).
Ngaruawahia—C. E. Roke.
Tauranga—F. J. Climo (Te Puke), Deaconess Supply (Sister Dorothy Pinton, Mt. Maunganui).
Coromandel—Supply (Thomas Walker).
Morrinsville (Waitoa)—One Wanted.
Hauraki Plains (Ngatea)—A. G. Reid.
Opotiki—Supply (Rev. Wm. M. Isitt).
Putaruru (Tokoroa)—One Wanted.
Te Kuiti (2nd)—One Wanted.
Hamilton East (2nd)—One Wanted.
Kawerau—One Wanted (To be worked from Whakatane).

Maori Mission—

Waikato and Maniapoto Circuits, Superintendent (Supply Rev. A. J. Seamer).
Te Kuiti—Paahi Moke.
Kawhia—Supply.
Frankton Junction—J. Hatoitoi Pihama.
Aotea Harbour—Roi Moke.
Raglan—Tuteao Manihera.
Mokau—Supply.
Ngaruawahia—Heemi Rihimona and Tutu Keepa.
Waimihi—Tame Ponui.
Aramiro—Enoka Marumaru.
Rakaunui—Supply.
Whatawhata—Ngerungeru Tame Pihama.
Waitomo—Supply.

Otorohanga—Paki Manga.
 Rangiriri—Matene Horii De Thierry.
 Hangatiki—Supply.
 Taharoa—Supply.
 Huntly—Supply.
 Waikaretu—Mu Maihi.
 Hamilton—Te Akonga Pihama.
 Hauraki Plains—Supply.
 Maketu Pa (Kawhia)—Waiwera Rangawhenua.
 Te Kopua (Te Awamutu)—Supply.
 Marokopa—Nguru Winikerei.
 Ngutunui—Rangi Katipa.
 Makomako—Tumu Te Huia.
 Aotearoa—Wairemu Tonga and Pukerau Rangitutia.
 Atawa—Te Urunga Wetere.
 Mourea—Te Iwikau Waaka.
 Ngaruawahia Rural—Graham Kahui.
 Pureora—Hohepa Timohu Hona.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT—

New Plymouth— T. W. Featherstone and H. Ashworth
 (Retired).
 Opunake (Okato)—H. R. Wright.
 Eltham (Kaponga)—One Wanted.
 Hawera (Patea)—One Wanted.
 Raetihi-Ohakune—Supply (Rev. W. E. Sleep, Retired).
 Wanganui North (Wanganui East)—One Wanted.
 Inglewood—O. L. Christian.
 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.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT—

Gisborne (2nd)—One Wanted.
 Hastings (2nd)—One Wanted.
 Feilding (Halcombe)—Herbert Prowse.
 Foxton-Shannon—F. D. Peterson.
 Apiti—One Wanted.
 Norsewood—Vacant (under Dannevirke Superintendent).
 Waipawa-Waipukurau—Supply (Rev. A. G. Woodnutt), One
 Wanted (Waipukurau), W. J. Bryant (Retired).
 Palmerston North (St. Paul's), (2nd)—Deaconess Supply
 (Probationer Lorraine Flowers).
 Napier—C. Robinson (Retired).
 Woodville—F. E. Trim.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT—

Wellington Central (3rd)—One Wanted.
 Paraparaumu (2nd)—One Wanted (Paraparaumu).
 Masterton (Kuripuni)—Deaconess Supply (Sister Margaret
 Taylor).
 Porirua (2nd)—One Wanted.

NELSON DISTRICT—

Blenheim (3rd)—Deaconess Supply (Sister Fiona Summerell).

Murchison—One Wanted.

Greymouth—(Runanga)—One Wanted.

Reefton—T. Steele.

Motueka—R. T. Alexander (Retired).

Hokitika—One Wanted.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT—

Youth Director—One Wanted.

Christchurch (Riccarton) (2nd)—Lewis H. Major.

Springston (2nd) (Islington)—Rev. H. R. Falla (Supply).

Rangiora (2nd)—G. K. Greening (Woodend).

Sydenham (Beckenham)—One Wanted.

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT—

Ashburton (2nd)—G. H. J. Yearbury.

Temuka—One Wanted (Supplied from Geraldine).

Timaru South—One Wanted.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT—

Central Methodist Church and Mission (3rd)—One Wanted.

St. Kilda (2nd)—One Wanted.

Lawrence—(Under Milton Superintendent) Vacant.

Western Southland (Ohai)—One Wanted.

Waikouaiti-Palmerston—Maurice Gilbert.

Edendale—One Wanted.

Dunedin South (Abbotsford)—One Wanted.

Mosgiel—W. J. Henderson.

Port Chalmers—Supply (Rev. J. W. Reddihough).

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 Dorothy Pointon, Tauranga.

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 Fiona Summerell, Blenheim.

Sister Evelyn J. Taylor, Auckland (leave of absence).

Sister Margaret Taylor, Masterton.

Sister Joyce Gribble, Auckland Central.

Sister Mary Whitlow, Auckland (leave of absence).

Sister Doreen Bulford, Palmerston North (Trinity).

Sister Gwenda Kennedy, Auckland Central Mission.

Probationer Lorraine Flowers, Palmerston North (St. Paul's).

Probationer Joyce Foster, Central Church and Mission, Dunedin.

II.—Maori Work—

Sister Eleanor Dobby, South Island.

Sister Nicholls, Maori Centre, Auckland.

Sister Airini Hobbs, Waikato.

Sister Olive Bott, Bay of Islands.

Sister Madeline Holland, "Kurahuna" School Hostel.
 Sister Heeni Wharemaru, Hamilton and Central Waikato.
 Sister Evelyn Marriott, Rangiatea Maori Girls' Hostel, New Plymouth.
 Sister Anne Wilson, Hawera.
 Sister Ruth Hilder, "Seamer House," Auckland.
 Sister Jean Miller, Auckland.
 Sister Mavis Dickie, Northern King Country.
 Sister Grace Clement, Central King Country.
 Sister Frances Smith, Hamilton.
 Sister Betty Yearbury, Opunake.
 Sister Winnifred Bennett, Waikato.
 Sister Kathleen Rogers, Outer Auckland South.
 Probationer June Peters, Hamilton.

III.—Solomon Islands—

Sister Lucy Money, Choiseul.

IV.—Retired—(a) Deaconesses

Sister Ruth Fawcett
 Mrs W. J. Williams
 Sister May Barnett
 Sister Annie Tocker
 Sister Winifred Beaumont
 Sister May Ralph

Sister Mildred West
 Sister Lily White
 Mrs C. B. Jones
 Sister Olive Coleman
 Mrs H. Breed
 Mrs R. Venis

(b) Missionary Sisters

Sister Lina Jones
 Sister Grace McDonald

Sister Edna White
 Sister Merle Farland

V.—In Training—

Second Year—Miss Beverley Taylor.

First Year—Misses Lynette Pamela Quarrie and Anne Elizabeth Saunders.

VI.—Solomon Islands—Missionary Sisters—

Sister Ada Lee, Buin, Bougainville.
 Sister Effie Harkness, Roviana.
 Sister Merle Carter, Tonu, South Bougainville.
 Sister Davinia Clark, Bilua.
 Sister Jessie Grant, Choiseul.
 Sister Myra Fraser, Bilua.
 Sister Pamela Beaumont, Tonu, South Bougainville.
 Sister Nancy Ball, Choiseul.
 Sister Thelma Duthie, Kekesu, Bougainville.
 Sister June Hilder, Kekesu, Bougainville.
 Sister Rewa Williamson, Roviana.
 Sister Norma Graves, Buka.
 Sister Olive Money, Roviana.
 Sister Edith James, Papua-New Guinea Highlands.
 Sister Joy Thompson, Vella Lavella.
 Sister Norma Neutze, Roviana.
 Sister Mary Addison, Roviana.
 Sister Audrey Grice, Roviana.

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

1. CHAIRMEN OF DISTRICTS—

Auckland—Eric W. Hames, M.A.
 South Auckland—William R. Francis, B.A., B.D.
 Taranaki-Wanganui—E. Thomas Olds.
 Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—E. Clarence Leadley.

Wellington—M. Alexander McDowell (President of Conference).
Nelson—Charlie O. Hailwood.
North Canterbury—William T. Blight, B.A., B.D.
South Canterbury—D. J. Donald Hickman.
Otago-Southland—Gordon R. H. Peterson.
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—Harold K. Brown.
Taranaki-Wanganui—Ralph E. Patchett.
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Francis H. Parker.
Wellington—R. Graham Bell, M.A., B.D.
Nelson—Howard E. Harkness, M.A., B.D.
North Canterbury—Norman P. Larsen.
South Canterbury—Allan F. Collins.
Otago-Southland—Arthur R. Witheford, B.A.

QUESTION XXXIII. (1)—Who are elected as President and Secretary of the Conference, 1956?

President—Raymond Dudley, M.A., D.D., F.R.E.S.
Secretary—Gordon R. H. Peterson.

(2)—Have adequate arrangements been made for President's supply?

Yes.

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

Special Report of the General Statistical Secretary

(Minutes of Conference 1954, page 51, Res. 3.)

"That the General Statistical Secretary be asked to obtain from the Government Statistician full details of the 1951 Census as it affects N.Z. Methodism, and that that information, together with his comments be sent to all Circuit Quarterly Meetings, District Executives and Synods for consideration."

The Total Population of New Zealand as revealed by the Government Population Census is as follows.

1951 Census 1,939,472
1945 Census 1,603,554
1936 Census 1,491,484
1926 Census 1,344,468

The Number of Declared Methodists as revealed by the Census Returns for these years is as follows:

1951 Census 156,077 (includ. Maoris) representing 8.1%.
1945 Census 130,220 (exclud. Maoris) representing 8.1%.
1936 Census 121,012 (exclud. Maoris) representing 8.1%.
1926 Census 121,212 (exclud. Maoris) representing 9.2%.

The distribution of Methodists according to Provinces is as follows:

Synod	1951	Synod	1945
Auckland	36,483	Auckland	26,539
„ South	25,770	„ South	20,539
	62,253		46,800
Hawkes Bay	5,353	Hawkes Bay	4,756
Taranaki	10,945	Taranaki	8,909
Wellington	28,847	Wellington	26,366
Nelson	8,512	Nelson	7,434
Nth. Canterbury	17,281	Nth. Canterbury	15,820
Sth. Canterbury	8,268	Sth. Canterbury	7,070
	25,549		22,890
Otago-Southland	14,618	Otago-Southland	13,065
	156,077		130,220

The Increases in Methodists are as follows:

1945 to 1951 18,322 representing an increase of 13.3%.

1936 to 1945 9,208 representing an increase of 7.61%.

1926 to 1936 Minus 200 representing a decrease of .17%.

Turning to the official records of the Church we find the following:

1951 Senior Members 26,418, Church Y.P. Roll 36,828, Total 63,246.

1945 Senior Members 25,460, Junior and Infant 16,196, Total 41,656.

1936 Senior Members 25,193, Junior and Infant 13,589, Total 38,782.

1926 Senior Members 24,241, Junior and Infant 7,551, Total 31,792.

The Picture presented by the Senior Membership Rolls give no indication whatever of the numbers of folk that the Church is in touch with through the Pastoral Ministry of the Church.

Some few years ago I suggested that we should have a column in our Statistical Returns for "Adherents" but that suggestion was not looked upon with favour at the time. The result is that today when a brief survey on a District level is asked for the necessary information is not available.

I can therefore give only what is at my disposal.

In 1951 the Census declared Methodists 20 years and over numbered approximately 99,989. Against this figure our records give 26,418 people who are recognised as Members in Full Connection with our Church. 73,571 Census Declared Methodists are not linked in vital Membership with our Church; almost 3 out of every 4 as revealed in the 1951 Census. Had the column for Adherents or those under our Pastoral Care been included in our Returns then we would be in a position to see how many Methodists are not touched by the Pastoral Ministry of the Church and in many instances we could have pin-pointed the areas most affected and then taken appropriate action.

In view of another Census being taken in 1956 it might be as well to again make the suggestion that a column for "Adherents" be included in future on our Statistical Returns.

In 1945 the Census Declared Methodists 20 years and over numbered approximately 82,446. Against this figure our Records give 25,460 people who are recognised as Members in Full Connection with our Church. This leaves 56,986 people declared to be Methodists not in full membership, representing a little over 2 out of every 3. How many of these are untouched by the ministry of the Church we cannot at present tell.

Conference will never be in a position to face the situation until this vital information is placed at its disposal and it is sincerely hoped that Conference will take the necessary steps to ensure this is done.

In recent years the method of returning the membership of our Young People was changed and a comparison between the figures is therefore at the present not possible.

However the Census declared Methodists in 1945 under 20 years of age were approximately 47,774 while our Junior and Infant membership returns totalled 16,196; this left 31,578 Children and Young People not included in our official Rolls.

The Picture presented in 1951 is different in that every child in the Sunday School or Bible Class is automatically entered on the Church Young Peoples Roll. Also every Methodist Child in the boundaries of any given Circuit outside of the reach of the Sunday School must now be entered on our Church Young Peoples Roll.

In 1951 the Census declared Methodists under the age of 20 totalled approximately 56,088 while our Church Young People's Roll for 1951 shows the totals at 36,828 with a difference still standing at 19,260.

This would suggest that if our Church records have some degree of accuracy we can today say that we can account for almost 66% of our young people under the age of 20; but in the process of accepting Membership in the Church we lose about 40% leaving the present level of 26% active membership.

This figure must in fact be even higher because we must make some allowance for Transfers from overseas so that this fact only tends to make the position still more serious.

The Welfare of the Church Committee reported to last Conference its findings on the question of Church Membership (see M. of C. page 51) and it would now seem that we shall have to embark on a vigorous campaign for Church Membership in order to justify our existence as a Church.

It may be necessary to do some pruning in order that we may start the membership campaign strong in the strength of the Living Christ, the Great Head of the Church.

Wm. C. JENKIN, General Statistical Secretary.

REPORT FOR 1955

General:

The Returns for two Districts needed correction this year, and all the errors could have been eliminated had the Circuit Schedule Forms been altered as had been suggested in previous reports.

Correct Returns from the Circuit level would facilitate the work of District Statistical Secretaries very considerably and would be a distinct advantage on the Conference Level.

It would appear that Circuits returning incorrect Returns have little or no difficulty when the Minister moves on, for the difficulty then is simply transferred to another Circuit. This is most apparent in the case of the Church Young People's Roll where certain men coming into Circuits that previously have returned their figures, suddenly return none. Where this occurs it is apparently the policy of the Youth Department to carry over the figures contained in the Sunday School figures. I would point out that this practice does not help the situation one iota, but rather aggravates it and this should be dealt with on the Synod Level.

At present our figures submitted by the Circuits, because of the non-co-operation of a few, who apparently refuse to do their returns, make the compilation of same a waste of time for all who handle them.

It would appear that Conference must now make up its mind as to what it needs to show regarding the trends of the Church in relation to the Population of New Zealand.

If this is considered necessary then the machinery must be set in motion to ensure that the information required is given to the right quarter. The Church insists that books kept by the Laymen of the Church are submitted to audit each year and in view of the unsatisfactory state in the Statistical Returns I would respectfully suggest that the Ministers'

Books be submitted for an annual audit or inspection by the Chairmen of Districts, this taking place at a Ministerial Meeting if thought desirable.

At present the Circuits records may be inspected by the Chairman or his deputy; this state of affairs should not continue but should be mandatory and this should be looked into by the Law Revision Committee.

Buildings:

The number of Churches show a net increase of 3 bringing the total up to 446 Churches as at the 30th June, 1955. Schoolrooms total 276 an increase of 1, while 4 new Parsonages bring this total to 205 Parsonages.

Other Preaching Places:

For the first time in 4 years we are able to report an increase of 12 Other Preaching Places and the total now stands at 323.

Staffing:

The number of Ministers and Probationers remain the same at 238, Home Missionaries now number 35, a decrease of 5 from last year. The number of Deaconesses remain the same at 12. The Local Preachers have again shown an increase of 7, bringing the number now serving the Church in this important sphere to 688.

Membership:

A net increase of 93 in the membership brings the total to 27,685 as at the 30th June. This compares with 478 reported last year and shows a decrease of 385 between the 2 years.

New members are returned at 1,170 being a decrease of 110 on the previous year. 407 members have died during the year.

Members Ceased to Attend still calls for comment and is a very serious feature of the returns. 481 people have been returned under this heading this year being an increase of 103 on last year's figures.

The growing tendency to assess contributions on a membership basis may in part account for the practice of removing names from the membership roll, but this aspect on its own should not be the principal reason. Such loss suggests a loss of Spiritual Vitality on the part of those concerned and it is our task as a Church to investigate such loss, and if possible, to take the appropriate steps to make a recurrence an impossibility.

Church Young People's Roll:

Four District Statistical Returns have still to come in addition to One District for last year. I cannot therefore under the circumstances make a report on this aspect of the work.

It is now ten years since the Church Young People's Roll was agreed upon by Conference and it is a very sad state of affairs when men refuse to carry out the wish of Conference in this matter.

The time is far past when Conference should take the appropriate steps to see that these matters are attended to.

Baptisms:

2,922 Baptisms are reported for this year, an increase of 252 on the previous year.

Communicants show an increase of 677 bringing the total as at the 30th June to 23,306.

Travelling Allowances:

Again these returns are most unsatisfactory in that seven Districts return incomplete information on this matter.

Unless the amounts paid out are reported, what we have is of little value for comparative work. And if these figures are of little value Conference should decide whether the time involved in compilation could not be better spent in some other avenue of service.

As at the 30th June, 24 cars were owned by Circuits, a decrease of 4, while cars owned by ministers increased by 16, making a total of 156.

Finances:

Some confusion of thought is apparent under this heading and is to be seen in nearly every Synodal Return.

If the Annual Stipend means the actual amount paid to the Minister then that figure should be shown in the Return.

But if the question is asked in order to ascertain which Circuits are honouring the requirements of Conference in respect to the Minimum Stipend then that amount should be returned.

Business practice would tend toward the actual amount paid, not what should be paid. For our returns the actual amount paid should be returned otherwise we cannot assess the actual cost in this item of expenditure.

A Circuit, for example, which for the year ending 30th June, 1955, has paid £501/5/-, has paid the Minimum Stipend as required by Conference for the year ending 30th June. On the other hand the figure of £510 represents the rate of Stipend as at 30th June, 1955.

The Stipend for 56 Ministers was returned at £510. This results in the figure of the Annual Stipend being almost £500 in excess of what the Church actually paid.

Circuit Credits have risen by £3,706/7/5 to £12,540/6/—while the Circuit Debits have increased by £252/14/7 to £1,917/3/2.

Trust Accounts show an increase in Credits of £10,162/5/11, while the Debits reveal an increase of £7,874/3/6, the totals being Credits £47,328/10/4 and Debits £32,421/7/6.

Maori Mission and Solomon Islands District Returns are not yet to hand.

Conclusion:

In April 1956 the Government proposes to take a Population Census for New Zealand. I would again stress the necessity for the provision on our Statistical Returns of an 'Adherents Column'. This would enable the Church to see how many Methodists, not members of the Church are being contacted through the ministry of the Church. In 1945 this figure was 56,986 declared Census Methodists 20 years and over.

It is required by Conference that a 'List of Adherents', together with their addresses be kept in connection with each Church. (See Law Book page 25 par. 154 sub-sect. (i)) so that all that should be entailed as far as the minister is concerned is to count the number each year and return same on the Statistical Form.

An Adherent is a known Methodist, not having accepted membership, and should where practicable be visited or contacted at least once a year.

The Report required by Conference 1954 was submitted to the Synods for consideration first, and if it is now the wish of Conference that the said report be sent down to the Quarterly Meetings of the Church the necessary steps will be taken to ensure this being done.

My thanks are due to the District Statistical Secretaries for the work they have had this year in connection with the returns. A little more care on the Circuit level would be much appreciated.

SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT REPORT

The number of Churches returned for this year is 230; this represents 6 less than last year. The decreases are reported from Roviana (4) and Buka (3) and an increase at Choiseul (1); a net decrease of six.

Other Preaching Places have increased by 2, bringing the total to 38 as at the 30th June. This is at Buka (2). This means that the net decrease of Preaching Places in the District is now 4.

Seven European Ministers and 1 Doctor are reported for this year being 1 less minister than last year.

Another Sister serving in the District brings the total to 17.

One Lay Missionary is reported as against 2 last year also 1 Native Agriculturist is the same as last year.

The appointment of additional Native Ministers at Roviana and Choiseul bring the total now employed in the District to 7. This is a most encouraging feature of this year's report.

Thirty Catechists are again returned for this year.

Additional Native Teachers at Choiseul (1), Vella (2), Buin (2) and Buka (3), bring the total as at the 30th June to 263.

Following an increase reported last year of 17 Local Preachers this year shows a decrease of 15. The decreases being Roviana (20) and Teop (1) while increases at Choiseul (3), Buin (1) and Buka (2) make a net decrease of 15 for the District.

Class Leaders have increased by 1 bringing the total to 149.

European Members are returned at 36 while the number on the Youth Roll is 15 and Adherents 20.

An increase of 110 Native members brings the total to 7,345 and the Native Youth Roll with an increase of 392 makes a total of 6,536. Native Adherents increasing by 257 brings this total to 4,840.

Five New Sunday Schools are reported, bringing the total to 128 and 47 scholars more, brings this total to 3,905.

The addition in last year's return for Day School shows 263 but should be 223. This year's figure at 225 is therefore an increase of 2. 250 more scholars are reported as attending the Day Schools, bringing the total to 6,285. An increase of 3 on the teaching staff is also reported, bringing the total to 346.

The number of Members and Adherents returned this year is 18,790 as compared with 18,029 last year, an increase of 761.

Altogether the Report is encouraging but there are aspects that no doubt will be watched by the officials concerned.

WM. C. JENKIN, General Statistical Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Reports be received and adopted.
2. That under the heading 'Annual Stipend' the actual amount paid be returned, and that the statistical form be reworded.
3. That under the heading "Other Information Required," the question be asked "Is the Conference Minimum Stipend being paid in this Circuit"?
4. That the General Statistical Secretary's report as submitted to Synods and Conference be referred to March Quarterly Meetings, Synod Standing Committees, and the Spiritual Advance Committee.
5. That the Revised Statistical Form be adopted subject to any minor amendments to be determined by the Youth Board in consultation with the General Statistical Secretary and the Secretary of Conference.
6. That in order to give greater effectiveness to the statistics re number of communicants, the Welfare of the Church Committee devise a more efficient method of recording the Number of Communicants.
7. That Rev W. C. Jenkin be thanked for his services and re-appointed.

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

A—Welfare of the Church Committee

REPORT FOR 1955

Lectionary:

The Committee has adopted the Lectionary prepared by the British Conference, covering two years, with the necessary adjustments to meet New Zealand conditions.

The British Conference also publishes "a booklet providing for each of the selected passages a clear and concise introduction to be read by the preacher as a preface to the prescribed lesson." (This booklet which is available from the Epworth Bookrooms is recommended by the Committee. (Published price 1/6d.).

As the British Lectionary includes certain consecutive passages of Scripture, the Committee believes this fulfils the requirements of the Conference resolution of 1954.

It is again recommended that the Lectionary be printed in sections in the "Methodist Times" and in Circuit magazines or Preaching Plans.

Institutional Chaplains:

The Committee is grateful to the Executive of the National Council of Churches for supplying information about developments which have taken place between the N.C.C. and the Department for Justice relative to Prison Chaplaincies.

It is the policy of the Justice Department to augment the work of voluntary chaplains in its Institutions by the appointment of a part-time prison Chaplain wherever possible. It must be clearly understood that the intention is to continue to allow each Church to contact by means of its voluntary Chaplains, all the people of its own Communion, but the official Chaplain has an advantage in that (a) he is a member of the staff in full status (b) he is responsible for the conducting of regular services of worship (c) he has access to all inmates at any time, and (d) he receives a small honorarium from the State, according to the amount of time which he devotes to the work.

The Justice Department is to be commended for its new policy in this field. The Department is anxious to receive the backing of the Churches in its undertaking and is endeavouring to do so through the N.C.C.

Whenever the Department wishes to make an appointment it circularises all ministers of the constituent Churches within the area where the institution is located. These Ministers are invited to make application for the position, such applications to be addressed to the N.C.C. National Office. The N.C.C. undertakes to secure the mind of the Church authorities in the locality regarding the appointment, and if they are unanimous, makes a nomination to the Secretary for Justice who then makes the appointment. This procedure has so far been followed in regard to the Borstal at Invercargill, the Arohata and Waikeria Reformatory Institutions, and will be adopted when appointments are made to further Institutions.

The Church is presented with a radical change in policy on the part of the Prisons Department, and this in turn is a challenge to the individual Churches to accept this new opportunity. This is a totally unique situation. Let us be seized of its importance, and examine the policy of our Church so that we can fit into this new situation. We must decide upon the policy of a Methodist Minister receiving an honorarium from the State, and whether our system of appointments can be adjusted so as to assure the Prisons Department that a Minister appointed as Chaplain is not, except

under exceptional circumstances, soon after lifted out of his appointment, with consequent embarrassment to the Department and a hindrance to the continuity and stability of the work in prisons. Here is a new field calling for the serious and considered thought of the Church.

Recording of Adherents:

The Committee is not convinced of the necessity of recording the number of adherents. This would require an additional column in our statistical returns and would add little of value. The Law provides that "a list of all Circuit Officers and a proper Members' Roll and a list of Adherents, together with their addresses, shall be kept in connection with each Church." (Law Book, Page 25, Section i).

Such Roll of all who are under Pastoral care, with their addresses, should be left with the Members' Roll, by a Minister when leaving a Circuit. These Rolls could be handed to the incoming Minister as part of the Induction Service thus giving the Pastoral Office an added significance.

The attention of Ministers is drawn to the importance of transferring Adherents when they remove from one Circuit to another, provision for which is made on our "Note of Removal."

Welfare of the Ministry:

The Committee is of the opinion there are not sufficient grounds for the setting up of a Welfare of the Ministry Committee. Since this proposal was first before the Committee, Conference has appointed ways and means of dealing with many of the problems affecting the Ministry. A Layman's Committee on Stipends and a Transport Board have been appointed. The recruitment of Candidates for the Ministry is rightly the concern and responsibility of Circuits and District Ministerial Committees, while the Theological training of Ministers and advanced academic work are the responsibility of the Examination Committee. Other matters affecting the Welfare of the Ministry may be discussed in District Ministerial Committees and there seems to be no real need for the appointment of a special Committee. Our Committee therefore has no recommendation to make.

We believe that consideration might be given to the institution of a Pastoral Session of the Conference which would serve a worthwhile purpose.

Methodist Recognition Emblem:

The 1954 Methodist Conference in London approved a miniature badge-type emblem by which Methodists might easily recognize each other as members of the Methodist family.

The emblem is a tiny scallop shell badge measuring a quarter of an inch across the shoulder, with the letter "M" embossed neatly upon it.

The scallop shell has for centuries been an acknowledged Christian emblem symbolising the journey of the Christian pilgrim, and dates back to the days of the Crusaders. Its particular Methodist association is found in the fact that a cluster of the scallop designs appear on the Wesley coat-of-arms.

It is intended to be worn by members and adherents of the Methodist Church. It cannot be too strongly emphasised that it is an adult emblem. It is not intended to encourage the wearing of the badge by children too young to appreciate its significance and purpose—which is that of mutual Christian encouragement and support. In industry, commerce, educational establishments and elsewhere, such an emblem whereby Methodists can recognize each other and share informal fellowship cannot help but be a profound encouragement to many people, and particularly young people, besides providing opportunity for Christian witness and testimony.

E. S. HODDINOTT, Chairman.

H. A. COCHRANE, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

That the Report be received and adopted, except the paragraph on Welfare of the Ministry.

Lectionary:

1. That the Lectionary prepared by the Committee be adopted for optional use and printed in the Minutes of Conference. (See pages 5-10.)
2. That the "Booklet of Explanatory Introductions" published by the British Conference be recommended for use by our Preachers.

Institutional Chaplains:

1. That hearty approval be given of the policy for Prison Chaplaincies and that the Department for Justice be commended on its proposals in this field.
2. That the National Council of Churches be assured of our whole-hearted approval of the scheme, and be informed that we are willing that Methodist Ministers serve in this capacity.
3. That the principle of a Methodist Minister receiving an honorarium from the State or any other source, together with the question of his relation to the Circuit, be referred to the Church Council.
4. That Ministers appointed as Chaplains to Institutions and Industrial Units be thus designated in the Minutes of Conference.

Recording of Adherents:

1. (a) That the question of the handing over of a duly revised member's roll and a roll of people under Pastoral care during the induction service, be referred to the Faith and Order Committee and the Law Revision Committee for their consideration.

(b) That the Faith and Order Committee and the Law Revision Committee be asked for a definition of the term "Methodist Adherent."

2. That the attention of Ministers be drawn to the importance of transferring Adherents as well as Church Members.

Methodist Recognition Emblem:

1. That the Methodist Recognition Emblem as adopted by the British Methodist Conference be approved and commended to our people.

2. That arrangements be made for the satisfactory supply of Emblems from the Epworth Bookrooms.

Wider Use of Laymen:

1. That the Welfare of the Church Committee consider the possibility of the wider use of full-time lay employees to handle accounting, legal and administrative work, within the Connexion and the various Departments of the Church.

2. That the welfare of the Church Committee consider during the year the advisability of creating a new office named "The Circuit Lay Statistical Secretary."

Membership Cards:

That the Welfare of the Church Committee be asked to prepare Membership Cards which would be worthy of the membership they signify.

Welfare of the Ministry:

That the Welfare of the Church Committee reconsider the question of the establishment of a Committee for the Welfare of the Ministry.

Conversation on the Work of God

That the Welfare of the Church Committee in consultation with the Law Revision Committee consider the designation "Conversation on the Work of God" with a view to finding a more appropriate title for the Conference Session concerned.

Committee

That the Committee for 1956 be as printed on page 14.

B—Spiritual Advance Committee

REPORT TO SYNODS AND CONFERENCE, 1955

The committee has met every two months and meetings have been well attended.

Literature. Working with the Board of Publications material has been produced which has obviously found acceptance. The Lenten Leaflet was written by the Rev. H. Ryan and was distributed in greater quantities than ever. The Prayer Calendar was received with enthusiasm and undoubtedly will become an annual production. Our committee printed a leaflet on "Stewardship" written by the Rev. B. M. Chrystall and this fine article was circulated throughout the connexion. Circular letters have been sent from time to time to all ministers and circuits. A poster was prepared and circulated. The Rev. G. I. Laurenson wrote a study which was taken at the March Ministerial Synods. Unfortunately the reports from Synods did not put us in a position to "review the programme of the Crusade and recommend to Conference how best the Church may re-dedicate itself to the task" as instructed by last Conference. As instructed by Conference the programme for Community year was supplied for thought and action by the June Quarterly Meetings.

Year of Consolidation. The committee has asked that the continuing emphases of the Crusade be stressed throughout the year. In one or two districts rallies have been held with good results. Understanding that the Church did not desire a highly organised programme we have asked that circuits work out a spiritual advance programme which would fit in with the regular work. Through the articles contributed to the Methodist Times by the Rev. W. Green we have endeavoured to keep circuits informed on our work and advise successful experiments and methods used in other places. The appointment of District Conveners has been made in most districts and through these conveners it is hoped that our work will be given more prominence.

Community Year. As instructed by Conference we have worked toward 1956 as Community Year. The programme is outlined in the recommendations which follow. We feel that the visit of the Rev. Dr. D. O. Soper and the holding of the Conference on Industrial Relations will make a most fitting introduction to the year. In the programme we have tried to keep a balance between local and community activity and to remember what is possible for the average circuit. The visit of Bishop Gerald Kennedy will bring the year to a climax. In this, the final year of the Crusade we urge that Conference call upon the Church for an enthusiastic handling of the programme for Spiritual Advance.

Overseas Visitors. During the year Bishop Ivan Lee Holt and Dr. J. Manning Potts visited New Zealand. Our committee arranged an itinerary which included the main centres. Added interest in ecumenical affairs and in the "Upper Room" publications has resulted from this visit. Before this report is received by Conference the Rev. Dr. Donald O. Soper will have toured the country. We have no doubt that great good will come as a result and are exceedingly grateful to Dr. Soper for his willingness to undertake a very heavy itinerary.

In 1956 we expect the President-General of the Australasian Conference and Bishop Gerald Kennedy. In 1957 we are inviting the Rev. Dr. Maldwyn Edwards and also a group of American ministers. These men will conduct missions and instruct in the technique of visitation evangelism.

The Organised Life of the Church. During the course of the Crusade, and particularly in recommending the practice of Visitation Evangelism and in planning for Community Year, the Committee has become aware of the need for a close examination of the organised life of the church. To some, it appears that the church is "over-organised" and that it shows

evidence of false priorities in the relative importance given to various aspects of its life and work.

The growing number of married women in full-time or part-time occupations which complicates domestic arrangements in many homes, the increase in the number and variety of community organisations for social fellowship and cultural activities, and the claim on the service of Christian people by organisations such as schools, with school committees and parents' associations, are some of the factors in a changing social situation.

Against this back-ground the church endeavours to maintain a complex system of its own fellowship groups, youth activities and business meetings, with a preponderance of social and committee activities. This sometimes leads to fragmentation of the Christian fellowship, and to loyalty being given to these organisations primarily, rather than to the church. With the growth of the number and complexity of church organisation there has been a decrease in the number and strength of mid-week meetings for prayer and Bible study.

One serious result of what appears to be the "over-organisation" of the church has been the fact that the dedicated Christians in any church tend to become over-involved in maintaining its business meetings and social organisations. Thus, the people who should be active in Visitation Evangelism and Community Service are often so deeply involved in maintaining the activities of the church that they are physically unable to find either the time or the energy for these other things. These same meetings prevent the minister from engaging in Pastoral Visitation in the evenings, when he may do his best work as the spear-head of the Visitation Evangelism programme of the church.

One solution lies in the producing and training of more dedicated Christian leaders. It seems also, that there may be need to "stream-line" the business organisation of the church, both that the work of God may be more efficiently done, and that Christians may be more free to engage in the out-going evangelistic enterprises which are so vital a part of the life of the church.

The Committee believes that further serious thought should be given to these matters, and that the Welfare of the Church Committee should be asked to study the present organisation and activities of the church throughout the Methodist Church of New Zealand, with a view to establishing priorities and to recommending where business meetings and other activities may be eliminated or combined, for the greater welfare and efficiency of the church.

We wish to place on record our continued appreciation of the work, advice and interest of the Field Representative, the Rev. G. I. Laurenson.

W. R. LAWS, Chairman.

L. GREENSLADE, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That a grant of £25 each be made by the Home Mission Department and the Contingent Fund for the work of the Spiritual Advancement Committee.
3. That circuits be urged to give financial support to the Committee.
4. That Conference expresses gratitude to the Field Representative for his work, and that he be reappointed.
5. That the following be appointed District Representatives for Spiritual Advance.—Northland, To be appointed; Auckland, Rev. D. G. Sherson; Waikato, Rev. C. B. Oldfield; Bay of Plenty, Rev. J. H. Woolford; Taranaki, To be appointed; Wanganui, Rev. G. R. Thompson; Wellington, Rev. L. T. Norwell; Nelson, Rev. H. Moore; North Canterbury, To be appointed; Otago, Rev. O. M. Olds; Southland, Rev. D. Edmonds.

6. That the Welfare of the Church Committee give consideration to the organised life of the Church throughout New Zealand with a view to improving its efficiency and increasing its effectiveness in the work of God, and report to Synods and Conference in 1956.

7. That 1956 be "Community Year" and that the following be suggestions for inclusion in the programme for the year: A leaflet for the guiding of the devotional life during the Advent season of 1955.

The holding of Beach Missions and Motor Camp Film Services during the holiday period of 1955-56.

A leaflet setting out the message of the Church to the community to be available for house to house distribution in February of 1956.

Period March-April

Crusade Sunday to be observed on March 4th with a message from the President to be read from all pulpits.

A Lenten Leaflet to be prepared for the guiding of the devotional life during this season.

Spiritual Advance study to be taken at March Ministerial Synods, Articles by chosen writers to be studied in two whole day sessions. Subjects to be dealt with: The Biblical Basis of Evangelism, Factory Evangelism, Film Evangelism, Radio Evangelism, Rural Evangelism, Press and Publicity Evangelism, Open Air Evangelism, Visitation Evangelism, Evangelism in Holiday Resorts.

A commencement with Factory Evangelism should be made at this time. Visit of President-General.

The use of Harvest Festivals and Industrial Services to bring out the significance of the year.

Period Easter—Whitsunday

The Church to be called to prayer with arrangements made for short services of prayer at suitable times. Arrangements to be made to have lay people offer prayer in services.

The use of Mother's Day to stress Christian community.

Period after Trinity Sunday

The organising of teams to do Visitation Evangelism in chosen areas as agreed at the March Ministerial Synods.

Stress to be given to membership, stewardship, visitation evangelism and Church Union.

Visit of Bishop Gerald Kennedy.

Conference with review of Crusade and Act of Thanksgiving.

8. Community Year—That Synod Standing Committees and Area Sub-Committees be requested to call representative gatherings of ministers and layment to relate the programme for Church and Community Year to the needs of the District and give guidance to Circuit Quarterly Meetings.

9. That the District Ministerial Committees be asked to nominate to the Spiritual Advance Committee the names of Ministers who would be prepared to conduct occasionally an evangelistic mission in another Circuit, say once in two or three years, so that Circuits wishing to have such Missions may make their arrangements through the Spiritual Advance Committee, and that the holding of such Missions be commended to the Circuits.

10. Conference records the deep appreciation of the N.Z. Church for the visit of Rev. Dr. D. O. Soper, M.A., whose evangelistic concern, churchmanship and passion for social righteousness have been an inspiration to all.

11. That the invitations extended to Dr Maldwyn Edwards and a group of American Methodist Ministers be confirmed.

12. That the Spiritual Advance Committee be commended for its work, and especially the Chairman and the Convener.

13. That the following be referred to the Spiritual Advance Committee (with Dr. G. Parker as corresponding member): "That at the earliest opportunity the fullest consideration be given to the President's Challenge to Evangelism, with a view to finding ways and means of meeting it in the coming year."

14. Committee for 1956 as printed on page 13 herein.

C—Church Council

ANNUAL REPORT 1955

The Church Council met at Wallis House, Wellington, on the 3rd and 4th May and, by direction of last Conference, reports through Synods to Conference on matters referred to it, as well as on certain other matters.

1. Membership of the Council:

The Council has considered additions to its membership and is of the opinion that the President-Elect should be a member, and that the Methodist Social Association should have a representative on the Council.

2. Use of Manpower and Amenities, and Policy regarding Extension Projects:

(Minutes of Conference, 1954, page 68, Res. 3)

Discussion brought out the relationship between Res. 3 page 68 and Res. 2 page 35 of Minutes of Conference. There was an opinion in the Council that each district should prepare a list of suggestions for the Stationing Committee indicating places that could be 'supplied' within the District if manpower shortages create stationing difficulties.

3. The Title "District Executive"—its Suitability:

(Minutes of Conference, 1954, page 69, Res. 3.)

After due consideration it was felt that a more suitable title could be used and that the Council should recommend that the Title of the 'District Executive' be '*Synod Standing Committee*.' (N.B.: A Sub-District Executive would then be known as..... Area Sub-Committee').

4. Powers of District Executives and Chairman's Function:

Pars. 162 and 163 of Law Book. (See also Minutes of Conference, 1954, page 68, bottom).

It was pointed out that there is sufficient authority for the District Executive to do whatever it thinks necessary to promote the work of the Church in the District. Wider powers are given to the Chairman of the District under our constitution than under the constitution of either the British or the Australian Conferences. After consideration of these matters the Council makes *no recommendation* in regard to increasing the powers of the District Executive or of the District Chairman, but having heard reports of the beneficial effects arising from the visitation of Circuits in connection with the Advance Methodism Fund the Council believes that the practice of Visitation to Circuits and Quarterly Meetings should be further developed in terms of the Law Book, page 29, Par. 162.

5. March Quarterly Meeting and Invitation to Present Ministers:

(Minutes of Conference 1954, page 70, Res. 7.)

In the Council there was strong support for the principle in the paragraph, viz., 'that at the March Quarterly Meeting the invitation to the present Minister shall be discussed and decided'. Warning, however, was given against correcting one abuse and creating another. After considerable discussion the Council decided to commend the proposal.

6. Membership, Time and Business of Conference:

(Minutes of Conference, 1954, page 69, top.)

A: It was noted that if all ministers entitled to attend Conference were present and an equal number of laymen attended we should have a Conference of 480. Last year there were 303 present. In discussion the following points were made:

That a smaller Conference would make comparatively little difference in the overall cost. Would there be a loss spiritually? A smaller Conference could be held in centres other than the four main cities. But would a smaller Conference do more effective work than the present size?

The Council makes *no recommendation* in regard to decreasing the size of Conference because alteration of the membership of Conference would mean negligible gains and some great losses.

B. Time of Conference: Five years ago Conference was changed from February to November, mainly for the following reasons:

- (a) Children of Ministers commencing at a new school.
- (b) Ministers often had to commence in a new circuit on Easter Day.
- (c) Commencing in April meant that a considerable part of the working year had gone when a minister came into a new Circuit.

The pros and cons were thoroughly discussed by the Council which makes *no recommendation* concerning any suggested change.

The Council *recommends* that the points for and against a change, as listed in the Memorandum prepared for the Council, be printed later in the 'Methodist Times' for the information of the Church.

That while realising the difficulty of securing lay representatives to Conference from some Circuits, the Council nevertheless suggests that all Circuits be urged to send the strongest representatives possible to Conference.

C: Business of Conference: It was shown that there are presented to present-day Conferences twelve major reports that were not presented 12 years ago. Conference meets in 14 sessions totalling 35 hours. Certain reports could possibly be grouped together and *questions only* considered and answered by the various conveners, or speaking could be eliminated on reports concerning which there were no recommendations apart from adoption.

In order to reduce the present volume of business coming before Conference, as well as to give adequate consideration to business remaining, an overhaul of the range of matters to be considered and the method of presentation would be necessary. This would involve the granting of greater power to Synods re District matters as well as in the work of certain Committees.

The Council asks leave to give further consideration to the issues involved before presenting recommendations.

7. Saving the Time of Conference:

(Minutes of Conference, 1954, page 70, Res. 5.)

The matters already considered under the previous questions regarding the re-shaping of Conference business, and dealt with in a later question regarding the meeting of the Stationing Committee indicate ways time may be saved and vital issues be given adequate consideration.

8. The Time of Determining Ministerial Appointments:

(Minutes of Conference, 1954, page 70, Res. 6.)

Consideration was given to various suggestions about the First Reading of Stations being drafted some time before the Opening of Conference. The whole question has been occasioned by the increasing pressure of Conference business.

Stationing is of vital interest to ministers and laymen and to a large extent dominates the thought of both during sessions.

The time necessary for careful consideration of the Stationing Sheet is not always available. The sessions are long and involve too much strain for members of the Committee. Also, the extra sessions necessary interfere with the other business of Conference.

The Council considers that it is not desirable nor practicable for appointments to be made during the Connexional Year.

It submits the following scheme:

(a) That the Examination Committee meet on Wednesday (prior to Conference) all day as at present.

(b) That the Stationing Committee meet on Tuesday afternoon and evening. (This would mean that certain members from a distance would need to travel part of the way by Air).

(c) That second meeting of the Stationing Committee be held on the Tuesday evening following the Opening of Conference.

(d) That the Reading of Stations be: First Reading be taken on the Friday morning as early as possible after the opening of the Conference Session; Second Reading be taken on the Wednesday morning and the Sheet lie on the Table for 24 hours and be finally adopted on Thursday.

Advantages:

1. More time would be available for a full consideration of the First Draft of Stations, without interruptions by Conference Sessions.

2. The First Reading of the Stationing Sheet would be taken earlier in Conference than at present and this would give more time to get information to Circuits.

3. It leaves Friday evening free for a full session of Conference and gives more time for business on the Saturday morning.

4. It should enable Conference to close on the Thursday evening, thus reducing the total Conference days.

N.B.: (a) This Scheme is presented on the assumption that the scheme regarding the size of the Stationing Committee as presented by the Council last Conference and being sent to Quarterly Meetings, Synods and Conference 1955, is adopted. However, this could be worked with the Stationing Committee as at present constituted.

(b) Lay Representatives to the Stationing Committee would have to be elected by Synods.

(c) Certain matters affecting Stationing at present dealt with by the General Purposes Committee on Thursday would have to be dealt with by this Committee. Final details would have to be arranged if the scheme is adopted.

9. Counting the Votes at Conference:

(Minutes of Conference 1954, page 70, Res. 8.)

The Clause in the Minutes 1954 reads:—"That consideration be given to the manner of counting votes at Conference when a division is called."

The Secretary stated that another Church uses the method as used by Conference, but the officials were not altogether satisfied with the procedure. An improved method would be the use of the scrutineers who would count the votes given by show of hands and report to the Secretary through their convener. If the issue were in doubt a Standing Vote could be taken.

10. Christian Lay Training Institution:

(Minutes of Conference 1954, page 70, Res.5.)

Reference was made to a scheme for a combined Methodist and Presbyterian Lay Training Institute being considered in Christchurch.

The Council therefore, suggests:—

That in view of discussions proceeding between the Joint Standing Committee on Church Union and the Deaconess Board the matter be deferred.

11. Church Membership:

The question of tests for membership and our present practice was introduced and discussed. Discussion also brought out the advisability of asking a question at the District Ministerial Committee regarding the

distribution of Membership Cards, and also the idea of the Membership Roll, the Visiting List and Schedule Book being handed to a Minister at his Induction. The Council recommends that the Welfare of the Church Committee prepare for March Synods a study on Church Membership and Objective Tests.

C. O. HAILWOOD, President of Conference
G. R. H. PETERSON, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

2. Membership of the Council:

That the Law Book Par. 490a (2) be amended by the addition of 'President-Elect' after 'Ex-President', and by the addition of 'a representative of the Methodist Social Service Association' after 'Senior Youth Director'.

3. Use of Manpower and Amenities

(1) That the attention of Synod Standing Committees be drawn to Minutes of Conference 1954, page 35, Res. 2 and that urgency be given to the matter by the Executives.

(2) That the Council be given leave to continue consideration of Res. 3 page 68 of Minutes of Conference 1954 with special reference to the following:

(a) The contiguity of Methodist causes in new areas.

(b) The contiguity of Churches of other denominations to Methodist Churches.

(c) The union of two weaker causes in certain areas to make one stronger Union Church.

(3) That a report be made by Synod Standing Committees to the Church Council next year regarding Regional Joint Committees (Minutes of Conference 1954, page 164).

4. Title of "District Executive":

(a) That the Title of the 'District Executive' be 'Synod Standing Committee' and that a Sub-District Executive be known as "..... Area Sub-Committee."

(b) That the Church Council be requested to review the constitution and representation of Synod Standing Committees.

5. Functions of the Chairman of the District:

That the practice of Visitation to Circuits and Quarterly Meetings be further developed in terms of the Law Book, Par. 162, page 29.

6. Invitation to Present Minister.

That the following be referred to Synods and Conference, 1956:—
"That at the March Quarterly Meeting the invitation to the present Minister shall be discussed and decided."

7. Time and Business of Conference.

(a) That a committee be appointed to report on what steps might be taken to facilitate the business of Conference and its relationship to the work of the Examination Committee, the Stationing Committee and the Synod Standing Committees.

(b) That the Committee be the President of the Conference, Revs. W. T. Blight, H. L. Fiebig, G. R. H. Peterson and G. H. Goodman and Messrs. H. de R. Flesher, N. P. Alcorn, T. M. Pacey, L. A. Davis, A. L. Stanton with Revs. E. W. Hames and H. C. Matthews as corresponding members. Convener: Secretary of the Conference.

(c) That this Committee also enquire into the length of reports presented to Synods and Conference.

(d) That the Committee consider the establishment of a further Con-

ference Committee of Details to deal with some of the business of Committee "F".

(e) That the Church Council consider the advisability of bringing forward the Sessions of Conference by one day.

8. Time of Determining Ministerial Appointments.

(a) That the whole matter be referred back to the Church Council for further consideration and report.

(b) That the following be referred to the Church Council:—

That for the purpose of preparing the first draft of stations for the Tuesday afternoon and evening, a Sub-Committee of the Stationing Committee be appointed in terms of the recommendation of the Church Council, but that the full Stationing Committee be appointed as at present.

(c) That the Church Council give consideration to the commencing date of a Minister's appointment, that is, to the first instead of the second Sunday in February.

9. Counting the Votes at Conference:

1. That the Conference Scrutineers count the Votes given by show of hands and report to the Secretary through their Convener.

2. That if the issue is in doubt a Standing Vote be taken, the count to be taken by the Scrutineers.

10 Church Membership.

That the welfare of the Church Committee prepare for March Synods a Study on Church Membership in which reference should be made to Objective Tests.

11 Sessions 1956.

That the next Sessions of the Church Council be held at Wallis House, Lower Hutt, Tuesday and Wednesday, 8th and 9th May, 1956.

(2) SIZE OF STATIONING COMMITTEE

(See MINUTES, 1954, page 69)

In the Church Council where this matter was thoroughly considered and from whom recommendations came, the following points were made:

Is it necessary to have a Committee of 40 to station 35-40 ministers? To reduce the size of the Committee would not be undermining the democratic system, for the essence of democracy is not mere numbers, but adequate representation. Conference is led by elected people. And these are elected annually. It is felt that the present Stationing Committee is unnecessarily large and that the work of the Committee could be effectively undertaken by a smaller committee comprised of the Executive Officers of Conference plus the District Chairmen plus one Lay Representative of each District.

1. The Council therefore recommends that Law Book Par. 444, be amended as follows:—

(a) MINISTERIAL MEMBERS: The President, Ex-President, Secretary of Conference, Secretary of Preceding Conference, Chairmen of Districts in N.Z., Chairman of Solomon Islands Mission District.

(b) LAY MEMBERS: Vice-President, Ex Vice-President, an elected representative of each District in N.Z., and an elected representative of the Solomon Islands Mission District.

2. That this recommendation be referred to Circuit Quarterly Meetings and Synods.

G. R. H. PETERSON, Secretary of Conference.

CIRCUIT QUARTERLY MEETINGS:

A Memorandum with a Voting Paper was issued for each Circuit Quarterly Meeting. The Report regarding the Voting at June Quarterly Meetings is as follows:—

Circuits Voting—For	87
Circuits Voting—Against	37
Circuits Voting—No Recommendation	6
Circuits Reporting No Vote	6
Circuits which did Not Report	12
Total Number of Circuits	148

SYNODS

The Recommendation of the Council was approved by Four Synods, viz., TARANAKI-WANGANUI, HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU, WEL-LINGTON and OTAGO-SOUTHLAND. SOUTH CANTERBURY voted almost unanimately *against* and adds: "That when any matter is submitted to Quarterly Meetings for Voting that the *reasons* for suggested changes be stated. AUCKLAND and SOUTH CANTERBURY voted *no recommendation*. NELSON recommends that *no action be taken*. NORTH CANTERBURY, that the matter be *referred back to the Council for further consideration*.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the whole matter be referred back to the Church Council for further consideration and report.

(3) PREACHERS AND CONSCIENCE

(Minutes of Conference 1953, page 190, and Minutes of Conference 1954, page 68 and page 69, Res. 2)

Conference 1953 directed that the following resolution of Nelson Synod (1953) 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 pars. 187 and 207 of the Law Book'.

The paragraphs are as follows:

187. The charges which may be the subject of investigation by any of the tribunals referred to above are:

1. Immorality or any other serious breach of the moral law
2. Unfaithfulness to the doctrines of the Church
3. Breach of the discipline of the Church
4. Incompetency for the work of the ministry.

207. The Conference may suspend or expel any of its Ministers for any cause which to it may seem fit or necessary, and every person so expelled shall accordingly cease to be a Minister thereof.

The Church Council at its meeting in 1954 reported as follows: 'Discussion emphasised the point that Conference has certain rights and certain responsibilities. Conference stands judged before God, as the minister stands judged before God. The Council resolved that the answer to the question asked by the Nelson Synod 1953, be the Statement of Conference on "The Rights of the Ministry" in Minutes 1946, pages 183 to 185.'

The Conference of 1954 directed that the section on "Preachers and Conscience" be referred to Synods for consideration and report to Conference 1955.

In order that the Synods may have the matter clearly before them the relevant section of the Minutes of Conference 1946 (pages 184 and 185) is hereunder reprinted.

G. R. H. PETERSON, Secretary of Conference.

THE RIGHTS OF THE MINISTRY

A. The Sacred Call to Preach:

1. The Church recognises that the vocation of the Ministry involves a Call of God. This is a personal experience, a conviction that the impulse which urges the possessor of it into the Ministry of the Church is of Divine origin.

This is acknowledged in various ways. (a) On at least six occasions one who feels thus called, is required to publicly testify to that fact. When he presents himself as a Local Preacher; when the questionnaire concerning his Candidature for the Ministry is submitted to the Circuit Quarterly Meeting; when he appears before the District Ministerial Committee; when he comes before the Examination Committee of Conference both as a Candidate and subsequently as a Candidate for Ordination; in his testimony to the Conference itself on the occasion of his Ordination.

(b) In the Ordination Service the first question asked is, "Do you trust that you are inwardly moved by the Holy Spirit to take upon you this office and ministration, to serve God for the promoting of His glory and the edifying of His people?"

Thus the Church not only recognises and acknowledges the reality of this sacred Call, but requires it as the first qualification in its ministers.

2. On the other hand, the Church recognises that there is laid upon it the duty, equally sacred, of testing out that Call. Not every man who comes before the various Courts of the Church and so testifies is accepted into its Ministry.

That is to say, the final decision is not with the individual but with the Church whose judgment must be accepted. Neither in our Law Book nor in our practice is the idea accepted that the sacred Call to preach is independent of the judgment and discipline of the Church.

When the validity of that Call has been acknowledged by the Church, it does not confer upon the individual rights that have no relationship to the Church in which he exercises his ministry. That is clearly set forth again in the Service for Ordination (Q. 3 and 10). Q. 3 reads, "As you are to exercise your ministry under the direction of the Methodist Church . . ." Q. 10 asks, "Will you reverently obey the ministers unto whom may be committed the charge and government over you, following with a glad mind and will their godly admonitions and submitting yourself to their godly judgments?"

This is emphasized again in the annual inquiry through the Ministerial Committee of Synod respecting ministerial character and practice, where the question is asked, "Is there any objection to any Minister, Probationer or Home Missionary in the district?"

Thus the individual's Call is subject to the constant endorsement of the Church.

B. Discipline:

1. The word "Discipline" in the Law Book is used in its strictly correct etymological sense, and not merely with the meaning applied to it in the popular sense of punishment, nor is it limited to the matter of misconduct. It is a word descriptive of the ordered life of an organized Church with the power of regulation and control on the part of the Conference as its supreme Court with respect to every aspect of its life and work, and in regard to the relationship to the Church of both the Ministry and the laity.

It is in this sense that the Conference of 1797 issued a careful revision of the "rules drawn up and left by Mr Wesley which were published by him in the large Minutes, with a collection of those Rules which we believe to be essential to the existence of Methodism." That revision was called "A Form of Discipline."

In this sense also our Church in the United States of America calls its Law Book the "Book of Discipline."

2. *It will make for clarity if the law dealing with this matters is summarised.*

Par. 14 states that *every Church member* shall conform to the discipline of the Church.

Pars. 28-46 set forth the rules governing the trial and discipline of members, No. 44 stating that the decision of the Conference shall be final.

Par. 73 (2) states that a Candidate must approve of the Discipline of the Church.

Par. 107 sets forth the fact that at Conference a Probationer is examined as to his knowledge of our Discipline, and pledges himself to observe and enforce it, and if his views of discipline change he will quietly retire from the ministry.

Par. 188 declares that the Conference or a Special District Ministerial Committee may institute any enquiry or investigation deemed expedient into the conduct of the Ministers or Probationers under its jurisdiction.

Par. 189 states that all Ministers and Probationers retain their ministerial office on the distinct condition that they hold themselves individually pledged to submit in a peaceable and Christian spirit to the usual disciplinary investigation of the Conference and all other duly constituted disciplinary courts.

Par. 207 gives the power of Conference in that it may expel any Minister for any cause (it may deem necessary).

Par. 368 (9) dealing with the powers of Conference includes, among those powers, the receiving and finally deciding upon appeals from the lower Courts.

C. Historic Rights of the Minister:

From the foregoing analysis of the main tenets of our Law concerning these facts, it is clear that any "rights" a minister may have are those conferred upon him by the Church within whose polity he desires to exercise his ministry.

A man may feel that in the exercise of a ministry to which he is divinely called, he must have entire, unfettered freedom. Our polity precludes him from finding it within our Church, for that polity declares that in the final analysis where any matter is in dispute the judgment and decision of the Conference as its supreme court of authority is final, and is binding upon every minister and member.

In the exercise of its powers Conference should recognise that the Church's greatest asset is the ability of its ministers to preach with power and freedom from the strength of personal conviction. It should therefore permit the maximum of personal freedom consistent with the maintenance of essential standards. But in the last resort it is for Conference in its wisdom to determine what those standards are to be, and whether in any particular case an individual minister has failed to conform to them.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.

2. That the whole matter together with the Synod Resolutions be reconsidered by the Church Council.

D—Local Preachers' Association

ANNUAL REPORT 1955

We have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report of the New Zealand Methodist Local Preachers' Association for the year ended 30th June, 1955.

We do so, firstly acknowledging our gratitude to God for the many blessings upon our brethren and their work during the year past. We would bear witness to the unfailing presence and power of the Holy Spirit through whose inspiration our work and worship has been possible. We remember all who have spoken for the Master and who have proclaimed the glorious Gospel of Life and Love, whether it be to large congregations in our cities or to small groups of worshippers in the more remote and scattered places of our land.

Location of Dominion Executive:

At the last Annual Meeting, held during Conference at Christchurch, November 1954, the Dominion Executive was transferred to Wellington, where it will be located for the next three years. The following brethren were elected to executive positions:—President, H. A. Penny; Vice-Presidents, L. H. Hosking, W. A. Brooker, Ph.D.; Secretary, R. E. Sullivan; Treasurer, A. G. Angel; Committee, Sister M. H. Hornblow, Bros. D. W. Chisholm, N. Chisholm, E. G. Heggie, T. Quayle.

The responsibility of the Executive has been undertaken by these members with interest and zeal and the privilege is appreciated by them all. In undertaking this work, it is their prayer that their contribution will be to the Glory of God and the growth of His Kingdom.

Deceased Members:

We give thanks for the long and faithful service of those of our number who have joined the Church Triumphant during the year. In acknowledging their work and witness, we would remember those who sorrow as a result of their passing. To relatives and friends, we convey our deepest sympathy.

Local Preachers' Examinations:

At the June 1954 Examinations there were 50 candidates from 34 circuits and in December 1954, 37 entries from 26 circuits. Congratulations to those who have completed the written examinations and have fulfilled the remaining requirements for "fully accredited" status. The following have complied with these conditions during the year and have been received and presented with Accreditation Certificates and Presentation Books:—

Eva England, Kingsland; Ralph T. Woodfield, Levin; Russell Palmer, Levin; Alan L. Rowe, Opotiki; Dean McConnachie, Onehunga; Mervyn Dine, Napier; Neale Hilton, Wanganui; Wm. H. Burnell, Cromwell; Allison B. Good, Wanganui; Roger Gibson, Riccarton; Laurie Barber, Shannon; Joyce Baker, Takapuna; Maurice Gilbert, Invercargill; Garven Eggleston, Greymouth; Stan Goudge, Wellington South; Anders Wiren, Porirua.

It is encouraging that the number sitting the Examinations is being maintained and that the pass results indicate careful preparation by the candidates. The Executive cannot stress too strongly the importance of adequate preparation and training for all local preachers.

Certificates for Local Preachers Not Qualified by Exam.:

At the request of the last Annual Meeting of the Association, the question of an alternative certificate for issue to preachers not qualified by examination has been given consideration by the Executive and will be the subject of a report to the next Annual Meeting.

Book Scheme:

The Book Scheme has been maintained on similar conditions as previously and several brethren have availed themselves of the opportunity to

purchase their quota of books at 50% discount. It must be realised of course, that this concession is a considerable drain on the Association's limited resources and the whole question of the Scheme and its possible modification will be looked into during the next year. The arrival of several catalogues from Epworth Press has enabled each Branch to be supplied with a copy.

Christmas Food Parcels Scheme:

Aged and needy Local Preacher brethren in England were once again sent gifts of Food Parcels last Christmas. The many letters of appreciation and greetings from the recipients of these gifts, leave little doubt as to the pleasure they afford. An assurance has been received from the Local Preachers' Mutual Aid Association, London, that the parcels are just as much appreciated as those sent in former years. Donations are again being sought this year to enable us to send a further consignment of these parcels for Christmas 1955.

Local Preachers' Sunday:

Once again we express thanks for the privilege accorded by most circuits, whereby the maximum number of pulpits are offered to Local Preachers on the Sunday allocated and we hope that recognition of the work and witness of the brethren will be continued in this way.

Local Branches:

Although few reports have been received from Branches, what we have heard indicates that in several branches there is plenty of activity. We would remind Branches of the opportunity that is available of making these activities known through the Methodist Times. They are also asked to take an active interest in Reception Services in their districts for those new members who have become fully accredited.

Long Service Diplomas:

In recognition of long and faithful service the Executive has been pleased to issue the Association's Long Service Diploma to the following brethren during the year:—Bros. L. C. Elmsley, N. H. Cozens, P. Rough-ton, C. R. Sheat, F. C. Pace, J. Cocker, S. G. Silvester, P. H. V. Harding.

Roll of Members:

We take this opportunity of reminding members of the need to keep their Branch Secretaries informed of changes of address and the invaluable help Branch Secretaries can be to the Dominion Executive in forwarding such alterations. Otherwise, the Dominion Roll becomes out-of-date all too rapidly.

Financial:

The main source of income to your Executive is limited to Interest received from investments. It will be noted from the Statement of Accounts that normal expenses, purchase of books for presentation to fully accredited members and maintaining the Book Scheme, more than equal the amount received as income. This is an aspect to which your Executive hopes to be able to afford some attention in the coming year. Meanwhile, any assistance from members or Branches would be of help. It will be noted that two grants have been made from the Benevolent Fund during the year. We are indeed glad that we have these resources, limited as they may be, to assist brethren in time of special need.

H. A. PENNY, President.

R. E. SULLIVAN, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.
2. To assist the Local Preachers' Association to guide their members in preparation for the conduct of worship, the following be requested to add the name of the Secretary of the N.Z. Local Preachers' Association to

their mailing list for material suitable for Local Preachers:—Home Mission Department, Foreign Mission Board, Spiritual Advance Committee, Board of Publications, Youth Department, Public Questions Committee.

3. That Conference express appreciation to the Local Preachers for their excellent work throughout the Connexion.

E—Methodist Men's Fellowship

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The objective of the Methodist Men's Fellowship Dominion Executive this year has been the consolidating and strengthening of the movement throughout the Connexion.

Groups have been revived, branches formed, and steps are being taken to set up further District Executives.

As the Official Men's Organization set up by Conference, and responsible to Conference, we are approaching groups calling themselves Clubs, and endeavouring to get these affiliated with the Dominion Movement.

Feeling the need of a direct means of contact with all groups, the Executive decided to issue Newsletters at regular intervals, under the name of "The Layman". These are being posted to every affiliated group, to all Clubs, and to each minister in active work.

By this avenue it has been possible to bring to the men of our Church the place and importance of the Men's Fellowship in the life of the Church.

It is good for men to get together—to know one another—to enjoy Christian fellowship—to learn the other chap's approach to the many questions men are asking today.

The Fellowship offers to our men the means of effecting this, and a group of consecrated laymen can be the spearhead of positive Christian service that will make each church a source of inspiration, and bring into closer relationship with the spiritual activities those who are on the outside.

Rev. Robert Thornley very kindly made contacts with Men's Organizations while on a visit to America, and brought back a parcel of fine literature to which the Executive has had free access. We deeply appreciate Mr Thornley's fine gesture, and on his advice an approach has been made to the American Church to place us on their mailing list.

The Annual Meeting of the Dominion Executive will be held at Dunedin on Wednesday, November 2nd, at 7.45 p.m., on the evening before the opening of Conference. This arrangement will allow a full evening for the meeting.

F. C. PACE, Dominion President.

W. E. ROBERTS, Dominion Secretary.

RESOLUTION

That the Report be received and adopted.

F—New Zealand Women's Guild Fellowship

Our 5th Annual Meeting and Conference was held in Christchurch and all present, visitors and representatives alike were very appreciative of our North Canterbury District's Hospitality. Mrs Pratt, District President, gave a warm welcome to all. The Communion Service was conducted by the Rev. P. A. Stead and all 58 present found it a time of inspiration and spiritual refreshment.

N.Z. Executive Meetings have been held on 5 occasions. Letters were read and discussed from the Interchurch Council, Wellington, from District Secretaries and others. Plans were made to increase District Fellowships

in the North Island, and we are very glad to welcome two more Fellowships, namely, Taranaki and Thames Valley.

A number of requests for Constitutions and the Informative Pamphlet have been received. Advice on the conduct of, and the proposed Agenda for District Annual Meetings have also been sent where requested. A President's letter was also sent out in August. Two visits were made this year, one by the New Zealand President to inaugurate the Taranaki Fellowship in April, and one by the President and Secretary in July to dedicate the Officers of the Thames Valley Fellowship. A bundle of letters from Deaconess House was sent on to Guilds. District Secretaries have all been very helpful and co-operative.

Our Districts all report an increase in the number of Guilds and in actual membership, and our hearts rejoice in the spread of the Master's work. Approximately £16,000 was raised by the Guilds with a total membership of 4,675.

The following Notice of Motion and Remits, were received and dealt with as follows.

Notice of Motion:

Wellington—"That Conference be held Biennially".

Wellington's point of view was explained. Others maintained that one day a year was none too long to devote to N.Z. Fellowship business. Constitution was drawn up by the leading legal minds of our Church after long and prayerful discussion.

A revised Agenda was suggested and gained support. Finally it was agreed that "A Committee be formed to formulate an Agenda".

The Committee is as follows:—The N.Z. Executive, Mrs Burnett, Mrs Witheford, and the President of each District.

REMITTS

Westland—"That a distinguishing Badge be designed and supplied to Fellowship Members". After much discussion this was approved by all but Wellington. The N.Z. Executive was requested to meet the Youth Director and discuss the use of a Badge similar to that adopted by the Youth Department, thus giving a degree of uniformity to our Church Badges.

Southland—"That a report of each District Guild Fellowship Meeting be sent to Headquarters, and that interesting items from these be incorporated in a Quarterly News Letter to be sent to all district Fellowships". After lengthy discussion it was agreed that such Reports be sent to the President for use in her President's Letter.

North Canterbury—"That the Guild Fellowship investigate the possibility of an interchange of homes for Methodist Students in the various University centres, whereby, for instance, an Auckland Student attending Christchurch might be accommodated in the home of a Christchurch Student attending Auckland. A central Exchange for information re the movement of Methodist Students might result in much accommodation being found". This provoked much discussion and it was finally suggested that this could be worked through each District appointing a member for this work, the name and address of such member to be sent to the N.Z. Executive.

The N.Z. Executive-Elect which will be in Wellington in 1956, was introduced to the Fellowship Conference and congratulated on their election.

The New Zealand Treasurer asked for a ruling with regard to the payment of fares to the next Conference, when the N.Z. Executive changes over. It was agreed "That 2nd Class Return, be paid for the present Executive, and half-fares for the Incoming Executive".

The Secretary asked that a closing date be set for the reception of Remits, etc., to be included in the Agenda. It was decided that all business to be included must be in the Secretary's hands by August 14th.

Our Eleven Fellowships are each, big or small, carrying the banner of Christ aloft in each District. May we go on in the coming year to still higher endeavour, determined to give our pledge still further meaning, that all Guilds will feel that indeed they are helping to bring our principles into the life of the Nation. We pray that all Officers and Members may feel strengthened and sustained for the year ahead.

GOD RICHLY BLESS US ALL.

MARY ROBSON, President.
FLORENCE M. COOPER, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference thank the retiring Executive for its services—and the Women's Guild for their fine contribution to the work of the Church.
4. That the Dominion Executive Officers be:—Mrs W. Mullan (President), Mrs J. Bleckwood (Secretary), Miss A. E. Johnston (Treasurer).

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

Youth Department

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It is with pleasure that the Department presents its report for the year. Work among the young people of the Church is always interesting, and sometimes exciting. There is always abundant life and movement and changing ideas. We feel that this is as it should be. All concerned in the working of the Department enjoy this particular field of service for Christ, His Church and His Kingdom.

As the main emphasis of this year's report will be forward-looking, into the type of organisation and activity that will best suit our present situation, we are but summarising the account of work already accomplished during the past year.

Summary of Activities:	1955	1954
<i>Easter Camps—</i>		
Camps held	29	27
Attendance	3,082	2,961
Reported decisions for Christ	482	549
<i>Leadership Schools—</i>		
Schools held	7	8
Attendance	372	360
<i>Home Sunday School—</i>		
Scholars	360	337
<i>Home Bible Class—</i>		
Members	32	27
<i>Family Camp—</i>		
Attendance	45	30
<i>"Christian Education"—</i>		
Subscribers	684	652
<i>Order of St. Stephen—</i>		
Total Membership	9	
Workers in Order	2	
Applications under consideration	3	

National Committees:

The Leadership Committee in Christchurch reports a good year, under the Chairmanship of Rev. Peter Stead. This Committee has served us well over a long period in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch.

The National Committee on Recreation and Leisure, also in Christchurch, with Mr A. Hight as Secretary, has supplied many groups with excellent material. The National Committee on Church-Home Relationships in Auckland, under the direction of Miss Thea Jones, is now well established. This is a field that will become increasingly important.

Jubilee:

The Jubilee of the Bible Class Movement began at Conference last year, and extended into Youth Week this year, 1955. There is evidence of real enthusiasm in many places. The Jubilee Youth Conference at Marton attended by over 300 young folk was an inspiration to all. On the District level, there have been Jubilee Camps, Rallies, Banquets and, naturally, special services. This pattern has been repeated on the local level in many places. All reports indicate that in most functions there was a happy blending of youth and age.

Youth Week:

This has come to stay. It is difficult now to visualise our work without it. It has so commended itself to all denominations that the Y.C.N.C.C. is now considering possible co-ordination of all into one National Youth Week. We report, in conjunction with Youth Week, a splendid response once again to our Annual Appeal. Circuits, with a few exceptions, make a ready response, in several cases exceeding their suggested target.

Bookroom:

This aspect of our work is one that gives us much satisfaction. It is in its infancy as yet, but results so far have convinced the Board of the wisdom in commencing this service for the Connexion. We have purposely proceeded slowly, feeling our way. We have been somewhat hampered with lack of sufficient staff, which incidentally has placed an additional burden on Miss Yearbury and the present staff. We are happy, however, to report the recent appointment of an experienced bookshop assistant.

The Directors:

The Board is ever conscious of the worth of the contribution made to the life of the Department by the Directors. For various reasons it is fitting that more than formal reference be made to their work in this report.

1. *Rev. A. J. Johnston.* At the unanimous request of the Board, Mr Johnston has consented to continue for a further year as Acting-Senior Youth Director. In submitting this proposal for the confirmation of Conference, the Board desires to place on record its deep sense of appreciation of the work Mr Johnston has done throughout the three-year period he has served the Church in this exacting capacity. In view of the policy and other proposals contained in this report, it is believed that Mr Johnston will serve the highest interests of the Department and the Church by continuing to serve in this way for a further year.

2. *Rev. R. H. Allen.* It is with considerable regret to the Board, but with its full understanding, that the Rev. R. H. Allen returns to Circuit work. Throughout the four years he has served the Church as a Youth Director his work has been of a high order in every aspect. In teacher-leadership techniques and projects in particular, he has made a valuable contribution to the effectiveness of many workers. As editor of "Christian Education" over an even longer period he has stimulated the thinking and increased the vision of many readers. At Camps, Schools and Conferences he has always been a helpful leader in thought and act. We are confident that the Circuit and District in which he is appointed will benefit greatly from the leadership he will continue to give in all things related to the work of the Department.

3. *Miss D. M. Jones.* After four years of creative enterprise Miss Jones is to cease her full-time association with the life and work of the Depart-

ment. During her term in office Miss Jones has been the guiding mind and the inspiring leader in the development of the Nursery Department, the National Committee on Church-Home Relationships, Family Camps and Home Sunday School Camps. In all these and more ways Miss Jones has served the Church with devotion, ability and fruitful results. We regret that increasing home responsibilities are a factor in her decision to withdraw from the work and wish her well in whatever sphere of service opens to her in the future.

4. *Nomination of Senior Youth Director.* It is with pleasure and full confidence that the Board nominates to Conference the Rev. W. F. Ford for designation as Senior Youth Director and for appointment at Conference, 1956. It is believed that Mr. Ford has in marked degree the necessary scholastic, theological, administrative and practical qualifications which will enable him to give sustained and creative leadership to the Department. In Circuit, District and Connexional work, Mr. Ford has proven himself to be a wise and capable leader and administrator. In these same fields he has revealed his ability to gain the confidence of youth, guide their thinking and to call forth a response in action. His interest in the theological and Ecumenical issues, his capacity for good personal relationships and his own devotion to Christ and His Church, all bespeak his fitness to assume this office and responsibility. While Mr. Ford does not personally seek this appointment and is conscious of a sense of call to circuit work, nevertheless he is fully willing to serve the Church in this capacity if appointed to do so by the Conference. The Board trusts that Synods and Conference will fully support the nomination and thus confirm the call which Mr. Ford has received to serve in this highly responsible position.

5. *Nomination of Field Directors.* Factors associated with the consideration of future policy and the nomination of Senior Youth Director have to some extent delayed action in this matter. After consultations with Rev. W. F. Ford certain approaches are being made and if possible nominations will be made to Synods. After reviewing certain aspects of future policy the Board is firmly convinced that a minimum of three full-time Directors is still essential to meet the present needs and develop the full range of work which comes within the scope of the Department.

Future Policy:

During recent years the Board has been conscious that an expansion of its activities is essential in order to meet the needs of a growing Movement in the life of a Church set in the midst of a rapidly increasing population, as well as to keep pace with world trends and developments in the whole field of Christian Education.

Church-Home relationships and post-Bible Class activities in particular have engaged the attention of the Board and some encouraging developments are taking place. At the same time it has been increasingly recognised that there are wider and deeper issues which require study, discussion and co-operating action in conjunction with other sections of Church leadership before a fully integrated programme of Christian Education can be developed.

Last Conference sanctioned the calling of a representative conference to consider matters affecting the life and work of the Youth Department. This Conference—which was held at Wallis House in February and was characterised by a spirit of deep fellowship and urgent concern for the whole task of Christian Education—asked the Board to give full consideration to its findings and report to Conference.

The following extract from the "finding" of the Wallis House Conference indicates both the range of matters discussed and of the interests involved in any proposal to develop a fully integrated programme of Christian Education in the life of the Church.

"Arising out of our investigations it appears that the time has arrived

for broadening the range of activity in Christian Education and co-ordination of the work in the various sections of the Church life in which it is at present being done.

The work is at present being undertaken through the following channels of activity—

- (a) Youth Department
- (b) Spiritual Advance Committee
- (c) Examination Committee
- (d) Home and Foreign Mission Boards, M.W.M.U., etc.
- (e) Board of Publications

Our study of the subject has led us to believe that further investigations will reveal the need for the overall planning of Christian Education in and to the total life of the Church.

At the present time the range of activity covered by the Church through its boards, organisations, committees and work in the local churches indicates there are fields of the total pattern of Christian Education which are largely untouched or inadequately covered. In particular the following are instances—

- (a) Home and Family
- (b) Young Adults
- (c) Adult Groups
- (d) The widening of the scope of existing groups in missionary education, ecumenical education, stewardship, lay activity.

At present any further development towards a complete Christian Education programme is left to the Minister and Leaders' Meeting without adequate assistance being available in matters of curriculum, materials, techniques, etc.

It is believed that two main areas of action arise out of this situation:—

1. The awakening of a sense of need in the life of the Church (national and local) for a fully developed programme of Christian Education.
2. The provision of facilities, materials and trained leadership to carry through any such programme.

As the Church becomes aware of its true nature and functions there is revealed the need for continuing growth and development in the Christian faith and its outworking in home and family life, evangelism, stewardship, and the application of the Christian ethic in all phases of life.

In the past the Class Meeting of Methodism met many of these needs and it is believed that renewal of the basic element of fellowship of the class meeting will provide the channels for the development of a fuller programme of Christian Education. Nothing in the present situation has altered the need for people to come together for study and fellowship in this way.

It is also believed that such a development in the life of the local church can be aided by closer co-ordination and action by sections of the Church already exercising responsibility in some of these fields; also by extending operations in fields where the work is inadequately covered as mentioned above.

Because of the influence of these matters on the field of the Youth Board's leadership and responsibility it is suggested that the Board should give full consideration to these issues and report on them to Conference."

The Board has given careful consideration to the foregoing matters and believes that the time is opportune for considerable progress to be made in "broadening the range of activity in Christian Education and co-ordination of the work in the various sections of Church life in which it is at present being done." At the same time, because any such

action impinges on the responsibilities of other Departments, Boards or Committees, it is believed that further consultation is necessary before any well-planned progress can be made. Such consultation would involve defining areas of responsibility and planning the strategy of co-ordination so that as far as possible there is neither omission or overlapping in respect of the contribution which each Department, Board of Committee makes to the total programme of Christian Education. To pause and plan at this stage can well mean faster and more effective progress in the future. The Board, therefore, asks Conference to appoint a representative committee to meet during 1956 and to make recommendations on the matters raised under this section of the Board's report.

In conclusion, we express our gratification at the spirit in which our work is carried out within the Circuits. With scarcely an exception, there exists a fine spirit between the Department and the Circuits, between the Directors and Circuit Ministers and Leaders. The Senior Director is particularly grateful for this spirit of friendly co-operation for it lightens considerably his part-time task. We pray that all together we may work in one direction—that of the Purpose of our Heavenly Father for our Department and Church.

GEO. H. GOODMAN, Chairman.

ANDREW J. JOHNSTON, Senior Youth Director.

PEGGY YEARBURY, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. That the Rev. W. F. Ford, B.A., be designated as Senior Youth Director for appointment at Conference, 1956.
3. That the Rev. Andrew J. Johnston be appointed as Acting Senior Youth Director for a further year, and that Conference record its appreciation of the services rendered by him.
4. That Conference records appreciation of the work of Miss D. M. Jones, B.A., and the Rev. R. H. Allen, B.A., respectively for their fine contribution to the life of the C.Y.M.M. and the Church during their period of office.
5. (a) That a Committee representative of the Youth Board, Trinity College Council, Spiritual Advance Committee, Home and Foreign Boards and Board of Publications be appointed to meet in Conference during the forthcoming year to report on and make recommendations concerning the further development and co-ordination of work in Christian Education, and report to Synods and Conference, 1956.
(b) That the following be the Christian Education Committee:—The President of Conference, Vice-President, Senior Youth Director, Revs. W. F. Ford and G. H. Goodman; two representatives from each of the following:—Trinity College Council, the Home Mission Department, the Foreign Mission Department, Spiritual Advance Committee, Publications Board, and six others—Educationalists and/or parents.
6. That the Budget for 1955-56, as presented to Conference, be received and adopted.
7. That the Statistical Returns as presented be received and adopted.
8. That the Youth Board consider as a possible sphere of service for candidates under the Order of St. Stephen, the work of clerical assistants to busy city ministers.
9. (a) That in view of the failure of the Youth Board to secure field Youth Directors, it consider the appointment of young people as full time youth workers on a District level.

(b) That greater use be made of voluntary lay workers as Youth Directors on the District level. N.B.: Christian School Teachers could be invited to give a series of lectures on "Teaching Method" to Sunday School teachers in local Churches.

10. That the Youth Department consider the need to compile a liturgical form of service or services that would give greater value to the early part of the morning service where the Sunday School scholars meet with the adult congregation.

11. That the Youth Board for 1956 be as printed on page 14 herein.

12. That the District Youth Council Secretaries be as follows:—

NORTHLAND SUB-COUNCIL: Mrs H. Lendrum.

AUCKLAND D.Y.C.: Mr W. Davison.

FRANKLIN SUB-COUNCIL: Mr F. Long.

SOUTH AUCKLAND D.Y.C.: Miss G. Thomas.

BAY OF PLENTY SUB-COUNCIL: Mrs G. P. Moyses.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI D.Y.C.: Miss M. Nicholson.

WANGANUI SUB-COUNCIL: Miss A. Good.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU D.Y.C.: Mr D. G. Roberts.

HAWKES BAY SUB-COUNCIL: Miss J. B. Johnstone.

WELLINGTON D.Y.C.: Mr R. E. Sullivan.

WAIRARAPA SUB-COUNCIL: Miss D. Jamieson.

NELSON D.Y.C.: Miss J. Ching.

WEST COAST SUB-COUNCIL: Mr F. C. Lindbom.

CANTERBURY D.Y.C.: Rev. L. F. Bycroft.

SOUTH CANTERBURY D.Y.C.: Mr I. Dickinson.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND D.Y.C.: Miss G. Emmerson.

SOUTHLAND SUB-COUNCIL: Miss N. Smith.

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

A—Public Questions Committee

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The Committee met eight times during the year and appointed several sub-committees. The Rev. W. F. Ford was appointed Assistant Convener.

Spiritual Healing:

The Spiritual Healing Committee appointed by Conference was convened early in the year and will report independently.

Immigration:

The Committee is not convinced that the approach by the Government to questions of compassionate immigration is justified. The predominant concern of the Government is for the economic well-being of New Zealand and the tragic need of the great number of refugee people is not given adequate consideration. A full report will be made as soon as possible.

Objectionable Literature:

In amending the Indecent Publications Act 1910, the legislature extended its scope to include any document which unduly emphasizes matters of sex, horror, crime, cruelty, or violence. The Act provides for registration of all distributors of printed matter and the registration can be cancelled or suspended on conviction under the Act. The weakness which made it difficult to lay a charge under the principal Act remains, that is that a complaint be made through a constable. There is some feeling by distributors that hardships will be incurred under the operation of the Act and a Select Committee is therefore examining its provisions.

Military Training:

Enquiries have been made concerning the operations of the Conscientious Objectors Appeal Board but a full report is not yet possible.

One matter, however, that has given the Committee cause for concern is that an appellant whose case is turned down has no right of appeal—only a right of rehearing if fresh evidence can be produced. In view of the immaturity of some 18 year olds and their inability to express their conviction as clearly as they would desire, it is the mind of the Committee that the Military Training Act should be altered so as to provide for a second appeal at a later date if the appellant so desires.

South East Asia:

On the direction of last Conference the committee considered matters concerning South East Asia. On several occasions the committee wrote to the Prime Minister and the Minister of External Affairs and raised questions concerning New Zealand policy. Stress was made on the need to establish good relations and convince Asians of New Zealand good will. Our representations have been given close study and the Ministerial replies have been lengthy. The Committee will continue to study the developments and try to outline a policy of action to establish closer relations.

Food Relief:

Closely associated with South East Asian problems was the particular enquiry concerning the method of distribution of Milk Products, and subsidising the cost of manufacture. The Committee agreed that the most efficient procedure was to continue the distribution of products through CORSO. Further investigation will be made in consultations with CORSO concerning costs.

International Affairs:

As requested, the Committee referred the Evanston Statement on International Affairs to the National Council asking that it be forwarded to the Government. The Committee later forwarded the Statement to the Prime Minister to support the action of the N.C.C.

Convention on International Relations (Auckland):

On the invitation of the Organising Committee, the Committee appointed a representative, the Rev. W. S. Dawson, to attend the Convention. Mr Dawson forwarded an encouraging and appreciative report to the "Methodist Times".

World Peace Committee:

An exchange of Minutes and correspondence has taken place with the Methodist World Peace Committee. The World Peace Committee draft constitution was forwarded for the information of this Committee.

Apartheid:

A further letter was sent to the Minister of External Affairs concerning the New Zealand vote in the U.N. Assembly on the question of the consideration of Apartheid in South Africa. The Minister replied acknowledging the viewpoint of the Church but claiming that on grounds of procedure (i.e. of not interfering in the internal policy of a member country) the action of the Government was justified.

Prison Chaplains:

(a) The Committee approved the proposal of the procedure to be adopted for the appointment of part-time Prison Chaplains as outlined by the National Council of Churches. The procedure is that full consultation will take place between the Churches in the district convened by the Council of Churches branch and if no agreement is reached the Justice Department will be asked to make an appointment.

(b) The Committee also approved of the principle of the appointment of a full-time Prison Chaplain.

Penal Policy:

The Committee agreed to make an early study of the penal policy in

New Zealand and the Justice Department has agreed to address the Committee.

Industrial Relations:

The chief subject for consideration this year has been the Industrial Relations Conference. The Committee believes that this Conference will be enlightening and challenging to the whole Church.

The arrangements will be well known before Synod and the Conference will be ended before Church Conference. There is no need therefore for details in this report.

The Committee will report direct to Conference on its findings. The Committee is particularly grateful to the Secretary of Conference for co-operation in arranging dates; to Conference for the opportunity to have Dr D. O. Soper present; to the Wellington College Board of Governors for the use of the College buildings.

Interchurch Council on Public Affairs:

Over its 13 years this Council has a fine record of achievement. During the year the Council considered the effect on other countries of the restricted New Zealand immigration policy and supported those who desired more compassionate immigration. The need for hospital Chapels, particularly in Mental Hospitals, has been presented to authorities. The moral standard of films, literature and advertising had a prominent place in the year's agenda. Through its representation the film, "Government is your Business" was added to the Film Library. Correspondence took place with the Government and the Dairy Board on Milk powder for needy countries. The Government replied to an enquiry that "reform of the Calendar would be ill advised at the present time".

The Women's Auxiliary continues to study matters referred to it by the Council.

The New Zealand Council for Christian Education:

The work of the Council continues to expand at an increasing rate. The Council now has 12 District Committees in strategic centres. There are more applications for religious instruction in schools than the Council can satisfy. To meet the emergency new methods are being used. There is a continuing endeavour to raise the standard of teaching.

The Agreed Syllabus will shortly be available. Special consideration is being given to Post Primary and to Maori Schools.

Accrediting of Voluntary Teachers under the Nelson System:

The Council has asked the Church to grant it authority to prepare a scheme for accrediting voluntary teachers in the State schools. At present there is no scheme in universal operation. The Council desires to prepare a scheme which would receive the approval of the Churches. By so doing it would be able to give orderliness to the appointment of voluntary teachers and by the wider use of the Agreed Syllabus and with the development of the Certificate Course would contribute to the more effective administration and use of the Nelson System.

State Aid to Private Schools:

The Methodist Church would view with concern any suggestion of alteration in the Education Act which would destroy the single system of National Education.

The Methodist Church maintains that it is the responsibility of the State to see that all children receive an adequate education. When we choose to establish private schools and do not use the facilities provided by the State, it is not the responsibility of the State to meet the costs.

G. H. GOODMAN, Chairman.

J. D. GROCOTT, Convener.

**STATEMENT BY THE INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS CONFERENCE
CONVENED BY THE PUBLIC QUESTIONS COMMITTEE AND HELD
IN WELLINGTON ON SEPTEMBER 8th-11th, 1955.**

The Industrial Relations Conference presents for the consideration of the Church, certain points that were brought out in lectures and discussions. The Conference was clearly aware that Society and our industrial techniques are constantly changing. The increasing and better distributed wealth has lessened some of the tensions that were in our community life, but the greater the rate of change the more important it is that social relationships and industrial institutions should be adapted to the new circumstances.

1. The Real Problems of Industrial Relations.

The basic problem is that people are actuated by motives which are principally self-centred and largely acquisitive. The results are to be seen in tension and conflict between individuals and between groups. There is ill-will, suspicion, and frustration and a degree of hardship and insecurity.

The basic causes can be seen as follows:—

A. Economic.

1. The fear of unemployment.
2. The feeling that the individuals livelihood is in the hand of another person.
3. The sense of grievance at economic inequalities.
4. Resentment arising from class distinctions.
5. The fears and suspicions that persist from class conflicts in the past and which cause people to think of present economic problems in terms of conditions that no longer exist.

B. Organisational.

1. Industry is divided by economic conditions into two camps and this division is reinforced by industrial laws.
2. Our developing society has provided no common aim of service to the community.
3. The complexity of the organisation of society and the increasing speed of industrial and social change.
4. Insufficient adaptation of the man to the job and of the job to the man.
5. Inadequate opportunities for consultation and insufficient workers' responsibility for working conditions and amenities.
6. The fact that responsible groups in our society differ in their conception of what future pattern of society is desirable.

C. Personal.

1. A resistance to change and a fear of loss of privileges or power.
2. The tendency to apply emotive labels to people such as capitalist, communist, boss, etc., ignoring the wide range of individual differences in each group.
3. Disloyalty to the firm and fellow-workers as shown in inefficiency, laziness, and carelessness by management or employee.
4. Insincerity by management and others—e.g. when a manager or executive officer professes to be seeking his worker's welfare but is really acting with ulterior motives.
5. Defects of temperament and character.
6. Factors outside the industrial situation, e.g. inadequate housing, unsatisfactory marital relationships, excessive drinking.

2. Marks of the Christian Society.

The Christian Church should recognize its responsibility to lead

society towards an economic order in harmony with the teaching and spirit of Jesus Christ. Its task of redemption must be seen to include both the individual and society. Improved techniques will not suffice. The Christian recognizes that "the earth is the Lord's" and that we are responsible to Him for the use we make of it.

The industrial system should express the following:—

1. The Christian conception of the worth of the individual from which emerges respect of man for man and group for group.

2. An extension of the spirit of the family to the community—

(a) in providing opportunities and sharing rewards;

(b) in national and international life.

3. A common aim of service to humanity.

4. A motive of self-expression for the individual through service and through co-operation in production and distribution.

5. A greater willingness to share responsibility.

3. Findings.

1. The purpose of work is the glory of God and the mutual benefit of mankind.

2. This is expressed through providing the community with goods and services.

3. A reasonable standard of living is needed for all but material possessions are not enough of themselves. Satisfying personal relationships are the real necessity.

4. In the human relationships of the work-place goodwill is the first essential. It must be supplemented by understanding, efficiency, and consultation.

5. Our present economic system has evolved from historic situations and is always in a process of change.

There are differences of conviction concerning the direction and method of further change and these were reflected in the Conference as follows:—

(a) Our basic problems have no essential relation to a particular economic system and changes in the system would leave the problems largely unchanged. Attention must therefore be directed chiefly to a change in people which would be reflected, in time, by a change in the system.

(b) Economic systems can aid or hinder the practice of Christian virtues. Our present system does in fact encourage acquisitiveness, and the pursuit of wealth and power to the exclusion of essential Christian virtues. Attention must therefore be directed in addition to personal evangelism, to an endless endeavour to replace such a system with one that will encourage the practice of Christian virtues.

6. The economic position in New Zealand has resulted in a high material standard of living, but this must be considered in the light of the larger world, especially the great need of our near neighbours in Asian countries.

The Conference was in full agreement that what is needed is a new spirit and a new purpose in the whole field of industry and commerce.

Undoubtedly, we must emphasize the importance of personal attitudes and behaviour. We must establish in the community the same kinds of sharing and of responsibility that we have in a wholesome family.

Given a new common objective of a community life which expresses brotherhood and a family spirit, people will have a new incentive within themselves to co-operate in service for the good of all.

Only in that spirit can satisfactory legislative changes be made effective within industry and fulfilled within the larger life of society.

J. D. GROCOTT, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Annual Report be received and adopted.
2. That £25 be granted to the Committee from the Contingent Fund.

3. Industrial Relations Conference.

- (a) That the statement be received and given general approval and be forwarded to the Board of Publications for publication and distribution.
- (b) That the statement be forwarded to Men's Fellowships, Guild Fellowships, Senior Bible Classes and similar groups for study.
- (c) That the Public Questions Committee continue to study the subject of Industrial Relationships.

4. State Aid to Schools.

That a copy of the Statement as in the Report be forwarded to the Minister of Education.

5. Immigration.

(a) That Conference again draw the attention of the Government to the need for a compassionate approach to the problem of immigration of those who are in distressed circumstances.

(b) That with a view to the introduction of a Christian policy regarding the admission into New Zealand of European refugees, and, on a quota system, of Asian immigrants, the Public Questions Committee after consultation with the Inter-Church Council on Public Affairs prepare a statement as to the present position on the question.

(c) That the following resolution be referred to the Public Questions Committee for consideration and report.

"That Conference view with concern the policy of the Government in making subject to permit the immigration into New Zealand of British citizens naturalised in other Commonwealth countries, e.g. Australia, and the fact that such permits are usually refused. We urge the Government to accord to naturalised citizens the same rights and freedom of movement as other citizens of the Commonwealth."

6. Apartheid.

That Conference affirm that "the principle of not interfering in the internal policy of a member country" is by itself an inadequate reason for our representatives on the United Nations Assembly refraining from voting on questions which are so serious as to have unfavourable world-wide repercussions in race relations.

7. Capital Punishment.

(a) Believing that Capital Punishment violates the Christian principle of the sacredness of human life, and is out of harmony with a modern civilised state, Conference urges the Government to repeal this provision of the Act.

(b) Conference urges our people to do their utmost in supporting all efforts directed toward the abolition of Capital Punishment.

7. Organised Sport on Sunday.

Believing that a day set aside for rest and worship is in the interests of the physical, mental and spiritual welfare of the people, Conference reaffirm its opposition to organised and commercialised sport and entertainment on Sunday.

9. Films.

(a) That Conference express appreciation of the endeavours of the Film Censor to improve the standard of films shown in New Zealand.

(b) That Conference request the Government, for the purpose of improving the standard of films in New Zealand and co-ordinating the activities of the Film Industry, to grant greater authority and independence to the Film Censor and Censorship Department, and that it proceed with the

gazetting of adequate regulations as empowered by the 1914/1953 Amending Acts.

10. Off Course Betting.

That Conference being gravely concerned at the increase of gambling as a result of legalised off-course betting, again request the Government to make it subject to review by the electors at the General Election.

12. Kenya.

That the Public Questions Committee be asked to study the question of Kenya and allied matters and publish articles in the "Methodist Times."

13. The Council for Christian Education.

(a) That Conference request the Council for Christian Education to prepare a scheme for accrediting Voluntary Teachers of the Bible under the Nelson System and to forward the scheme to the Church for approval.

(b) That the representatives on the Council be:—The President of Conference (the Rev. M. A. McDowell), the Rev. G. H. Goodman, Mr G. F. Briggs, and the Rev. J. D. Grocott. Proxy: The Rev. A. J. Johnstone.

14. That the representatives on the Inter-Church Council be:—The President of Conference, the Convener of the Public Questions Committee, Mr A. E. Hurley. Alternate: The Rev. G. H. Goodman. Representative on Women's Auxiliary: Mrs J. A. Bruce.

15. Rev. J. D. Grocott.

That Conference express its deep sense of appreciation to the Rev. J. D. Grocott for the devotion and ability of the service he has rendered over a long period of years as convener of Connexional Committees, and as the General Secretary of the N.Z. Council for Christian Education.

16. That the Public Questions Committee for 1956 be as printed on page 13 herein, with Rev. W. F. Ford as Convener.

B—Methodist World Peace Committee

REPORT TO SYNODS AND CONFERENCE 1955

During this year we believe that definite progress has been made in the interests of Peace.

Last Conference gave an "order of reference" as well as specific tasks in a number of resolutions which the Committee has sought to implement, though, at times, progress has been slower than had been hoped for. The following sums up very briefly the year's work:

The Committee is in touch with the Society of Friends regarding the suggested Church Porch Posters.

Enquiries have been continued in England and in the United States of America as well as in New Zealand for a suitable study book, or booklet, and certain recommendations are made in the resolutions.

Seven Synodal Districts have appointed Regional Representatives and arrangements have been made for them to receive regular bulletins as well as copies of the Minutes of the meetings of the Committee. When the other two Districts appoint their representatives, which, we trust, will be as soon as possible, a full coverage of the Dominion is assured.

The drafting of a Comprehensive Statement on the question of War and Peace has taken up a good deal of time and thought, but finality has not been reached. To deal adequately with such a statement requires a pamphlet of several pages. The Committee, however, is still gathering information and is grateful to all who have so willingly contributed, and permission is sought to present the statement next year.

Material is still being supplied for the Methodist Times Column through which information is disseminated and ways and means of spreading goodwill is outlined.

Information is also being received regularly from the United Nations Association in Wellington.

During the year, through the interchange of Minutes, the Committee has been in constant touch with the Public Questions Committee, and also with the Youth Board in matters affecting both the Board and the Committee.

At our request the Religious Film Society has placed an order in America for a 16mm. Sound Film: "More for Peace," which will be available at current rates. The R.F.S. will also consider other titles shown on the list submitted by the World Peace Committee.

Through this year's activities the work of the Committee is beginning to be channelled into the life of the Church, but we reiterate this year, that it is only by Prayer and Bible Study that the members of the Church can fit themselves for the task of establishing God's Peace in this troubled world.

D. J. D. HICKMAN, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That the following Study Booklets be approved:
 - a. For general study: "The Christian Basis of Peace." (The Fielding Conference Study. N.C.C. Christchurch 1/6.)
"The Christian and Peace" by A. J. Wilson, Epworth Bookroom, Wellington. 1/3.
 - b. For Leaders, etc. "The Christian Conscience and War." (Epworth Bookroom, Wellington, 2/9.) "Evanston Speaks" (N.C.C. Christchurch, 2/6.)
3. That we reiterate resolution 12, page 87, Conference Minutes, 1954: "Conference calls all our people to earnest prayer and deep consideration of all the grave issues involved in modern total war, in order that we may discover the Will of Christ for His Church in these fateful days."

Disarmament.

4. That Conference re-affirm the statement in Par. 9, page 87 of Minutes of Conference, 1954, and call for the support of the Government through its United Nations representative to seek to secure these ends.

5. That the Methodist World Peace Committee be requested to publish a statement of available material concerning the widespread peril for mankind of nuclear warfare.

6. That the Committee investigate the proposals of the World Federalists Movement and report to next Conference.

7. That a grant of £25 be made from the Contingent Fund for 1956.

8. That the Committee for 1956 be as printed on page 14 herein, with Rev. D. J. D. Hickman, as Convener.

C—Temperance Committee

ANNUAL REPORT—1955

1. **Trust Control:** (1954 Minutes, p.84, 10.)

The Committee has investigated the operation of Trust control, and submits the following report.

There are two types of licensing trusts in New Zealand, namely local trusts and district trusts.

(a) *Local Trusts.* When the licensing control commission has decided that a new license is needed in a particular area, the appropriate licensing committee calls for applications from persons wishing to operate it. A local body may apply on behalf of a trust to be formed. It must find a

site, and submit plans. The licensing committee is directed by statute to give preference to an application on behalf of a trust, unless there is some special reason against it. If the committee decides that it will grant the license to a trust, the trust is then established, its members elected, and it proceeds very much as if it were a private applicant. It is subject to the control of the licensing committee and the general direction of the licensing control commission.

(b) *District Trusts.* A district trust can be set up only in a former no-license district which has carried restoration. The law provides that when restoration has been carried, there shall be a further poll to decide whether the sale of liquor shall be placed in the hands of private enterprise or a district trust. If the electors favour trust control, a trust is established by order-in-council, and elections are held, based on local body rolls for the district. There are three district trusts now operating: Invercargill, Master-ton and Ashburton. Each has six members, appointed for a term of six years, with the proviso that three retire at the end of each three-year period. Further district trusts are being established in the Clutha and Mataura electorates.

A district trust is not subject to the oversight of a licensing committee or the licensing control commission. Being an elected body, it is responsible directly to the electors. It provides whatever facilities it considers necessary for the sale of liquor and for accommodation within its district. It is, however, subject to the purview of the Department of Justice, and the Auditor General, and the number of licensed houses it may establish is limited to one for every 500 electors. Reports indicate that the type of accommodation being provided is satisfactory.

All three district trusts now functioning are handling the sale of liquor with a respect for the law, that is not usually evident under either private or brewery control. The Invercargill trust has a by-law whereby any employee convicted of a breach of a licensing law, automatically loses his employment and may not be re-employed by the trust.

A trust is established without assets. Initial finance has not been obtained in a uniform way, but the pattern now emerging is for the trust to borrow from a trading bank, with a government guarantee of one quarter of the amount borrowed. As property is acquired from profits, it becomes public property. The Invercargill trust, which has now operated for ten years, has repaid its original Government loan of £50,000 and has built up very considerable assets. Its total turnover during the ten years was £3,884,097, and its nett profits £435,089. From its profits it has distributed £46,366 to various causes.

2. The "Social Necessity" for Drinking:

(1954 Minutes, p.83, 3b.)

A study on this matter is being prepared for the committee. It will examine the situations which young people of school leaving age meet in places of employment, sport, and social activity. It is intended that the study when completed will be made available to the Youth Department.

3. Temperance Education in Schools:

(1954 Minutes, p.84, 11.)

The official primary school syllabus in Health Education contains the following:—

"*Temperance.* The teaching of temperance in its widest sense, that is the avoidance of over-indulgence is an essential part of the scheme of health. In broad outline the lessons provide for discussion on the following topics:

- (a) The food value of alcohol.
- (b) The effect of alcohol on the human body.
- (c) Alcohol in the light of modern research.

The lessons outline simple facts in a manner which does not lend itself to misinterpretation. A knowledge of these facts is essential for all children at the primary school stage."

Inquiries made by the committee over a limited area, indicate that there is much diversity in the implementing of this regulation. In some schools much valuable information is being imparted. In others the matter is almost, or entirely, neglected. Much depends on the interest, or otherwise, of the headmaster and his staff.

4. Six O'Clock Closing:

Encouraged by its recent success in New South Wales, the licensed trade appears to be building up pressure toward its objective of having the six o'clock closing act reversed in this country. Propaganda has been focussed on the country drinker who cannot conveniently get to an hotel before 6 p.m., and is therefore said to be at a disadvantage. The trade feels that it has a good case here, and is making the most of it in its efforts to soften public opinion. Meanwhile, some very revealing facts have come to light from New South Wales, where 10 o'clock closing came into force on the 1st of February this year. During the three months, February, March and April, convictions for drunkenness, in the Sydney area, increased by 42% as compared with the same period last year. The total was 13,145 for the three months this year; 8,201 for the same period last year. The figures are supplied by the Under-Secretary for the Department of Justice in New South Wales.

The Road Safety Council in New South Wales has also furnished some arresting figures. Deaths from accidents on the roads in that state, increased by 13.1% for the period, 1st January to 10th May this year, as compared with the same period last year, New Zealand should take warning.

Other facts too, should be remembered, such as the suffering inflicted on children who in places where hotels are open at night, are frequently left unattended, even locked up at home, while both parents spend the evening at the pub. In other cases, children are seen to play, or run wild, in the streets while awaiting the home coming of parents at closing time. These things are happening elsewhere, and if the liquor trade is allowed to gain its objective, they will happen here.

5. After-hour Trading:

There are abundant indications that after-hour trading continues to be very widely practised in New Zealand hotels. A most disturbing aspect of the matter is the apparent disregard for the law, not only on the part of the hotel proprietors and their patrons, but also on the part of the police force and even the Government itself. It is well known that when this matter was put before the electors in 1949, a majority of 75.5% favoured six o'clock closing. The law, therefore, which Parliament enacted on behalf of the people in 1918, was firmly endorsed by the people in 1949. The democratic way of life, if it is to endure, requires that Parliamentary law should be respected and upheld, alike by Government and people. Yet the licensed trade is permitted, in its own interests, to flout this law, and to carry on an illegal trade, behind doors, long after legal trading hours. Conference has repeatedly called the attention of the Government to this matter, and must do so again, firm in the conviction that just as law-breaking is bad for any people, so also laxity in law enforcement is bad government, and an evidence of moral weakness.

6. The Committee:

The Temperance Committee has now been located in Dunedin for ten years. The present committee feels that a change of location would be an advantage, in that a new personnel would bring a fresh approach to the question. It therefore recommends that a change be made, and suggests that the new committee be centred in one of the larger provincial cities, such as Hamilton.

E. S. HODDINOTT, Chairman.

H. G. BROWN, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That in view of the public preference for Trust control in the Invercargill, Masterton, Ashburton, Clutha and Mataura electorates, and in several other local instances, and also in view of the fact that district trusts, where already established are handling the licensed trade with a respect for the law that is not evident in most other places, Conference urge the Government to provide that in every electorate, the electors be given the opportunity to decide by vote whether the licensed trade in that electorate shall be operated by private enterprise or placed in the hands of a district trust.
3. That Conference urge the Government in the interests of good law and good citizenship and its own good name, to take appropriate and effective action to have the law covering hours of liquor trading respected and upheld.
4. That in the light of past experience of 10 o'clock closing in this country, and of the large increases in liquor sales and consumption, and convictions for drunkenness which followed its introduction into New South Wales this year, Conference views with concern the efforts being directed towards the securing of a change in the 6 o'clock closing legislation, and calls upon the Government in the interests of the religious, moral, physical and economic welfare of the people, to resist such demands.
5. In view of the fact that no alteration has been made for 20 years or more, it be requested of the Government to bring down legislation increasing the maximum penalties for serving liquor to minors, for after-hour trading and other offences of this nature, even to the extent of making them subject to a prison sentence.
6. (a) While expressing its concern at the apparent continuing increase in the number of alcoholics in New Zealand, Conference notes with pleasure and commendation the excellent work being done by Alcoholics Anonymous. It also learns with pleasure of the formation of the National Educational Society on Alcoholism, and commends the Society to the financial support of our people.
(b) Conference is convinced that the Grace of God, operative through varying agents, is the most potent factor in releasing individuals from the grip of alcoholism.
(c) The Conference re-affirms its conviction that the ultimate solution of the whole liquor problem is total abstinence.
7. That the Committee for 1956 receive a grant of £5 from the Contingent Fund.
8. That the Temperance Committee in Dunedin be thanked for its work over the past ten years, and that the Committee for 1956 be located in Hamilton and nominated by the South Auckland Synod Standing Committee.

D—Spiritual Healing Committee

REPORT TO SYNODS AND CONFERENCE 1955

The Spiritual Healing Committee has little as yet to report. The Christchurch members of the committee met at first each month, but the nature of the study undertaken and the depth of fellowship sought within the committee have led to fortnightly meetings since May 1955.

The committee conceives its purpose as two-fold: (1) There is the necessity to survey the whole field of spiritual healing so that some lead may be given the Church in these matters, and that the committee may possibly, at some later date, encourage and guide the forming of local fellowships for spiritual healing. The committee therefore is reading a

variety of works and studying together. It plans liaison with similar groups and committees, and is in communication with the British Methodist Church Spiritual Healing and Psychological Committee. (2) The members of the committee are seeking experience, as a group, of the power of God in the healing of disease, and to that end are trying to achieve a high level of Christian fellowship as a committee.

P. A. STEAD, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Committee be urged to bring forward a report to Synods and Conference as early as possible.
3. That a list of suitable material on Spiritual Healing for the guidance of our people be published in the "Methodist Times."
4. That the Committee for 1956 be as printed on page 13 herein, with Rev. P. A. Stead, as Convener.

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 in respect to Church properties:

1.—Trust Accounts RECEIPTS

Credit Balances from last year—General Account	.....	39,507	8	2
Balances from last year held for Special purposes	.....	228,614	18	9
Loans from Church Building and Loan Fund	.....	8,062	0	0
Loans from other sources	.....	26,949	6	1
All other Receipts	.....	276,073	3	7
Total Receipts	.....	579,206	16	7
Debit Balances	.....	33,177	1	9
TOTAL	.....	£612,383	18	4

EXPENDITURE

Debit Balances from last year	.....	23,271	5	6
Loan Fund Instalments	.....	6,164	5	1
Other Loans repaid	.....	22,732	13	3
Interest on Loans and on Bank Overdraft	.....	4,091	15	9
Purchase of Land, Erection or Additions to Buildings	.....	121,154	19	0
Rents, Rates, Cleaning, Lighting, Repairs, etc.	.....	112,595	7	8
Total Expenditure	.....	290,010	6	3
Credit Balances	.....	51,224	19	8
Balances held for Special purposes	.....	271,148	12	5
TOTAL	.....	612,383	18	4

2.—Total of Fire Insurances £2,595,944 10 9

3.—Debt:

Mortgage Debt at end of previous year	.....	131,883	7	1
Add New Loans received during year	.....	34,109	0	7
TOTAL	.....	£165,992	7	8
Deduct Loans repaid during year	.....	28,987	11	8
Amount of Mortgage Debt at end of year	.....	£137,004	16	0

In the attached report of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee, full details are given concerning building projects in hand in the various Synodal Districts.

That report, together with the table set out above, indicates a full measure of activity on the part of Circuits and Districts in order to meet the challenge and opportunity presented in the present-day situation. This is particularly revealed in the fact that in the year under review the sum of £121,154 19s. has been spent on new property undertakings of various kinds.

In addition to all other money contributed for the various works of the Church, the amount expended for property purposes averages out at some £9 per member. General income this year exceeded that of last year by the amount of £48,703.

No better or more definite evidence of the faith of our people can be found than in these efforts which are being sustained year after year.

4.—District Secretaries for Church Property

AUCKLAND—

Mr S. E. Chappell, 27 Balmoral Road, Epsom, Auckland.

SOUTH AUCKLAND—

Mr W. B. L. Williams, 214 River Road, Hamilton.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI—

Mr J. Drake, 22 Muir Street, 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 C. H. Kitchin, 65 Hazel Avenue, Dunedin, S.W.1.

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 1956 be as named in the Report.
3. That where moneys are raised for special purposes, they should not be used even temporarily for other purposes, as such breach of trust involves the trustees in personal liability.

B—Church Building and Loan Fund Committee

ANNUAL REPORT, 1955

Sustained activity in respect to various kinds of building projects throughout the Connexion is revealed in this report of the Committee:—

An analysis of enterprises in hand as approved by the Committee is as follows:

- (a) New Sites purchased, 10 (for new causes as distinct from additional land bought).
- (b) New Churches, plans approved, 7.

- (c) New Halls, plans approved, 10.
- (d) New Parsonages, plans approved, 5.
- (e) Additions to Halls, etc., plans approved, 19.
- (f) Sundry shops, dwellings, etc., bought or erected, 8.
- (g) Land sold, not now required in 12 instances.
- (h) Buildings sold, not now required in 16 instances.

Loans:

(a) New Loans have been advanced as follows:—Waterview (£1000), Hikurangi (£250), Glenbrook (Waiuku) (£500), Campbells Bay (£1000), Greerton (£300), Wairoa (2) (£1400), Rata Road (Hutt) (£600) = £5050.

(b) The total amount of loans at present is £23,775/4/5 advanced to 55 Trusts.

(c) Our priority list reveals some 33 Trusts awaiting loans already promised totalling £23,000. In this connection our attached report on the Advance Methodism Fund Appeal is significant.

Sites Fund:

Grants for new sites have been made as follows:—Hillsborough (Auckland) £50, Wairoa Parsonage £100, Trentham £50, Waimairi Road (Christchurch) £100, Islington £75.

Peace Thanksgiving Fund:

Grants have been made to the following Trusts:—Cuba Street (West End) £300, Taita £500.

Requests have been received also from several Districts concerning redistribution of money held for projected new causes therein. It is pointed out that one stipulation in respect to promised grants from this Fund was that work should be undertaken by 1st January, 1954.

District Advisory Committees:

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

SALES OF PROPERTY

The Committee has sanctioned the sale of the following properties—If not acted upon by 31st January, 1957, the sanction lapses.

Auckland District:

Auckland Central Mission Parsonage (£3000), Birkdale (2 Rds., £850), Hillsborough (32.83 perches, £650).

South Auckland:

Te Kuiti (Land Exchange), Tauranga Parsonage (£8000), Te Kuiti (Maori) Parsonage (£2100), Otorohanga Parsonage (£2300), Mamaku (1 Rd., £30), Hamilton (H.M.) Parsonage (£3500).

Taranaki-Wanganui:

Kaitoke Church and land (£200).

Hawkes Bay-Manawatu:

Rongotea ($\frac{1}{2}$ Rd., £50).

Wellington:

Wesley Eventide Settlement (Cession, 5 ac. 19.5 per.) Tawa Flat, Old Church and land (£800), Stokes Valley (16.4 per., £150).

Nelson:

Hokitika (2 Rds. 7.6 per., £35) (also 2 sections, £500), Greymouth, old Parsonage, £1400.

North Canterbury:

Oxford, Old Parsonage (£600), Ashley land (£30), Belfast (Church building only), Greenpark, Church and land £230, Rugby Street Parsonage (£3600).

South Canterbury:

Waimate Parsonage (£1875), Also New Parsonage Site (gift) (not required).

Otago-Southland:

Corstorphine (1 Sec.), Edendale, Parsonage and land (£1150).

LEASES AND SUB-DIVISIONS

Auckland Orphanage Board (Sub-div.), Tuakau Parsonage (H.M.)
Sub-div, Kai Iwi Farm, Sanson.

LAND PURCHASES

The following land purchases have been approved:—

Auckland District:

Rothesay Bay (1 Rd. £600), Greenhithe (1 Rd. 14.6 per., £100), Beach
haven (additional) (33.25 per., £500), Paihia (26 per., £800), Helensville
(18.2 per., £150).

South Auckland:

Matamata (3 Rds., £500), Hillcrest (Hamilton) (additional) (1 Rd. 6.4
per., £300), Tauranga (37 per., £1000), Taupo 2 Rds., £1600 (and house).

Taranaki-Wanganui:

Inglewood (2 Rds., £955).

Hawkes Bay-Manawatu:

Takoro (P.N.) (28.91 per., £300).

Wellington:

Trentham (35 per., £450).

Nelson:

Stoke (30 per., £440), Carters Beach (Westport) (34.3 per., £40).

North Canterbury:

Waimairi Road (1 Rd. 24 per., £1200), Wairakei Road (1 Rd. 26.6
per., £1000), Te Pirita (7.6 per., £5), Islington (1 Rd., £240).

South Canterbury:

Waimate (1 Rd.—Gift).

BUILDINGS

Purchases, Erections, Additions
and Alterations.

Approved has been given to plans for the following:—

Auckland District:

(E) Tripoli Road (Auckland East)—Church Hall, (E) Papatoetoe S.S.,
(E) Dargaville S.S. (2), (E) Kaitiāia Youth Centre, (A) New Lynn Church,
(A) Glen Eden Church, (E) Te Atatu Hall, (E) Beach Haven, Hall, (A)
Mt. Albert—S.S., (A) Kaukapakapa Church, (E) Homai Church, (E) North-
land D.Y.C. Camp Buildings, (E) Papakura Shop, (A) F.M. Board, (P)
Astley House (Dwelling).

South Auckland:

(A) Te Kuiti S.S., (A) Te Aroha Parsonage, (E) Huntly Church, (E)
Tauranga Parsonage, (A) Rototuna S.S., (P) H.M. Department Parsonage.

Taranaki-Wanganui:

(A) Pungarehu Church, (E) Kai Iwi—Dwelling, (A) Waitara—S.S., (E)
Oakura Church (Union), (A) Rahotu S.S.

Hawkes Bay-Manawatu:

(P) Wairoa Parsonage, (E) Gisborne Church.

Wellington:

(A) Petone Church, (E) Miramar Church, (A) Upper Hutt Church,
(P) Hall, (E) Wainui-o-mata Hall (Union).

Nelson:

(A) Picton S.S., (P) Greymouth Parsonage.

North Canterbury:

(E) Shirley Classroom, (E) Oxford S.S., (E) Leeston—Classrooms, (E)
Rangiora—Classrooms, (P) Central Mission House, (A) Cambridge Ter-
race, (P) Beckenham (Dwelling), (E) Islington Church Hall.

South Canterbury:

(P) Waimate Parsonage, (A) Temuka S.S.

Otago-Southland:

(E) Invercargill Central Youth Centre, (E) Alexandra Church Hall,
(E) Southland D.Y.C. Camp Buildings.

Advance Methodism Fund

The manner in which generally the Church has responded to this special appeal has been most gratifying.

At date returns from circuits are incomplete. As soon after the Appeal Sunday as possible (June 19) we were able to announce that some £17,000 was in hand. Reports indicated that a considerable sum could be expected in addition to what had been actually received on that Sunday.

While the amount received will be short of the sum aimed at for this year (£25,000) we feel that it was an excellent effort. Never before as a Church have we received such a sum by direct giving on one Sunday, and it is evident that the faith of the Conference was justified in adopting this procedure.

Excellent preliminary publicity was sent out by the Auckland Sub-Committee supplemented by further material from the Connexional Office, while considerable space was used in the Methodist Times so that our people were given as much informative material as possible. Costs in connection with the appeal have been kept down to a minimum, the only charges being for printing, advertising and postages.

Judicious publicity will be continued in the future thus keeping this particular objective before our people who are undoubtedly interested in it. We confidently anticipate that in the light of this year's experience the result next year will be considerably better and our total sum will be realised, namely £50,000.

Some observations are made at this stage which we ask Synods, District Executives and Quarterly Meetings to carefully consider. Other aspects will be dealt with in due course.

I. Results:

(a) By contributing this amount (between £17,000 and £20,000) the Church will enable the Committee immediately to advance some 20 interest-free loans of varying amounts which otherwise would have been deferred in some instances about four years.

(b) It means also that a larger sum will be received each quarter in repayments which in turn will make possible more of such loans, and probably larger ones.

(c) A number of new causes can immediately receive a straight-out grant from the proportion set aside for that purpose. Fuller details will be presented to Conference as to such grants and loans for each District.

II. Procedure:

(a) It is quite apparent that where the methods suggested by the Conference were faithfully adopted in Districts and Circuits a good response was forthcoming.

(b) It is to be regretted that in a number of places it was not clearly seen that it would be a mistake to allow some local enterprise to interfere with this appeal because it is to assist just such places that this effort is being made. On the other hand many circuits with local projects on hand did support this effort in a splendid fashion. It is to be hoped that Circuits that this year felt themselves unable to respond fully will give this big project right-of-way next year.

(c) It is also pointed out that in many cases a mistake was made in not seeing that a circular and envelope was made available to each

individual member or adherent. In many cases families were grouped. It is emphasised that much of the force of the appeal was lost in this way especially in regard to young wage-earners.

(d) A significant feature of the effort was that in many cases the special giving asked for in this effort did not interfere with the ordinary circuit revenue on that Sunday. On the contrary many Churches report an increase in offerings!

W. T. BLIGHT, Chairman.

H. L. FIEBIG, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That gratification be expressed at the generous response of so many of our people to the Advance Methodism Fund Appeal and that it be again commended to our Circuits for their whole-hearted support in 1956 in order that our target of £50,000 may be reached.
3. That all Circuits be urged to give the Advance Methodism Fund appeal right of way in their planning for 1956, and faithfully to put into operation the methods decided upon by the organising committee.

4. That the Church Council give consideration to an Annual Appeal for capital and extension work.

5. 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 F. M. Souster.

NORTHLAND:

Mr W. J. Court.

SOUTH AUCKLAND:

The Revs. W. R. Francis and C. B. Oldfield; Messrs W. B. Young and H. Longbottom.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI:

The Rev. J. H. Hall, Messrs M. S. Hughson and L. M. Moss.

HAWKE'S BAY-WANAWATU:

The Revs. W. R. Laws, L. Greenslade, L. C. Horwood; Messrs A. H. Fisher, C. V. Woodfield, J. P. Boyd, J. H. Oldham, A. H. Fisher, Jr., and L. A. Davis.

WELLINGTON:

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

NELSON:

The Revs. A. M. Costain, H. E. Harkness and A. W. McKay; Messrs J. S. White and F. H. Southgate.

NORTH CANTERBURY: Nil.

SOUTH CANTERBURY:

The Rev. A. O. Jones and Mr H. C. B. Withell.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND:

Revs. H. A. Cochrane and A. R. Witheford; Messrs A. Froggatt, R. T. Sando and E. McLeod.

6. That the Committee for 1956 be as printed on page 11 herein.

C—Report of Custodian of Deeds

ANNUAL REPORT 1955

For the year ended 30th June, 1955, the following records have been attended to:

1. Title Deeds:

Title Deeds have been received and acknowledged for the following Trusts:

AUCKLAND: Central Mission Hostel, Beach Haven, Helensville, Rothery Bay, Richardson Road (Auckland South), Torbay, Glendowie.

SOUTH AUCKLAND: Tauranga, Hamilton, Hillcrest (Hamilton East).

TARANAKI-WANGANUI: Oakura.

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU: Wairoa.

WELLINGTON: Lower Hutt (Waiwhetu and Rata Road), Ngaio.

NELSON: Carters Beach (Westport), Greymouth.

NORTH CANTERBURY: Te Pirita (Greendale), Richmond (Christchurch).

SOUTH CANTERBURY: Timaru (Banks Street), (Kensington) Temuka.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND: Fairfield.

2. New Trusts:

The following new trusts have been registered:

AUCKLAND: Greenhithe, Bayfield, Paihia, Helensville (Pars), Ruawai (Pars.).

SOUTH AUCKLAND: Taupo.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI: Inglewood (Pars.), Kent Road (N.P.).

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU: Rongotea (Pars.).

NORTH CANTERBURY: Islington, Taumutu.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND: Southland D.Y.C.

3. Trustees:

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

District	Trusts	Removals	Registrations
Auckland	38	69	127
South Auckland	22	15	40
Taranaki-Wanganui	14	19	56
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	9	11	31
Wellington	16	27	41
Nelson	11	30	25
North Canterbury	21	42	42
South Canterbury	7	24	17
Otago-Southland	10	24	39
	148	261	418

H. L. FIEBIG, Custodian of Deeds.

RESOLUTION

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

In presenting the Annual Report for the year ended 30th June, 1955, the Trustees are pleased to report an increased Income.

After careful attention to Repairs and Maintenance, it may be said that arrears of same, which had accumulated during the War years, have

now been caught up, and that the Board's properties are now in good order.

We have maintained our contribution of £1500 to Trinity College.

For the past two years only, has a Depreciation Fund of £600 per annum been provided. In view of the long term ultimate need of heavy expenditure for Renewals and Replacements we recommend that this amount be increased to £1000 per annum.

The members of the Board are:—

Revs. E. W. Hames and J. C. Draper, Mr Justice Stanton, Messrs. E. A. Astley, J. H. Blackwell, P. Dellow, T. L. Hames, W. E. Lewisham and W. F. Winstone.

J. H. BLACKWELL, Chairman.

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, 1955

The Trustees report that the tenancies of the shops in Queen Street remain as before, with all rents paid up to date.

From the Income thus derived a grant of £400 was again paid to Trinity Theological College Trustees, and a further sum of £445 was paid for replacing the verandah roofs of the shops that were not renovated last year.

The Mortgage to the Bank of New Zealand remains at £6,000, as the Trustees realise the necessity of accumulating a fund to meet the compensation that will become payable to the Salvation Army when the present lease expires in 1957.

In addition to this liability they will have a heavy commitment in the suspension of the shop verandahs, to comply with City Council requirements, and to eliminate constant repairs by reason of the existing verandah posts being damaged by vehicular traffic, and needing replacement.

Preliminary steps have been taken with a view to securing increased rentals for the shops, and from the lease to the Salvation Army. These increases, it is hoped, should be effective during the current financial year, with the exception of that from the Salvation Army.

E. W. HAMES, Acting 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 ENDOWMENT

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1954

We have pleasure in presenting to the Conference, the Annual Report of the Board for the year ended 31st December, 1954.

As in previous years, our main function has been to provide for the financial requirements of the Masterton Methodist Children's Home, and to assist the Rangiatea Maori Girls' College by making a grant towards the costs of that establishment.

Masterton Methodist Children's Home:

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

In the year under review the Committee has had to draw on us for £600, compared with £1,800 in the previous twelve months. £150 depreciation has been written off the Home buildings, but as income from the investment of the Home's Capital Funds amounted to £625/5/2, the net cost of the Home to the Board amounted to £124/14/10, and it has been possible to meet this amount without having to transfer any portion of the current year's legacies to Revenue Account.

The Board wishes to record its appreciation of the untiring efforts of the Masterton Committee and Staff on the children's behalf.

Rangiatea Maori Girls' College:

Our Board is represented on the Rangiatea College Board of Governors by Messrs A. E. Hurley, T. M. Pacey and G. C. Burton. We are confident that everything possible is being done to get the major project started, but whilst the Rangiatea Board has been faced with several delays, the interim College is serving a useful purpose, and we feel that our grant of £600 is being used to the best advantage.

Finance:

Whilst the income has remained steady, various expense items in last year's accounts were of a non-recurring nature with the result that the balance of general revenue carried down has increased by £373 to £1,515. With the reduced cost of the Masterton Home referred to above, the year's operations have resulted in a surplus of income of £790 which has been transferred to Capital Account, bringing the balance in that account to £44,583.

Legacies to the Masterton Home amounted to £2,088, of which £2,000 came from the Estate of the late M. E. Tills and £50 from the Estate of the late A. R. Benbow. It is gratifying that our people continue to remember the Home when making their wills—an action which we commend to all those who have not already made such provision.

General:

The Board is discussing with the Masterton Committee the question of the Committee taking over the full control of the assets and finances of the Home. Whilst it is agreed in principle that the separation of the control of the Home from the Board may be desirable, it is considered that the time has not yet arrived when such a step should be taken. The matter will, however, be kept under review.

Chairman:

It is the unanimous wish of the Board that the Rev G. H. Goodman be re-appointed 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.—THE EMSLY TRUST BOARD

RESOLUTION

That the Financial Statement be received and adopted.

6.—THE GREY INSTITUTE TRUST

RESOLUTION

That the Financial Statement be received and adopted.

7.—KIA IWI MISSION ESTATE

During the year a new farm house has been built for the lessee at a cost of £5,500. The old house—mostly built over 80 years ago—is being renovated as a dwelling for the farm hand. The new house was financed by a State Advances Loan of £3000 plus £1000 from money set aside from rent over the last 14 years, together with an interest-free loan of £1,500 from the lessee which will be repaid over the next 20 years as reduction from rent.

The farm was recently valued at £13,572. Because of the increase in value of the property and the building of a new farm house a new lease has been prepared which provides for a substantial increase in the rent.

The remittances for the Home Mission Department and the Rangiatea College Trust will be the same as formerly. The trustees are very satisfied with the interest and good management shown by the lessee.

G. R. THOMPSON, Chairman.

E. L. F. BUXTON, Secretary.

RESOLUTION

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

8.—ROBERT GIBSON TRUST

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

	Top Farm	Lower Farm
	96	84
Total lbs. butterfat produced	29,411.13	25,584.26
Average butterfat production per cow	306.36	304.57
Average price received	3/2d. to date	

The total butterfat production for the year from both farms was 54,995.39 lbs., a reduction of 1,387.03 lbs. on the previous year's total of 56,382.42 lbs.

The net profit from farming operations amounted to £2,294/15/7 as compared with £2,906/4/3 the previous year. A dry season was experienced and this, together with the drop in price of butterfat, is reflected in the reduced net profit.

The sharemilking agreement with Messrs. Hughes and Tidswell expired on 30th June last and has not been renewed. Mr Albert Watson is the new sharemilker and it is confidently anticipated that he will prove a satisfactory sharemilker.

W. E. HOLDGATE,

District Public Trustee.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.
2. That general approval be given to the following scheme which implies changes in the Will of the late Mr Gibson and that it be considered by the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee.
 - (a) A percentage to be used for a Youth Centre at Manaia.
 - (b) A percentage for a bursary for Taranaki boys attending Wesley College, Paerata.
 - (c) The Balance to be devoted to the work of the Children's Homes at Auckland and Masterton.

General Resolutions re Connexional Properties and Trusts:

That the Connexional Secretary and the Editor of the "Methodist Times" arrange for the story of the Connexional Properties and Trusts to be written and made available to the Church.

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

Connexional Fire Insurance Fund Board

ANNUAL REPORT, 1955

The audited Financial Statements presented with this report for the year ended 31st May, 1955, indicate a very satisfactory year's operations.

New Insurance:

Additional cover for existing risks and cover for new properties have been written up for 174 trusts amounting to the sum of £303,400.

Income:

Earned Income is as follows: Premiums and Commission less re-insurance £3,052/5/11. Mortgage Debenture and Deposit interest £2,027/19/7. Administration costs amounted to £832/6/5. Claims amounts to £9/14/9. This allowed for the sum of £4,238/4/4 to be transferred to Profit and Loss Appropriation Account, an increase for the year of £447/4/5.

Adding to this amount the sum of £381/5/5 brought forward from last year (after recommended grants had been provided for totalling £1,880) the total in this account is £4,619/9/9. The sum of £2,000 has been transferred to Fire Loss Reserve and £200 to Investment Contingency Reserve. Grants recommended as set out below amount to £2,300. These transfers and anticipated grants total £4,500 leaving the sum of £119/19/9 carried forward.

Accumulated Funds and Reserves:

The Accumulated Fund is £33,500. After making provision as above the Fire Loss Reserve stands at £16,615 and the Investment Contingency Reserve at £2,140/15/4.

Grants:

Last year the Board reported to Conference certain interim findings on the matter of the nature of grants to be made annually and the objects for which they should be made. Further consideration has been given to this matter and the Board is satisfied that its new policy is sound and will better serve the interests of the Church as a whole. It therefore reiterates its conviction that grants made should as far as possible be for something in the nature of capital expenditure, or for building up the capital of some fund or institution rather than for current expenses of such institution. This does not preclude the possibility, however, of grants being made for this latter purpose if circumstances warrant such action.

Further the Board has obtained information and is listing objectives within the life of the Church which merit assistance with a view to appropriate action in the form of priorities from year to year.

The following grants are therefore recommended to be made out of this year's income:—

	£
Advance Methodism Fund	850
Trinity College New Chapel Fund (with another £500 in 1956)	500
Ministers Home Acquisition Funds (including Maori Ministers)	400
Publications Board Capital Fund	200
Methodist Times Capital Fund	200
Children's Fund (Loan written off)	150
	£2,300

The following objectives have been listed for future grants: Home Mission Department, Hostel or Maori Centres Capital Expenditure, Foreign Mission Department: Objective to be determined.

Methodist Social Service Association: Objective to be determined.

Providing Adequate Cover:

A steady policy is being pursued of urging Trusts to watch the matter of revision of cover on buildings carrying inadequate insurance.

Employers' Liability:

This aspect of the work of the Fund is steadily growing. With an increasing number of people giving voluntary labour on all sorts of Church projects these days trustees are advised to see that protection is provided under the provisions of the Workers' Compensation Act. When such work is contemplated word should be sent immediately to the Connexional Office and cover will be arranged.

A. A. DINGWALL, Chairman.

H. L. FIEBIG, Managing Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.
2. That the following grants be approved:—
Advance Methodism Fund, £850; Trinity College Chapel Fund, £500; Ministers' Home Acquirement Funds, £400; Publication Board Capital Fund, £200; Methodist Times Capital Fund, £200; Children's Fund, £150. Total, £2,300.
3. That the Board be as printed on page 11 herein.

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

Connexional Secretaryship Committee

ANNUAL REPORT, 1955

The work in respect to the six departments represented in the Connexional Office is fully dealt with in the separate reports presented to Conference.

It needs only to be remarked herein that as is to be expected the scope of this work is increasing every year. In the last ten years the volume of work as reflected in the departmental reports has increased by some 33½%, particularly in regard to the work covered by the Church Building and Loan Fund, the Fire Insurance Fund and the Methodist Times.

The following appropriations are budgeted for in the ensuing year:—Supernumerary and Allied Funds, £725; Fire Insurance Fund, £725; Church Building and Loan Fund, £450; General Purposes Trust Board, £275; Contingent Fund, £325; Methodist Times, £375.

W. T. BLIGHT, Chairman.

H. L. FIEBIG, Connexional Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.
2. That the Committee for 1956 be as printed on page 11 herein.

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

Trinity Methodist Theological College Council

A.—REPORT OF COUNCIL, 1955

The Council has to report a year of steady work. The number of students in training this year (25) is lower than for some time. So far as the Council is concerned this is reflected in some financial savings,

which will be needed in meeting heavier capital expenditure in the near future.

Maintenance:

Maintenance becomes a larger issue with the ageing of our buildings. The students themselves, under the leadership of Dr. D. O. Williams, have again done a great deal of valuable maintenance work. In addition, some considerable expense has been necessary on the hot water reticulation service.

Domestic Staff:

Keeping satisfactory staff has been a problem right through the year and tribute must be paid to Dr. and Mrs. Williams and Miss. Horwood (the Housekeeper) who have borne the brunt of it. The Council has made arrangements for a re-organisation whereby the Resident Tutor and his wife will be relieved of much of the detailed work of oversight they have carried in the past. Later this year, Rev. J. J. Lewis will be taking oversight of the domestic side of the College and Dr Williams will continue the care of the property.

College Chapel:

A special committee of the Council has done considerable preliminary work this year towards laying before our people plans for a new College Chapel. The Council has approved the building of the Chapel when satisfactory financial arrangements can be made. It is hoped to have plans ready for display at Conference. The matter is considered by the Council to be urgent because of the unsatisfactory state of the present building. While there is no authority to make an appeal at present, we are sure our people throughout the Dominion will be glad to know of this move towards the building of a more worthy Chapel. When built it will be designed to fit in with the whole College building scheme, which ultimately provides for further class-room and hostel accommodation.

Endowment:

During the year an anonymous gift of £200 was received as a memorial to the late Rev. T. N. Griffin. The interest will be used to purchase books for the College Library.

Gifts to the Library:

As we are able to report every year, so again this year, a number of very valuable books have been donated to the Library, and thanks are extended to all donors. The principal gifts this year include a large number of volumes from the Caughey family and further gifts to the Alex. Reed Memorial Library; not to mention John Hobbs' ear trumpet!

The Staff:

The Council, which is privileged to work in close contact with the teaching staff knows how fortunate we are as a Church, and again warmly records its appreciation of the valuable and faithful service given by each member of the staff and the hospitality so readily given by their wives.

ROBERT THORNLEY, Chairman.

ATHOL R. PENN, Secretary.

B.—PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The College is enjoying a good year in many ways. Under the leadership of the Senior Student, Mr R. Wood, the men are willing and co-operative and the Hostel is in good heart. We are uneasy, however, at the declining roll of theological students. The College reached its maximum with 33 students in 1951, and a decline to 25 must be faced with concern. It is true that no man should presume to undertake this ministry without an assurance of Divine approval, so that candidates may not be produced to order; but it is also true that men do not hear the call or interpret it correctly unless it is presented to them. It is therefore essential that ministers and youth leaders and Christian par-

ents should be alert to encourage and advise young people who are led to offer for the ministry or for deaconess service. The demand is urgent at the moment, and with the growth of population in New Zealand it is likely to be permanent.

I am glad to report that Mr J. A. Ziesler who went to Richmond for training two years ago is taking a prominent place there and doing us all credit. Mr Brian A. Walker left for England, on July 2nd last, and we are confident that he also will take full advantage of the opportunity for advanced study.

The teaching for which the College chiefly exists has been maintained. The Principal taught Systematic Theology (God, Man, Sin), Christian Ethics, Church History (Methodism), Junior N.T. Greek and Elementary Hebrew, besides his work at the University. Dr. Williams took N.T. Introduction (Johannine Literature, etc.), besides Pastoral Theology, I and II, with the Sermon Criticism class and additional instruction in Voice Productions and Radio technique. He has also taught the Intermediate Greek class. Mr Lewis has taken Old Testament Introduction, Exegesis, and Old Testament Theology, Senior N.T. Greek, New Testament Exegesis and New Testament Theology, in addition to his work as S.C.M. Chaplain. Dr. Ranston has continued to tutor a small class in Stage II Hebrew, and to him we are deeply indebted, now and always.

Of course we are not content. The greatest obstacle to more effective teaching is the disparity in academic attainment among the students, but with a larger staff it is possible to divide classes and vary lectures with other modern methods. I am convinced that as soon as the present acute shortage of ministers is overcome, the Church should establish the four-year course as the norm, mainly in order to ensure that men come to their basic three-year course of Biblical and Theological study better prepared. The majority of entrants are not ready to work at the level and at the pace that is necessary if we are to cover the ground.

We are delighted that there is a prospect of a permanent Chapel in the near future. The Chapel and the library are the twin foci of our being; and while the library is a worthy and dignified room, the Collegiate Church has never been more than a makeshift, and it has become less suitable with the passing years. We make every effort, by daily prayers, by Chapel services, by fellowship groups, and by evangelistic efforts outside among the Churches, to keep the spirit glowing and open to the Spirit Himself. Men do not make worthy ministers unless they are deeply committed at the personal level, with that dedication which is symbolised and sealed at the altar.

E. W. HAMES.

C.—TREASURER'S REPORT, YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1955

We started the year with a Debit Balance of £570/0/11 and in our Budget for the end of 1955 we anticipated a Debit Balance of £435. We are pleased to report that the year finished with a Credit Balance of £114/9/2 and we paid an additional sum of £610/18/9 off our mortgage on 134 Grafton Road, making the total Mortgage reduction for the year £772/6/7.

The reasons for this satisfactory financial position are: We are not getting the anticipated number of Theological Students. In 1953, 30 students; 1954, 25; 1955, 21 (resident). This means that we are taking in more paying students and in addition to this, our fees were advanced, and it benefited the College Funds, as shown below—

Hostel Fees:	£
1954 Hostel Fee Income	3,417
Budget 1955 Fee Income	3,600
Actual	4,233
Additional, For Funds, This Year	633

House and Service Account:

Savings in the House and Service Account this year were very substantial and we must express our thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Williams for their very careful administration, which is illustrated by the following figures:—

	£
1954 House and Service	4,182
Budget 1955 House and Service	4,500
Actual	3,961
Saving	539

Friends of Trinity:

Mr Keith Lawry is doing excellent work and we wish to thank him and to express our appreciation to the Friends of Trinity College for their excellent support. This is illustrated by the following figures:—

	£	s.
1954	175	
Budget 1955	200	
Actual	221	12
Increase on Budget	21	12

Additional Sums Received:

Hamilton Church Trust	£50
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We do very much appreciate the Hamilton Trust's contribution to our College Funds, which will be a yearly donation.

Income:

We must express our appreciation for the way in which our income has come in from the Central Finance Committee, all Boards and Trusts this year. With the exception of a small amount of £25, we received all our money before the books closed. In the past, there has always been a time-lag and certain funds did not come in until the following year. This year, we budgeted for £1,400 from the Contingent Fund and received £1,800. This is due to the amount of £400 being carried forward from last year.

Total additional Income over our Budget Estimate was	1,104
Plus Saving on the House and Service	539
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	£1,643

On the other side, there were some substantial increases in expenses on our Budget figures. Stipends and allowances were up by £150, Rates up by £44, Repairs and Maintenance up by £147, Telephones by £28. Few people realise how much work is done by the Staff and the Students at the College in assisting with repairs and maintenance of College property. By their efforts, the saving to College Funds is very considerable.

As stated, through our additional Income and the saving in House and Service Account, we have been able to honour our promise that any such money should be used to reduce our Mortgage on 134 Grafton Road, and we were very pleased to be able to pay the Home Mission Department an additional £610/18/9 and still close our books with a credit balance of £114/9/2.

We are very fortunate to have had a most satisfactory financial year, but do not let us think that our Income is in any way in excess of our requirements, for in 1955-56 we hope that we will have more Theological Students. We have a new housekeeper and very satisfactory staff, but it has been necessary to give wage increases which will have to be met in the coming year. Also, we will have to bear the whole of Rev. J. J. Lewis's salary from the end of this year and this will mean an additional sum of £150 this year, and £300 the next full year.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1956

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.
Balance 1st July, 1955	.....	114	0	0
Probert Trust	.....	1,500	0	0
Emsly Trust	.....	57	0	0
Contingent Fund	.....	1,400	0	0
Prince Albert Trust	.....	400	0	0
Pitt Street Church	.....	100	0	0
Collegiate	.....	60	0	0
Hamilton Trust	.....	50	0	0
Home Mission Department	.....	150	0	0
Foreign Mission Department	.....	75	0	0
General Connexional Appeal	.....	1,000	0	0
Student Christian Movement	.....	150	0	0
Hostel Fees	.....	4,000	0	0
Debit Balance	.....	215	0	0
		£9,271	0	0

PAYMENTS.		£	s.	d.
House and Service	.....	4,400	0	0
Special Accommodation, Women Students	.....	85	0	0
Stipends and Allowances	.....	2,100	0	0
Tutor's Fees	.....	20	0	0
Bursaries	.....	240	0	0
Connexional Charge	.....	200	0	0
Rates	.....	240	0	0
Insurances	.....	160	0	0
Repairs and Maintenance	.....	600	0	0
Furnishings	.....	500	0	0
Telephones	.....	83	0	0
Advertising	.....	5	0	0
University Fees	.....	200	0	0
Rent Board Room	.....	13	0	0
Printing, Postage, Stationery	.....	50	0	0
Sundries	.....	50	0	0
Interest Mortgage Repayment, 134 Grafton Road	.....	175	0	0
Interest Chapel, Building Loan	.....	150	0	0
		£9,271	0	0

WILFRID F. WINSTONE, Hon. Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Reports, Budget and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. That Conference express appreciation of the work of Principal, the Teaching Staff, the Treasurer and the Domestic Staff.
3. That Conference summon the whole Church to recognise the urgent need for more candidates for the ministry. To keep pace with national expansion, the Methodist Church needs larger recruitment of men for the ordained ministry. We acknowledge that all fields of Christian service are important, but it is our duty to affirm the special and strategic necessity of ministerial leadership. To this end we ask every Circuit to take special steps—(A) To keep Trinity College and its needs before our people; (B) To challenge our young people with God's call to full-time Christian service, with special emphasis on the ordained ministry.
4. That the Welfare of the Church Committee enquire into the reasons for the inadequate number of candidates offering for the ministry, the Deaconess Order and other avenues of Church service and report to Synods and Conference.

5. That Conference learns with pleasure that Dr. Ranston has been able to assist the College staff by tutoring a class in Stage II Hebrew, and gives thanks to God for the continued measure of health which enables him to place his great scholarship at the disposal of the Church.

6. That Conference learns with pleasure of the plans of the Council to erect a new College Chapel.

7. That the College Council give consideration to urging Rev. J. J. Lewis to extend his proposed tour to include Palestine.

8. That the Council for 1956 be as printed on page 14 herein. Council Officers: Chairman, Rev. R. Thornley, M.A.; 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

REPORT FOR 1955

The Board has pleasure in reporting that the overall surplus of income for the year ended 31st December, 1954, was £5,322 and that, with capital accretions of £653 being received during the year, the Board's Capital Account stood at £178,905 at that date.

This very good result would have been better but for a very difficult season experienced by the farm. The Franklin district as a whole was so sorely struck that the Government gave assistance by waiving the freight charges on the stock feed bought from outside areas. Because the bad weather conditions have continued into the present season the Farm Committee anticipates another disappointing result for this coming year and considers that if the farming operations can show a profit as good as last year's, at £831, it will be well satisfied. At the end of last year Mr Barber, the Farm Manager, resigned after giving many years good service to the College but the Board was fortunate in finding an able successor in Mr J. L. Browning, formerly of Northland College. Because the farm is now firmly established on the Town Milk Supply it has been decided to gradually change the herd from Friesian/Jersey to Ayrshire and the first of the new stock has been purchased for further breeding.

The College deficit was the largest ever suffered by the Board but, as was reported last year, the State Schools set the standard for salaries paid and we must offer the same salary scale if we are to attract the teachers with the necessary qualifications and ability. After a great deal of consideration had been given to the matter of the fees charged at the College, which are far lower than those charged at comparable schools, the Board decided that as from the commencement of the next school year the maximum fee would be £190 per annum with special provision being made for the enrollment of Maori students at a reduced fee. It has also been decided that the policy of the Board would be to increase the roll to 250 full boarding students and the College Committee at present is investigating the ways and means to best accomplish this objective. As Wesley College is one of the few secondary schools offering an agricultural course, the Board believes that this increased accommodation will be particularly welcomed by farmers. Continued improvements to the farm facilities are making the course increasingly attractive.

Greatest news of the College year, of course, is the commencement of the building of the Assembly Hall. The contract for the erection of the Assembly Hall and Lavatory Wing was signed on the basis of an accepted tender much below the estimate prepared by the Architects last year and it is confidently expected to finish this project complete with fittings for under £30,000. At present the Board has considerable funds toward this development and expects to be able to pay for it completely by the time the buildings are ready for occupation.

A further improvement was effected at the College by the building of an administrative block providing offices for the Principal, Bursar, College Office and Farm Manager.

A contract has been let for the construction of the roads in the new subdivision at Waikowhai which will provide a further 50 sections for leasing late this year. On the basis of a report submitted by a forestry consultant the timber contained in the plantations on this property is to be disposed of now that the trees have reached maturity.

Having obtained the consent of Mr W. E. Donnelly, Headmaster of the Remuera Intermediate School, to accept nomination as a Member of the Board, his name is put forward for election to the Board for 1956.

Leave of absence for eight months was granted the Chairman of the Board, Mr J. S. Caughey, and Mr E. P. Salmon was elected Acting-Chairman during his absence.

On the grounds of ill-health, which necessitated his retirement from practice as a Public Accountant, Mr Leonard Knight resigned from his office as Secretary to the Board, a position held by him since 1923. In his stead, Mr G. C. B. Minogue was appointed in an acting capacity.

Mr Leonard Knight:

The Board desires to place on record its great appreciation of the outstanding service rendered to it by Mr Leonard Knight during the 32 years that he has occupied the position of General Secretary to the Board. During that long period the Board has passed through many vicissitudes of fortunes and its operations have in recent years become greatly extended. In all its difficulties the Board was very greatly assisted and encouraged by the constant and unremitting attention that Mr Knight gave to its affairs and the helpful and willing guidance that his knowledge and experience enabled him to give, and the Board's present prosperous position is in a large measure due to his efforts. The Board feels that it has been singularly fortunate in having had the benefit of Mr Knight's services for so long and its members—particularly those who were associated with him in the more difficult years—will always remember his good work with gratitude and affection.

E. P. SALMON, Acting Chairman.

G. C. B. MINOGUE, Acting Secretary.

B.—REPORT OF PRINCIPAL FOR 1955

Roll:

The Roll on July 1st was 135, with 20 in the Intermediate Department; and a total of 22 Maoris, 8 Islanders, 105 Europeans in addition to 3 Student Workers (Islanders). The erection of the Assembly Hall will make it possible to increase the number of boarders to 150.

Staff:

There has been no change in the teaching staff since the last Report. Miss Cliff, Senior Matron since 1938, retired in August, 1954. Her outstanding service to the College was suitably recognized by pupils, staff and Board, and she will long be remembered with affection and gratitude. Her place has been taken by Miss B. Leslie, formerly Assistant Matron. Miss P. Hubbard is the new Assistant Matron.

Mr H. J. Barber, Farm Manager, resigned in December, 1954, after some 20 years of association with the College. His place has been taken by Mr J. L. Browning, formerly of Northland College.

The College has been fortunate in the quality of those in charge of Departments, and undoubtedly the success attending our efforts is in large measure due to the faithful work of these ladies and gentlemen.

Examinations:

At the end of 1954, 8 gained School Certificate, 3 University Entrance, 1 Endorsed School Certificate, 1 Higher School Certificate.

Additions to Equipment and Facilities:

The boys have assisted in providing improvements at the College. Their efforts were subsidised by the Board in the purchase of a Radiogram; and a hut for the use of Scouts and Ambulance Cadets was built solely by the boys.

Numerous gifts have been made during the year to the library and the music department in the way of books and records; while the Old Boys' Association has been generous in continuing to provide library furniture. We are very grateful to those who have helped us in these ways.

As has been noted elsewhere, the Board has proceeded with extensions to College buildings, notably a new Administration Block, and an Assembly Hall which will be used as Gymnasium and Concert Hall as well as for Assemblies. In addition, a new Lavatory wing is being erected, and plans are in hand for the improvement of present toilet facilities.

On the farm, the new wool-shed has been in use since December last. This, with the new sheep-yards and spray-dip, has become a very efficient unit.

It may now be fairly said that the College has been brought up to a very satisfactory standard in its equipment and facilities. It is the declared policy of the Board to build up the Roll to 250 boarders when finances make that possible. Already we have been able to increase accommodation by nearly 40% over the last ten years.

Out-of-School Activities:

A full programme has been maintained throughout the year in Sports, Clubs (Scouts, Ambulance, Y.F.C., Aero), Choir, and Divinity. The prospects are bright for considerable extension of these when the new Hall is available for use.

The Divinity Group (numbering 17) receive regular instruction in Bible Knowledge, Homiletics, and Theology; with practical experience in conducting Prayers and Church Services. Reports from Old Boys indicate that the experience gained here is bearing fruit when members leave to join in the activities of their home church.

Again the College has been open for visits from Men's Fellowship Groups, Local Preachers' Associations, Overseas Visitors, and numerous folk from other parts of New Zealand. Boys have taken part in City Concerts, have presented concerts themselves in the surrounding district, and have conducted Choir Services in City Churches during the year.

Health has been good, and the School is in good heart.

Mr J. T. Bryant.

Recently the Board accepted with very real regret, the written resignation of Mr J. T. Bryant, as a member of the Board.

E. M. MARSHALL, Principal.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Reports and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. That Conference express appreciation of the work of the Principal, the Teaching Staff, the Domestic Staff and the Board.
3. That Conference congratulate the Principal, the Rev. E. M. Marshall, on the honour of being elected District Governor of 39th District of Rotary for 1956.
4. That the Board for 1956 be as printed on page 14 herein.

(2) Rangiatea Maori Hostel Trust Board

REPORT OF THE BOARD FOR 1955

On behalf of the Board of the Rangiatea Maori College Trust I have pleasure to report as follows:—

The Tenth Annual Conference of the Board was held in New Plymouth on Saturday, 20th November, 1954. Mr A. Eaton Hurley, Chairman of the Board presided over an attendance of 10 Board Members.

The chief business of the Conference concerned the erection of the New Hostel at Spotswood. The Chairman reported having conferred with the Under-Secretary, Department of Maori Affairs, and the Hon. E. B. Corbett urging them to expedite a reply to the promise of a Government Subsidy contained in correspondence under date 10/11/53 and informing them that working drawings were being held up pending assurance of the subsidy.

Only two days before the Board Meeting, the Minister of Maori Affairs, had informed the Chairman that he was prepared to recommend to Cabinet a £ for £ subsidy on the estimated cost of £54,000 provided that no less than 60 beds are provided for boarders as set out in the Plans, and that the Maximum amount he would be prepared to recommend would be £27,000.

The Board's architect exhibited at the Conference a set of new sketch plans he had prepared so as to comply with the requirements of the Commissioner of Works. These plans had already been submitted to the Church Building and Loans Fund Committee and approved by them and the Architect was instructed to submit them to the Ministry of Works with a view to having them approved before preparing working plans.

The matter of the sale of approximately 26 acres of the 50 acre Spotswood property to the Government for the establishment of a co-educational school was given careful consideration.

Boundaries and price were fixed by the Board and the New Plymouth members of the Board were appointed to act for the Board in negotiations for the sale and purchase.

Since the above Board Meeting definite action has been taken in the following matters:—

Government Subsidy:

The Hon. Minister of Maori Affairs, the Hon. E. B. Corbett has now advised that Cabinet approval to his recommendation of a £ for £ subsidy with a maximum of £27,000 has been obtained.

Plan:

Assurance of the Subsidy having been given, the Board's Architect has been instructed to expedite preparation of working plans and to call tenders as soon as possible. He has assured us that the Plans are now on the drawing board but that it will be March 1956, at the earliest, before Tenders will be received.

Sale of Land:

A Plan showing the Boundaries; Area; and Contour; of the land to be offered to the Government and that to be retained for the Hostel has been prepared and a Land Purchase Officer has recently conferred with the local Committee, and since that meeting has submitted a firm price he is prepared to recommend to the Government. This price, however, does not reach the figure decided upon by the Board and a further meeting with the Land Purchase Officer is to take place early in September.

Donations:

The Treasurer reported to the Board a donation of £2,396/2/1 from the Women's Missionary Union of New Zealand which represented the actual result of their special objective for 1954.

Chairman:

Mr A. Eaton Hurley was re-appointed as Chairman of the Board and the Rev. E. T. Olds was appointed Deputy Chairman.

W. P. OKEY, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the following be appointed to the Trust:—Rev. R. P. Rakena, Mr H. T. Awarua, Misses E. B. Cannell and N. Stewart.

QUESTION XLIV.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on the Supernumerary Fund?

Supernumerary Fund Board

ANNUAL REPORT, 1955

The audited financial statements for the year ending 30th June are presented to Conference with this report.

Annuityants and Contributors:

The number of annuityants at date is 54 supernumeraries (54) and 48 widows (48). The figures in brackets represent last year's number. The number of contributors is now 190 (190).

Annuities:

The sum of £8,418/0/10 was paid in annuities during the year together with £480 for furniture grants.

Commutation:

Two Ministers exercised this option receiving in the aggregate the sum of £1,666/0/8.

Accumulated Funds:

Accumulated Funds now amount to £134,544/7/7, an increase of £3,833/6/4 after providing for withdrawals on account of commutation (£1,666/0/8) and refunds to contributors who resigned, amounting to £113/17/-.

Income:

Income from Mortgage and Debenture investments (£5,351/7/2) and arrears of subscriptions (£24/15/5) total £5,376/2/7. The usual provision of £200 has been made for Investment Fluctuation Reserve. The net income from Epworth Chambers is £2,739/17/- after providing for £500 depreciation.

Investments:

Investments are as follows:—(a) Mortgages £65,662/10/11. (b) Debentures and Government Stock £68,370/-/-. (c) Freehold property £37,962/8/5 after depreciation reserve has been allowed at £10,750/-/-.

Interest Earnings:

Interest earnings on the actuarial formula show a return of 4.84%.

Allied Funds:

(a) *Home Acquisition Fund*: In this fund there are 187 contributors whose personal accounts total £20,966/12/7. Benefits are in the form of a lump sum received on retirement. The amount paid out this year was £629/6/- to three ministers together with refunds in certain cases.

(b) *Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund*: This Fund has 27 contributors with accounts aggregating £4,087/15/9. The sum of £1,186/6/7 was paid this year to 3 members who retired or resigned.

(c) *Deaconess Retiring Fund*: The amount held herein is £11,878/11/1 on account of 46 members. One contributor was paid during the year the sum of £445/19/6.

War Veterans:

The Board has had to give consideration to the position of certain annuitants who served in the 1914-18 War and are in receipt of a War Veteran's Pension. This affects their relationship to the Fund in respect to the remaining annuity of £52 p.a. after the option of commutation has been exercised. The position hitherto has been that ministers may commute only such proportion of their interest in the Fund as will enable them (or their widow) to receive a remaining annuity of £52 p.a. The reason for that regulation is that the Church feels that it must accept some continuing responsibility for its retired ministers who should not be dependent entirely on an outside source for their income while superannuated. The Board must safeguard the best interests of retired ministers (and widows). The point at issue is—should such ministers be allowed to commute 100% of their annuity—which would mean that neither they nor their widows would receive any remaining annuity from the Fund but would receive their entire income from the War Veterans Allowance? It is felt that certain implications need examining carefully before any decisions are arrived at.

Commutation as a Right:

Last Conference requested the Board to report on the question of amending the rules of the Fund to allow for commutation as a right.

Actually no amendment is required as that is what has obtained since the Board made provision for this option. It would appear that what occasioned the question, however, is the fact that commuted annuity money must be used for or toward the acquiring of a home. It needs to be emphasized that this regulation originated with the Social Security Commission and not with the Supernumerary Fund Board. The Government regulations state that no applicant for S.S. benefits may deliberately divest himself of assets in order to obtain S.S. benefits. Situations have arisen whereby ministers have been in the position where it was not necessary for them to commute to enable them to acquire a home. It is competent for such ministers to state their case to the Commission which is always considerate and sympathetic.

L. G. K. STEVEN, Chairman.

G. S. SALTER, Lay Treasurer.

H. L. FIEBIG, Managing Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Financial Statements for the following Funds be received and adopted:—Supernumerary Fund, Supernumerary Benevolent Fund, Home Missionaries Retiring Fund, Deaconess Retiring Fund, Home Acquisition Fund.
3. That the Board investigate the position of supernumeraries who are in receipt of a War Veterans' Allowance and report to next Conference.
4. That the Board for 1956 be as printed on page 13 herein.

QUESTION XLV.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on the Methodist General Purposes Trust Board (Inc.)?

Methodist General Purposes Trust Board (Inc.)

(A) ANNUAL REPORT, 1955

This Board administers 100 Trusts of a varying nature. The amount held on account of these various trusts is £65,646/18/1.

During the year the following new trusts were accepted—Mabel Morley Rest Home: P. A. Rushton.

(B) WINSTONE MEMORIAL TRUST FUND

During the past two years very expensive repairs were necessary on one Block of buildings and less expensive renovations were required in

respect to another block which form the capital investment from which this fund derives its income. This meant that grants had to be reduced considerably in all cases which amounted to £604/- distributed to 15 ministers or Home Missionaries.

L. G. K. STEVEN, Chairman.
G. S. SALTER, Lay Treasurer.
H. L. FIEBIG, Managing Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. That Conference record its gratitude for the bequest of a dwelling made to the Church by the late Sister Mabel Morley, to be used as a Rest Home for Christian workers.

QUESTION XLVI.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on the Methodist Children's Fund?

Methodist Children's Fund

TREASURER'S REPORT, 1955

The 1954 Conference authorised that a sum of £3,000 be levied on Districts during 1955 in order to maintain the annual payment from the Children's Fund at £10 in respect of each child. The Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th September, 1955, shows that this sum of £3,000 was insufficient to cover the claims on the Fund on the basis authorised and it was only after a grant of £25 had been made by the Contingent Fund that all obligations were met. The help from the Contingent Fund Treasurers is gratefully acknowledged. The number of claimants for Children's Fund benefits continues to increase, and during the past year 302½ allowances have been paid as compared with 287½ for the previous year and 272½ for 1953. In 1939 the number was 173. The District allocations have been as under:—

Auckland	82½
South Auckland	22
Taranaki-Wanganui	25½
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	23½
Wellington	51
Nelson	15
North Canterbury	46½
South Canterbury	12½
Otago-Southland	24
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	302½

It is also recorded with appreciation that the Fire Insurance Fund has written off the indebtedness of £150, which has been outstanding by way of loan since 1949.

As regards the coming year 1956, there are already 297 registrations which, together with the children of this year's Ordinands and new births before the end of the year, means that the present Levy of £3,000 will be insufficient if the present annual payment of £10 per child is to be maintained. It is accordingly requested that an amount of £3,200 be made available to the Fund for 1956.

The last Conference directed the Treasurers to consider the suggestion that the present age limit of 16 years under which boys may benefit from the Fund be extended. We sympathise with those Ministers who are struggling to give their sons an advanced education, but we feel that, with the many other urgent claims at the present time, it would be inappropriate at present to ask the Connexion to provide the additional sum involved. Based on present registrations the proposal would involve an

additional cost of £175 for next year rising to £250 by 1963. Under present day conditions boys and girls commencing work, either permanently or during vacations, receive relatively high wages, and we have given some thought as to the possibility of ceasing the annual payment from the Fund at, say, age 16 for both boys and girls except in those cases where the Minister's children carry on with advanced education when the annual payment would cease at age 18 in both cases instead of at age 16 for boys and 18 for girls as at present. Administrative difficulties appear to make this proposal impracticable. We therefore have no recommendation to make on the proposal from last Conference.

W. H. GREENSLADE,
T. M. PACEY, Treasurers.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. That in view of the difficulty in forecasting the amount required to maintain the payment of £10 per child from the Children's Fund, the annual levy be increased to £3,300, any surplus to be accumulated and the position reviewed in 1958.
3. That the Treasurers be Rev. G. H. Goodman and Mr T. M. Pacey.

QUESTION XLVII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on the Contingent Fund?

1. That the Financial Statement and Budget be received and adopted.
2. That the District Annual Financial returns be supplied on Official Forms prepared by the Treasurers.
3. That the price of the Conference Agenda and of the Minutes of Conference be 2/6 per copy.
4. That the Consultative Committee be the Chairman of the Auckland District, the Connexional Secretary, Messrs. J. H. Blackwell, G. S. Gapper, F. E. Sutherland and the Treasurers.
5. That the Treasurers, Rev. W. Walker and Mr A. H. Winstone be thanked for their services and be re-appointed.
6. That Mr J. C. Wigglesworth, B.Com., be thanked for his services as Honorary Auditor and be re-appointed.

QUESTION XLVIII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on the Removal Expenses Fund?

Removal Expenses Fund Committee

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1955

During the year 42 removals were carried out compared with 66 in 1953-54 and 57 in 1952-53. However, as was anticipated by the Committee in its Supplementary Report to Conference in 1954, there has been a substantial rise in costs. The average cost for the 42 removals was £51 15s. 1d. compared with £43 8s. 10d. in 1953-54 and £43 3s. 4d. in 1952-53.

Due to the low number of removals the Fund has regained more than it lost during the previous financial year. This year's excess of Income over Expenditure of £507 compares with last year's deficit of £364, and is ascertained after crediting the Fund with £2,650 in Levies. (Six months at £2,500 per annum and 6 months at £2,800 per annum).

The Committee has endeavoured to keep the cost of removals down to a minimum. It has been their policy to get one firm to do all the removals if possible. It simplifies and co-ordinates the whole of the removal business and from experience and actual quotations is the cheaper method. However, after the Conference discussion last year it was agreed to endeavour to get competitive quotations for the 1954-55 removals. In view of

the short time available after Conference and before Ministers moved (Christmas holidays intervening), no quotations other than from the New Zealand Railways were received.

The Committee would like to make known to all Ministers and Probationers that all arrangements for the removal of Ministers' and Married Probationers' effects are made by the Treasurers in Christchurch. Single Probationers, Students, Supernumeraries and others should make their own arrangements unless they request the Treasurers to do so. There have been several cases of Ministers advising that a member of their Congregation is a carrier and can do the removal cheaper than would otherwise be the case; or some Ministers promptly get a quotation themselves from either the Railways or local carrier. In the first case it must be remembered that in nearly every case a carrier has to get a special license to undertake the work, and when it comes to the point one is not obtainable and much valuable time is wasted. In both cases all the removals throughout the the Connexion must be viewed as a whole. An apparent saving of a few pounds may be made in one particular removal but when viewed in relation to all the removals, the concessions gained by having one firm do them all far outweigh any gain on one such transaction.

The Committee has found it impracticable to implement the Conference resolution "to draw up and furnish to Conference a detailed list of what are permissible items in Ministers' removals chargeable to the Fund". Considerable time was spent by the Committee on this subject and it was pointed out that items that may not be permissible should in certain circumstances be allowed. It was also felt that the present limits of £125 and £75 for removals plus the fact that the Committee has power to ask for a refund of any excess of those amounts should be sufficient to keep costs as low as possible. In all cases the recovery of the excess is left to the discretion of the Committee whose decision is final. The Committee has power to ask for a schedule of goods moved even though the cost may not be in excess of the above limits, and Ministers are asked to be reasonable in what they move. Cases have occurred where Ministers have included in their removal several sacks of potatoes, others have stored up and had moved large quantities of coal.

Once again the Committee requests Conference to endeavour to keep down the number of removals (especially long distance) to a minimum. As mentioned in the first paragraph of this Report, with an average cost of £51 per removal, it follows that if there are over 55 removals the increased levy of £2,800 would be insufficient to meet that cost.

B. H. RISELEY,

W. E. CLOTHIER, Treasurers.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. That the Levy for the ensuing year be £2,800.
3. That the Treasurers be thanked and re-appointed.
4. That Mr F. M. Sowden (Honorary Auditor) be thanked for his services and re-appointed.
5. That the maximum allowed for removals be: Inter-Island £125, Within Island £75.
6. That the Removal Expenses Fund Committee be asked to consider the following matters and report to Synods and Conference:—
 - (a) That the Ministers moving be authorised to obtain at least two quotations, to accept the best quotation and then refer them to the Committee for confirmation.
 - (b) That when a Circuit is debited with excess removal expenses they be provided with a comprehensive statement showing an analysis of the total cost.

(c) The need for promptly advising Circuit officials of the excess charges to be met.

7. That the Committee for 1956 be as printed on page 13 herein.

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

Foreign Mission Department

ANNUAL REPORT 1955

This year the Department continues the procedure commenced last year of submitting to the District Synods this report dealing with the work of the Board during the year. This report will appear also in the main Conference agenda. A further report, dealing with the work on our two fields and presenting any necessary recommendations concerning them, will appear in the supplementary agenda of Conference.

Staff:

In the Solomon Islands, the post vacated by the Rev. F. H. Woodfield has remained unfilled. The Board hopes to recommend an appointment to the Conference. The return of Sister Edna White to the field for a term of unpaid service has been greatly appreciated by our workers, and has challenged the Church in New Zealand. Two further nurses, Sisters Norma Neutze of Geraldine and Joy Thompson of Henderson have also proceeded to the Islands. Two posts still remain vacant. The illness of Sister Helen Whitlow results now in a vacancy in our teaching staff as well. Mr Wesley W. Leonard of the United Church of Canada, more recently of Durham Street Church, is giving a year of engineering and building service in the Solomon Islands. Two trained carpenters are required. On receiving the request of our last Conference, the Tongan Conference has recently appointed and sent to the Solomon Islands the Rev. Ahofitu Maka, in succession to the Rev. Paul Havea.

No new appointments have been made to the Highlands field, the post of male teacher remaining so far unsupplied. Mr G. T. Dey, builder, of Hamilton East Circuit, reached Mendi in December, accompanied by Burley and Muriel Mesopitu, the third Solomon Islands missionary couple to go to the new field. The Rev. C. J. and Mrs Keightley reached Tari in January. Sister Edith James completed the Wycliffe Linguistics Course at Melbourne and is now in George Brown Missionary College, Sydney. She will proceed to the field about November.

Home Base:

Last year's special appeal for the New Guinea Highlands meant an almost complete coverage of the whole Dominion by our deputations. This year, however, many Circuits have been without an Overseas Mission visitor. The Rev. A. H. Voyce visited Victoria in exchange for the Rev. David Mone, Tongan minister designated by the Australian Board for service in the Highlands. Mr Mone spent six weeks touring the principal North Island centres. The Board is grateful for the services on deputation of the Rev. A. A. Bensley, Rev. A. W. E. Silvester, Rev. H. L. Fiebig, Rev. B. H. Riseley and Rev. F. H. Woodfield. The General Secretary traversed most Circuits in the Auckland and Taranaki-Wanganui Districts, and plans later to visit Nelson. The Rev. G. G. Carter will be our deputation to Otago-Southland. The film "Men of the Mountains", shown by the General Secretary, has been well received. Plans are laid for a visit to New Zealand next year by the Rev. G. H. Young, Superintendent of the Papua-New Guinea Highlands Mission.

At the Board's direction the General Secretary is visiting the Highlands field during July and spending August in the Solomon Islands and attending the Solomon Islands District Synod in September.

Literature:

The Editors have followed their policy with the missionary periodicals, "The Open Door" and "The Lotu", and with the overseas missionary columns of "The Methodist Times". The booklet "Forgotten People of New Guinea" has been widely distributed, and "Unknown People of New Guinea" by the Rev. C. F. Gribble has had a ready sale. Once again the publicity folder and the handbill have been amalgamated. The four issues of "The Open Door" have featured respectively: Missionary Education, Annual Report, Leprosy, and Modern Techniques. As approved by last Conference the enlarged March issue incorporated the annual published report of the Department and financial returns. It is proposed to continue this policy, which seems to have been well received. Though the economy in printing costs was slight, the system seems to be neater than the former one, and the labour saved at the Mission Office is considerable. The Officers regret that the orders for extra copies of this number have had to be reduced. It was difficult to estimate in advance the number required. In consequence, too few were printed.

Methodist Women's Missionary Union:

The Board shares the sorrow caused by the untimely death of Mrs E. W. Ashby, the Dominion Secretary. Throughout their term of office, the Dominion Executive at Dunedin have well maintained the interest and support of the women of the Church in our missionary work. The Board is grateful both for the special objectives raised and for the increased grants towards Sisters' stipends.

Youth Department:

Sister Pamela Beaumont has now replaced Sister Jane Bond as a youth representative overseas. Support for Sister Pamela and for the Rev. G. G. Carter is coming forward in gratifying fashion from the youth groups of the Church.

Training of Workers:

So far only two of the workers for the Highlands have taken the George Brown College course. It is planned however that as soon as practicable all our women workers for both fields will undertake this training. The case of each minister appointed to the Solomons Islands will be considered as to whether further missionary training is required.

Financial:

Our first word must be one of thanks to our people for their support of the special appeal in 1954 for the Papua-New Guinea Highlands mission. So far about £9,600 has been raised towards the target of £10,000, and we are soberly confident that the balance will appear. This fund will be called on heavily in the establishment of the next new station in the Highlands, which it is agreed shall be New Zealand's special responsibility to found and maintain.

The support of the workers in the new field has been added to the maintenance of the old field as a charge on our general fund. In view of last year's special appeal, we hardly anticipated more than a slight increase in the general giving. That in fact is what has appeared. In order to cope with our new needs and opportunities overseas this year the Board is aiming to lift our general giving by 20%. In recent years the inadequacy of our giving to meet the rising costs has been obscured by the splendid giving of the Solomon Islands Church, which last year reached the record level of £11,263. Copra prices however have passed their peak, and we cannot hope for further spectacular increases in the Solomon Islands giving. Indeed, complications due to the severe copra grading policy of the British Solomon Islands Government are likely this year to result in a sharp, though, we hope, temporary setback to our Islands income. This event illustrates the wisdom of the Board in estimating to raise each year the average of the income received during the preceding three years.

Leper Fund:

A grant of £3500 by the Leper's Trust Board brings the total grants from this source to £22,750 over the past 14 years; a further instalment of £4000 brings to £15,500 the sum granted for the leprosy relief vessel. It will be two years however before this vessel can be commissioned for service in our field. In expressing its thanks for these continued and munificent grants, the Board is confident that it expresses the mind of the whole Church.

E. W. HAMES, Chairman.

S. G. ANDREWS, General Secretary.

Foreign Mission Department

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT, 1955

The aim of this Supplementary Report is to include the main features of the reports submitted from the Mission fields themselves to the annual meeting of the Foreign Mission Board.

Solomon Islands:

"We thank God that His Holy Spirit is at work among us," runs the Synod resolution on the spiritual state of the Circuits. "Jubilees at Vella Lavella and Choiseul have lifted up our hearts and given us renewed spiritual vision. It is a matter for rejoicing that increasingly the people of the District are contributing vitally to the building of Christ's Church in our hearts."

Every Circuit is able to report some forward step during the year. Vella Lavella Jubilee was marked by the opening of a new Church at Bilua. At Choiseul and Roviana, sisters' houses have been completed, in conjunction with the girls' dormitories made possible by earlier special efforts of the M.W.M.U. The powerful influence of this girls' work is illustrated abundantly by the marriage of the head girl of the Bilua Girls' Home to one of the teachers who recently went as a missionary to the Highlands of New Guinea. In Buin Circuit, the forward step has been the restoration of two sisters at the outpost at Tonu, Siwai. The measure of the people's appreciation was shown by the congregation who gathered there to greet the General Secretary, the largest on his journeys. Teop Circuit has the new mission house and new maternity annexe. It is also the centre of consistent evangelistic work, and of a teaching ministry among a Methodist people, deeply conscious of their minority status alongside large and aggressive missionary work of other groups. At long last, Buka Circuit has realised the Elizabeth Common Memorial Hospital, largely by the efforts of the Circuit Superintendent himself.

Educational and Medical work also passed before the review of the Synod. Recommendations come forward to the Board for the establishment of a District Girls' School at Kihili, in Buin Circuit, and of a tuberculosis hospital at Buka.

With the return of more settled conditions, district statistics are being rectified and leaders' meetings are functioning widely. Members, youth roll and adherents have all increased since last year, the total Methodist population now recorded being 18,790. The Synod has approved procedures for dealing with various pastoral situations. Catechists are being increasingly freed from teaching duties that they may move among the people. Scripture, hymns and devotional literature is in course of preparation in practically every Circuit.

New Guinea Highlands:

Prior to his visit to the Solomon Islands, the General Secretary was able to spend two weeks in the New Guinea Highlands and to see at first hand the problems and opportunities of the work there.

So far the Government is not ready to establish further administration stations, and until then will not give permission for further mission sta-

tions to be opened. Tari itself is still regarded as a "restricted area" where the missionaries may not move more than two miles from the Government station. But the people may come to the missionaries, and do so in considerable numbers. Large congregations gather each Sunday. Mendi is now "derestricted", so that the Gospel may be preached in 38 hamlets as well as on the mission station itself. Definitely the highlight of the General Secretary's visit was accompanying Burley Mesepitu of the Solomon Islands as he moved on Sunday from hamlet to hamlet, and paused by the wayside to present a simple, prepared Gospel message in the language of the people, to those who gathered to hear.

Medical work proceeds at each centre, with the prospect of concentrating on leprosy work at Tari. The two German Methodist deaconesses spent some time at the London Missionary Society's coastal leper hospital on their way to the Highlands, and Sister Edith James will do likewise.

The educational, linguistic and translation work of Miss E. Wilson at Mendi is a splendid piece of pioneer missionary service. At Tari, the educational work depends largely on the two Solomon Islands teachers, Alpheus Alikera and John Pirah. The situation at Tari, which may well be our later training centre, demands the appointment of the male European teacher, for whom we are still appealing in both Australia and New Zealand.

Our builder, Mr G. T. Dey, is busy at Mendi. His efforts are being greatly helped by the "Tools for Gordon" appeal, organised by the Men's Fellowship at St. John's Church, Hamilton East.

It is understood that the next new station to be established will be financed from the appeal fund raised last year by Methodist people in New Zealand. The field workers and the Board are planning together the best way to use the funds available.

Home Base:

Since the District Synods, the outstanding event in the work of the Department has been the publication of "Isles of Solomon" by C. T. J. Luxton. In publishing the work, the Board was advised by a committee of Board members, with the valued service of Sister Rita Snowden as a co-opted member. Gratitude is also expressed to Mr A. W. Reed and Mr J. H. Richards of Reeds Publishers for invaluable advice, criticism and technical help.

The book is selling well through the Circuits and booksellers. The favourable reception is an indication of the quality of the author's work, for which the Board records its sincere thanks.

E. W. HAMES, Chairman.

S. G. ANDREWS, General Secretary.

TREASURERS' REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST, 1955.

The figures given in the Financial Statements are for the first time expressed entirely in New Zealand currency.

Income:

As anticipated in the Annual Report, there has been a considerable drop in the income from the Solomon Islands. The estimates provided for £A16,355 whereas the total received was £A13,770. This reduction is in measure due to a fall in the price of copra and to the reaction of the people to the Government's new copra grading policy. This affected the income from Circuit giving and also the return from sales of copra. Grants were anticipated to reach £A4,045 whereas the amount received amounted to £A2,591.

New Zealand Circuit income totalled £17,445 which is £1,685 more than estimated but it is difficult to make a true comparison owing to the financial year ending in August and the appeal year in December. As a

result there is considerable overlapping. The M.W.M.U. made an additional grant this year and as a result paid in £450 more than estimated.

Expenditure:

The Solomon Islands expenditure at £A39,573 is £A1,297 more than estimated. This is mainly due to the rising costs of travel and freights, and to increase of stipends. The New Zealand working expenses exceeded the estimates by £328 which is accounted for by the general increase in costs under several heads.

Leper Fund:

We are again indebted to the Leper's Trust Board for their continued help. This year the grant is £3,500.

Leper Relief Vessel:

A further £4,000 has been received and the fund now stands at £15,996.

The Building and Equipment Fund:

The Building and Equipment Fund has benefitted from legacies totalling £3,898 and from this fund £3,076 has been expended.

Papua-New Guinea Highlands Fund:

During the financial year £5,857 was received for the fund for establishment costs, making the total result of the appeal £9,614.

Rehabilitation Fund:

As indicated in the accounts and on the special statement, the sum of £NZ8,124 has been expended during the year.

Boat Insurance Fund:

In accordance with the decision of the Board the insurance of the boats is now carried by our own fund. £253 in lieu of premiums plus £150 subsidy brings the fund to £14,446.

Publications:

The loss on the publications, "The Open Door" and "Lotu", continues to increase and will necessitate re-consideration of the Board's policy concerning same.

The cash deficit amounted to £324, but owing to the Board's financial year ending 31st August, and the publishing years ending at 31st March and 31st May respectively, this does not give a true picture. The total cost of producing the "Open Door" for the year was £671. 7114 subscribers at 1/6d per annum amount to £533. The loss in a complete year is therefore £138. The "Lotu" costs for the year amounted to £541. The income for 9,200 copies at £3 per 100 per annum amounts to £276. The Home Mission Department contributes £97 as its portion of printing costs. The loss for a complete year amounts to £168.

General Financial Position:

The year's working of the Board's Funds shows a deficit of £5,359. This figure reflects in part substantial charges on account of the previous year, which as indicated in our report last year, had not then come to charge. The deficit has been charged to the General Reserve Account which is now reduced to £1,817. It is obvious that with ever-increasing charges and the expenses of the new field in the Papua-New Guinea Highlands it will be necessary for the Church to give greater support to its missionary enterprise.

A. BLAKEMORE,

G. S. GAPPER, Treasurers.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Reports be received and adopted.
2. That the Treasurers' Report, Statement of Income and Expenditure, and Balance Sheet, duly audited, be received and adopted.

3. That the Estimates of General Income and Expenditure, and Special Expenditure for the 1955-56 financial year be received and adopted.

4. That the allocation of the balance of the Rehabilitation Fund be given general approval.

5. That Conference be associated with the greetings sent by the Board to our workers overseas and to the Methodist Church in the Solomon Islands.

6. That the tentative allocation of the New Guinea Highlands Appeal Fund be approved.

7. That the thanks of the Conference be accorded the Rev. C. T. J. Luxton for the excellent service rendered in the writing and preparation of "Isles of Solomon".

8. That Sister Helen Whitlow, whose resignation on health grounds has been accepted by the Board, be thanked for her services in the Solomon Islands.

9. That Law Book paragraph 504(26) be amended by the addition of:
"26(b) Native probationers

(f) One native lay representative appointed by the Quarterly Meeting of each Circuit."

10 Appointments:

(a) That the Board for 1956 be as printed on pages 11 and 12 herein.

(b) *Representatives to National Missionary Council*: Rev. S. G. Andrews, Wellington District Foreign Mission Secretary; Mr C. J. Freeman, Mr S. N. Roberts and Mrs E. M. Riddell.

(c) *Representatives to Executive of National Missionary Council*: Rev. S. G. Andrews (substitute when required, Wellington District Foreign Mission Secretary): Mrs E. M. Riddell.

(d) *District Foreign Mission Conveners*:

AUCKLAND: Rev. W. E. A. Carr.

NORTHLAND SUB-DISTRICT: Rev. A. W. E. Silvester.

SOUTH AUCKLAND: Rev. I. C. E. Ramage, M.A.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI: Rev. F. H. Woodfield.

SUB-COMMITTEE: Rev. E. D. Grounds.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU: Mr J. H. Oldham.

MANAWATU SUB-COMMITTEE: Rev. J. K. Watson, B.A.

WELLINGTON: Rev. L. T. Norwell.

NELSON: Rev. E. Baker.

NORTH CANTERBURY: To be appointed.

SOUTH CANTERBURY: Rev. W. J. Morrison.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND: Rev. W. J. Henderson.

(e) *Superintendent, Papua-New Guinea Highlands Mission*: Rev. G. H. Young' is nominated to the New South Wales Conference for appointment.

(f) *Auditors*: Messrs. Macky and Freer.

Methodist Women's Missionary Union

FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING

31st AUGUST, 1955

In presenting this report of the M.W.M.U. for the year ending 31st August, 1955, we give thanks to God for His guidance. We are happy to be able to state that once again our Union shows some advancement in finance and a small increase in membership.

Tribute:

The sudden passing of our Dominion Secretary, Mrs E. W. Ashby on April 18th came as a great shock to us all. The late Mrs Ashby was a faithful servant of God throughout her whole life. Our Union is the

poorer because of her passing, yet richer as we remember her good works and genial personality. She leaves a very treasured memory.

To others of our Union who have passed to higher service we pay our tribute also, and extend sincere sympathy to those who have passed through days of sorrow and bereavement.

Executive:

Meetings have been held regularly each month plus one special meeting called for Conference business and all have commenced with a period of devotion led by one of our members.

Membership:

Membership stands at 5,883 an increase of 14 on last year. The Gleaners figures are based on the number of boxes opened and are 1,425. These are included in the total membership. Seven districts show a decrease in membership attributed largely to removals and deaths. The total number of auxiliaries remains the same.

District Councils:

District working continues in nineteen districts. Conventions have been held during the year and a personal message from the Dominion President has been sent. One District held two conventions so that all members would have a chance of attending one or the other. These meetings are a great inspiration to the members, both from a "Fellowship" and an "Educational" point of view.

President's Monthly Letter:

Auxiliaries through their districts all pay glowing tributes to these letters. A vast amount of time and thought is put into the compiling of same, and as the work has progressed more letters have had to be printed. The number printed monthly is 2,200 copies.

Stamps:

Mrs W. R. Bissland reports:—

"This year again, we have had a special issue on sale, the New Zealand Centennial stamps which were issued in 2d, 3d and 4d values and which should bring good returns. The new Health stamps, too, which this year will give us a 4d value as well as 2d and 3d, are always in demand. In this my last report I have to give thanks to all who spend so much time cleaning, sorting, and selling for their auxiliaries, as this entails much work. All stamps sent to me have been acknowledged personally and through the "Methodist Times." To my successor I wish a happy term of office.

Gleanings:

Mrs E. R. Smith reports:—"It would seem that 1954-55 has been a good year as far as Gleaners is concerned. Although 1,775 President's letters are sent out to District Gleanings Secretaries, our Gleanings membership is ascertained from Boxes opened, as per schedules submitted, and this total stands at 1,425 which is an increase of 41 on last year. The total amount subscribed by Gleaners is £1,360/12/4, an increase of £208/7/4 on last year's total of £1,152/5/-.

There is still evidence of doubt regarding the 1/- membership fee, but last year's resolution regarding same has been adhered to in most cases. As I close my term of office, my sincere thanks are extended to all District and Auxiliary Secretaries for splendid service rendered.

Literature:

Mrs E. D. Smyth reports that she despatches 450 packets of the President's letter each month, and that Easter Offering envelopes were supplied to all Districts.

Home Sisters' Parcels:

Mrs J. M. Thomas reports:—"Districts have supplied the Sisters with 578 parcels (including sacks) an increase of 60 parcels over last year. It is pleasing to note that the Sister allocated to a District has been well supplied

and in some cases other persons have been remembered also. In the Sisters' reports they mention the tremendous assistance these goods are to them in their work and they appreciate fully the assistance given by Districts.

Overseas Sisters:

Sister Lucy Money did itinerary work in Otago and Southland immediately after Union Conference, then a period in the Thames Valley District, with a general rally in Christchurch. Sister Thelma Duthie did a full itinerary that covered North and South Canterbury, Wairarapa and Manawatu Districts. Sister Helen Whitlow spoke at Matamata and Rotorua and owing to ill health did not continue itinerary work.

Home Sisters:

This year the two sisters granted to us for deputation work were Sister Rona Keightley, who spent a fortnight visiting North and South Canterbury Districts, while Sister Anne Wilson visited Otago and Southland for a similar period. These visits did much to increase the interest in our Maori work.

New Workers:

On the 27th March Sister Joy Thompson was dedicated in Pitt Street Church to work as a Nursing Sister and left Auckland on April 1st for the Field. Sister Edith James was also dedicated at Pitt Street on December 12th. Sister Edith will be working in the New Guinea Highland Field. On the 5th February at Geraldine Sister Norma May Neutze was dedicated for work as a Nursing Sister and left New Zealand at the end of February. Sister Edna White left Auckland on January 14th to render honorary service on the Field.

Smethurst Home:

The flat continues to be used by the Sisters for rest and relaxation.

Smethurst Estate:

Again this year £130 interest from this estate was paid towards the salary of the Maori Minister stationed in Auckland.

The Prayer Leaflet:

The Prayer Leaflet printed by the Board of Publications in conjunction with the Spiritual Advance Committee at the small charge of 6d per copy has been well received. It has proved to be of great value and help and well worthwhile.

As we come to the close of our term of office, we wish to express our gratitude to God for His Guidance throughout, and we praise Him for all that has been given in prayer and service and for the sense of stewardship shown by all the members of the Union.

To the new Executive as they take up the work we extend our loving greetings and pray that their term of office will prove a time of great joy and inspiration.

E. C. PURDIE, President.

E. M. GERRY, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference express appreciation of the work of the M.W.M.U. and of the Dominion Executive under the leadership of Miss E. C. Purdie.

QUESTION L.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on the Home Mission and Church Extension Fund?

Home Mission Department

ANNUAL REPORT 1955

The work of the Department has proceeded with a very full programme for another year. We rejoice in the continued and evident blessing of Almighty God in our task.

The Board:

Several new members, both ministerial and lay were appointed by last Conference and they have entered on their work with zeal and faithfulness.

Obituary:

This year has seen the passing of three senior members of the Board—Messrs T. W. Hemer, H. S. Crowe, and G. Spooner.

In the passing of Mr Hemer, who for 18 years was Manager of our Bookroom, the Church has lost a devoted servant, and the ministers a great friend. Mr Hemer came from South Australia to enter Home Mission service, but on medical advice had to relinquish his second appointment. When the Bookroom required the services of a Manager he, at considerable sacrifice, responded to the invitation of the Board to take the position. Because of his wide knowledge of the Church and the Ministry he was a valued member of the Board.

Mr Crowe was the lay member of longest standing on our Board, having been appointed in 1923. He was a faithful and regular member of the Board. Mr Spooner gave six years of faithful service to the Board.

To the relatives of all of these Board members we express very sincere sympathy.

Staff:

New Members. We welcomed during the year Messrs. J. F. Walls, and L. Major as Single Missionary Probationers.

Resignation. With much regret we accepted the resignation of Messrs. A. E. Tardif, Gordon Armitage and J. M. Daley. Mr Daley has continued on a part-time supply basis at Opotiki with much acceptance.

We would also desire to express the thanks of the Department to Rev. J. Lloyd Gammon for the excellent supply service he rendered for 3 years at Bluff. He has now returned to an appointment with his own Church.

Deputation Work:

This year the Deputation work is being carried by the Rev. G. I. Laurenson using the Film of the Life of Rev. John Wesley, and the Rev B. M. Chrystall using an excellent colour film taken by himself concerning his visit to Evanston and the United States, and also a film entitled "The Hidden Heart," bearing on Stewardship. Where local organisation has been carried out with enthusiasm, the meetings have been most encouraging.

We are very grateful to the British Home Mission Department for their generosity in allowing us to procure one of their prints of the John Wesley Film. It is bringing much inspiration to large audiences in most places.

Annual Missionary Appeals and Local Budget Schemes for Raising Finance:

While commending very heartily the steps being taken in many circuits to put local finances on a sound footing by budget schemes, we would point out the undesirability of incorporating in such schemes the annual appeal for missionary giving.

On the one hand we feel that there is real value in bringing before our people regularly the claims of both missionary Departments, and on the other hand Superintendent Ministers should remember that they have no power to accept resolutions for discussion that in their effect would set aside a law of the Church or resolution of the Conference. (See Law Book Page 27, Paragraph 155). A very important connexional principle of Methodism is involved.

We still feel the need of holding regular Home and Overseas Mission Sundays and Weeknight Meetings in as many preaching places as possible and the soliciting of annual subscriptions specifically for the funds concerned.

Literature and Colporteur Society:

It is evident from the business results from the new Epworth Book-room in Auckland, that our venture in fitting up the new shop has been well worth while. Both the Trade and the buying public have expressed much appreciation of the better facilities now provided. As soon as revenue makes it possible, there must be an increase in the staff employed. We owe a great deal to the faithful service rendered by Mr Beavis and Miss Hicks.

Church Extension and Staffing:

Again we present urgently to our people the necessity of seeking many more recruits for the Ministry, Home Mission work and the Deaconess Order if we are to overtake the growing demands of this young Dominion. Well might every Circuit take stock of this matter and enquire what it has contributed from its life to the full time work of the Church over the course of its existence.

Conclusion:

We commend our work again to the loyal support of every member of the Church.

E. W. HAMES, Chairman of the Board.

J. C. DRAPER, Secretary of the Board.

GEO. I. LAURENSEN, General Superintendent.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Statement of Receipts and Payments of the Home Mission Department, together with the subsidiary statement of accounts of The Picture Department, the Maori Ministers Home Acquisition Fund, the Home Missionaries Training Conference be received and adopted.
3. That the Financial Statement of the Home Mission and Church Extension Investment Funds Board, together with the abstract accounts of the Special Loan Account, the Rev. Thomas and Mrs Buddle Centennial Gift, the Rev. George and Mrs Buttle Centennial Gift, the Rev. T. G. and Mrs Brooke Memorial Fund, and the Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust be received and adopted.
4. That the Financial Statement of the Methodist Mission Property Trustees be received and adopted.
5. That the Financial Statement of the Literature and Colporteur Society be received and adopted.
6. That Mr R. N. Cooke, auditor of the accounts of the Literature and Colporteur Society, and Mr W. A. Smith, auditor of the Home Mission Department accounts, be thanked for their services and re-appointed.
1. That the Treasurers, the Rev. B. M. Chrystall and Mr Frank Penn be re-appointed.
8. That the Estimates of Income and Expenditure be received and adopted.

9. That the attention of Circuit Superintendents be drawn to Page 27, paragraph 155 of the Book of Laws.

10. That Conference re-affirm the principle of every Circuit giving one Sunday's offerings to Home and to Foreign Missions in addition to the offerings of the week night meetings, and donations to the Annual Appeal, this to be carried out in good faith by the Circuits.

11. That Conference further amend the Law relating to the Home Mission Department and Circuit organisation (see p.194, 1954 Minutes) to make sub-section (14) of Section 504, (page 108 of the Law Book) apply, mutatis mutandis, to Section 505, sub-section (24) (page 115 of the Law Book).

12. That Conference request the Home Mission Board once again to report on the position of Home Missionaries in relation to the ordained Ministry.

13. That in order to give more time to the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of the H.M. Department to assist the development and extension of the Maori work, the Department make greater use, where possible, of District H.M. Committees in the arrangement of local deputations.

14. That the thanks of the Conference be expressed to all who have assisted the work of the Department during the year,—District and Circuit Home Mission Secretaries, Collectors, Ministers and Home Missionaries, and those who have provided hospitality to those on deputation.

15 Budget Systems.

(a) That Conference appoint a Committee to investigate, within New Zealand and Overseas, and to report upon the following matters:—

1. Methods of local Church finance and budgeting.

2. The relationship of such schemes to specific objectives such as Home Missions, Foreign Missions and other causes, which call for the compassionate understanding and support of the Church.

3. Methods used in the sponsoring of financial schemes for local and national extension and development in all aspects of Church work.

4. The operations of Boards and Departments which are responsible for educational work and initiating action in matters of Christian Stewardship.

5. Any other matters which are relevant to the range of these investigations.

(b) That the Committee be the President of Conference, the Revs. G. H. Goodman, E. S. Hoddinott, J. B. Dawson, A. J. Johnston, W. F. Ford, Messrs. T. M. Pacey, S. N. Roberts, S. Roberts, G. G. Slater, E. D. Holdaway, R. Hardie Boys, E. W. Browne, O. Dryden, H. C. R. Blackwood, E. G. Heggie, A. J. Johnston, with the Secretary of Conference, the Connexional Secretary, the General Superintendent of Home and Maori Missions, the General Secretary of Foreign Missions, and the Rev. B. M. Chrystall as corresponding members. Convener: Rev. G. H. Goodman.

16 Religious Film Society.

(a) That the Report be received.

(b) That the question of possible further financial assistance for the Religious Film Society be referred to the Home Mission Board for favourable consideration.

(c) That the four Methodist representatives be: Revs. G. I. Laurenson, Albert Jolly, J. J. Lewis and Mr Leo. Foster.

(d) That the Secretary of Conference consider the channel through which this report should come to Conference each year.

17. That the Home Mission Board for 1956 be as printed on page 12 herein.

18 District Hime Mission Conveners:

AUCKLAND: Rev. H. Whitfield.
NORTHLAND: To be appointed.
FRANKLIN SUB-DISTRICT:
SOUTH AUCKLAND: Rev. C. H. Bell.
TARANAKI-WANGANUI: Rev. J. M. Blight.
WANGANUI SUB-COMMITTEE: Rev. E. D. Grounds.
HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU: Rev. F. H. Parker.
HAWKE'S BAY SUB-COMMITTEE: Rev. H. C. Matthews.
WELLINGTON: Rev. A. H. Ivory.
NELSON: Rev. H. E. Harkness.
NORTH CANTERBURY: Rev. C. D. Clark.
SOUTH CANTERBURY: Rev. O. T. Woodfield.
OTAGO-SOUTHLAND: Rev. W. J. Henderson.

QUESTION LI.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference concerning Maori Work?

Maori Mission Report

ANNUAL REPORT 1955

Our Maori Mission has some advance moves to report this year for which we are deeply grateful to our Heavenly Father.

Staff:

Following last Conference, Mr Wera Couch, of Rapaki, Lyttelton, was received as an honorary Home Missionary.

Sister Te Atakohu Fitzpatrick resigned during the year to be married and we miss her from our ranks.

Sister Jean Miller has continued to be seriously handicapped by her leg injury but appears to be making some progress. Sister Olive returned to full work this year after some years of part-time service.

We welcome Sister Kathleen Rogers into the work in outer Auckland South.

Hostels:

At last we can report that "Seamer House" in Remuera, Auckland, is occupied by the Master and Matron (Mr and Mrs Stan Moore) and a small group of girls. By Conference the Official Opening Ceremony will have been held.

In Hamilton, "Te Rahui Tane" with 36 boys, and "Te Rahui Wahine" with 35 girls, are fully occupied and are doing great work. Members of the Mission Staff are based on the hostels.

Christchurch Central Mission will be reporting on "Rehua Hostel" in that city. The smallness of the unit makes for financial problems but a useful work is being done there.

Maori Section N.C.C.:

In the Ecumenical Committee's Report will be found reference to this fellowship and as a mission we are particularly gratified at three developments.

(1) The opening this year of "Whanaungatanga Hostel" for apprentices in Rotorua. Our Mission shares in this service.

(2) The commencement of the Maori Christian Temperance Society.

(3) The strong desire for joint missions of Evangelism.

In addition regular visits are being paid to Borstal Institutions in turn by Maori Ministers of the three member churches.

Camps:

Youth Camps have been held very successfully in each Maori District.

Maori Leadership School:

Readers of the Methodist Times will have read the full report of the Maori Leadership school held at Camp Wesley, Henderson, in May.

This has had a wide and beneficial effect on all who shared in it, and reports of subsequent interest among the young people bring much encouragement. As a result of this it has been decided to make such a school a regular annual feature of the Mission work.

Further, some effort will be made later this year to give some visible form to the youth organisation in the Mission, at a gathering in Hamilton in August.

"Maataopuna":

We expect the new form of this magazine to be produced in July. It will be made now more a magazine for Methodist Maori families.

Need for Helpers:

In practically all Maori Districts, with the limited number of full-time staff and the remarkable proportion of young people in the Maori population (70% under 25 years of age) there is need for many more voluntary youth workers, both Maori and Pakeha. We appeal to all Ministers and Churches to receive sympathetically any approaches for help from Maori Mission Staff.

Race Relations:

With the speeding up of the movement of Maori people, particularly young people, into the full society of New Zealand, there is more than ever a need for relationships of the two races to be watched carefully. Our reputation as a country with no race tension is being more than ever put to the test. We call upon our membership in both races to maintain a high standard of mutual interest and Christian brotherliness that together we may go forward under the banner of Jesus Christ, "in whom there is neither Jew nor Greek."

Membership:

In company with most other of the historic Churches there is a reversal shown in Census (1951) returns. Between 1945 and 1951 the Methodist proportion of the total population decreased by .26 per cent. This is probably accounted for by the activity of some of the active proselytising sects, and the substantial increase in the number who objected to state their religious affiliation: (from 7.1 to 12.7 of the population.)

Spread of Population:

The steady spread of Maori population throughout the country is making pastoral oversight more than ever difficult. We urge our Pakeha Ministers and people to watch every opportunity of sympathetic friendly interest in Maori families moving into their areas. Especially should the young folk be linked up with our Church youth activities.

Order of St. Stephen:

We are glad to have the assistance of Miss Grace Verity under the Order of St. Stephen in the Waikato District.

Thanks:

We again express our grateful thanks to the M.W.M.U. and the Youth Department for their continued support in practical ways to our work.

Conclusion:

We pray for the patient earnest support of our people.

E. W. HAMES, Chairman of the Board.

GEO. I. LAURENSEN, General Superintendent.

E. TE TUHI, Senior Maori Superintendent.

J. C. DRAPER, Secretary of the Board.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference rejoices at the formation of the Maori Temperance Society under the Maori Section of the N.C.C.

3. That the Home Mission Board set up a Committee to review the Maori Mission work of the Church and to examine its relationship, financial and otherwise, to the other activities of the Department, to consult with the staff of the Mission at the Maori Workers Conference 1956, and to prepare a factual statement of the whole position for presentation to Synods and Conference.

QUESTION LII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting City Missions?

A—N.Z. Methodist Social Services Association

REPORT FOR 1955

The National Executive met at Auckland on April 27th, when the President of Conference led a fully representative committee in review and consideration of the social services of the Church. Much then reported, will be found in the reports to Conference of the constituent bodies, no doubt the following matters will be noted with satisfaction. The forward movements in Maori Centre and Hostel enterprise, especially this year at Opunake, Otorohanga and Remuera: the further development, at the four main centres, of Homes and Hospitals for the aged: the extension of youth hostel work at Wellington and Auckland, and the erection of the Childrens Home at Mt. Albert.

In response to the invitation of the Minister of Health to our President to appoint representatives and observers to a National Conference on the care of the aged, and to indicate the mind of the Church on various proposals, answer to the leading question was made as follows:—

"The Methodist Church regards the care of the aged as being an integral part of our Christian witness and ministry, and admission to our institutions is not governed by creed, political opinion or ability to pay. We are prepared as a Church to continue and extend such work to our fullest capacity, the extent of which will be governed by the resources that become available." The Revs. W. H. Greenslade, Dr. R. Dudley and A. Everil Orr represented the Church, and Messrs. S. Ayers, J. Greig, A. Eaton Hurley and T. M. Pacey were appointed official observers. The recommendations of this Conference are now before the Government.

In reviewing the total Social Services establishment and commitments of our Church, the Executive has been seized with the magnitude of its entrustment for what has become a very considerable asset and responsibility, and one which through the calls and offers of the State for the extension of such work by the Church and voluntary organizations, could become a very major enterprise. This realization has caused the Association to initiate consideration of the relationship of Social Services to Central Causes: the relationship of the ministry to Social Service Trusts and/or Circuit Quarterly Boards: the co-ordination of administration, and the desirability of representation on the Church Council.

Also, in matters of policy, it has been required that consideration be given to proposed group immigration of children. While we favour the principle of child immigration of orphans we do not favour joint action to bring in general groups, preferring to work through channels of our own Church.

W. H. GREENSLADE, Representative and Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That Mr T. M. Pacey and Rev. W. H. Greenslade be thanked for their services as co-Treasurers of the N.Z. M.S.S.A. Fund and be re-appointed.
3. That the Rev. W. H. Greenslade be re-appointed the Official Representative and Convener of the N.Z. M.S.S.A.

4. That Conference affirm that its policy re Care of the Aged is as follows:—"The Methodist Church regards the care of the aged as being an integral part of our Christian witness and ministry, and admission to our institutions is not governed by creed, political opinion or ability to pay."

5. Counselling Training Centre.

(a) That a Counselling Training Centre be established and be called the **METHODIST COUNSELLING CENTRE.**

(b) That it be an avenue of service within the orbit of the N.Z.M.S.S.A.

(c) That it be located at the Auckland Methodist Central Mission.

(d) That it be under the general management of the Auckland Methodist Central Mission Quarterly Meeting, and that it be regarded as an integral part of the Social Services of the Mission.

(e) That the Auckland Methodist Mission Trustees be requested, in line with their previous resolution, to provide temporary accommodation for the Centre with the ultimate view of incorporating it in the new building scheme.

(f) That the Committee be appointed by Conference and listed under the Board of Management of the Auckland Methodist Central Mission.

(g) That the Board of Control for the Counselling Centre, be nominated at Conference, through the Auckland Synod Standing Committee.

(h) That the Faith and Order Committee investigate the theological implications of pastoral counselling in relation to the Church's traditional ministry of the cure of souls.

6. That Conference, through the N.C.C., make representation to the government that gifts and donations to religious and charitable institutions up to a specified amount be allowable deductions before tax assessment is made.

7. That Conference ask the M.S.S.A. to re-consider the boundaries of the Social Service areas.

8. That provisionally the Social Services' Area Committee for the Southern Area extending from the Rangitata River to Bluff, shall consist of the members of the Otago-Southland Synod Standing Committee, with the addition of five members nominated from the Social Services Management Board and one member nominated by the Dunedin Hostel Trust, plus the members of the South Canterbury Synod Standing Committee, who shall be a Sub-Committee for the South Canterbury Area, and the members of the Southland Area Sub-Committee, who shall be a Sub-Committee for the Southland Area.

B—Auckland Methodist Central Mission

YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1955

The purpose and benefit of a Central Mission Report is to scrutinize its Departmental activities, stress features of interest, assess its spiritual and financial position and outline future policy.

We review the work of the past with profound gratitude to God. We have pleasure in recording that new enterprises have added a measure of strength to Christian witness in the City and that progress has resulted in all sections of the work.

Pulpit messages, social ministries and new ventures have created added responsibilities and engendered communal interest. Though our financial liabilities have never been greater they have been met by the offerings of our members and by gifts from interested organisations and individuals throughout the Auckland province. We rejoice that in no other time of its history has the mission been so influential in community life.

Evangelism:

(a) *Sunday Services*: Sunday evening services are well attended. We are grateful to a number of Ministers and Local Preachers who assist in pulpit work. Apart from a membership of over 200 we are constantly inspired through the attendance of overseas visitors, Pacific Islanders, Merchant seamen and immigrants. Definite conversions have resulted from the faithful presentation of the claims of Christ. Communion Services have record attendances.

(b) *Youth Work*: Our Youth Leaders' aim is to capture youth for Christ. Three Bible Classes, two Sunday Schools, Youth Clubs, Guides, Brownies, Cubs, Scripture examinations, private tuition and Vacation Schools are some mediums through which we work. There is an ever expanding field among the adolescents of the City.

New Building Scheme:

Further augmentation of the Fund has resulted through canvassing by the Superintendent and the Rev. L. B. Neale. The plan of proposed development Eastern side of Queen Street recently passed by the City Council necessitates a new set of plans in accordance with the requirements of the Civic Centre. Present building operations in the vicinity of the Town Hall indicate a concentration of Community enterprise about the proposed Civic Centre. It is imperative, that the Church, which in the providence of God now possesses an increasingly valuable site, should use the land to advantage at this stage and leave future generations to extend the work.

Winstone Lodge:

The Hostel is to be officially opened on Saturday, July 16th, by Mrs Edith Winstone-Blackwell, M.B.E. Mrs Blackwell very generously made herself responsible (through the Edith Winstone-Blackwell Foundation) for half the cost of the property (£8,500) and 50 per cent of the alterations (approximately £6,000) plus the estimated cost of furnishings (£3,000). Half the cost of the property plus 50 per cent of the alterations was readily granted by the Government. This makes a total amount of £32,000 which will enable the Trustees to open the "Lodge" free of debt. The Hostel will accommodate 32 business girls, students and young women from the country. The House well equipped and appointed will be one of the finest Hostels of its kind in New Zealand. The first girl goes into residence on July 18th. Miss Dorothy Horwood who has been appointed Matron will be assisted by Miss J. Laurenson and Mrs J. C. Burton.

Campbell's Bay Health Camp:

The Camp property is now situated within the Borough of the East Coast Bays and it seems likely that within the next few years City water supply will be available. The completion of the new Harbour Bridge will bring the Camp within easier access of the Civic Centre.

The Camp is used for weekend retreats, Vacation Schools, holidays for pensioners and others, and emergency cases. The Vacation Camps are staffed almost entirely by voluntary workers. As no grants are received from the Health Stamp Fund strenuous efforts are necessary to meet expenses. We are grateful for a further £100 from the Auckland Savings Bank. We record our thanks to Mr and Mrs E. Pearce for devoted service as Caretakers and welcome Mr and Mrs England in that capacity.

Fifty ewes graze the land, and poultry produce eggs for our Institutions.

CARE OF THE AGED

National Conference:

It is gratifying to those closely associated with caring for the aged that the Government through the Minister of Health called a National Conference comprised of representatives of Governmental Departments, Churches, Voluntary Organisations, the Medical profession and others. The Mission Trustees were pleased to know that the Superintendent was a representative of the Auckland Old People's Welfare Committee,

Four Committees worked long hours in hammering out recommendations. These were largely agreed to in the plenary sessions and will be considered by Cabinet. For example; increase of 10/- per week for single entities; provision of special homes for the mentally confused under the direction of the Mental Hygiene Division; increase in subsidy for old People's Homes; extension of the District Nursing Service, etc. We appear to have reached a stage in our New Zealand democracy which may be described as "organic", wherein the State is prepared to shoulder certain responsibilities, but allowing a place for private charity.

Notwithstanding all that the Government is doing, social service (with-out running ahead of its sources) is still an essential ministry of the Christian Church.

(a) *The Elderly People's Fellowship* brightens lives and brings a message to the dispirited. Hundreds of visits are paid to the sick in their rooms, their homes and the hospitals. We express genuine appreciation to Mrs A. Davis, J.P. and her Committee for devoted and loving service.

(b) *Astley House*: Regular worship services have been conducted for 34 guests by the Rev. G. Brown. We have been particularly fortunate in the continued dedicated service of Mrs I. Palmer (Matron) and her excellent staff.

Extensions which were expected to have eventuated in a few years time have been accelerated by the promise of £7,500 from the Auckland Hospital Board. The plans are almost completed and will be forwarded to Wellington for approval after the Government has announced its findings regarding increased subsidy. The extensions will enable the House to accommodate approximately 50 guests.

(c) *Home for Elderly Men*: The property of the late Mrs W. R. G. Emerson, 61 Allendale Road, Mt. Albert, adjacent to Astley House, has been acquired. It comprises one and a half acres and will give the Trustees a total of 3 acres, with access to New North Road and Allendale Road. Our grateful thanks are due to Mrs Hugh Blackwell (nee Caughey) of Kaiapoi for the gift of half an acre and the purchase of the house and remaining land at valuation. A deposit of £1000 has been made and the furniture purchased. Plans for the alterations are now in progress and the work will commence as soon as possible. A trained nurse has been accepted as Matron.

(d) The Architects for the Mt. Albert Site (Messrs. Haughey and Fox) have been instructed to present a plan for the remainder of the land with self-contained units for elderly couples, widows and spinsters—a nurse will take care of this work.

(e) *Wesley Convalescent Hospital*: The Hospital administrators to all regardless of creed. We find an increasing demand not only from recipients of Social Security but from many who are financially independent but physically dependent. Many have been nursed back to health again and some have grown into the arms of God with Christian care. A sketch plan for a completely new Hospital has been produced with the intention of our using the present building for administration staff, dining, etc. We record our grateful thanks to Sister Arline Preece and her staff for a high standard of efficiency.

Goodwill Industries and Community Service:

Goods to the value of over £1,200 have been distributed. The store continues its ministry to those on pensions and low incomes in particular. Lack of space precludes us from making further provision for the rehabilitation of the handicapped. Mrs N. Gallavin, who for 16 years has been in charge of the store, is worthy of special thanks. We are also grateful to Miss O. Furley and Mr Ian Robertson for services on the Goodwill Van.

The Superintendent represents the Church on the Discharged Prisoners Aid Society, the Immigration Welfare Committee, Society for the Pro-

tection of Home and Family, Old People's Welfare, Honouring Age Committee, Relief Committees and other Community Welfare Organisations.

Prison Work:

The Rev. L. R. M. Gilmore has been generous with his time in co-operating in the visitation of men and women in Mt. Eden prison and conducting monthly worship.

Staffing:

It would be impossible to maintain and extend the work without the assistance of our large band of voluntary workers. The Rev. L. B. Neale has been a tower of strength and inspiration; the coming of Sister Gwenda has strengthened our witness. Her pleasing personality and willingness to serve are gradually winning her a place in the affection of the congregation. Mrs A. Davis, who for ten years has served us in leading the Elderly People's Fellowship, visiting the Hospitals and dealing with difficult emergencies has earned a worthy place amongst the social workers of the City. Thanks are due to Mrs P. Dykstra for devoted Secretarial and Book-keeping work; to Mr L. Monk for devoted and generous services. To our Ladies' Guild, Ladies' Auxiliary Committee, Youth workers, Trustees, Choirmaster, Organist, Minister and Laymen, Bible School Teachers, Auditors, Subscribers, The Press, and a large band of voluntary workers, the Board of Management extends its sincere appreciation.

The need for Trained Leadership in City Mission work:

It is timely to stress the need for the selection of students and younger ministers for the growing importance of City Mission work. As the Dominion develops, social service areas will be further divided, and our younger ministers ought to be challenged for this evangelistic and social work as they are for such service overseas.

General:

Though the Waiheke Island property has been let at a small rental, we reserve the right to camp on the foreshore. Enquiries regarding immigrants and their arrivals are dealt with individually, accommodation being our greatest concern. Patience and love are necessary in dealing with those who speak little English, and local Churches will win them into the fellowship if they are prepared to spend time and extend the hand of friendship.

Finance and Property Matters:

All necessary repairs to buildings have been effected, the following legacies have been received—Mr C. E. Vincent (£25); James Coe (£10, Health Camp); G. Butcher (£10); Mr Cotton (£180) Astley House; Debts on all properties total approximately £5,000. Assets stand at approximately £270,000.

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, Secretary, Board of Trustees.

E. A. ASTLEY, Treasurer, Board of Trustees.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference express its appreciation of the generous gift of Mrs J. H. Blackwell in connection with "Winstone Lodge".
3. That Conference record its appreciation of the extensive Christian Social Service development in the Auckland Area, and of the spiritual quality of the Social Service ministry of the Rev. A. Everil Orr and the Central Mission workers over the past 23 years.

Board of Management for 1956:

Superintendent of Central Mission (Chairman), General Superintendent of Home Missions, Chairman of the District, Revs. E. W. Hames, L. R. M. Gilmore, Wesley Parker, Dr. H. Ranston, A. J. Seamer, L. B. Neale, and the Ministers of Mt. Albert, Takapuna and Remuera Churches, Mesdames M. Spurge, I. Young, I. Sweetapple, and Miss E. Booth, Sir William Jordan, Messrs. J. Trenwith, L. J. Moor, F. Penn, E. A. Astley, C. K. Wigglesworth, R. T. Garlick, J. S. Caughey, R. W. Verry, W. Woodward, A. E. Hayman, A. H. Winstone, R. G. Simpson, N. Mee, and A. E. Cashmore, together with the Circuit officials and the Trustees of the Mission properties.

C—Christchurch Methodist Central Mission

ANNUAL REPORT, 1955

Just five years ago, the Christchurch Central Mission adopted a specific Social Service Policy; now at the end of this period most of the schemes initially outlined in theory have been established in fact.

Inaugurated according to the plan originally laid down, the following activities and departments of the Mission have been established:—

- a. WESLEY LODGE Eventide Home, Christchurch.
- b. WESLEY HOUSE Eventide Home, Picton.
- c. REHUA MAORI HOSTEL, Christchurch.
- d. HOT MEALS' SERVICE and Recreation Centre for the Aged.
- e. HOME HELP SCHEME.
- f. GOODWILL DEPARTMENT.
- g. MAORI YOUTH CLUB.
- h. PRISON CHAPLAINCY.
- i. GENERAL SOCIAL WELFARE WORK.

We humbly acknowledge the blessings of Almighty God upon our endeavours, and we are grateful for the privilege of work and witness in the Christian cause.

This year new ventures as outlined below have engaged our thought and attention.

1. New Headquarters

In January, 1955, the Board purchased a fine two storey house property adjacent to the Cambridge Terrace Methodist Church for its Social Service and Administrative Centre. Prior to this, a working arrangement for Sunday Service, women's work and youth activities, had been entered into with the Cambridge Terrace Church. Accordingly, in February of this year all our work was transferred from Cathedral Square to Cambridge Terrace.

We are deeply appreciative of the fine spirit of fellowship that has developed between the two groups, and we express our gratitude to the Rev. R. H. Allen, and the Cambridge Terrace officials in this regard.

2. Home Help Service

This year a voluntary Home Help service was started. Twenty voluntary workers visit the homes of the aged, frail and sick, to clean, cook, garden, and generally help in any way they can. Ten of the volunteers are students from the Christchurch Teachers' College. The old folk who receive visits are most grateful for all that is done for them by these voluntary helpers.

3. Hot Meals and Recreation Centre

This service was re-commenced this year in the Durham Street South Methodist Church. So many women from our North Canterbury Guilds have offered their services that each woman will be called upon to assist only once during the year. Mrs J. Grant and Miss E. A. Searle (Voluntary

cooks), Miss Martin (Liaison officer) and Miss O. G. Searle (Deaconess Supply) are rendering valuable service in their respective capacities.

A recreation centre has been established and the old folk spend much of their leisure time in this friendly atmosphere. Afternoon tea is available and games, magazines and books are provided. We plan to establish a "Golden Years" Club by extending the activities of this centre at a later date.

4. Maori Youth Club

This is another venture the Mission has sponsored this year. The boys from Rehua Hostel form the nucleus of the club, and Maori youths working and studying in the city have been invited to join.

A concert party has been formed and programmes are being staged at various church halls throughout the district.

5. Clubland

Clubland instructors are now available for the following activities:— arts and crafts, printing, woodwork, radio, gymnastics and wrestling. A gymnastic and wrestling group has been operating for some months, and we aim to establish the other groups as soon as possible.

The purpose of the movement is to cater for non-church youth by means of a programme suited to all types. We believe that when the desire to learn is fostered, and a loyalty to the Club and the Faith it stands for is developed, many members will find a new purpose in life, and will thus be diverted from drifting into the unhealthy gangs, which so often breed juvenile delinquency.

HAVING REVIEWED THE NEW DEVELOPMENTS WHICH HAVE ENGAGED OUR ATTENTION THIS YEAR, WE NOW BRIEFLY REPORT UPON WORK ESTABLISHED IN FORMER YEARS.

A. Eventide Homes

As the residents of WESLEY LODGE, Christchurch, and WESLEY HOUSE, Picton, have grown older and more frail, the task of caring for them has become more demanding. To the Matrons, Miss E. Borrows, and Miss C. F. Hight, and their respective staffs we are grateful for sacrificial service willingly and cheerfully undertaken.

Forty-five old folk are under our care in these Homes.

B. Rehua Maori Hostel

Eighteen Maori boys are now in residence at Rehua. Excellent reports have been received from their employers. A pleasing feature has been the way in which the boys have taken their place in the life of the Church.

Wise and able leadership has been given by Mrs H. Rennie, matron; Mr H. Rennie, disciplinarian; and Miss H. McCone, sub-matron.

C. Goodwill Department

This department was transferred from Cathedral Square to rented premises in Durham Street in February, 1955. Today we find an increasing demand for this service which is open daily to the public to provide clothing of all descriptions, at nominal costs to those on small incomes.

To Mrs W. E. Falkingham, convener, and a loyal band of ten volunteers, we say "thank you" on behalf of the hundreds of people who are given not "charity but a chance."

D. Social Welfare Work

A brief paragraph could not describe the growing volume and range of Social Welfare work that has developed with the years. Miss O. G. Searle has rendered valuable service with personal counselling, by seeking accommodation for homeless people, and finding domestic help for the frail and dependant, who cannot cope with their own work.

Many in need of advise and practical assistance have been helped. Prison Chaplaincy and Court work has been maintained.

THE MISSION'S SOCIAL SERVICE POLICY LAUNCHED FIVE YEARS AGO HAS NOW BEEN LARGELY IMPLEMENTED. AT THIS STAGE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR WORK IT IS IMPERATIVE TO PREPARE PLANS FOR FUTURE YEARS AND THE FOLLOWING FIVE YEAR PROGRAMME IS RECEIVING THE BOARD'S EARNEST ATTENTION.

1. Ministry to the Aged

In view of the urgent and growing need for services to the aged, we pledge ourselves to extend our work for old folk within the limits of all available resources.

Consideration will be given to the provision of additional accommodation, recreation and club activities, as well as an extension of home help and meals' services.

a. *Hospice for the Aged.*—The Board has decided to erect a new wing for the Aged sick at Wesley Lodge next year. The present plan which has been approved by the Department of Health provides accommodation for fifteen patients. A further plan has now been drawn providing a second storey for staff and eventide home guests. The number to be ultimately accommodated will be determined by the finance available when building is commenced. An appeal for this project will be launched immediately.

b. *Darby and Joan Settlement.*—The Board of Management will discuss the question of providing further accommodation for the aged frail; in particular, a scheme for founding a Darby and Joan Settlement will be examined.

c. *Meals and Recreational Activities.*—It will be necessary to put in a modern dining room, lounge and recreation room at the Durham Street South Centre, where sixty hot dinners are served weekly at present. A small laundry service by way of experiment, is also worthy of consideration.

The establishment of a similar old folk's centre at the Mission's headquarters in Cambridge Terrace would be desirable.

2. Youth Hostels

The present Rehua Hostel, in Stanmore Road, must be replaced as soon as possible by a new and larger building in more spacious grounds. It has been ascertained that fifty Maori apprentices could be employed in Christchurch immediately. To provide a Christian environment and training for such a group of Maori boys in a larger Hostel, would be a distinct contribution to the welfare of our Maori people and the community generally. The Board believes that capital costs should be met substantially from Government resources.

b. *Students' Hostel.*—As opportunity offers, the Board will consider the question of the establishment of a hostel for male students in the vicinity of the proposed university site at Riccarton. The value of Deaconess House as a Hostel for women students is apparent. There is urgent need for a similar Hostel for young men.

c. *Girls' Hostel.*—A sub-committee is at present giving thought to the establishment of a hostel for country girls working in the city.

3. Goodwill Industries

We have not forgotten the plight of handicapped men and women who are deemed unemployable. The Mission believes that "Goodwill Industries", which it hopes to establish, will aid parents, perplexed over the problem of the future of their handicapped children.

WE WOULD EMPHASISE THAT THESE PROPOSALS ARE PART OF A FIVE YEAR PLAN. EACH UNIT OF WORK WILL ONLY BE ESTABLISHED OR EXTENDED, WHEN THE NECESSARY FINANCE AND STAFFING IS AVAILABLE.

Our achievements of the past have indicated the wisdom of the policy launched five years ago. Now, at the commencement of another era of city mission work, we must have a major scheme before us if our work is to be maintained and developed on a sound basis.

The Mission is grateful for the loyalty of its staff. We express our appreciation for the services of Miss O. G. Searle, Deaconess, Miss M. E. K. Griffin, Social Service Secretary, Mr M. D. Stewart, Stores Manager, and a team of voluntary workers, to members of Committees, and to the many who have generously donated both finance and goods.

In conclusion, we would point out that this report deals only with the Social Service work of the Mission. Nothing has been said of our ministry of evangelism and worship. Suffice it to say that the good news of Christ as Saviour and Lord is being preached week by week, and we regard this ministry as fundamental in all our work. The practical work described in this report is nevertheless the same Gospel proclaimed in deeds . . . "In as much as ye did it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye did it unto Me."

W. T. BLIGHT, Chairman.

W. E. FALKINGHAM, Superintendent.

H. G. STEWART, Secretary.

S. W. AYERS, Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That approval be given for the erection of a-Hospice for the Aged Sick and Frail at Wesley, Lodge, Christchurch.
3. That Conference express its appreciation of the leadership given by the Rev. W. E. Falkingham to the work of the Christchurch Methodist Central Mission, and commend him and the work to the prayerful sympathy and support of all in the Social Service area.
4. That the Board of Management for 1956 be:—Revs. H. L. Fiebig, W. T. Blight, W. E. Falkingham, C. D. Clark, D. J. D. Hickman, H. G. Brown, V. R. Jamieson, A. K. Petch, J. C. A. Williams, L. V. Willing, Lady Andrews, Mesdames S. W. Ayers, L. Anderson, V. Grant, M. A. Joberns, D. Osborne, J. R. Richards, B. Sandes, M. Hooper, Misses O. G. Searle and H. G. Stewart. Sir Ernest Andrews, Messrs. S. W. Ayers, H. G. Stewart, M. D. Stewart, F. H. Christian, A. B. Allen, J. E. Colechin, A. A. Dingwall, W. T. Lill, R. E. James, P. A. Le Brun, J. Laing, C. D. McLean, F. W. Pitcher, N. H. Rhind, G. S. Salter, H. H. Eastmond, W. Strang, G. E. T. Dorman, Dr. C. S. Peddie.

D—Central Methodist Church and Mission—Dunedin

ANNUAL REPORT, 1955

The following is the 65th Report of Methodist Mission activities in Dunedin and the 2nd Annual Report of the Central Methodist Church and Mission. Growth and development on both the Church and Social Service side have been abundantly apparent and the year has been a spacious one for officials and congregation.

I. AN INTEGRATED CHURCH

After eighteen months of Christian worship and work, the congregation of the Central Methodist Church and Mission can confirm the testimony ventured a year ago that the Amalgamation of the Causes formerly known as "Trinity Church" and "The Methodist Central Mission" has been a pronounced success. The Central Church and Mission stands to-day as a Living Witness to the unity which is to be found in Christ and the blessings which response to His Word brings.

The congregations throughout the year, both in the morning at the

Central Church and in the evening at the Octagon Hall, have been well maintained, membership shows an increase, and the giving of members and adherents to local and connexional causes commendably generous.

The Youth Work in all sections, including the active Girls' Life Brigade and Boys' Brigade movements, gives cause for encouragement. A noteworthy feature of our Church life in general is the increasingly splendid quality and growth of our adult and youth leadership.

Special attention is at present being given by the Trust to the possibility of a major renovation and reconstruction scheme for the Central Church. It does not, however, seem to be practicable, nor at this juncture desirable to be precipitate in this particular regard. Unfortunately, in view of the envisaged programme, very little can be done in time for Conference.

The C.M.C.M. is convinced of the strategic importance and place of its witness in Dunedin. Situated in the heart of the City, it is challenged to present the Gospel with a personal as well as a social emphasis. The Church must go out in selfless search for people in every walk of life and seek not only to sanctify the places where they live and toil but to win them into worthwhile spheres of community activities where city loneliness can be forgotten and Christian idealism encouraged. The Church in this age of rapidly changing social pattern must continue by Christian experimentation to develop within itself a community life adequate to the needs and problems of our modern day. To such a programme the C.M.C.M. seeks to be consecrated.

II. SOCIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT

1. Care of the Aged

(a) *The Methodist Eventide Home and Hospital for Aged Women* at Company's Bay is one of the largest religious institutions of its kind in the Dominion. There is accommodation for over ninety guests, but owing to staff shortages, admissions have had to be restricted, and the average number of guests throughout the year has been about 76 per week.

The Matron, Miss M. L. Ridley, and her staff, however, are meeting the difficulty, so common to most similar institutions, with commendable zeal and fortitude.

The health of the patients generally has been good and they have been well cared for.

During the year the C.M.C.M. received by bequest a house property situated in the City of Dunedin. It is being retained at present for a staff residence.

(b) *Wesley Manor, Anderson's Bay*. This Home for elderly men and married couples has more than justified its existence. The guests are comfortable and happy and are fortunate in having as Matron Miss E. H. Elliott, and a very efficient staff.

2. Farm and Grounds at Eventide Home Settlement and Wesley Manor

The Works and Farms Committee, with Mr G. Hughes as Convener, is exercising diligent oversight of the institutions' grounds and farm. Careful attention is being given to the long term planning and lay-out of all gardens. It is pleasing to report that the farm is increasingly becoming a valuable economic unit, though because of its size it can never become a very lucrative proposition.

3. Dunedin Citizens' Day Nursery and Playground

The facilities of the Day Nursery have been in such demand this year that the paid staff has been increased to that of a Matron and five assistants. During the year an adjacent area of land was allotted to the Nursery by the Dunedin City Council and has been formed into a Children's Playground. The thanks of the Church are due to the Dunedin Junior Chamber of Commerce for valuable voluntary work on Saturday

mornings, and to Mr S. Saltzman for his generous gifts of expensive play equipment.

4. Club Room and Hobbies Centre

A Club Room for games and recreation has been fitted up for the use of young people. The existing excellent facilities for woodwork, photography and the like, continue to provide opportunity for creative activities. Further developments along these and other lines are contemplated.

5. Handicapped Adolescents

The C.M.C.M. continues to provide accommodation for the activities of mentally handicapped young people who meet twice a week in the centre. More room, however, is desirable for this estimable work.

6. Goodwill Store

The Goodwill Store is a valuable adjunct to the social welfare work of the C.M.C.M. The services of Miss C. Uren, the Supervisor, and her band of voluntary workers have again contributed toward a very successful year.

7. Improvements and Maintenance

During the year there have been heavy outgoings for improvements and maintenance at the various C.M.C.M. institutions. Particular attention has been given the grounds of the Eventide Home and Hospital, and approximately £1,500, mostly on asphaltting, has been thus spent. Certain alterations in the ablutions block of the Hospital are under consideration. With general painting, maintenance and repair work, together with the provision of additional facilities at the Home and Hospital, and also at Wesley Manor, the total cost will amount to a further £2,500. These figures are additional to actual disbursements for replacements of linen, crockery, etc. The C.M.C.M. is giving consideration to a special Depreciation and Maintenance Account, out of which heavy outgoings such as mentioned can be met in the future without unduly straining current income.

8. Radio Church of the Helping Hand

Every Sunday at 9.30 a.m., the C.M.C.M. continues to conduct from Station 4XD Dunedin its session of the Radio Church of the Helping Hand. Though for many years now appeals for gifts of money or in kind have been prohibited by Regulation, many listeners still contribute liberally through their Radio Church Boxes. Their Christmas gifts for the aged are an added generosity.

III. GENERAL

1. Finance

The latest finances of the C.M.C.M. reveal that all overdrafts have been overtaken and that the general position is very satisfactory. As stated elsewhere, expenditure during the year has been heavy and there are still contingent liabilities which have to be met. However, it can be said that the C.M.C.M. has actually improved its financial position during the year by £10,000 and that provision is being made for the funding of depreciation and maintenance reserves. Nevertheless, considerable future commitments still facing the officials call for a financial policy of extreme prudence.

2. Staff

The Rev. F. S. and Mrs. Rigg, who succeeded the Rev. D. B. and Mrs. Gordon, have settled happily into their new sphere of labours. They are both exerting a gracious influence in their work.

Sister Doreen Bulford, the new Deaconess, by her zeal and devotion is demonstrating her splendid capabilities, particularly among the youth. She expects to be dedicated at the forthcoming Conference.

Miss Ruth Strange, upon her arrival from South Australia last September, became the General Superintendent's Secretary and assumed charge

of the office. Her sense of Christian vocation is reflected in the faithfulness of her work.

Mr A. W. Barnes continues to serve the C.M.C.M. as Social Service Field Officer with conscientious vigor. His practical knowledge and ability are a great asset.

Mrs R. Dudley once again has given valuable voluntary assistance in the office during a temporary staff vacancy which is expected soon to be filled.

3. Voluntary Help

To meet the difficulties caused by the acute staffing shortage at the Eventide Home and Hospital, quite a number of ladies during the year gave voluntary service on the nursing and domestic side. In addition, groups from the C.M.C.M. and other local Churches are still helping with sewing and in other ways.

4. Church Extension at Waverley

At the March Quarterly Meeting, arising quite spontaneously out of a discussion on the "Advance Methodism Fund", there emerged the suggestion of the C.M.C.M. helping to establish a Cause at Waverley and erecting a small building on the district site there. Conversations accordingly took place with the Superintendent and officials of the St. Kilda Circuit, but discussions at present are only at the tentative stage.

5. Re-building Scheme

There is very little to add to last year's report on the proposed re-building scheme on the Octagon site, except to state that the present need for more facilities is crucial. During the coming year it is imperative that definite plans should be formulated toward the realisation of a scheme, the necessity for which is so apparent.

6. Timaru

During June of this year the General Superintendent met a representative committee in Timaru to discuss the practicability of establishing a Home for the Aged in that District. Careful consideration is being given to the suggestion.

7. Staff for Social Service Institutions

The C.M.C.M. is convinced that the Connexion should encourage the enlistment of Christian personnel for the work of its various institutions throughout New Zealand. Men and women with a sense of Divine vocation need to be challenged to offer their services in the various spheres of Social Service, particularly nursing, the staff for which is desperately short in many centres. Consideration could be given to a "pool" of Christian labour available for all forms of consecrated service, with of course adequate remuneration. A recommendation on the matter is submitted for the consideration of Synods and the Conference.

CONCLUSION

The C.M.C.M. desires to express its gratitude to God for abundant blessings and Divine empowerments. The thanks of the whole Church are due to all officials, staff members, medical advisers, auditors, donors and other loyal and devoted workers and friends who have laboured sacrificially in the past year. The C.M.C.M., conscious of vast opportunities still to be grasped for Christ and His Kingdom, dedicates itself anew to its task, seeking always the bestowment of Divine Wisdom and the strength which comes from its Living Lord.

RAYMOND DUDLEY, General Superintendent.
S. LAWN, Secretary.
A. VIVIAN, Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

2. That the thanks of the Conference be extended to the Rev. Dr. Raymond Dudley for his capable leadership of the Mission's Social Service activities.

3. That the question of challenging our people to offering for service in the institutional enterprises of the Church be referred to the Youth Board for consideration and action.

E—The Christian Community Centre, Ponsonby

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THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CENTRE has been operating in Ponsonby for seven years, with an ever-widening influence in many specialized fields in the city and suburbs of Auckland.

St. John's:

St. John's Church, the nerve centre and heart of the work has undergone major repairs and renovations costing £6,300; comprising new foundations, reinforcing the noble spire and tower, complete new marseilles tile roof, and painted inside and outside. The interior colours, so delicate in shade, have as a central background the Gold Cross, all aids to a worshipful atmosphere. "The Soul of Improvement is the Improvement of the Soul". Congregations and offerings have increased and visiting preachers have expressed their joy in conducting a Service in a fine atmosphere.

Radio:

For a number of years on Tuesdays at 9.45 a.m., by the courtesy of Uncle Tom, "Friend Harris" has conducted a Session which has been appreciated—there is evidence of this by the innumerable times he is sought to conduct funerals and give attention and counsel to those requesting spiritual and moral help. There is even a greater need today to establish a Counselling Training Centre to give counsel and guidance to parents in this great field, where problems of a spiritual, mental, emotional, domestic and social nature mount up before us in a day of delinquency and mental stress.

Free Nursing Service:

Sister D. Heape has given excellent service, more especially to elderly, lonely and crippled people. This Service has proved a great boon to many depressed and sick folk who have expressed gratitude to those responsible for such a service of practical Christianity.

Old People:

Entertainments, comforts and afternoon tea are given each month, and visits are made regularly to lonely people.

Clubs:

There are not so many Clubs functioning this year because of the lack of leadership. The OVERSEAS CLUB is meeting a tremendous need; new residents to Auckland from overseas share in this atmosphere of friendship and Christian culture. There are many nations represented.

The SAMOAN CLUB is now four years old, and recently other Islanders outside Samoa have been included in the fellowship. Sports and gymnasium are alive, and young people have joined the Sunday School, Bible Class and have come to Services in greater numbers through this natural doorway into the Church.

Day Nursery:

The plans for continuing the pre-school nursery have been under serious discussion. A decision has been made not to hold the nursery in the meantime. There is a list of 40 applicants, many children of mothers who are compelled to go out to work.

The Christmas Pageant:

This Pageant was held in the picturesque Auckland Grammar School Grounds. Competent critics in Dramatic and Musical circles in Auckland praised the performance. There was a smaller attendance than usual. An approach has been made to the City Council to use the Domain and Albert Park and plan for a larger audience and presentation.

Youth Opportunity Hostel:

The Hostel and Farm are situated at Te Atatu. St. John's has gone outside its own circle to proclaim the evangel to young men, some who have not had the good fortune of a good home in which to be trained and cared for. A comfortable home for selected young men, for whom the Home was built, is provided, but the original scheme included Hobby Rooms and Gymnasium. A new games and hobby room is to be built in the near future. The Farm Manager, a Methodist Trustee and Youth Leader from Richmond, Nelson, occupies the new house. Produce from the farm has been transported to the market and local shops. The Housemaster has been a member of St. John's for some years and is a part-time student at University. The Board is desirous of giving further help to young men who have been thrown into the wrong environment. Youth Opportunity Hostel—the facilities there, the counselling groups in the fellowship of the church, provides the answer. The Officials again urge Synod and Conference to give consideration to the urgent need for a Minister's Assistant trained for this work, especially among Youth, to minister to the spiritual and aesthetic needs of the people. "THIS IS SOCIAL AMELIORATION VERSUS MORAL DEGENERATION".

HARRIS WHITFIELD, Superintendent.

J. METHERELL, Sec. Christian Community Centre.

DONALD P. WINSTONE, Sec. Youth Opportunity Hostel.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference commends the Rev. H. Whitfield for his pioneering initiative in Christian service to youth, and records its prayerful interest in Youth Opportunity Hostel.
3. That Conference again emphasise the importance of including the name "Methodist" in the title of any enterprise or institution under the auspices of the Church.

F—Wesley Church (Wellington Central) Social Services Trust, Incorporated

REPORT FOR 1955

"Wesleyhaven" Homes Settlement. From within the life of Wesley Church, its Social Services Trust has this year pressed on to the opening of "Wesleyhaven". The acceptance of the Rev. H. J. Odell of an associate ministry with the Superintendent has permitted Mr Greenslade to address himself to the task of making "Wesleyhaven" a going concern. Equipping, furnishing, stocking, staffing, and the settling of residents has proceeded until today we have a full complement of aged and aged-infirm persons. These people who come from as far north as Taranaki and as close-by as Lower Hutt are Anglicans, Baptists, Church of Christ and Methodist, but, and under the ministry of Sister Jane Bond, have already become one happy and grateful family whose one anxiety is that we now proceed with the erection of a hospital and thus ensure them life residence at "Wesleyhaven". We have been extremely fortunate in being able to select a full staff from persons within our Methodist connexion who have entered this work with

a high sense of Christian calling. The Friday Fellowship, to which everyone on the Settlement comes, is an inspiration, and has already been a witness to relatives and outsiders of the reality of Christian experience. The waiting list of applicants for entry is of a size which would justify the building of three more blocks of serviced flats if we had the means. This first phase of development has involved an expenditure of approximately £60,000, which amount is provided for by grants and donations already received or promised. A further £3000 will be required for ground development and equipment before this first phase can be regarded as completed. The Trust would wish at this point to acknowledge the generous response of the many persons and organizations outside the Church and to announce the intention of recognizing the excellent assistance of certain Circuits within our Social Service Area—Opunake, Eltham, Feilding, Pahiatua and Wesley Church members—which have 'endowed' the Villas or Serviced Flats which will bear their names. We are appreciative of the practical efforts of the two women's groups of Wesley Church and the personal services of women of the Hutt Circuit, and the harvest gifts of several churches of other denominations as well as our own.

In order that we may reach the level of economic running and to provide a complete coverage of the needs of the aged, the early extension of the work to provide hospital service and geriatric and community centre must be enterprised. This matter is now under consideration.

Youth Hostels. Challenged by the almost desperate needs of an ever growing number of Samoan and European youth for accommodation, and because of the success of our Wesley Church-House experiment in Christian youth-community living, the Church Trust is negotiating with a youth organization for the use of premises to 'home' approximately 20 young men. Failing the embarking on a personal canvas for £40,000 to erect a Hostel on the Church property, this would seem to be the only line of approach which offers hope of meeting this most pressing need in the meantime.

W. H. GREENSLADE, Superintendent.

T. M. PACEY, Hon. Secretary.

M. C. PEARCE, Hon. Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference express appreciation of the leadership given by the Rev. W. W. H. Greenslade in Social Service activities in the Wellington area.

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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Students in Training:

Five Students are in training this year, and the standard of their work is satisfactory. Reports from circuits, to which they are attached as part of their training, tell of devoted service. We have reason to believe that they will render good service to the Church.

Candidates:

Only two candidates were accepted for training this year, and two more are preparing to sit the Entrance Examination in August. We would draw the attention of the whole Church again to our need for more candidates for the Order. At least three should enter for training each year, to replace those who reach the age of retirement, and who resign for health and other reasons. Our City Missions need mature women workers to meet the unusual demands that are made upon them, and our other Church Departments are needing new workers,

Deaconess House:

Under the wise and gracious leadership of our Lady Superintendent, Mrs G. E. Gauntlett, a happy atmosphere prevails in the House. Maintenance and improvements to the property are continually being made. New asphalt paths have been laid, and a space heater installed in the Dining Room.

Lecturers:

We would pay tribute to the devoted Service of these busy people. Changes in personnel had to be made again this year, but the Board is well served.

Convocation:

Convocation at Kurahuna in May was a highlight for all Deaconesses who attended. The Board's Secretary acted as Chaplain. Dr. D. O. Williams, of Trinity College, gave a series of lectures on "Non-directive Counselling." Valuable discussion took place on the nature of their work, and matters concerned with training.

Jubilee of the Order:

Preparations are under way for preparing a suitable record of the 50 years' service of the Deaconess Order to the Church. Celebrations will possibly be held in 1957, and arrangements are being made to collect as much material as possible.

Deaconesses in the Field:

How varied is the work of the Order! Seventeen Deaconesses are at work in the Maori Mission Field, stretching from Hokianga in the North to Taranaki. Seven are at work in our City Missions and Circuits. Two in our Children's Homes, and one overseas in the Solomons. A ministry of kindness, understanding, and healing exercised in wondrous ways in every department of our Church's life. Some serve in administrative capacities, one writes books, but each one holds the other in a fellowship of prayer. We pay tribute to all our retired Deaconesses who are unceasing in their prayers for the active workers.

Conference Resolution:

1954 Conference Minutes, resolution 5 is still under consideration by the Board. We are constantly seeking to raise the standard of training, and are working out proposals for the closer liaison of our Deaconesses on the field with the Board.

G. R. HARRIS, Chairman.

J. C. A. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.
2. That Conference express its appreciation of the work of the Lady Superintendent, Staff and Lecturers of Deaconess House during the year.
3. That the following be referred to the Deaconess Board for consideration:—

That with a view to focussing local Circuit emphasis more definitely on the need for recruits for the Deaconess Order, the Deaconess Board consider supplying Circuits with more publicity material concerning the work and aims of Deaconess House. Also, personal visits by Students and others closely connected with Deaconess House would greatly facilitate a responsive and creative interest in Circuits.

4. That Conference urge the Deaconess Board to give immediate consideration to the 1953 and 1954 Conference resolutions re the training of Deaconesses, in order to implement a new syllabus of training in 1957.
5. That the Board be as printed on page 11 herein.

QUESTION LIV.—What are the Resolutions of Conference respecting Children's Homes?

A—Auckland Children's Home and Orphanage

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The year under review has been a momentous one for the Board. The Foundation Stone of the New Children's Home was laid Sunday, May 2nd, 1954. Gradually the buildings have taken shape and should have been completed early this year. However we now await the finishing touches and the laying out of the grounds. Very soon we hope to have the children and staff in their new Home.

Obituary:

We regret to have to report the passing of one of our valued Life-Members, Mrs Emerson. She opened the present "Wesley" Home in December 1913 and to the end she kept her interest in the work of the Home. It is with regret that she did not live to see the New Home opened.

Building Scheme:

The contract was let for £58,000. The Board will require at least a further £12,000 for Architect's fees, furnishing, laying out of grounds, etc. The gratitude of the Board is expressed to Mr Russell Garlick, Chairman, the Secretary, Mr Gordon Matthews and the members of the Building Committee for the time spent in considering all the planning and detail necessary in such a big undertaking.

Mr Garlick's business training and ability have been a great asset. Mr J. G. Rennie has acted as Liaison Officer between the Board and the Architect and has given willingly of his experience and time. Mr Marshall, the Architect, has by his interest, done his part in watching expense and helping the Board to provide a worthy building.

£20,000 Appeal:

The Board stepped forth in faith, believing that our people in Northland, Auckland, and South Auckland, would help us to achieve this goal. It was absolutely necessary that this amount should be forthcoming and it is with disappointment that we report that only £6,600 has been raised to date. The giving of many of our Sunday Schools, individual children and adults and groups in the Church has been most heartening. The fact that many of our membership have not been approached accounts for the poor response to the Appeal.

The Dominion Road Trustees very graciously released Rev. Allon Carr for a month's canvass of every Circuit in the South Auckland District. This personal contact brought a ready response and we are grateful to Mr Carr for this piece of service. In the other two districts the Board had to rely on the enthusiasm of the Minister and Collector to pave the way.

The Publicity Team, Rev. L. R. Gilmore and Mr B. R. Burton did an excellent job. Mr Burton prepared two splendid brochures and together they published and circulated three Chronicles, so that Ministers and Leaders were kept posted of the progress of the Appeal. Mr Gilmore wrote to Firms, Lodges and Clubs as well as to key business men, soliciting their help in this work among the children. Many individuals and groups have given willingly of their experience and time and to all these the Board is most grateful.

Committee Work:

The *Building and Finance* Committee have met regularly.

The *Ladies' Committee* with Mrs C. J. Burton as President and Miss Wagstaff as Secretary have been planning the furnishings of their New Home. They have raised £562 toward the furnishings as well as £177 for the Clothing and Sunshine Fund for the children. The House Committees

have carried on their oversight and planning for replenishing linen and crockery. Groups of ladies from the Guilds have visited the Homes to mend and patch. This service so quietly given is not forgotten when rendering thanks.

The *Selection Committee* comprising four women and three men have admitted nineteen children and transferred three to Papanui Home. Sixteen have left the Homes.

United Orphanage Council. The Chairman and Mr C. K. Wigglesworth represent the Board on this Council. We record again our indebtedness to this body of men who continue to create interest among the general public. Our share this year from this source was £1,200.

The Family:

The present roll for Epsom is 17 girls and 13 small boys. Seven being of pre-school age. Wesley has 28 boys from 8 years to 17 years. Total 58. The health of the children has been excellent and the School Reports satisfactory. The spirit in the Homes is most encouraging. Of a Staff of twelve all are Christian women and nine are Methodists. The example and concern of these women for the welfare of their young charges and their desire that every child shall know Christ as their personal Saviour, has made a totally different atmosphere in the Homes. The Board, Staff and children are most fortunate to have at the helm of the New Home, Mrs R. M. Butterworth. At present the Matron of "Wesley" she brings to the new position, a rich experience in Children's work and in Homecraft. In Miss Archer, who will Mother the girls, we have a devoted Christian woman and in Miss Southern, who will Mother the boys, a Christian young woman who loves her job. Every member of the Staff has pulled her weight and Miss Kiddle, a member of the Staff at "Wesley", is driving the Van and helping with the stock and garden. Board and Committees plan and provide but the success of the work lies in the hands of these devoted people.

Holiday Homes:

The gratitude of the Board go to those kind folk who year after year open their homes to the children at Christmas time. Many happy friendships have been formed and Hosts have spoken well of their young visitors. The children cherish this link and profit from spending sometime in a family group. The Florence Finlay Holiday Fund continues to provide the children with a seaside holiday during the August vacation.

Collector:

After several years without anyone to collect subscriptions and goods from the business firms, Miss I. Taylor responded to our Appeal. She has proved an excellent Collector and despite the many appeals being made she has brought in the sum of £130/12/6 in money and goods.

Van:

Our 1936 Chevrolet Van, second-hand when purchased has given years of hard service. It became imperative that a new Van be purchased and we now have a new Bedford. The old Van was sold at a satisfactory price.

Thanks:

Our thanks are expressed to everyone who has given time and gifts to the work. It is impossible to thank all by name but our gratitude is expressed to the Chaplains, Revs. G. Hanna and Geo. Brown. Also to Drs. Clifford James and H. J. Mail, the Honorary Medical Officers; to Mr K. W. White who still continues to donate medical supplies to "Wesley"; to Mr F. C. Matthews re his oversight of livestock and grounds; to Mr Percy Dellow, Lay Treasurer, who gives valued help to the Secretary-Treasurer in financial matters and Mrs R. G. Hemmings the Minute Secretary. Also to those who have sent parcels of clothing and gifts of jam, fruit and eggs and to the several Churches who continue to send their Harvest Festival Produce.

As this Report is written before the close of the financial year, it is impossible to state the financial position but at the time of writing there is

owing on the Building £18,925 and without extras, furnishings and the laying out of the grounds the Board is faced with a deficit of over £10,000. The two present sites will be vacated and taking the long view it is the desire of the Board to prepare and lease in sections, under the Glasgow Lease.

The work among the children is so worthwhile that the Board invites all who love little children to help them through this difficult period.

The earnest prayer is for the generous support of our people.

W. E. ALLON CARR, Chairman.

IVY H. JONES, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. That the Chaplain be the Minister of the Mt. Roskill Church.
3. That Conference congratulate the Board on the completion of the new Home at Mount Roskill. Special appreciation is expressed of the work of the Rev. W. E. Allon Carr as Chairman of the Board, Mr Russell Garlick, as Chairman of the Building Committee, Mrs C. J. Burton, as Chairman of the Furnishings Committee, Sister Ivy Jones, Secretary of the Board, and Mr A. C. Marshall, the Board's Architect.
4. That the Board of Management for 1956 be as printed on page 12 herein.

B—Masterton Methodist Children's Home

REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1955

The Home family now numbers 23. There were three new admissions during the year and two children were returned to the Home after having been in foster homes for a period. Four children were returned to their mother for admission to another Home, one boy has been placed on a farm and one girl has been placed in a foster home with a view to adoption.

The Committee wishes to thank the Manager, Matron and their Assistants for their good services over the year and their zealous care of the children. It is with regret that we report the resignation of Mr and Mrs G. W. Thomas as Manager and Matron. Mr and Mrs Thomas have held these positions for almost two years and have made their own contribution to the life of the Home. We are sorry that the Home is to lose its "father and mother" so soon but we wish them well in the work they are taking up in the ministry of the Baptist Church. We again record appreciation of the loyal and devoted service of Miss Constance Fell. The Home lost another valued worker in the person of Miss Muriel McCormack who has entered Deaconess training. Mrs M. R. H. McMurtrie has recently joined the staff as cook and Mrs Barr comes in daily to assist with the housework. Both these ladies are giving loyal service.

Staffing of the Homes causes some concern at times but we are thankful that it has been possible to keep the full services of the Home available throughout. At the time of writing this report we are in search of a Christian couple with suitable qualifications who are prepared to enter this very demanding avenue of full time service within the Church.

After five years of office as Chairman, a position he held with credit to himself and benefit to the Home, Mr A. K. Hodder has handed over the reins to Mr H. C. Wood. Rev. R. Day, Dr. O. F. Prior and Mr A. S. Kay joined the Committee this year.

A paddling pool has been constructed which has proved of great benefit, a large playing area at the back of the Home is now being tar sealed

and a motor mower has been purchased. All these improvements were made possible through the funds provided by the local Police Charity efforts in recent years and we are very thankful for them. The Home received a further £131 from this source again this year.

The Committee has been encouraged by the increasing interest of the people of the Church. Circuit Collections reached the figure of £994/4/8, almost the target we had set. Gifts of produce and clothing have been received. Most of the children have spent school holidays as guests in private homes. This is beneficial to the children and a means of relieving our staff and we commend this avenue of assistance to our Church folk.

With income remaining almost the same as the previous year and some reductions in expenditure the financial position has improved. It has not been necessary to lean so heavily on the Wellington Board and our capital funds as was the case in the two previous years. We received £50 as part of a legacy from the Estate W. H. Denton and are grateful that friends of the Home continue to make provisions such as this in their wills. We also acknowledge the annual grant of £20 for School stationery made by the Masterton Trust Lands Trustees.

In conclusion we seek the support and prayers of our people so that we may be able to provide good conditions and facilities for the children in our care and so that our staff may be upheld in their ministry to the children's physical and spiritual wellbeing.

HAROLD WOOD, Chairman.

J. F. CODY, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.
2. That the Master and Matron be thanked for their work.
3. That the Board of Management for 1956 be as printed on page 12 herein.

C—South Island Children's Home

REPORT FOR 1955

The review of another year of service among the children of our Home calls for heartfelt gratitude to God for His continued goodness to us. It also reminds us of our need of patience, wisdom and strength, beyond our own, in rightly directing and seeking to develop the faith and character of those under our care. It also calls for the continued and sustained interest of the members of our Church in South Island Districts. For such results as have been attained we give thanks to God and go forward.

Though the numbers do not vary greatly from year to year, there are a few more children in the Home than last year. The total at present stands at 57, made up by 34 boys and 23 girls. Admissions 14 and discharges 7, some of these latter going back to re-established homes, where one or other parent has re-married.

For several years School Reports have been encouraging. This year the results have been very gratifying, one will probably gain his University Entrance. He has no thought, however, of an academic career. Several older boys will finish their apprenticeship this year and it is worth noting that in no case has an apprenticeship been broken. From time to time these older ones visit the Home and it is good to feel that they like to do so, being sure of the interest of the Staff in their work and welfare. Not all have maintained Church connection, but even those who have not, seem to be facing life seriously, instead of being bits of drift-wood on the stream of society.

Various forms of sport are encouraged, the grounds providing ample room for them. One is captain of the school hockey team. The children also have garden plots in which they take a real interest. Hobbies of all sorts are followed, miniature brick building, stamp collecting, etc., as well as weird and wonderful constructions in the workshop. It is here that patience pays its dividends. In the Sunday School and Church our young people take their part.

In the recent Scripture Examinations our children did well, Shirley McKeon winning the Virtue Memorial Prize, as runner up in the Intermediate Section to the Gold Medalist, with 96 marks.

Staff:

Some changes have taken place this year, which, though not unexpected, have meant re-arrangement of duties within the Home and in the garden.

After 16 years of faithful and efficient work in the grounds and about the buildings, Mr D. Hawke has retired. His character and ability were such that, without noise or ostentation, he exerted a most salutary influence in the place. He played many parts, gardener, carpenter, mechanic, disciplinarian, kindly friend, and he played them well. His long service was fittingly recognised by the Board at a social afternoon, when he was presented with a cheque and afterwards by the Staff and the children at tea. We are sure of his continued interest.

We are glad to welcome Mr C. J. Patient as the new Gardener to replace Mr Hawke. Mr Patient comes to us as one familiar with our Methodist Church, accustomed to work on the land and with a lively interest in children. We wish him good success.

Mrs Clarke, after 5 years' willing and efficient service as Cook, has retired. Her place has been taken by Miss Webby and all of us feel that she has found her niche. Miss Wakelin has left us to take a place as Matron of the Y.M.C.A. Miss Bradley withdrew after two and a half years splendid service. Miss Young has recently joined the Staff as Assistant to Sister Rona in the Boys' Block. Miss Thelma Churchill, who arrived early in the year to give a year of service under the Order of St. Stephen, has fitted into the work of the Home 'as to the manner born'. We wish her stay with us could be protracted. Other members of the Staff, who are not mentioned in this Report, are giving splendid service.

Maintenance:

The work of maintenance on our buildings, though costly, is being attended to regularly. Exceptional items of expense have been incurred this year in very necessary equipment. The purchase of a Bedford light van, which has been under consideration for a number of years, is now an accomplished fact. It is proving an excellent investment. It has been converted to convey passengers (children) and is also most useful in collecting produce, etc., for the Home. The wonder is how we managed without it. A new rotary hoe has been bought, the old one, after many years of work, proved beyond repair. In the kitchen, a new food-mixer is lightening the labour of preparing meals. New Radio sets are needed on both the boys and girls Blocks. Can some kindly Methodist supply them?

Coloured Film:

The production this year of a beautiful coloured Film of the life of the Home, entitled "Room for One More" has won high praise from all who have seen it. It is the work of experts and should be of great benefit in making visible the day to day scenes of which it is difficult so to speak that they 'come alive'. In this enterprise we are indebted to Mr L. R. Beardsley who is chiefly responsible for it and who is freely putting it at the service of the Board. He has spared nothing in time, labour and expense to make it worthy of our cause. In this he has had the willing co-operation of Mr Norman France and Mr Lindsay Crozier, to whom we tender our grateful thanks.

The interest of Board members in the work, judging by regular attendance at meetings throughout the year, has been well sustained. In addition to this, each member of the Board is on one of the Committees which brings him or her to the Home at regular times.

Combined Appeal:

The Combined Appeal this year reached the fine amount of £1,324. Mention should here be made of the wonderful leadership given to the Appeal Committee by Mr J. L. Hay. He has been Chairman of the Committee since its inception and he has brought to it great devotion and enthusiasm. To him, more than to any other, we owe the fine team spirit which has been evident each year in our united efforts. Now that he feels the need to steady up, to leave much of his work to others, and before he actually retires from the Committee, we pay him tribute. May he find the only reward he looks for, the continued success of the Appeal and the "Well Done" of our Heavenly Father.

Thanks:

We extend our grateful thanks again to individuals and to groups of people who in various ways have assisted us during the year—Leeston friends for the Annual Garden Party, Ashburton for eggs and jam. The Rotary Club has arranged film evenings, Uncle Ern Smith his games evenings on Saturdays, the Savage Club and the Addington Workshops for Christmas Toys, the Automobile Association for the Picnic to Waikuku, and those responsible for arranging a visit to the Industries Fair. The children enjoyed all the good things provided for them, while at the Fair, some of our young hopefuls appeared—for the first time in their lives—in Television, much to the amusement of the crowd. The Master and Matron (Mr and Mrs Howells), the Assistant Matron (Sister Rona Collins) and all members of the Staff, continue to give of their best and we thank them.

Mention should also be made of the continued honorary services of Dr. S. C. Peddie and Dr. W. Pryor.

W. T. BLIGHT, Chairman.

A. O. HARRIS, Secretary-Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.
2. That Conference express appreciation of the fine gesture of Mr L. R. Beardsley and his colleagues in making available to the Connexion the excellent colour film of the South Island Children's Home.
3. That the Board of Management for 1956 be as printed on page 12 herein.

QUESTION LV.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Connexional Literature?

A—Methodist Times Committee

ANNUAL REPORT 1955

Under the able editorial leadership of the Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D. our Church Journal has brought to our people through another year a steady flow of interesting and informative material on a great variety of subjects. Devotional articles, insights into missionary enterprise at home and abroad, biblical and theological studies, review of work undertaken by every section of the Church, articles on international and current topics, news from our Churches—all this and much else has found its place in each issue, a high standard of excellence being steadily maintained.

The appreciation of our people is reflected in the fact that we record again an increase of 246 subscribers. The necessary rise in the subscription rate from 10/- to 12/6 per annum as at the commencement of our new

financial year, 1st May, has thus not adversely affected our circulation which has now risen to 5,125. With the resultant increase in income we will be able to stabilise our financial position which has been deteriorating during the past three years owing to rising costs in production and distribution. The financial statement indicates a loss for the past year of £338/16/-.

Our publishers are installing a new machine which gives a fixed page size slightly larger than that which is being used at present. This will necessitate a change in format with larger pages.

The paper has been well served by the Associate Editor, the Rev. C. P. Lucas, the Rev. S. G. Andrews, J. Silvester, Sister Rita Snowden, and Mr H. W. Beaumont, all of whom have enriched the paper with the quality of their contributions each issue. We express also to our publishers, Messrs. Kerslake, Billens and Humphrey of Levin, our appreciation of the courteous and efficient service rendered by their staff. We have some 200 Circuit Agents through New Zealand who render us invaluable assistance in collecting subscriptions, contacting and enrolling new subscribers and keeping the paper before our people.

E. H. ANDREWS, Chairman.

H. L. FIEBIG, Business Manager.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.
2. That Conference congratulate the Editor of the "Methodist Times" on the high standard of the paper and express gratitude for the stimulus to our faith of the materials and articles presented, also that thanks be accorded to the Editors, contributors and Circuit agents for their valued services.
3. That the Committee for 1956 be as printed on page 12 herein.

B—Board of Publications

REPORT FOR 1955

The work of the Board has gone forward steadily during the year, and it is evident that Circuits are eager to avail themselves of the materials published.

Crusade Publications:

On behalf of the Spiritual Advance Committee, the Board published the Lenten Leaflet and the Prayer Calendar for sale, and a Stewardship leaflet for free distribution.

The Prayer Calendar was very well received, demand exceeding supply by some hundreds of copies, though not sufficiently to justify re-printing. Thanks are due to the Home and Foreign Mission Boards, the Spiritual Advance Committee and the M.W.M.U. for giving subsidies for this new venture. The Board proposes to print a greater number this year.

Booklets Issued:

The Rev. Dr. W. E. Sangster's sermon "A Question of Standards" did not meet with the success it deserved, partly because (through unavoidable delays) there was too great a lapse of time after Dr. Sangster's departure before it was available for sale. However, part of the issue was bartered for a supply of Upper Room "Christian Family" booklets.

A booklet on "Christian Baptism" by the Rev. J. Silvester will fulfil a long-felt need for a concise statement of the Methodist viewpoint.

The Board has several other publications in prospect, but the writers concerned were unable to complete MSS in time for this year's programme.

Audio-Visual Aids:

Owing to the indisposition of a key member of the Board, our activity in this field has been limited to the production of one record of a Dr.

Sangster sermon. This had wide circulation throughout the country, and where buildings were not too large, was well received.

Further ventures in this field will be undertaken later.

Future Policy:

The Board has undertaken a complete survey of its past publications, and this has given us important guidance about the nature of our future programme. Three matters are being given immediate attention:

1. The preparation of a new Aldersgate Sunday Order of Service.
2. In conjunction with the Spiritual Advance Committee and the Connexional Office, the preparation of a Layman's Handbook (based on the one by the Rev. W. A. Burley) in a more permanent form.
3. "*Wesleydale Booklets*." The Board, in consultation with the Spiritual Advance Committee, is investigating the possibility of publishing a series of reasonably-priced booklets each year for use in visitation work. The title for 1956 is "Community Challenge" series.

Working Capital:

The Board's funds are to some extent tied up in publications like "Our Father's Faith and Ours" for which there will be a slow but steady sale over several years.

We are therefore very grateful to the Fire Insurance Board for offering a grant of £200, subject to the approval of Conference. This will extend our "Working Capital" and enable us to provide a progressive policy.

Policy re Future of "Methodist Times."

It is the desire of the Board, in terms of our constitution (Law Book, p.156, par 9b) to work step by step towards the implementation of the Editor-Manager policy. It is clear that the day of its full realisation lies in the future, but we submit for the approval of Conference, the following statement of policy:—

1. The Board re-affirms its conviction that ultimately the Editor-Manager Policy previously agreed to by Conference should be its objective.
2. The Board shares the view of many that the present situation is unsatisfactory at several points, e.g. the printing of the "Times" in a different locality from the Editor with consequent difficulties of supervision, time lag in appearance of news, etc.
3. The Board feels that if the "Times" were printed in a large city, there would be greater facilities for technical advice, materials, &c.
4. As the Board is established in Auckland, we are of the opinion that the "Times" could well be printed there:—
 - (a) There is a suitable printer.
 - (b) Technical assistance is readily available, especially by members of the Board of Publications.
5. The Board accepts the policy of the "Methodist Times" Committee, in seeking the re-appointment of the Rev. W. T. Blight for a further term as Editor.
6. In view of all these things, we seek the Conference's general approval of our policy, and request permission to investigate, in conjunction with the "Methodist Times" Committee, the possibility of taking these forward steps in the near future.

W. E. A. CARR, Chairman.

L. R. M. GILMORE, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That general approval be given to the Board's Statement of Policy re the future of the "Methodist Times," and that the Board in consultation

with the "Times" Committee investigate the position and report to next Synods and Conference.

3. That congratulations be extended to Rev. Wesley Parker on his authorship of "Rev. C. H. Laws—Memoirs and Addresses."

4. That the Board be thanked for the high standard of recent publications.

5. That the Board for 1956 be as printed on page 13 herein.

QUESTION LVI.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference concerning Chaplaincy Matters?

Armed Services Chaplaincy Committee

ANNUAL REPORT, 1955

Navy:

We have no chaplain attached to the Navy and it appears that the most we can expect for some time to come is the appointment of Honorary Chaplains.

Army:

Korea. The Rev. G. T. Gilbert who was designated for overseas service has received orders to proceed to Korea and it is expected that his tour of duty will be for a period of twelve months.

C.M.T. The Revs. J. S. Olds and J. A. Penman are each completing a tour of duty in Papakura and Burnham respectively.

Territorial Camps. Chaplains have been called upon to attend Annual Territorial Camps and all have reported having received ready co-operation from the military authorities. These camps are an effectual sphere of service.

N.Z. Division. The Rev. G. T. Gilbert, on his movement overseas has had to relinquish his appointment as Chaplain to the 2nd Field Regt. R.N.Z.A. and it will be necessary to appoint a successor.

Air Force:

The Rev. P. D. Ramsay is continuing to perform efficient service. Reports of his work are most favourable. He is doing much of the normal work of a circuit minister as part of his regular duties. During the year he availed himself of the services of the Rev. B. M. Chrystall who conducted a most successful meeting, showing the films which he has been screening at Home Mission meetings. Mr Ramsay hopes that the Rev. Dr. Soper will be able to visit and address the personnel at Woodbourne during his visit to New Zealand.

—V. R. JAMIESON, Senior Chaplain.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Revs. L. P. Schroeder and H. I. Shaw be designated for duty in C.M.T. camps during 1956.
3. That Conference send greetings to the Rev. G. T. Gilbert (overseas).
4. That the Rev. R. F. Clement be designated to succeed the Rev. G. T. Gilbert as Chaplain to the 2nd Field Regt. R.N.Z.A.
5. That the Rev. V. R. Jamieson be thanked for his services and re-appointed Senior Chaplain.
6. That the Chaplaincy Committee investigate the matter of the appointment of Chaplains under the pay of the Army, and bring down a report to next Conference.
7. That the Committee report on the matter of payment received as Army pay in relation to stipend received from the Circuit while serving as Chaplains in C.M.T. Camps.

8. That in view of the increasing concentration of N.Z. Servicemen in Malaya, the Chaplains' Dominion Advisory Council give consideration to requesting the Government to consider the early appointment of a Chaplain to this area.

9. That Messers A. J. Johnston and R. Hardie Boys be thanked for their services as Treasurers and re-appointed.

10. That the District Advisory Committees be:—

Northern—The Chaplains of the District, Messrs. R. T. Garlick and L. W. Peak.

Central—Revs. J. B. Dawson, R. F. Clement, H. I. Shaw, V. R. Jamieson, P. D. Ramsay, W. H. Greenslade, Messrs T. M. Pacey, H. J. Steptoe, A. J. Johnson, R. Hardie Boys.

Southern.—Revs. V. R. Jamieson, P. A. Stead, Messrs H. G. Smith and

QUESTION LVII.—What is the Report of the Custodian of Early Records, Libraries and Museums?

A—CONNEXIONAL OFFICE

No Report.

B—TRINITY COLLEGE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

No Report.

C—Wesley Historical Society (New Zealand)

ANNUAL REPORT

Publications:

The affairs of the Society continue to prosper unspectacularly, membership remaining stable at round the 300 mark. This compares favourably with the 722 membership of the British Wesley Historical Society, but new members are always welcome.

Publications circulated this year are:

Vol. 10, No. 3: "John Whiteley—Missionary Martyr" (G. G. Carter, M.A.).

Vol. 12, No. 4: "The Scandanavian Mission of the Methodist Church of N.Z." (G. I. Laurenson).

Vol. 13, No. 1: "The Impact of Christianity on the Maori People." (A. W. Reed).

Vol. 13, Nos. 2-4: "The Rev. John Hobbs." (T. G. M. Spooner, M.A.).

Also: The printed RULES of the Society.

Thanks:

Grateful acknowledgement is made to the Alfred and Marian and Isabel Reed Trust for generous assistance with the publication of Vol. 13, No. 1 and to the firm of Messrs. A. H. & A. W. Reed for other valuable help.

Historic Sites:

Contact has been established with the body organised by recent legislation for marking Historic Sites. One matter at present under way is a plan to mark the site of the first Methodist service in Auckland by the erection of a park seat. Still in view also, is the placing of a baptismal font in the Kao Church as a memorial to pioneer missionary women.

Gifts, Legacies, etc.:

The Society would like it known that, since it has been registered under the provisions of the "Religious, Charitable and Educational Endowment Act, 1908," it is legally entitled to receive legacies and hold and administer property.

At present the Society's income is drawn mainly from members' subs. at 7/6 per year, with a few Sustaining Members who pay £1/1/- per year. In view of this, we humbly present ourselves as worthy of consideration when Methodist people are making their wills.

E. W. HAMES, President.

L. R. M. GILMORE, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That a grant of £5 be made from the Contingent Fund.
3. That the attention of Circuits be drawn to the statutory obligation of sending two copies of Circuit magazines, historical brochures, &c. to the General Assembly Library, Wellington. (See Section 52 of the Copyright Act, 1913).
4. That Circuits producing historical brochures, be required to send one copy to the Connexional Office and one to the Trinity Theological College Library for record purposes.
5. That the Wesley Historical Society (N.Z.) be granted permission to secure a temporary loan of approximate £75 from the Board of Publications to enable immediate payment to be made of the balance owing in connection with the Canberra Church Appeal on the understanding that it will be repaid as soon as contributions are received from Circuits.

QUESTION LVIII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on matters previously remitted to Synods or Committees?

1—Church Union Committee

REPORT FOR 1955

The Church Union Committee met in Wesley Church Lounge, Wellington on 4th May, 1955. The President presided over an attendance of 23 members. The meeting was occupied mainly with matters referred to it from the Joint Standing Committee and which are set forth in detail in the Report of that committee.

Replies to Invitation to Other Churches in the National Council of Churches:

The Committee expressed its gratification at the reply from the Church of the Province of New Zealand and the decision of the Associated Churches of Christ to be officially associated with the present conversations on Church Union. The replies from the churches are printed below in the Report of the Joint Standing Committee.

Simultaneous Assemblies and Conference in 1956:

The Committee approved a recommendation from the Joint Standing Committee that during the simultaneous meetings of the Assemblies and Conference in Auckland next year there be three united Acts—Communion, Worship and Witness. The Committee informed the Joint Standing Committee of its desire for one United Communion Service but stated that should this prove impracticable, three Communion Services, to be attended by official representatives of each of the three churches, be arranged.

Joint Regional Committees:

Joint Regional Committees (see Conference Minutes 1954, p.164) have been appointed in some districts but not in others. In districts where they have been established they are already proving their worth in fostering co-operation in church extension work. These committees will have the further task next year of initiating in their respective areas the Study Programme on Church Union.

Union Churches:

Corstorphine is the one Union Church where the situation, from the point of view of administration and future development, is not entirely satisfactory although working relationships within the congregation are most cordial. The Committee of Oversight is to meet more frequently and this should help considerably. Raglan, Taita, Wainui-o-mata and Marchweil are all working satisfactorily and recording progress.

Meeting of the Executive:

A meeting of the Executive was held on June 30th, 1955, in St. Andrew's Church Parlour, Wellington, to give approval to the Committee's Report to Synods and Conference and to examine the draft report of the Joint Standing Committee.

REPORT OF THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON CHURCH UNION, 1955

(A) Relationships with the Other Six Members of the N.C.C.:

During 1954 a letter signed by the Moderator of the General Assembly, President of the Methodist Conference and the Chairman of the Congregational Union, and authorised by those bodies in 1953, was sent to the other six member churches of the N.C.C. conveying fraternal greetings and inviting them to discussions on Church Union. The following replies have now been received.

(a) *Church of the Province of N.Z. (Anglican)*. The letter was referred to the General Synod which met in March 1955 and which passed the following resolution: "That this Synod acknowledge the invitation extended by the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational Churches to engage with them in preliminary discussions in the matter of corporate union by requesting the Bench of Bishops to appoint a Commission, the duty of which Commission would be to examine what has so far been achieved by the Joint Standing Committee of the three Churches; to secure through Bishop Stephen Neill (the Archbishop of Canterbury's assistant for ecumenical relationships) and his Committee at Lambeth information as to what has been done or is being planned in other branches of the Anglican Communion; and in the light of these findings to advise the Session of General Synod which will meet in 1958 of what action it recommends should be undertaken".

A Commission of nine persons, including three Bishops, has been appointed, and the Joint Standing Committee has been asked to supply them with all relevant material.

(b) *Baptist Union of N.Z.* The letter was referred to the Union Council which in acknowledging the greetings replied as follows: "It is the considered opinion of the members of the Baptist Union Council that until such time as the Union of the three Churches at present engaged in negotiations has been achieved, no purpose will be served by the Baptist Church entering into discussions in the matter of corporate union".

(c) *Associated Churches of Christ*. The General Executive Committee indicated in their reply their keen interest in the invitation, and appointed six of their number to meet the Joint Standing Committee. This meeting was held on February 10th, 1955. These representatives reported to their Annual Conference, which unanimously passed the following resolution: "That this Conference instructs the General Executive to continue association with the present Joint Committee on Church Union and with any other organisations established for the same purpose". Therefore the Joint Standing Committee has invited five representatives of the Associated Churches of Christ to become members of the J.S.C. in full standing, and now seeks confirmation of this action.

(d) *Salvation Army*. Lt. Commissioner Hoggard replied that as the Salvation Army is international in character, such an important issue as union with other churches is beyond the province of the national adminis-

tration, and that any reference to such well-nigh unsurmountable problems as their peculiar doctrines and practices could have little practical value.

(e) *Society of Friends*. The Society appointed Mr E. Dowsett to meet the J.S.C. At this meeting on February 10th, 1955, Mr Dowsett explained the rather unique position in which the Society finds itself in relationship to the churches, even though it was genuinely interested in the present movement. It appeared that nothing of a very practical nature could be done at the moment, but in the event of a further union of churches in New Zealand, the Society may find that its continued witness would be within the framework of the one church as a special order.

(f) *Orthodox Church*. No reply.

(B) Baptismal Certificate:

A baptismal certificate authorised for use by the three denominations is now printed and available from the Presbyterian Bookroom.

(C) Common Declaration of Faith:

The first draft of the Common Declaration has been prepared by the J.S. Committee and has now been sent to the Doctrinal Committees of the three denominations for amendment and approval.

D. Study Booklet on Church Union

It has taken longer to gather the material for this booklet than was anticipated, but it is hoped that the booklet will be printed and available at the time of the Assemblies and Conference. It is entitled "Shall We Unite?"

(E) Simultaneous Assemblies and Conference:

A joint arrangements committee has been set up in Auckland to plan the joint functions at the time of the simultaneous Assemblies and Conference in 1956. The J.S. Committee gave careful consideration to the nature of these functions, and sent a memorandum to the Auckland Committee for their guidance. It is recommended that the following procedure be approved:

(a) *United Act of Worship*. To be held in the Auckland Town Hall on the afternoon of Sunday, November 4th. In this service it is proposed to use a short declaration, if the participating churches approve. This declaration will be prepared and presented to Conference for approval.

(b) *United Meeting of Witness*. To be held in Auckland Town Hall on the evening of Tuesday, November 6th. This will replace the usual People's Night, or Missions Night of the individual churches, and is intended to be a meeting in which we declare to the community the relevance of the Gospel and the Church to life in our day. Arrangements are to be made for broadcasting, and for other halls to be booked for overflow.

(c) *United and Simultaneous Communion Services*. To be held on the morning of Tuesday, November 6th. As no one church would accommodate the full number, it is proposed to hold three services simultaneously in St. David's Presbyterian Church, Pitt Street Methodist Church, and Beresford Congregational Church. Arrangements will be made to ensure that each congregation will be made up of members of all the participating denominations, but the order used will be that customary to the church in which the service is being held.

(d) *Interchange of Visits and Pulpits*. Arrangements will be made for the interchange of visits by the Moderator, President and Chairman to the other Conference and Assemblies. On the Sunday an interchange of preachers will be arranged for the pulpits of the participating denominations.

(e) All members of the Assemblies and Conference will be welcome to attend sessions of the sister churches' assemblies, etc.

(f) *Associated Churches of Christ*. Although it is not possible for the Conference of the Associated Churches of Christ to be held in November

1956, it is recommended that their President and other representatives be invited to share in the United Acts of the Assemblies and Conference.

(F) Visitor from the United Church of Canada:

Throughout Church Union discussions in New Zealand the United Church of Canada has often been mentioned as an example and a guide. The committee feels that a visit from one of the leaders of the United Church of Canada during the period of study in 1956 would be very helpful in stimulating interest and in providing first-hand information concerning the life of the United Church. The committee made a tentative enquiry of Dr. J. R. Mutchmor, Secretary of the Board of Evangelism and Social Service of the United Church of Canada. Dr. Mutchmor submitted the letter to the sub-executive of the General Council, which decided that if our churches agreed to issue a formal invitation, the United Church of Canada would do its utmost to have one of its ministers accept it and visit New Zealand. It is likely that such a visit would be during July and August 1956. The J.S. Committee recommends that such an invitation be sent, and if the co-operating churches agree, it will be glad to make the necessary arrangements.

(G) Joint Regional Committees:

Now that the study booklet is prepared it is desirable that the Joint Regional Committees authorised in 1954 be set up as soon as possible where this has not already been done, in order that the wide study of the booklet may be fostered during 1956. This will promote interest and discussion in such a way as to prepare the churches for a vote during 1957 on the "Principle of Union".

The study booklet will be found of most value if the Joint Regional Committees arrange for the holding of joint meetings, retreats and camps, of Presbyterians, Methodists and Congregationalists, both among ministers and among neighbouring congregations and if people are chosen to introduce the studies.

It is recommended that during 1956 the Joint Regional Committees arrange in their areas for:

- (a) Joint Ministerial Retreat or Conference.
- (b) Joint meetings of neighbouring congregations, for a series of meetings or discussions.
- (c) Joint youth groups, or Conferences.

The study book which has been published to be the basis for study and discussion in such gatherings, arose out of the material and the discussions of the Conference of the Three Churches at Feilding, 1954, and it is strongly felt that this kind of study is most profitable when it is done along with members of the other denominations. In this way first-hand knowledge of one another's traditions, beliefs and practices is received, and misconceptions are quickly dealt with.

(H) Vote on the Principle of Union:

The year 1956 should prove to be stimulating and profitable in the study of church union at all levels of church life. It will culminate in the holding of Simultaneous Assemblies and Conference. It becomes clear therefore that 1957 would be the best year for the taking of the first of the two projected votes. It is important to understand clearly the difference between these two votes. The *first* may best be described as a referendum to gauge clearly the desire and willingness of the members of the churches involved, to unite with one another provided a suitable basis can be found. Then a basis of union will be prepared and some years later a *second* vote will be taken on whether the members of the churches are willing to unite with one another on that particular basis. The common proverb "Where there's a will, there's a way" applies very aptly to church union. When Christians of different denominations earnestly desire to be joined together in the one visible church, then they can confidently look to the

Holy Spirit to reveal to them the way to do it; but when the will to unite is either absent or half-hearted, then the way to unite becomes barred with insuperable obstacles. Thus the first vote is important because it gauges the desire and the willingness of Christians to unite; and the second vote is important because it makes possible the decisive step, provided that a sufficiently large majority is obtained.

It appears probable at this stage that four denominations will be involved in this first vote viz, the Presbyterian Church, the Methodist Church the Congregational Union, and the Associated Churches of Christ. The J. S. Committee recommends that authority be now given for the taking of the first vote in 1957.

(I) Reciprocal Membership:

Reports have been received that the rules for reciprocal membership are helping to solve problems in certain situations in New Zealand (a) where members of a denomination are isolated by distance from the nearest church of their own denomination, and (b) where there are quite a few members of the three denominations in two or more adjacent areas, and the resources of the denominations are used most wisely by sharing the main responsibility for different areas.

(J) Reports of Union Churches:

Reports have been received from the ministers of the five Union Parishes which have been established. All congregations are in good heart. No local problems have yet emerged which are due to the Union situation, and as one minister puts it, "Union is completely successful in the local situation." But some tend to feel that the links with the mother churches are not so strong as they would like them to be. It is sometimes felt, though not everywhere, that the mother churches do not give the same consideration to Union Parishes as to those of their own denomination.

The main problems, however, are due to lack of buildings. Marchweil, Timaru, hopes to enter its new hall in July, 1955, Corstorphine has bought an old school building and is using it to build another hall by voluntary labour, and Wainui-o-mata has plans for a new hall on a central site. Wainui-o-mata strongly feels the need of a resident minister or home missionary; the other four are ministered to by three Presbyterians and one Congregationalist.

(K) Amalgamation of Church Periodicals:

This matter was referred to the J.S. Committee by the Presbyterian Union Committee. It is believed to be possible and desirable to publish one church paper for the co-operating churches, and by means of insets to allow each denomination to publish news and articles which would be of interest mainly to their own denomination. It is considered that in this way these denominations would become much better informed about one another, and thus more unity would be fostered; and at the same time a better magazine could be produced and on a more economical basis. It is recommended that this question be explored by the Publication Committees of the churches.

C. O. HAILWOOD, President.

A. K. PETCH, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the reports be received and adopted.
2. That the reception of five representatives of the Associated Churches of Christ on the Joint Standing Committee be confirmed.
3. That the study booklet "Shall We Unite?" be commended for study throughout the churches, and that a grant of £18 be made from the Contingent Fund towards the cost of the Study Booklet.
4. That the President and other representatives of the Associated Churches of Christ be invited to share in the united acts of the Assemblies and Conference, 1956.

5. That the plans for the united acts of the Assemblies and Conference, 1956, be approved.

6. That the Declaration for the United Act of Witness (as below) be approved.

THE DECLARATION

(The congregation shall stand and the presiding Minister shall read the following recitals).

WHEREAS the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand, the Methodist Church of New Zealand, and the Churches of the Congregational Union of New Zealand, have for some years past been negotiating together for closer co-operation, and been considering a possible corporate Union of the three communions, and to this end have established a Joint Standing Committee and five Union Churches,

and WHEREAS the Associated Churches of Christ in New Zealand have recently accepted the invitation to join these discussions and negotiations,

and ALTHOUGH a basis of union has not yet been drawn up, nor have the communions concerned been wholly unanimous in their desire for corporate union,

NEVERTHELESS the four communions have on several occasions declared their desire for a greater measure of unity with one another and are of one mind that they should co-operate more effectively in the service of their one Lord;

(Then the congregation shall say together the following declaration)

NOW THEREFORE we representatives of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand, the Methodist Church of New Zealand, and the Associated Churches of Christ in New Zealand, and the Churches of the Congregational Union of New Zealand, acting as we believe under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, declare before God and the world, that sharing the Christian faith, we do now enter into a new relationship, convenanting with God and with one another to take counsel with one another in all matters of common concern, to learn from one another as the Spirit may direct, and to seek all opportunities to express the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, in the service of the Lord Jesus Christ whom we acknowledge to be sole Head of the Church.

7. That the Joint Standing Committee be authorised to prepare plans for the taking in 1957 of the first of two projected votes, viz. the vote on the "principle of union."

8. That Conference approve of the Joint Standing Committee extending an invitation to the United Church of Canada to send a Representative to visit New Zealand during 1956.

9. That the question of keeping the principle of reciprocal membership before the negotiating Churches be referred back to the Committee for action.

10. That the amalgamation of Church periodicals be referred to the appropriate Church committees for favourable examination and report.

11. That in areas where they are not already established Joint Regional Committees be appointed to foster co-operation in Church extension work and to initiate the Study Programme on Church Union in 1956, and that the Synod Standing Committees be instructed to implement this in areas where joint Regional Committees are not operating.

12. That the Executive Members for 1956 be: The President and Secretary of Conference, the Connexional Secretary, General Superintendent of Home Missions, General Secretary for Foreign Missions, the Legal Adviser, The Convener of the Church Union Committee, together with Wellington members of the Committee.

13. That the Methodist Representatives on the Joint Standing Committee for 1956 be: The Revs. M. A. McDowell, G. H. Goodman, A. K. Petch, A. J. Johnston, R. F. Clement and W. R. Laws, and Messrs R. H. Ellis and A. R. Dellow.

14. That the Church Union Committee for 1956 be as printed on Page 11 herein.

2—Central Finance Committee

ANNUAL REPORT 1955

General Appeal 1954:

The 1954 Appeal was the third appeal and was made on the basis of 2/- per member. The Committee is pleased to report that the result of the 1954 Appeal was satisfactory, a sum of £2,669/3/- being raised. Four districts exceeded their allocations. The Hawkes Bay-Manawatu District did particularly well.

General Appeal 1956:

The following are the requirements of the various Committees and Institutions affected by the Appeal:—

	£
Trinity College	1000
National Council of Churches	300
Council for Christian Education	200
Armed Forces Chaplaincy Fund	100
New Zealand Alliance	100
University Chaplains—	
Auckland	30
Wellington	75
Canterbury	15
Otago	35
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To meet the above amounts the Committee recommends that for the 1956 Appeal the basis be 1/6 per member.

Hospital Chaplaincy:

It will be remembered that last Conference decided that each District shall be responsible for the raising of the amount required in its District for Hospital Chaplaincy. The amounts required in the various Districts for Chaplaincy are as follows:—

	£
Auckland	295
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	65
Wellington	35
North Canterbury	100
Otago-Southland	60

The Committee approves of the above amounts being raised.

Affiliation Fees for Local Branches of the National Council of Churches:

Conference directed the Committee to consider a proposal that such fees should be a charge of the General Appeal Funds. It is pointed out that such fees are small and that the amounts to be paid vary from place to place. Further, in some Districts there are several branches of the National Council of Churches whilst in others there is only one. It is submitted that it would assist to stimulate local interest if such fee were raised locally. Therefore the Committee has no recommendation to make.

Special Korean Appeal:

The Committee gave its approval to the President's authorisation of a special appeal on behalf of the National Council of Churches for funds

for Korean relief, the amount so raised to bear a twenty times subsidy from the American Government through the "Share its Surplus Scheme."

Envelopes:

Envelopes for use in connection with the General Appeal are now available at the Connexional Office.

H. de R. FLESHER, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.
2. That the Basis of the appeal for 1956 be 1/6 per member plus the amount required in any District to raise the amount it requires for Hospital Chaplaincy.
3. That the allocation as in the report be granted.
4. That the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee investigate the possibility of establishing a Methodist Finance Board for the purpose of investing the Capital Funds of Church Boards and Committees within the life of the Church.
5. That the following be referred to the Committee on Budget Systems (see "Home Mission" Resolutions):—
That in view of the successful operation of the budget system operating in connection with the General Connexional Appeal, Para. 480A, Law Book page 90, be amended by the deletion of the words "except those for Home Missions and Foreign Missions, Children's Homes, and Youth Department."
6. That the Central Finance Committee consider making a contribution of £20 to the National Education Society on Alcoholism (Dunedin).

FINANCE COMMITTEES

- A. **CENTRAL COMMITTEE:** District Chairman (North Canterbury), Connexional Secretary, Messrs L. G. K. Stevens, E. R. Caygill, C. H. Perkins and H. de R. Flesher (Convener).
- B. **DISTRICTS:**
- AUCKLAND:** District Chairman, Rev. A. W. E. Silvester, District Financial Secretary, Messrs A. Turner, H. P. Mourant, G. S. Gapper, and W. J. Court.
- SOUTH AUCKLAND:** District Chairman, Rev. C. B. Oldfield, Financial Secretary, Messrs W. B. L. Williams, W. B. Young, W. F. Walters, and P. Rushton.
- TARANAKI-WANGANUI:** District Chairman, Financial Secretary; Messrs M. S. Hughson, W. Greenwood, K. F. Andrews, and J. P. Harding.
- HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU:** District Chairman, Revs. W. R. Laws, L. Greenslade, F. H. Parker, Messrs A. H. Fisher, H. W. Brewer, J. H. Oldham and L. A. Davis.
- WELLINGTON:** District Chairman, Rev. G. H. Goodman, Messrs T. M. Pacey, A. J. Johnston and D. Tayler (Convener).
- NELSON:** District Chairman, Rev. E. Baker, Messrs H. J. Savage, E. S. Wratt and F. H. Southgate.
- NORTH CANTERBURY:** To be appointed by Synod Standing Committee.
- SOUTH CANTERBURY:** District Chairman, Messrs E. B. F. Hight, H. C. B. Withell and P. G. Woodnorth.
- OTAGO-SOUTHLAND:** District Chairman, Rev. L. P. Schroeder, Messrs J. McIndoe, H. H. Johnson, and A. L. Stanton.

3—Stipend Committee

STATEMENT FOR INFORMATION OF SYNODS (SUBMITTED WITH PERMISSION OF THE PRESIDENT OF CONFERENCE)

Last year the Committee made its initial report "to the General Purposes Committee for submission to Conference". After exhaustive enquiries and full consideration, the Committee unanimously recommended an increase of 11% from 1.1.55 in minimum stipends, *irrespective of any general increase which might be granted by the Arbitration Court as a result of the general wage case which was being heard at that time*. Despite this firm recommendation, Conference approved of a 3% increase only, in line with the Arbitration Court's decision which had just been announced. In the judgment of the Committee, this indicates, for whatever reasons, that the Report did not receive the consideration which its contents merited.

The Committee is now of the opinion that the reasons for the recommendation of an 11% increase last year should be made known to representative laymen of our Church. Hence the President's permission has been obtained to present to Synods this statement, which is a precis of the 1954 report with certain salary rates and statistics brought up to date.

Increases in Stipends and Other Incomes:

The minimum stipend for an ordained Minister was £250 p.a. in 1939. On 1.2.55 it stood at £510 p.a. This represents an increase of 104% since 1939. During the same period increases in remuneration granted in a range of other vocations were as follows:

Group	1939 Rate £ p.a.	1955 Rate £ p.a.	% Increase since 1939
Boys Welfare Officers	380	915	141
Clerks (Clerical Award)	247	595	140
Bank Officers (in 12th year)	315	712	126
Insurance Clerks (in 13th year)	325	708	118
Public Service Clerk (in 9th to 11th year)	305	705	131
Public Service Tradesmen	285	657	131

On the basis of the information set out above, a clear case is made for increasing the minimum stipend to at least £565 today—an increase of 125% over the 1939 figure, which does no more than translate this figure to the 1955 equivalent. The following facts strengthen the case for such an increase:

(a) Nominal minimum weekly wage for adult males as prescribed in awards and industrial agreements—March 1939 = £4/17/-; December 1954 = £11/3/9; increase = 130%. (NOTE: These figures are stated by the Labour Department to be the best available for use in making wage rate comparisons over periods of years);

(b) Private income in New Zealand per head of population—1939 = £123; 1954 = £403; increase = 228%. (NOTE: Information extracted from the Abstract of Statistics.)

Comparison of New Zealand Methodist and Other Stipends:

As instructed by the Conference of 1953, the Committee made enquiries concerning stipends payable over the years in the N.Z. Anglican and Presbyterian Churches and the Methodist Church of Australia. Details of the results of these enquiries were set out in the 1954 report. They revealed that movements in stipends in other Churches have not kept pace with the increases in private income generally, although the Presbyterian Church in setting an objective of £681 was aiming at an increase of 127% in the 1940 stipend of £300.

Relationship of Stipends to Incomes Generally:

The Committee was asked to make a comparison of stipends with incomes in the community generally. In doing so, account was taken of such factors as wedding and other fees, the peculiar costs of a minister's calling (e.g. books, entertaining) and the impact of the Children's Fund, the Home Acquirement Fund, the Furniture Grant, the Removal Expenses Grant, the Supernumerary Fund, as well as the provision of a free furnished parsonage.

Confidential enquiries made of 40 Ministers indicated that "extras" such as wedding fees could be ignored, because they were more than offset by special expenditure on hospitality and books. Based on information supplied by the Connexional Office, the Committee concluded that grants from the Home Acquirement, Furniture and Removal Expenses Funds, when spread over a 40 years' ministry amounted to little more than £10 p.a. The current allowance from the Children's Fund is £10 p.a. per child. It would probably be reasonable to treat the average income from this source over the period of the average ministry as £15 p.a.

The Committee found it difficult to decide what weight should be given to superannuation benefits when relating the stipends of Ministers to the remuneration of other people. The reason was, of course, that many workers do not enjoy any superannuation benefits whatsoever, whilst others are more generously treated in this respect than our Ministers. For example, a Minister retiring after 40 years' service would receive a pension of £155 p.a. based on a stipend of £495 p.a. A public servant retiring on an equivalent salary would receive £330 p.a. To avoid possible objections it was decided to confine comparisons to those groups which have more generous superannuation schemes than the one provided by our Church.

The assessment of the value of a free furnished parsonage raised some difficulties, too. But after considering rental figures obtained from the Government Statistician and rentals charged to Government employees in official residences, the Committee concluded that it would be reasonable to assess the value at £2/10/- per week. This figure was considered to be high enough when it is borne in mind that a minister is unable to provide a freehold property for his retirement and has to live in a house of high rental value because of the nature of his calling. His house is, in effect, his place of business as well as his home.

Using the conclusions mentioned earlier the Committee arrived at the following assessment of the Minister's present-day "real" remuneration:

Stipend	£
Home Acquirement Fund, Furniture Grant, etc.	510
Child Allowance	10
Furnished Parsonage (taken at £2/10/- p.wk.)	15
	130
Total	£665

The figure of £665 must surely be regarded as too low when compared with the remuneration of the following groups, all of which have the benefit of more advantageous superannuation schemes:

	£
Married male Primary School Teacher (basic rate in 11th year)	932½
Bank Officer (in 12th year)	712
Insurance Clerk (in 13th year)	708
Boys Welfare Officer and Probation Officer	915
Public Service Clerk (in 9th to 11th year)	705
Inspector of Factories	915
Police Constable (after 3 years' service)	835+
+ (Salary £655 + House Allowance £65 Overtime Allowance £115).	

(NOTE: All these employees can advance considerably further in competition with others.)

Conclusions:

The Committee felt in 1954 that there was a strong case for raising the minimum stipend immediately to £550, both because it had not been increased since 1939 at the same rate as other types of remuneration and because the present stipend rate is too low in comparison with the earnings of wage and salary earners generally. This was before the 3% increase was granted by the Arbitration Court. As indicated earlier, it is of the opinion that the increase should now be to £565 p.a. A recommendation to this effect will be made to Conference.

The Committee further considers that the ultimate objective should be a minimum stipend of £625 p.a. for an ordained Minister. This compares with the Presbyterian objective of £681 (1954 figure). That Church, of course, provides an unfurnished parsonage only.

The figures quoted earlier in this report, showing improvements since 1939 in wage and salary rates and private incomes, indicate that our Methodist people as a whole should find no difficulty in meeting the proposed increases in stipends. It is appreciated, however, that some of the smaller Circuits may find difficulty in meeting the increases, unless further financial assistance is given to them. The Committee, along with the Transport Trust Board, has already given some consideration to this problem in reviewing the general question of stipends and travelling expenses, as instructed by last Conference. It is also investigating other sources of assistance to needy Circuits.

Notwithstanding the problems of the smaller Circuits and any other difficulties which may be encountered, the Committee cannot too strongly emphasise that it is convinced that the increases proposed are fully warranted and should be agreed to in common justice to our Ministers.

G. H. GOODMAN, Chairman.

E. G. HEGGIE, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That the vote on stipends be the vote of the lay members of Conference, after discussion by all members.
3. That the Minimum Stipend for all Ministers, Home Missionaries and Deaconesses in New Zealand be increased by 11% (eleven per cent) as from 1st February, 1956.

That the New Scale of minimum Stipends be as follows:

Ministers:

Ordained Minister	.....	.....	.....	£565
Married Probationer	.....	.....	.....	£488
Single Probationer	.....	.....	.....	£424

Home Missionaries:

Senior Married Home Missionary	.....	.....	.....	£511
Married Home Missionary	.....	.....	.....	£488
Married Home Missionary Probationer	.....	.....	.....	£457
Single Home Missionary	.....	.....	.....	£393
Single Home Missionary Probationer	.....	.....	.....	£366

Deaconesses:

Deaconess Probationer	.....	.....	.....	£341
When Dedicated and for three years	.....	.....	.....
afterwards	.....	.....	.....	£366
For the next three years	.....	.....	.....	£392
After six years	.....	.....	.....	£425

4. That the matter of the rate of stipends and allowances of the Mission staff overseas be referred to the Foreign Mission Board for decision

in the light of the cost of living on the Mission Field, and of the new minimum stipends now adopted in New Zealand.

5. That a letter over the signature of the President, Vice-President, and Secretary of the Conference be sent from the Conference to the December Quarterly Meetings advising the decision concerning the increase of stipends of Ministers and presenting a challenge to all members to do their utmost to implement this decision of Conference.

6. That Synod Standing Committees give special attention to this question in every Circuit and Home Mission Station to ensure that this decision of Conference is loyally implemented and that the situation affecting travelling arrangements be also investigated. Where necessary suitable deputations of laymen be arranged.

7. That a Committee representative of the ministry and the laity and of the Boards and Trusts affected by stipend changes, be set up early in Conference each year to consider the report and recommendations of the Standing Committee on Stipends and to report thereon to Conference.

8. That Conference thank the Standing Committee on Stipends for their sympathetic and understanding report and to the Conference Committee on their work in presenting the report to Conference.

9. That the Standing Committee for 1956 be: The Chairman of the Wellington District (or his deputy), Messrs T. M. Pacey, A. J. Johnston, S. N. Roberts, R. Hardie Boys, S. Roberts, E. G. Heggie (Convener). Corresponding Members: The Vice-President, Messrs F. H. Southgate, W. J. Court, J. H. Yarr, P. A. Le Brun, G. S. Gapper, E. L. F. Buxton, W. H. Walters.

4—Transport Trust Board, Inc.

ANNUAL REPORT 1955

Financial Assistance for the Purchase of Cars:

The Board's operations in this connection have continued to expand, and to date assistance has been rendered to 47 Ministers, Home Missionaries and Circuits to a total value of £16,974. The amount of loans outstanding as at 30th June, 1955, totalled £8,976, and the Board is happy to report that monthly repayments are, for the most part, being satisfactorily made.

The Foreign Missions Department, the Youth Department and the Wellington Methodist Charitable Educational Trust Board have continued to render most welcome help by the continued deposit of moneys temporarily with the Board, and, for this reason, it has been possible to maintain the rate of interest at 4½%.

Availability of Motor Cars:

The motor car supply position during the past year has continued to improve and the needs of the church have been substantially met through normal trade channels. Some assistance has been rendered in arranging for more prompt delivery in urgent cases, and as far as the Board is aware there is at the moment no case where there is an urgent need which has not been met, or which will not be met in the near future. The Board would again stress the importance of Ministers and Home Missionaries who are needing cars to place their orders with the local dealers with as little delay as possible. Some delay in delivery is inevitable, and after the orders have been placed it is urged that contact be maintained with the dealers at regular intervals.

Travelling Allowances:

The present scale of travelling allowance is recommended for re-adoption for the coming year. This is the scale at present being used by the Public Service and other organisations. It was recently investigated by an expert Government Committee which has reported that such scale fully covers present normal costs in running motor cars. For convenience of reference the present scale is again set out as under:

Mileage	Cars up to 9.5 h.p.	Cars from 9.6 to 14.5 h.p. inclusive	Cars over 14.5 h.p.
For 1st 1,000 miles ea. year	7d.	8½d.	9½d.
" 2nd " " "	6½d.	7½d.	8½d.
" 3rd " " "	6d.	7d.	8½d.
" 4th " " "	5½d.	6½d.	8d.
" 5th " " "	5½d.	6½d.	7½d.
" 6th " " "	5½d.	6½d.	7½d.
Over 6,000 miles ea. year	5d.	6d.	7d.

The Financial Position of Ministers:

As directed by the last Conference the Transport Board has collaborated with the Standing Committee on Stipends, and from information which has been received it is known that some Ministers are experiencing great hardship in endeavouring to meet financial obligations, particularly in the matter of paying off the debt on their motor cars. In some cases it is known that this is using an undue proportion of the Ministers' Stipends. The Board, however, is of the opinion that the present scale of travelling allowances, if fully paid, is adequate for most purposes in the matter of Circuit travelling. The difficulty arises where a Minister is called upon to use his car for Circuit purposes only for a limited annual mileage, and it is exceedingly difficult for the Circuit to pay a travelling allowance which will meet capital repayments in addition to running costs in those cases where the annual mileage is small. In those cases the Board feels that there should be a very careful and frank review of the situation within the Circuits concerned, and enquiries should be made as to whether the transport needs of the Circuit could not be almost as well met by using the financial resources available in finding methods of transport other than that of the Minister providing his own car. For instance, it was not so long since Ministers were able to keep country preaching and other appointments by interested members of their congregations providing the transport and receiving an appropriate contribution towards the running costs of their cars. On the other hand it is known that, as with the rest of the community, many Ministers recognize that the running of a car is also a personal convenience to themselves and their families, and are prepared to make some additional financial sacrifice. The Standing Committee on Stipends and the Transport Board are jointly collecting further information and it is hoped that it will be possible to make some further statement at Conference.

Personnel of Board for 1956:

It is recommended that the Members of the Board for the year 1956 be The President of the Conference, Revs. G. H. Goodman, R. Grice, A. J. Johnston, Messrs. A. J. Johnson, S. Roberts, C. A. Russell, D. Tayler, W. King, J. H. Phillipps, R. Hardie Boys, G. E. Turvey and T. M. Pacey.

G. H. GOODMAN, Chairman.

T. M. PACEY, Hon. Secretary.

D. TAYLER, Hon. Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. That the Personnel of the Board be thanked and re-appointed.
3. That Conference again draw the attention of Quarterly Meetings to the question in the Quarterly Meeting Agenda (Law Box p. 54 Section 9 (0) as adopted by Conference 1952.
4. That Probationers and Home Missionaries requiring transport for Circuit work, be required to consult with, and to secure the consent of the Chairman of the District before purchasing a vehicle; the Chairman to consult with the District Transport Committee where necessary.
5. That the Committee examine the Legal restrictions affecting the purchase of cars.

6. That the Members of the Board be as recommended in the report.

5—CLOSER RELATIONS WITH AUSTRALIA COMMITTEE

No Report.

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:

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, the Connexional Secretary, Revs. W. T. Blight, G. H. Goodman, E. S. Hoddinott, J. D. Grocott, Vice-President, Ex-Vice-President, Legal Adviser, Messrs L. G. K. Stevens, E. A. Crothall, R. H. Boys, A. J. Johnston, G. T. White. Convener: The Secretary of Conference.

QUESTION LX.—Who are the Members of the Synod Standing Committees?

AUCKLAND:

Chairman of the District, General Supt. of H.M. Dept., General Secretary of F.M. Dept., Superintendents of Auckland Central, Auckland Central Mission, Auckland South, Auckland West, Auckland East, Avondale, Devonport, Takapuna, Birkenhead, Onehunga, Henderson, North Waitemata and Mahurangi Circuits, Revs. L. R. M. Gilmore, J. Silvester, Rangī Rogers, and Messrs S. E. Chappell, A. E. Freeman, C. K. Wigglesworth, T. L. Hames, R. G. Laking, F. Souster, B. O. Stokes, G. H. Parkes, T. H. Todd, R. E. Adams, N. Wilson, A. Hoverd, C. R. Howell, J. C. Tietjens, R. J. Matheson and W. J. Court.

NORTHLAND AREA SUB-COMMITTEE:

The Ministers of the Port Albert, Paparoa, Ruawai, Dargaville, Whangarei, Hikurangi, Kawa Kawa-Kaikohe, Hokianga, Hokianga North, Mangonui and Whangaroa Circuits (Chairman, Rev. A. W. E. Silvester), Messrs H. Neal, J. W. Cliff, W. G. Simpkin, G. H. Lendrum, W. J. Court (Secretary), V. Gravatt, J. Keightly, G. Ferguson and J. T. Williams.

FRANKLIN AREA SUB-COMMITTEE:

The Superintendent, Ministers of the area and Messrs. C. M. Buttimore, E. L. Curnow, R. Craig, A. W. Elder, C. E. Hammond, M. T. Hansen, B. McArthur, R. McCorkindale, A. M. McKerras, E. Tunnicliffe, C. M. Buttimore, and W. H. Brownlie.

SOUTH AUCKLAND:

The Chairman of the District, The Superintendent Ministers of Hamilton, Hamilton East, Matamata, Cambridge, Te Awamutu, Te Kuiti, Otorohanga, Te Aroha, Morrinsville, Rotorua, Tauranga and Thames Circuits. Messrs. W. B. L. Williams, W. B. Young, G. E. Simpson, W. A. Collins, T. G. M. Spooner, W. A. Clark, P. Rushton, W. F. Walters, J. B. Beeche, D. H. Payne, A. Buss and R. E. Williams. Convener: The Secretary of the District.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI:

Chairman of District, Ministers of Waitara and Eltham Circuits; Revs. J. M. Blight, R. E. Patchett, Messrs. K. F. Andrews, M. S. Hughson, D. I. West, W. Greenwood, J. P. Harding and P. C. Hill. Convener: Rev. J. M. Blight.

WANGANUI AREA SUB-COMMITTEE:

Revs. G. R. Thompson, E. D. Grounds, Ministers of Wanganui West, Taihape and Marton; Messrs. E. L. F. Buxton, W. S. Thrush, J. H. Thomson, S. Laurenson, N. Dixon and H. Queree.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU:

Revs. W. R. Laws, L. Greenslade, F. H. Parker, Ministers of Ashhurst, Pahiatua and Dannevirke Circuits; Messrs. C. L. Pask, J. R. Grigg, T. M. Henson, I. G. Baber, J. G. Bleakley, L. G. Gwynne, L. Cotter and W. Holloway. Convener: Rev. F. H. Parker.

HAWKE'S BAY AREA SUB-COMMITTEE:

Chairman of District, Revs. L. C. Horwood, H. C. Matthews, W. H. Gregory; Messrs. J. P. Boyd, L. A. Davis, P. Mercer, E. Downer, G. Winter and M. Hancock. Convener: Rev. H. C. Matthews.

WELLINGTON:

All ordained Ministers, one lay representative from each Circuit in the district, a representative from each District organisation and all Conference officials. Convener: Secretary of District.

NELSON:

Chairman of District, Superintendents 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.

WESTLAND AREA SUB-COMMITTEE:

Superintendents of Westport, Greymouth and Hokitika Circuits; 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, J. G. Grocott, A. K. Petch, W. A. Chambers, Secretary of District, T. Carr and C. D. Clark; Messrs H de R. Flesher, S. D. McHarg, W. A. Clothier, J. Pryor, J. H. Yarr, G. E. Hill, H. Falkingham, N. G. Hillary, D. Whyte, and C. R. M. Manhire.

SOUTH CANTERBURY:

Ministers of South Canterbury District, Messrs. P. G. Woodnorth, M. A. Bull, R. Neutze, M. E. Hayman, R. N. Clucas, T. Wakelin, W. Simmons, R. H. Cone, F. G. Stuart, and one to be appointed from Marchiel Union Parish.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND:

Revs. G. R. H. Peterson, Dr. R. Dudley, H. A. Cochrane, Dr. G. Parker, L. P. Schroeder, L. Shapcott, O. M. Olds, G. W. Cramond, I. W. Reid; Messrs J. McIndoe, G. R. Galbreath, H. H. Johnson, A. L. Stanton, C. Chirnside, C. H. Kitchin, A. H. Harman, E. M. Fraser, Mesdames M. R. McIndoe and F. Ganderton.

SOUTHLAND AREA SUB-COMMITTEE:

Revs. A. R. Whiteford (Chairman), and the other Ministers and Probationers of Southland; Mrs S. S. Craw, Messrs. J. T. Sharp, E. A. Humphries, W. T. Pethick, E. McCulloch, and G. H. Anderson.

QUESTION LX.—1 (a) What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting the Laws and Regulations of the Church?

Law Revision Committee

(A) DISTRICT CHAIRMAN

1952 Minutes, Page 171, Resolution 3 (b); 1953 Minutes, Page 179

1954 Minutes, pages 175 and 176.

Recommendations of the Committee:

1. ELIGIBILITY OF MINISTERS FOR ELECTION AS CHAIRMAN.—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."

2. METHOD OF ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.—That the former procedure be again adopted, i.e., the election of Chairman shall be by ballot without nomination and by an absolute majority of votes cast.

Report as re-printed from 1954 Minutes (pp.175-176) received but recommendation (2) as above not adopted.

(B) REPORT, 1955

The following matters were referred to the Committee and its recommendations thereon are set out below:—

(1) Minimum Academic Standard for Candidates (1954 Minutes page 33):

When checking the amendments made by the 1954 Conference the Committee observed that the amendments made in a new Section 424 (b) did not harmonise with Section 427. The Committee has had correspondence with the Secretary or the Board of Examiners. Section 427 is now redundant as there are now no examinations in English, History, Geography and Book-keeping. Therefore the Committee recommends that paragraph 427 be repealed and that there be a new paragraph

"424 (b)—The School Certificate or its equivalent shall be the minimum academic qualification for all Candidates except for Home Missionaries who are over twenty-five years of age."

(2) Posting of Chaplains (1954 Minutes page 153 Res. 3):

The Committee has been directed to consider matters relating to the posting of chaplains in connection with the Law Book and Minutes.

The Committee recommends:

(a) That the following question be added to questions to be answered at Conference: Paragraph 379 56 (a)—What Ministers are to serve as whole or part time chaplains (a) overseas, (b) at home during the ensuing year?

(b) That in order to give adequate publicity to such appointments a reference to the appointments be included in the Minutes and that in the list of stations after the name of the Minister shall be inserted the words in brackets ("who shall serve as chaplain to").

(3) Circuit Stewards—Election at June Quarterly Meeting (1954 Minutes pages 177 Res. 5):

This matter has been referred to the Committee and it now presents its findings.

To alter the date of election of Circuit Stewards from the September meeting to the June meeting would result in the matter of the invitation to the Ministers and the election of Circuit Stewards being dealt with at the same meeting. Embarrassing situations could arise. Prior to the June meeting the Circuit Stewards would have considered the matter of the invitation and may have had correspondence with a Minister. A change in Circuit Stewards might cause a Minister to wonder if the Stewards had the confidence of the Church members. Therefore the Committee is of the opinion that it would not be wise to change the date of the meeting at which Circuit Stewards are elected, from September to June.

(4) Ministers and Theses (1954 Minutes page 33 Res. 13):

Last Conference decided that a Thesis should be required from each ordained Minister within two years of ordination and that the appropriate question be asked at the District Ministerial Committee.

To give effect to this resolution it is recommended that the following paragraph be added to the Book of Laws:—

(A) Page 85

THESES

440A.—"Each Minister within two years from the date of his reception into Full Connexion shall prepare and submit a Thesis to the Secretary

of the Board of Examiners who shall arrange for its assessment. The subject of the Thesis shall be first approved by the Board of Studies."

(B) Page 62

337 2(A)—"Are there any Theses due from Ministers stationed within the District?"

(5) Status of Probationers Given Permission to Marry (1954 Minutes page 176):

The Committee does not see how any question can arise concerning status. It is submitted that the position is quite clear. Paragraph 93 declares that a Probationer is an accepted Candidate in training who has been appointed to a Circuit or a Department. In status there is no distinction between a married or an unmarried probationer.

Certainly different situations arise out of the exigencies of stationing. There is no doubt that inequalities do exist but that is due not to status but to other factors. For example one married probationer may be stationed in a Circuit where a Parsonage is available while another is stationed where no Parsonage is available and where therefore, he has to provide for his wife and perhaps family out of the same stipend as that received by the one in a Parsonage.

The fact of a Probationer being given permission to marry does not and should not affect his status, he still remains a Probationer. This status can change only on his ordination. Further it must be pointed out that the term "married Probationer" refers to a Probationer who is married when he is accepted as a Candidate. The fact that a Probationer has been given permission to marry does not automatically confer the status of a married Probationer.

The crux of the problem seems to be in the question of Stipend to be paid. The position is clearly set out in the Law Book Part II Section V paragraph 114.

A Probationer who seeks permission to marry must give an undertaking that he will not make a claim for a Stipend in excess of that paid to a Probationer (single) or for a Parsonage or for children's allowance.

It is clear that anything that may be done by a Circuit or by the Conference in respect to his appointment in excess of these provisions, is done *ex-gratia*.

Occasions have arisen when Probationers given permission to marry have found that their financial position becomes exceedingly difficult and in addition a perplexing problem has been created for Circuit Officials.

The Committee considers that our present regulations are adequate but what needs to be done is to see that there is a very clear understanding of them on the part of any such Probationer and any Circuit Official who may be concerned.

(6) Church Membership and Rules for the Guidance of Church Members (1954 Minutes page 176 Res. 4):

The Committee has been instructed to give a ruling on the relation of the conditions of Church membership of the Rule for the guidance of Church members concerning "the practice of total abstinence," etc.

The text of the relevant provision in the Book of Laws is as follows:—

Para. 26—"Members of the Church *should*

(4) Practice and promote personal total abstinence from alcoholic liquors and support all well-directed measures for the suppression of the traffic therein."

Paragraph 1 of the Book of Laws defines the membership of the Methodist Church as follows:—

"The membership of the Methodist Church of New Zealand shall comprise the Ministers and Probationers of the Church and such persons as express their desire for membership and satisfy the Minister and the

Leaders' Meeting of their personal faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, their lives being in harmony with this profession. In accepting membership they become pledged to seek fellowship with Christ and with His people, and they accept the duties and enter upon the privileges of the Methodist Church."

Membership in the Church is therefore open to all who sincerely desire to be saved from their sins through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and evidence the same in life and conduct. They shall give assurance that they seek fellowship with Christ Himself and His people by taking up the duties and privileges of the Methodist Church.

(See Minutes 1954, page 186.)

Conference in 1953 adopted the following interpretation of the obligation of membership.

"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."

Once a person accepts membership in our Church he pledges himself to seek fellowship with Christ and His people and he accepts the duties and enters upon the privileges of the Methodist Church.

A Christian life necessarily demands a worthy ethical standard. To assist members to attain and maintain that standard Conference has adopted "General Rules for the Guidance of Church Members."

A summary of these appears in the cards issued on Reception into Church Membership and on the Annual Membership card.

Amongst the rules is the one relating to total abstinence, as quoted above.

These rules are to help members to reach the high ethical standard required of members. They are not tests for membership. The real test is their personal faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.

The General Rules are, as is stated, rules for the Guidance of Church Members to attain the high ethical standard required of members whose lives are in harmony with their profession of faith.

It therefore follows that a person who is not a total abstainer is not therefore automatically excluded from membership, although it is the urgent desire of the Church that every member be a total abstainer.

(7) Reports of Committees and Standing Orders (1954 Minutes page 176):

The Committee has been directed to report on the matter of procedure in the reception and adoption of reports in reference to the Standing Orders of Conference.

Conference receives reports of Departmental Committees, Councils and Boards, and also from special Committees, and Commissions appointed by it from time to time.

The Committees of Details report to Conference on matters remitted by Conference to them for their consideration.

When a matter is remitted to a Committee of Detail the Convener of such Committee submits the report and recommendations of that Committee, such report and recommendations taking precedence over other proposals on the same subject (Law Book para. 373).

There is one exception to this—as provided in para. 374 which states that the reports of the Departmental Committees, Councils and Boards and any special reports required by the Conference shall be submitted to the Conference by the Departmental appointee or by any person duly authorised so to do.

It is provided in the Standing Orders that the time allowed for speakers moving and seconding a motion for the adoption of a report which has been previously circulated shall be three minutes. Unless determined by the President there shall be no detailed exposition of such report. (See Standing Orders 10 as amended).

All other speakers are allowed three minutes each.

In the case of a report which has not been previously circulated the time allowed to speakers shall be as set out in Standing Order (10).

(8) **Corrections:**

There are several corrections to be made in the Law Book as follows:

1. *Section VII—The Preachers' Meeting and Local Preachers*

It has been pointed out that an error occurs in para. 254 (d), Line three should read:

“person so nominated shall be recommended *to* (not *by*) the Quarterly Meeting.”

2. *Constitution of District Ministerial Committees*

Probationers have never been members of the District Ministerial Committees and have been wrongly included in para. 321 page 60:

Paras. 321 and 323 should be amended as follows:—

Para 321, delete the word “Probationer”

Para. 323, After the word Committee in (a) insert the words “and Probationers whose names appear on the Station sheet for the District.”

3. *Part III—The Vice-President of the Conference*

The Vice-President has always had some part in the conduct of the ordination service. Somehow the authority to this wrongly appears in paragraph 219.

Therefore para. 218 and 219 should be amended as follows:—

Para. 218, Add the following sentence: “He shall have some part in the conduct of the Ordination Service at the Conference at which he is elected.

Para. 219, Delete the last sentence.

(9) **Native Ministers, Maori Representation in Synods and Conference, Maori Mission Circuits:**

The Committee still has these matters under consideration and expects to be able to finalise its report thereon during the coming year.

(10) Several matters have come to the notice of the Committee which the Committee is of the opinion should receive consideration by it. Therefore the Committee asks permission to study and report on the following:—

(1) Regulations re choirmaster and organist.

(2) The giving of names to Churches.

(3) Chairman of local Courts having a deliberative as well as a casting vote.

H. de R. FLESHER, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report to the end of Section 6 be Received and Adopted.
2. That sections 7, 8 and 9 be received and referred to next Conference.
3. That the Law Revision Committee define more clearly the term "Married Minister" in Question 28 of the Conference Agenda.
4. That the method of appointment of Deaconesses be referred to the Law Revision Committee.
5. That the Law Revision Committee report on the provision of Par. 11, Section 368 of the Law Book with respect to the rights of Circuit Quarterly Meetings.
6. That the Law Revision Committee consider the designation "Resting" as applied to Ministers given permission to serve in Christian work outside the Church.
7. That the following recommendations of Synods be considered by the Law Revision Committee.
 - (a) Believing that a greater degree of uniformity in the handling of records and returns is essential to the efficient work of the Church, the Law Book be amended to provide for a regular examination by a District Chairman of the rolls and records of every Church within his District.
 - (b) That in view of the existence of six Area Sub-Committees, and four Deputy Chairmen, as shown in the 1954 Minutes of Conference, the Law revision Committee review the relevant Laws of the Church, and define the duties of both the Area Sub-Committees and Deputy Chairmen.

QUESTION LXI.—(b): Who is appointed President's Legal Adviser?

That Mr H. de R. Flesher, M.A., L.L.B., be thanked for his services and be re-appointed.

QUESTION LXII.—What is the Report of the Ecumenical Committee?

Ecumenical Committee

ANNUAL REPORT 1955

Early in the year it was reported that over 200 meetings had been held or were planned to hear the reports of Evanston representatives and at that time the record of attendance was over 18,000. The number must by now be considerably greater. On no previous occasion has there been such a valuable endeavour to report back to the Church what representatives have seen and heard at World Assemblies. The effect in the life of the Church must be considerable and no doubt is reflected in the Faith and Order Conference in Sumner.

The World Council has asked the member Churches to study the findings of Evanston and the Committee is giving consideration to proposals by which that may be done.

Faith and Order Conference:

Twenty-seven Methodists attended the Faith and Order Conference at Sumner in May. Sixteen were appointed by Conference; two were N.C.C. Executive Members; eight were Trinity College Students; one represented the Y.C.N.C.C.

Every District Executive was asked to arrange for the representatives to address as many Church groups as possible on the findings of the Conference. In one Synodal District 28 meetings were held during June and July. Valuable reports were included in "The Methodist Times", and the readiness of the editor to publish the reports is very greatly appreciated.

A message was prepared by the Conference and forwarded to the

Church. Other findings will be studied by the National Council of Churches, and further communications will be made to the Church.

World Methodist Conference:

The Committee gave publicity through "The Methodist Times" to the place, date, and theme of the 1956 Conference.

The place is Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, U.S.A., the dates August 27th-September 13th, 1956. The Theme is "Methodism in the Contemporary World".

The New Zealand Methodist Church is granted five seats on the Council, five more on the Conference and further "accredited visitors" according to arrangements.

The Committee has received the names of a number of members of the Church who are interested in the possibility of attending the Conference. Any others who would be available for nomination are asked to communicate with the Committee without delay after Synod as it is the intention of the Committee to make nominations to Conference in a supplementary report.

The New Zealand delegation will be led by the President of Conference. All available information will be made known from time to time to those nominated.

Proposed Visit by Dr. Billy Graham

The Committee approved the approach of the N.C.C. to Dr. Billy Graham for a New Zealand visit. Dr. Graham is fully engaged till 1957 and there is no information about the possibility of the invitation being accepted.

Services of Prayer:

The N.C.C. sought the co-operation of the Methodist Churches in calling special occasions for prayer in connection with the meeting of the heads of the Governments of France, United Kingdom, United States of America, and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on July 18th. After consultation with the President of Conference, co-operation was confirmed and the N.C.C. was invited to make the public statement.

World Communion Sunday:

The Committee hopes that all Churches will follow the precedent of other years and worthily observe World Communion Sunday. A special message will be available for use in the World Communion Services of 1955, which has been prepared by the World Council of Churches. The Committee also suggests that the Evanston message be read at one of the services on that day. Besides being published in various religious journals, it is found in pages 9-11 of "Evanston Speaks".

National Council of Churches:

These are momentous days for the ecumenical movement throughout the world. In this connection New Zealand has been influenced by events in far distant places.

At the Evanston Assembly of the World Council of Churches in 1954 New Zealand was fully represented, there being among the 19 delegates, 5 Methodists. All the representatives have given excellent service in speaking at services and meetings throughout New Zealand since they returned, it being estimated that some 40,000 people have heard these reports. The major event in the Council's New Zealand programme has been the *Faith and Order Conference* held in Christchurch in May of this year. It was most encouraging that the constituent Churches accepted so completely the invitation of the N.C.C. to send a representative delegation, the result being that some 110 delegates attended.

The important findings of the Conference are being sent down to the Churches for their consideration and appropriate action. Inter-Church aid has featured again in the work of the Council and the Christmas

Appeal last year for the Churches in Korea resulted in a sum of £7,394 being contributed. This included £1,103 from the Youth Committee of the N.C.C. and £817 from the offerings received at the Women's World Day of Prayer Services.

Women's Committee N.C.C.

The work of the Committee this year has been stimulated by the presence of three of its members at the Evanston Assembly, three also being present at the Faith and Order Conference in New Zealand in May. A conference was held at the end of October to hear first hand reports of Evanston from the returning members, to which branches sent representatives, and corresponding members were present.

From these two great assemblies the Committee is beginning to see new ways of service opening before it, and new ways of promoting on the local level an ecumenical feeling in the everyday life of the Church. Studies on the "Faith and Order" of the various Churches connected with N.C.C. have been prepared and will be published shortly, culminating with a study on the Church of South India.

A major work of the Committee is the organisation of the World Day of Prayer throughout New Zealand. This year the collections from this day amounted to over £1,000, most of it going towards the fund for churches in Korea. The 220 groups throughout New Zealand who meet together on the first Friday in Lent are encouraged to arrange further meetings throughout the year for study. In this way the World Day of Prayer is bringing isolated groups into touch with the ecumenical movement.

Once again it is felt that the main work of the Committee results from its own study group each month. It is here that we experience afresh the spiritual unity and fresh insight into the Christian faith, which each one only knows in part and experiences in part.

Maori Section N.C.C.:

The past year has been perhaps the most momentous one in the life of the Maori Section. The decisions reported last year, to administer the Government Hostel in Rotorua for Maori apprentices, and to establish a Maori Temperance Society have both been given effect to. Mr and Mrs H. Bateup are in charge of the Hostel and are establishing it on a very sound basis.

The Section is now undertaking quarterly visits to the Invercargill Borstal and Burwood Training Centre, to keep touch with Maori youth there. The Section is very encouraged by the report of the Faith and Order Conference and is asking the N.C.C. and constituent Churches to provide for Maori representation when future discussions take place. A marked step forward has been made in the decision to conduct regular evangelistic missions in selected areas, in which members of the three Missions will take part.

The Methodist Mission was host at the Annual Meeting held last February at Otiria, Bay of Islands.

Y.C. N.C.C.:

The Youth Committee has had a busy year in which some of the most important activities have been:

Recreation Leadership Training.—With the active help of the Y.M.C.A. and the Y.W.C.A. it has been possible for the Committee to undertake the running of the training courses previously organised and conducted by the Physical Welfare Section of the Department of Internal Affairs. The Government continues to assist this work with a generous grant, but responsibility for leadership and organisation has been handed to the Y.C.N.C.C. A full time organising secretary has been appointed for this work.

The Christian Basis of Peace.—In August 1955 a small conference of representatives of Constituent Bodies of the Y.C.N.C.C. was called to dis-

cuss this subject. Efforts are being made to see that this study is continued on local and regional levels. Arising from the conference there has been a continuing concern in and study of problems such as Maori-Pakeha relations and immigration to New Zealand from Europe and South East Asia.

Ecumenical Relationships.—Many activities have as their aim the bettering of these relationships. Suggestions are sent to local groups on ways in which they may work together, the possibility of holding a large Ecumenical youth conference is being discussed and an endeavour made to see where the various youth groups fit in to the total pattern of Christian education.

G. H. GOODMAN, Chairman.

J. D. GROCOTT, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. 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.
3. That the N.C.C. Christmas appeal be commended to our Churches over the signature of the President.
4. That Conference commend the observance of United Communion Services as between the Churches represented on the Joint Standing Committee on Church Union, in those localities where such services are desired.
5. That the following be our N.Z. representatives to the World Methodist Conference at Junaluska, North Carolina in 1956. (a) Council Members: The President of the Conference, The Rev. M. A. McDowell, Mr G. S. Gapper, the Rev. W. E. A. Carr, Miss P. Yearbury, the Rev. W. W. H. Greenslade.
 - (b) Conference Members: All the members of the Council plus Mrs M. A. McDowell, Mr R. C. A. Marshall, the Rev. H. Whitfield, Mr Frank Grocott, Mr M. Hancock.
 - (c) Accredited Visitors: Mrs G. S. Gapper, Mrs W. W. H. Greenslade, Mr and Mrs J. H. Oldham, Mrs H. Whitfield, Mrs Frank Grocott.
 - (d) That the President be authorised to substitute names where necessary.
6. That Synod Standing Committee make arrangements early in the year to provide facilities for the representatives at the World Methodist Conference to address as many groups of the Church as possible on their return.
7. That the Ecumenical Committee be asked to draw up a practical scheme by which financial assistance can be given officially to ministerial and lay representatives selected to represent the Church at the World Council of Churches and/or the World Methodist Conference.
8. That the Ecumenical Committee approach the N.C.C. with a view to holding another Conference on Life and Work.
9. That Conference urge our people to observe the Universal Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, namely, January 18—25, 1956, in their private and public devotions.
10. That Conference convey to the Rev. Alan Brash, appreciation of his appointment as Secretary of the N.C.C., and pray that God's blessing may be bestowed on his work.
11. That the representatives on the following Committees be as follows:
 - (a) The National Council of Churches: The Revs. H. L. Fiebig, R. Dudley,

J. D. Grocott, A. K. Petch, and alternate, the Rev. G. H. Goodman. (b) Women's Section N.C.C.: Mesdames R. G. Pearce, H. F. Ford, P. le Brun, and Miss A. Blakey (corresponding Member). (c) Maori Section N.C.C.: The Revs. G. I. Laurenson, E. Te Tuhi, R. Rogers and H. A. Darvill. Youth Section N.C.C.: Mrs G. E. Hill and Mr H. W. Beaumont.

12. That provision be made so that the Maori members of our Church are adequately represented at future Ecumenical Conferences.

13. That the Ecumenical Committee be asked to nominate Methodist representatives to the N.C.C. in such a manner as to ensure that opportunity be given to a greater number of people to become cognisant with the work of the N.C.C.

14. Accredited visitors to the British Conference. That Sir Donald Cameron be an accredited visitor and that further names be submitted to the President for confirmation, the Senior Minister of the Group to be the Conference representative.

15. That Conference express appreciation of the services of the Rev. J. D. Grocott as covener of the Methodist Ecumenical Committee.

16. That the Committee for 1956 be as printed on page 11 herein with the Rev. E. S. Hoddinott as Convener.

QUESTION LXIII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on Other Questions?

1—Faith and Order Committee

During the past year the Committee has given attention to the matters referred to it by the Conference (Minutes 1954, pp.185-6) but on some questions has not yet been able to complete its investigations. Work is continuing on the production of the Handbook on History, Doctrine and Policy and of the new Book of Offices.

Faith and Order Conference:

Members of the Committee participated in the Faith and Order Conference held at Sumner in May. Statements on the issues raised have been sent down to the Denominations participating and are commended for study.

Common Declaration of Faith:

Copies of the common Declaration of Faith prepared by the Joint Standing Church Union Committee have been received and will be studied by the Committee.

Other Work in Hand:

Other questions being studied are the place of the child in the membership of the Church, and the theological implications of Church architecture and furnishings. The Committee is also making inquiries regarding an official seal for New Zealand Methodism. It is suggested that this seal be used on official documents and on such insignia of office as the Presidential stole.

Order of Service for the Holy Communion:

The attention of the Committee has been directed primarily to the preparation of the order of service for the Holy Communion. A tentative statement was submitted to the March Ministerial Synods and on the basis of the replies received the following order has been prepared. This is offered as an interim statement.

To save printing, the outline of the order only is given here together with such rubrics and explanatory notes in brackets as are needed to indicate the alterations and additions to the present order of service.

E. W. HAMES, Chairman.

J. J. LEWIS, Convener.

The Order for the
ADMINISTRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
OR
THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Table at the Communion time, having a fair white linen cloth upon it, shall stand in some convenient place. And the Minister, having come to the Table, shall say the Collect, all kneeling.

Where the full Order of Service is not followed, the place of the Pre-Communion shall be taken by a Service specially designed as a preparation for the Communion Service Proper.

The Minister, in conducting the Service according to the following form, shall have full liberty to give out Hymns, and to use extemporary Prayer, and may abbreviate the Service, if necessary, provided always that he include the words of Institution with Prayer.

Where possible the pure, unfermented juice of the grape shall be used.

It is preferable to receive the Elements kneeling at the Communion Rail, but, if persons so desire, they may receive them while seated or kneeling in their place.

The Pre-Communion:

The Collect for Purity.

The Recital of the Beatitudes or of the Commandments.

Then shall the Minister rise, and turning to the People, rehearse distinctly the BEATITUDES; and the People still kneeling shall after each Beatitude ask of God this grace, as follows:

OR THE COMMANDMENTS OF THE LORD JESUS may be said:

OR THE TEN COMMANDMENTS may be said: (It is recommended that here the abbreviated form be printed as in the British Book of Offices.)

The Collect or another short Prayer and Lessons for the Day.

The Creeds.

The Apostles' Creed (the word 'hell' replacing the word 'hades' in the present order).

The Nicene Creed.

The Sermon.

The Offering.

Then shall the Minister read one or more suitable Scripture sentences, the People being seated; during the reading of these sentences a Collection shall be made (for the Benevolent Fund, for some Special Offering, or for the main Offering as desired). This being brought to the Minister, he shall place it on the Lord's Table: and dedicate it with an offertory Prayer.

The Prayer for the Whole Estate of Christ's Church.

Almighty and ever-living God, who by Thy holy Apostle has taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all men; We humbly beseech Thee most mercifully (to accept our alms and oblations, and) to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto Thy Divine Majesty; beseeching Thee to hear us when we pray: That it may please Thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity and concord:

Hear us, we beseech Thee.

That it may please Thee to grant, that all they that do confess Thy holy Name, may agree in the truth of Thy holy word, and live in unity and godly love:

Hear us, we beseech Thee.

That it may please Thee to save and defend all Christian rulers; and especially Thy servant ELIZABETH our Queen; that under her we may be godly and quietly governed:

Hear us, we beseech Thee.

That it may please Thee to grant unto all that are put in authority under her, that they may truly and impartially minister justice, to the discouragement of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of Thy true religion and virtue:

Hear us, we beseech Thee.

That it may please Thee to give grace, O heavenly Father, to all the Ministers of Thy Gospel, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth Thy true and lively word, and rightly and duly administer Thy holy Sacraments:

Hear us, we beseech Thee.

That it may please Thee to give to all Thy people Thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present; that with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive Thy holy word; truly serving Thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life:

Hear us, we beseech Thee.

That it may please Thee of Thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity (especially):

Hear us, we beseech Thee.

And we also bless Thy holy Name for all Thy servants departed this life in Thy faith and fear; beseeching Thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of Thy heavenly kingdom; Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate:

Hear us, we beseech Thee.

Then the Minister shall say:

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, Who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking; We beseech Thee to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things, which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Communion Service Proper:

The Exhortation and Invitation.

(The words of invitation to conclude with, "meekly kneeling upon your knees and saying with me:")

Then shall the Minister and People say together the words following:

Confession. (The Committee is seeking a revision of the words, "Provoking most justly Thy wrath and indignation against us.")

Then, the People still kneeling, the Minister shall rise and say:

This is the message which we have heard from Him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanseth us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Amen.

Comfortable Words.

Sursum Corda, Prefaces, Sanctus.

Prayer of Humble Access.

Then shall the Minister, kneeling at the Table, unite with the People in this Prayer:

Prayer of Consecration.

(The present brackets being shifted to enclose the words, 'oblation, and propitiation').

Footnote to the Prayer of Consecration: Here the Minister may incorporate the Manual Acts, if he so desire, and adapt the Prayer to this end.

The Reception of the Elements.

The Minister may dismiss each table of communicants with a suitable Scripture sentence. When all have communicated, the Minister shall return to the Lord's Table, and place upon it what remaineth of the Elements, covering the same with a fair linen cloth.

The Post-Communion:

Then, after silent Prayer, the People shall join with the Minister in the Lord's Prayer, the Minister first saying, And now, as our Lord hath taught us, we are bold to say, Our Father . . .

The Lord's Prayer.

The Prayer of Oblation.

The Gloria in Excelsis.

Blessings.

Then shall the Minister dismiss the People with these Blessings:

Now the God of peace, Who brought again from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep, with the blood of the eternal covenant, even our Lord Jesus, make you perfect in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is well-pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to Whom be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Order of Service as set out in the Report be submitted to the March Ministerial Synods of 1956 for further consideration.
3. That the final Order of Service for the Holy Communion be set out in three types of printing to indicate clearly the rubrics and the portions taken by Minister and Congregation respectively.
4. That the Faith and Order Committee and the March Synods give consideration to:
 - (a) Lay participation in the administration of Holy Communion.
 - (b) The place of the Lord's Prayer in the Service.
5. That the Faith and Order Committee, in consultation with the Law Revision Committee, consider the status of Ministers and other agents who retire on account of ill health or for any other reason.
6. That a grant of £5 be made to the Faith and Order Committee from the Contingent Fund.
7. That the Committee for 1956 be as printed on page 11 herein, with the Rev. J. J. Lewis as Convener.

2—Radio Committee

N.Z. Central Religious Advisory Committee:

This national committee, representative of all churches broadcasting, has again had cause to acknowledge the further extension of time granted for religious sessions in week-day programmes.

This year, ZB stations are conducting certain experiments with tran-

scriptions of the B.B.C. Epilogue. The ultimate objective is the establishment of a national net-work Epilogue.

Additional time has also been given by the week-day broadcasting of such programmes as "B.B.C. Religious Services"; this alone involved fifteen sessions of forty-five minutes on a YC station national link. The appreciation of listeners generally of this series has encouraged the Director to seek recordings of similar services.

"The Story of the English Bible" is another feature which was given much time and wide coverage.

The proposed appointment of an officer charged with the responsibility of developing religious broadcasting in New Zealand, is still under consideration by Churches and C.R.A.C.

N.Z. Methodist Committee:

The resolution of Conference concerning Non-Church-listener sessions has been furthered by requesting all District Executives to consider and report on proposed procedure. We are desirous of Executives making report to enable us to make recommendations at Conference 1955.

The production of a Manual or Folder on "Religious Broadcasting" is in hand. The normal work of preparing station and press schedules of all Methodist Broadcasts; the arranging for special services, exchanges, etc., has been facilitated by the co-operation of the N.Z.B.S. Greater efficiency could be attained, however, if both Station and Church schedules could be forwarded by mid-January.

The proposal concerning the establishment of a fund to allow of the purchase of time on the commercial net-work for religious broadcasts has been considered. Since the purchase of broadcasting time for this purpose is not permissible, and any proposition that it be made possible, has always failed to gain the support of the C.R.A.C., and that, for reasons we adjudge adequate, we have no recommendation to make.

G. H. GOODMAN, Chairman of District.

W. H. GREENSLADE, Representative to C.R.A.C.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Rev. W. H. Greenslade be thanked and re-appointed representative to the C.R.A.C.
3. That the Contingent Fund make a grant of £10 to the Committee for current and publication expenses.
4. That the Rev. W. H. Greenslade be authorised to study trends in Religious Broadcasting and Television while overseas and to communicate the information obtained to the Radio Committee.
5. That we express our concern at the increased gaming facilities and publicity concerning such activities being provided by the Government, and in particular request the Minister of Broadcasting to arrange for the discontinuing of the practice of interrupting set programmes in order to broadcast racing results. This causes irritation and resentment and presents a privilege not given to other sectional interests.
6. While appreciating the increased amount of time being given to religious and devotional broadcasts Conference ask the Maori Section of N.C.C. to consider the question of providing more devotional broadcasts in Maori.
7. That Conference express its appreciation to the N.Z.B.S. for their extension of time for Religious Broadcasting.
8. That the Radio Committee, when considering national net-work religious broadcasts, take cognizance of the unique relationship existing between local listeners and 'X' and 'Y' stations.

9. That the Committee make investigations into the possibility of using Commercial Stations for Non-Church listener broadcasts on Sundays.

10. That the C.R.A.C. be asked to consider ways and means whereby greater use can be made of the ZB network.

11. That the Committee be as printed on page 13 herein.

THANKS: That the Conference thank the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary and his assistants, the Management Committee, the Trustees of the Central Church and Mission, and the Hostesses for valued service rendered to the Conference.

QUESTION LXIV.—When and where shall the next Conference be held?

On Thursday, 1st November, 1956, at 7.30 p.m. in Pitt Street Church, Auckland.

M. ALEXANDER McDOWELL, President.

LEONARD A. DAVIS, Vice-President.

GORDON R. H. PETERSON, Secretary.

Dunedin, 11th November, 1955.

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 13. Section 79 is hereby amended inserting before the words "Wesley's Notes" in the third line thereof the words "the required passages in" (1954 minutes, page 33).

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.)

Probationers

Page 15. Section 95 is hereby amended by deleting the third and fourth sentences thereof and substituting therefor the following sentence:—"Each Probationer shall conduct a trial service in each year of his probation." (1954 Minutes, page 33.)

Ministerial Duties

(b) Superintendents of Circuits:

Page 25, Section 154 (k), add (see Section 7, page 2). (1952 Minutes, page 59).

(c) 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 Ministerial Committee

Page 62, Section 337 (2A): Are there any Theses due from Ministers stationed within the District? (1955 Minutes, pages 173, 174.)

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.)

Page 76, Section 379, is hereby amended by adding the following: "56 (a) What Ministers are to serve as whole or part time chaplains during the ensuing year?" (1955 Minutes, page 173.)

EXAMINATION COMMITTEE

(a) Probationers:

Page 81, add Section 406A. A tutor shall be appointed by the Conference for each Probationer who has not been through the Theological College. Such tutor shall guide and assist the Probationer in his studies. (1954 Minutes, page 33.)

(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.)

(d) Candidates:

Page 83, Section 424 (b) as amended in 1954 is hereby repealed and the following substituted thereof: "424 (b) The School Certificate or its equivalent shall be the minimum academic qualification for all Candidates except for Home Missionaries who are over twenty-five years of age."

Page 84, Section 427, is hereby repealed. (1955 Minutes, page 173.)

Theses

Page 85, Section 440A. Each Minister within two years from the date of his reception into full connexion shall prepare and submit a Thesis to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners who shall arrange for its assessment. The subject of the Thesis shall be first approved by the Board of Studies. (1955 Minutes, pages 173, 174.)

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 448A. Add the following:—"A Faith and Order Committee shall be appointed at each Conference. The Committee shall consider matters relating to the doctrine and policy of the Church, and report thereon to Synods and the Conference. (1952 Minutes, page 171).

Church Council

Page 92, Section 490a (2) be amended by inserting the word "President-Elect" after the word "Ex-President" and the words "a representative of the Methodist Social Association" after the words "Senior Youth Director." (1955 Minutes, page 69.)

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 Missionary Society

Page 109, Section 504, sub-section 25 is hereby amended by deleting after the words "European Probationers" the words "in Charge of Circuits." (1952 Minutes, page 119).

Sub-section (26) is hereby amended by omitting the following:—
(b) European Probationers." (1952 Minutes page 119).

Page 109, Section 504 (26) be further amended by adding the following:—

(b) Native Probationers.

(f) One native lay representative appointed by the Quarterly meeting of each Circuit. (1955 Minutes, page 124.)

Page 110, Sub-section 26 (e) of Section 504 as amended by 1953 Conference is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—" (e) One nursing sister and one teaching sister from each territory. Such sisters must have served one complete term and shall be elected by the sisters serving in the District." (1954 Minutes, page 121.)

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).

Page 115, Section 505 (24) as amended (1952 Minutes, page 171) is hereby further amended by inserting the word "and subsection (14)" after the words "sub-section 13." (1955 Minutes, page 129.)

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 251 is hereby amended by adding to Sub-section 10 the following:—"(f) Mover and seconder of a motion for the adoption of 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).

18. Wesley Historical Society (New Zealand) (1954 Minutes, page 155.)

PASTORAL ADDRESS

THE ADDRESS OF THE CONFERENCE TO THE CHURCH, 1955

The Annual Conference held in the Central Church and Mission, Dunedin, from 3rd to 11th November, 1955, sends its greetings and goodwill to all Methodists represented within it.

The agenda of the Conference was once again very full, indicating something of the wide ramifications of the church's ever expanding programme of activity. The pressure of business arising therefrom has led to Conference appointing a committee to look into the matter of facilitating the business of Conference. Despite the concentrated hours of business, however, Conference was marked throughout by a high spiritual tone and a unity of purpose. The various addresses given dove-tailed excellently to emphasize the church's mission of evangelism and to remind us that the keynote of that mission is love.

We were made aware this year, as last year, that if we as a Church are to fulfil our responsibility before God in a changing and growing New Zealand we must have more men and more money and a living spirit within each congregation. This year the Examination Committee reviewed the work of nine less probationers and one less student as compared with last year. We were heartened, however, by the reception of eleven candidates for the ministry and would call upon the whole Church for earnest and persistent prayer that men and women might be raised up for the work of the ministry as well as for the deaconess order and the overseas mission fields.

The second great need of the church if it is to meet the challenge of the hour is for money to purchase properties, to erect and equip buildings and to support the ministry. Disappointment was expressed in Conference at the mediocre response to the Advance Methodism Appeal and the hope was expressed that when the appeal is renewed on the third Sunday in June in 1956 the goal of £50,000 will be realised. With a view to putting church finances on a sounder footing a strong committee was set up in the Wellington District to consider the whole matter of church finance and budgeting. Conference resolved that the stipends for all Ministers, Home Missionaries and Deaconesses in New Zealand be increased by eleven per cent as from 1st February, 1956, and that the stipends and allowances of the Mission staff overseas be referred to the Foreign Mission Board for decision in the light of the cost of living on the Mission Field and of the new minimum stipends adopted in New Zealand. All this means a high sense of stewardship on the part of the entire membership of the church.

Conference rejoiced to learn that the special objective of £10,000 for the establishment of the Mission in the New Guinea Highlands had been reached during the Conference.

The energies of the church this year are to be focused upon our ministry to the community. Conference approved of several programme pointers for the "Church and Community Year" to be inaugurated with the use of the Lenten Leaflet and the observance of Crusade Sunday on the first Sunday in March. In keeping with this emphasis March Ministerial Committees are to give two days consideration of the study of Evangelism in its various forms. The community is ever our responsibility—not for one year only—and Conference expresses the hope that this year's programme may help the church the more effectively to proclaim the gospel to the community. To this end Conference commends all leaders' Meetings to give careful study to the Spiritual Advance programme.

This year is also one of education in the subject of Church Union which matter was well received at Conference. Along with our Presbyterian and Congregational friends we are to study the book, "Shall we Unite?" The importance of doing this thoroughly is urged upon each congregation. The year will conclude with united gatherings on the occasion of the

simultaneous meetings of the Conference and Assemblies of the respective churches in Auckland next November.

A representative committee is to meet during the year to give consideration to the matter of Christian Education as it affects all within the life of the church. This is an exploratory work of no small importance.

Two Conference appointments of some significance were the appointment of the Rev. W. F. Ford to the office of Senior Youth Director, as from February 1957, and the releasing of the Rev. Leslie C. Clements for the position of full-time Prison Chaplain under the Department of Justice.

Conference draws the attention of the whole church to the visit of certain well known personalities of the World Council of Churches who will be in New Zealand in February 1956, and commends their meetings to the support of our people.

Conference also learned with gratification that the foundation stone of the new Trinity College Chapel costing £10,000 is likely to be laid during the coming year.

In the name of the Conference we commend these and other matters pertaining to the life and work of the church to the prayerful and practical interest of every member. It is still true that "more things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of". God's work needs God's guidance and God's resources. But let us remember that as we look to God, so God looks to us. He needs and claims our life, our soul, our all.

We therefore commend you to the word of His grace, praying that 1956 may be a year of spiritual growth and of great usefulness for us as a Methodist people in the service of our Master.

For and on behalf of the Conference,

M. A. McDOWELL, President.

L. A. DAVIS, Vice-President.

G. R. H. PETERSON, Secretary.

APPENDIX

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

PLACE	YEAR	PRESIDENT	VICE-PRESIDENT	SECRETARY
Wellington	1913	Samuel Lawry	Hon. C. M. Luke	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
Dunedin	1914	Samuel J. Serpell	E. Rosevear	Charles H. Laws, B.A.
Christchurch	1915	John Dawson	H. Holland	William A. Sinclair
Auckland	1916	Albert C. Lawry	G. Winstone	William A. Sinclair
Wellington	1917	William A. Sinclair	John Veale	Edward Drake
Dunedin	1918	Thomas A. Joughin	Edwin Dixon	Edward Drake
Christchurch	1919	Harold E. Bellhouse	J. H. Blackwell	Edward Drake
Auckland	1920	Edward Drake	E. H. Penny	Arthur Ashcroft
Wellington	1921	William Grigg	W. Dobbs	Arthur Ashcroft
Auckland	1922	Charles H. Laws, B.A.	L. M. Isitt, M.P.	Arthur Ashcroft
Dunedin	1923	Benjamin F. Rothwell	H. Field	Arthur Ashcroft
Christchurch	1924	Arthur Ashcroft	F. Thompson	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Wellington	1925	Thomas R. Richards	H. P. Mourant	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Dunedin	1926	Percy N. Knight, B.A.	D. C. Cameron	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Auckland	1927	Harry Ranston, M.A., Litt. D.	J. A. Flesher, O.B.E.	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Christchurch	1928	William J. Elliott	J. W. Shackelford	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Auckland	1929	John F. Goldie	T. P. Hughson	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Wellington	1930	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.	Arch. Peak	Jonathan H. Haslam
Dunedin*	1931	Ernest D. Patchett	Wm. S. Mackay	Jonathan H. Haslam
Christchurch	1932	M. A. Rugby Pratt	J. Voss	Jonathan H. Haslam
Auckland	1933	Arthur J. Seamer	S. T. S. Martin	Jonathan H. Haslam
Wellington	1934	Clarence Eaton	J. T. Johnson	William A. Burley, M.A.
Dunedin	1935	Jonathan H. Haslam	W. Charles Francis	William A. Burley, M.A.
Christchurch	1936	E. Percy Blamires	Richard Hampton	William A. Burley, M.A.
Auckland	1937	Fred. Copeland	Henry R. French	William A. Burley, M.A.
Wellington	1938	Percy R. Paris	John C. Tietjens	William A. Burley, M.A.
Christchurch	1939	Angus McBean	Mark Kershaw	William A. Burley, M.A.
Dunedin	1940	Leslie B. Neale, B.A., F.R.G.S.	David J. Wesley	William A. Burley, M.A.
Auckland	1941	William A. Burley, M.A.	Frank Penn, N.D.H.(NZ)	William G. Slade, M.A.
Wellington	1942	William Walker	G. H. B. Lill	William G. Slade, M.A.
Christchurch	1943	Charles H. Olds, B.A.	Hedley Oldham	William G. Slade, M.A.

PLACE	YEAR	PRESIDENT	VICE-PRESIDENT	SECRETARY
Auckland†	1944	Robert B. Tinsley	Charlie E. Bellringer	William G. Slade, M.A.
Dunedin	1945	Arthur H. Scrivin	William E. Burley, B.A.	William G. Slade, M.A.
Auckland	1946	William T. Blight, B.A., B.D.	James Tyler	William G. Slade, M.A.
Wellington	1947	William G. Slade, M.A., D.D.	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, M.V.O.	Gordon R. H. Peterson
Christchurch	1954	Charlie O. Hailwood	E. Laurence F. Buxton	Gordon R. H. Peterson
Dunedin	1955	M. Alexander McDowell	Leonard A. Davis	Gordon H. R. 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.,
(Toronto) Foundation Fellow of
Trinity College. (Sup.)</p> <p>1896—Blamires, Henry L. (Sup.)</p> <p>1897—Greenwood, Fred. (Sup.)
" Pybus, T. Arthur, (Sup.)</p> <p>1899—Keall, Robert P. (Sup.)</p> <p>1900—Blamires, E. Percy (Sup.)
" Haslam, Jonathan H. (Sup.)
" Hunt, George P. (Sup.)
" Leadley, Frank E. (Sup.)</p> <p>1901—Ranston, Harry, M.A., Litt.D.
(Fellow of Trinity College)
(Sup.)</p> <p>1902—Oxbrow, Walter J. (Sup.)
" Patchett, Ernest D. (Sup.)</p> <p>1903—Seamer, Arthur J., C.M.G.
(Sup.)</p> <p>1904—Blamires, Ernest O. (Sup.)</p> <p>1905—Copeland, Fred. (Sup.)</p> <p>1906—Roberts, Charles M. (Sup.)
" Ryan, Henry (Sup.)</p> <p>1907—Blair, Charles (Sup.)</p> <p>1908—Tinsley, Robt. B. (Sup.)</p> <p>1909—Cottom, Harry (Sup.)
" McArthur, John D. (Sup.)</p> <p>1910—Burley, William A., M.A. (Sup.)
" Harris, Archer O. (Sup.)
" Olds, Charles H., B.A. (Sup.)
" Richards, James (Sup.)
" Sharp., Harold A. (Sup.)</p> <p>1911—Enticott, Walter J. (Sup.)
" Fowles, Albert H. (Sup.)
" Hopper, Arthur (Sup.)
" Neale, Leslie B., M.B.E., B.A.
F.R.G.S. (Sup.)
" Richards, H. Leslie (Sup.)
" Rowe, William (Sup.)
" Te Tuhi, Eruera, O.B.E. (Sup.)</p> <p>1912—Hinton, George B., (Sup.)
" Lawrence, Frederick B. (Sup.)
" Scrivin, Arthur H. (Sup.)
" Walker, William, E.D. (Sup.)</p> | <p>1913—Bensley, Arthur A. (Sup.)</p> <p>1914—Burnet, Oswald (Sup.)
" Werren, Samuel J. (Sup.)</p> <p>1915—Cooke, Percy I. (Sup.)
" Olds, E. Thomas
" Odell, Henry J. (Sup.)
" Slade, William G., M.A., D.D.
(Toronto)</p> <p>1916—Brown, George E. (Sup.)
" Fordyce, Robert E.
" Harkness, Edwin S. (Sup.)
" Kendon, Charles H. (Sup.)
" Metcalfe, John R.
" Sage, Ernest E. (Sup.)</p> <p>1917—Blight, William T., B.A., B.D.
(Melb.)
" Chambers, Ernest B. (Sup.)
" Dennis, John (Sup.)
" Parker, Frederick J. (Sup.)</p> <p>1918—Costain, Alfred M., Dip.Soc.Sc.
(Sup.)
" Neal, Wallace S. (Sup.)
" Parker, James W., (Sup.)
" Skuse, Thomas, (Sup.)</p> <p>1919—Ford, Herbert (Sup.)
" Gatman, William (Sup.)
" Jefferson, Alfred E. (Sup.)</p> <p>1920—Orchard, Hector C. (Sup.)</p> <p>1921—Benny, Henry (Sup.)</p> <p>1922—Allen J. Henry (Sup.)
" Brooks, Leslie A. G.
" Jack, J. Francis (Sup.)</p> <p>1923—Blakemore, Albert (Sup.)
" Hames, Eric W., M.A.
" Spencer, Herbert (Sup.)</p> <p>1924—Bailey, John H. (Sup.)
" Bateup, Frank (Sup.)
" Brown, Hubert G.
" Fiebig, Herbert L., B.A.
" Kings, Harry S. (Sup.)
" McGregor, Robert
" Taylor, Cecil R. (Sup.)</p> <p>1925—Peterson, Gordon R. H.</p> |
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CHRONOLOGICAL LIST—Continued

- 1926—Hall, James H.
 „ Harris G. Raymond
 „ Voyce, A. Harry
- 1927—Larsen, Norman P.
 „ Laurenson, George I.
 „ Penn, Athol R.
 „ Raynor, Ivo M.
 „ Silvester, A. Wharton E. (M.M.)
 „ Utting, Harry V.
- 1928—Grocott, John D., B.A.
 „ Hailwood, Charlie O.
 „ Handy, Francis J.
- 1929—Dickens, Charles E.
 „ Horwood, Leonard C.
 „ Kent, Arthur T.
 „ Parker, Walter
- 1930—Blight, J. Montgomery
 „ Draper, Joseph C.
 „ Leadley, E. Clarence
 „ McDowell, M. Alexander
 „ Parker, Wesley, M.A., B.D.
- 1931—Carr, Thomas H.
 „ Carr, W. E. Allon
 „ Dudley, Raymond, M.A., D.D.
 (Dickenson, U.S.A.) F.R.E.S.
 „ Greenslade, William W.H.
 „ Moore, William E.
 „ Parker, Gordon, M.A., Ph.D.
 (Lond.)
 „ Payne, Herbert W.
 „ Williams, David O., M.A., Litt.D
- 1932—Day, Reginald
 „ Hickman, D. J. Donald
 „ Jamieson, V. Roy, M.B.E., E.D.
 „ Jenkin, William C.
- 1933—Chrystall, Bernard M., B.A.
 „ Daglish, J. Ainsley
 „ Orr, A. Everil, M.B.E.
 „ Patchett, Ralph E.
- 1934—Goodman, George H.
 „ Johnston, Andrew J.
 „ Matthews, Howard C., B.A.
- 1935—Duder, Clifford L.
 „ Hanna, L. Gordon
 „ Luxton, Clarence T. J.
 „ Thornley, Robert, M.A.
 Dip.Soc.Sc.
 „ Witheford, Arthur R. B.A.
- 1936—Hopper, H. Ian K., B.A.
- 1937—Churchill, John
 „ Francis, William R., B.A., B.D.
 (Lond.)
 „ Norwell, Leslie T.
- 1938—Harkness, Howard E., M.A.
 B.D. (Melb.)
 „ Hoddinott, Ernest S.
 „ Laws, William R., M.A., B.D.
 (Melb.)
 „ Petch, Ashleigh K., B.A.
 „ Silvester, John, M.A.
 „ Whitfield, Harris
- 1939—Cochrane, Herbert A.
 „ Grice, Reginald
 „ Hayman, Leslie A. D. B.Agr.Sc
 „ Lucas, Campbell P., L.Th.
 „ Oldfield, Charles B.
 „ Watson, John K., M.C., B.A.
- 1940—Dawson, John B. B.A.
 „ Dixon, Haddon C., M.A., B.D.
 „ Gilmore, Leslie R. M., B.A.
 „ Greenslade, Lawrence
 „ Jones, Alan O.
- 1941—Bell, Charles H., B.A.
 „ Brown, Harold K.
 „ Darvill, Harold A.
 „ Thomas, Gordon V., B.A.
 „ Woolford, Henry J., M.A.
- 1942—Clement, R. Frederick, M.A.
 „ Collins, Alan F.
 „ Ivory, Arthur H., LL.B.
 B.Com.
 „ Lewis, John J., M.A., B.D.
 (Melb.)
 „ Morrison, William J., M.A.
 „ Rogers, Ranginohoora
 „ Willing, Leonard V.
 „ Williams, J. C. Aldwyn
- 1943—Andrews, Stanley G., M.A.,
 Dip.Ed.
 „ Brown, Clifford G.
 „ Cramond, George W.
 „ Dawson, W. Selwyn, M.A.
 „ Falkingham, Wilfred E.
 „ Grounds, Edmund D.
 „ Jolly, Albert
 „ Prosser, Frederick O. (Sup.)
- 1944—Allen, Robert H., B.A.
 „ Bell, R. Graham, M.A., B.D.
 „ Bycroft, Leslie F.
 „ Chambers, Wesley A., M.A.
 „ Dorrian, A. Peter
 „ Sherson, Donald G., B.A.
- 1945—Green, Warren
 „ Gregory, William H.
 „ Shapecott, Leonard
- 1946—McDonald, D. I. Alister
 „ Moore, Harry
 „ Olds, Norman W.

CHRONOLOGICAL LIST—*Continued*

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| <p>1946—Shepherd, Trevor
 ,, Thompson, George R., E.D.</p> <p>1947—Attwood, A. Francis
 ,, Clements, Leslie C.
 ,, Divers, W. Lloyd
 ,, Hall, Allen H., M.A.
 ,, Parker, Francis H.
 ,, Riseley, Benjamin H.
 ,, Stewart, Edmond S.</p> <p>1948—Eisner, Wilf. G., B.A.
 ,, Hilder, Basil J.
 ,, Marshall, Edward M., B.A.,
 Dip.Ed.</p> <p>1949—Baker, Edward
 ,, Benny, T. Ralph
 ,, Burt, Douglas H.
 ,, Cornwell, Gordon A. R.
 ,, Ford, Wilfred F., B.A.
 ,, Garner, William M.
 ,, Keightley, Clifford J.
 ,, Nuttall, A. Roger G., B.A.
 ,, Olds, J. Stanley
 ,, Pratt, R. Hori, B.A.
 ,, Ramage, Ian C. E., M.A.</p> <p>1950—Clark, Colin D., B.A.
 ,, Gordon, D. Bruce, M.A.
 ,, Ramsay, Phillip D.
 ,, Schroeder, Leonard P., B.A.,
 B.D.
 ,, Woodfield, Frank H.
 ,, Woodfield, Owen T.</p> <p>1951—Besant, H. David, B.A.
 ,, Burrough, Amos W.
 ,, Carter, George G., M.A.
 Dip.Ed.
 ,, Clucas, Ivan J.
 ,, Gilbert, Geoffrey T.
 ,, Raynor, Charles H.
 ,, Ruck, Idris J.
 ,, Stead, Peter A., B.A.
 ,, Toothill, Harry W.
 ,, Olds, O. McLennan</p> | <p>1952—Edmonds, David W.
 ,, George, R. Leslie
 ,, Gibson, Loyal J.
 ,, Hall, John R.
 ,, Handyside, Allan J.
 ,, Penman, John A.
 ,, Reid, Ian W.
 ,, Shaw, Harry I.
 ,, Spindler, Sydney J.
 ,, Thompson, John H.
 ,, Trebilco, George R.</p> <p>1953—Baker, Frederick J. K.
 ,, Le Couteur, E. Raymond
 ,, Craig, Hughan M.
 ,, McKay, Archibald W.
 ,, Newman, Alan
 ,, Osborne, John H.
 ,, Stubbs, David G.</p> <p>1954—Billinghurst, Noel D.
 ,, Dickie, Arthur W.
 ,, Eastwood, Eric R.
 ,, Grundy, John, M.A.
 ,, Heppelthwaite, Ernest
 ,, Newton, Alan H. V.
 ,, Rakena, Ruawai D.
 ,, Rakena, Ruawai D.
 ,, Rushton, Percy P.
 ,, Tahere, Te Awha W.
 ,, Trebilco, David L.
 ,, Watson, Alexander C.</p> <p>1955—Abbott, William K.
 ,, Bennett, Trevor L.
 ,, Boyd, Edward J.
 ,, Cable, Wilfred J.
 ,, Peart, Cuthbert R.
 ,, Rigg, Frank S.
 ,, Tauroa, Lane M., B.A.
 ,, Thornicroft, Neville
 ,, Wood, Ronald H.</p> <p>1956—Andrews, Robert S.
 ,, Bennett, George L.
 ,, Burton, Ormond E., M.A.
 ,, Falla, H. Rabey
 ,, Grant, Ian D.
 ,, Kitchingman, Owen
 ,, Scammell, Bruce
 ,, Watson, Brian M., M.Sc.</p> |
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NATIVE MINISTERS

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| <p>1914—Rakena, Rakena P.
 1920—Tauroa, Matarae (Sup.)
 1941—Kukutai, Ngatete K. (Sup.)
 1944—Piani, Timothy
 1944—Taufa, John</p> | <p>1944—Palavi, Daniel
 1949—Pita, Kemueli
 1950—Vula, Aisake
 1955—Bitibule, John Vao
 1956—Maka, Ahofitu</p> |
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AN ALPHABETICAL LIST OF THE MINISTERS and PROBATIONERS

in connection with the
METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

1. The figures in the first column mark the year in which each Minister entered on his work; those in the second column the year of Annual Appointment. S denotes that the Minister is a Supernumerary, the year in which he became a supernumerary being in parenthesis immediately after his address. The number of the Circuit in the Station Sheet is denoted in the right hand column. The Foreign Mission and Maori Mission Stations are distinguished by numbers in square brackets.

2. H.M.—Home Missions.

M.M.—Maori Missions.

Y.D.—Youth Department

F.M.—Foreign Missions.

C.S.—Connexional Secretary

Th.C.—Theological College.

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1955	.. 2	Abbott, William K., 5 Garden Road, Lower Hutt	.. 84
1922	.. S	Allen, J. Henry.	
1944	.. 1	Allen, Robert H., B.A., 57 Glenfield Rd., Birkenhead Auckland, N.5. . . . .	.. 10
1956	.. 1	Andrews, Robert S., Taihape . . . . .	.. 63
1943	.. 5	Andrews, Stanley G., M.A., Dip.Ed., 16 Atherton Road, Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3. . . . .	.. F.M.
1947	.. 2	Attwood, A. Francis, Te Reinga St., Kaitaia, Northland . . . . .	.. 28
1924	.. S	Bailey, John H., Hill Street, Warkworth, Northland (1956)	.. 19
1949	.. 5	Baker, Edward, 82 Pah Road, Motueka . . . . .	.. 96
1953	.. 1	Baker, Frederick J., K. Paparoa, Northland . . . . .	.. 20
1924	.. S	Bateup, Frank, Campbell Street, Thames (1948)	.. 31
1941	.. 2	Bell, Charles H., B.A., Tainui Street, Matamata . . . . .	.. 41
1944	.. 4	Bell, R. Graham, M.A., B.D., 18 West Road, Northland, Wellington, W.2. . . . .	.. 79
1956	.. 1	Bennett, George L., Box 38 Ohura . . . . .	.. 51
1955	.. 2	Bennett, Trevor L., Cuba Street, Marton . . . . .	.. 64
1921	.. S	Benny, Henry, 34 Edgcombe St., New Plymouth (1954)	.. 53
1949	.. 1	Benny, T. Ralph, 5 William Street, Gore . . . . .	.. 140
1913	.. S	Bensley, Arthur A., No. 2 R.D., Te Puna, Tauranga (1950)	.. 44
1951	.. 3	Besant, H. David, B.A. Box 21, Rawene, Hokianga, Northland . . . . .	.. 29
1954	.. 1	Billinghamurst, Noel D., 10 Shelbourne St., Nelson . . . . .	.. 94
1907	.. S	Blair, Charles, "Noeldene," Main Road, Stoke, Nelson (1947) . . . . .	.. 94
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) . . . . .	.. 78
1896	.. S	Blamires, Henry L., 23 Aikman's Road, St. Albans, Christchurch, N.W.1. (1930) . . . . .	.. 103
1930	.. 2	Blight, J. Montgomery, 179 Regent St., Stratford . . . . .	.. 55
1917	.. 6	Blight, William T., B.A., B.D., P.O. Box 5032, Papanui, Christchurch, N.W.2. . . . .	.. 112

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1955	.. 1	Boyd, Edward J., 125 Ireland Rd. Panmure, Auckland, S.E.2	5
1922	.. 2	Brooks, Leslie A. G., Bank Street, Te Awamutu	.. 47
1943	.. 4	Brown, Clifford G., 18 Tennyson Street, Opunake	.. 59
1916	.. 8	Brown, George E., 611 Blockhouse Bay Road, Auckland, S.W.3. (1956)	.. 6
1941	.. 5	Brown, Harold K., 226 Thames Street, Morrinsville	.. 36
1924	.. 1	Brown, Hubert G., 237 Salisbury St., Christchurch, C.1.	.. 106
1910	.. 8	Burley, William A., M.A., Thompson St., Shannon (1951)	
1914	.. 8	Burnet, Oswald, 6 Horseshoe Lake Road, Burwood Christchurch, N.E.2. (1954)	.. 105
1951	.. 3	Burrough, Amos W., Scotland Street, Roxburgh	.. 137
1949	.. 5	Burt, Douglas H., Regent Street, Waihi	.. 34
1956	.. 1	Burton, Ormond E., M.A., Kirk St., Otaki	.. 92
1944	.. 5	Bycroft, Leslie F., 22 Union Street, New Brighton Christchurch, E. 3.	.. 105
1955	.. 1	Cable, Wilfred J., 161 Chelmsford St., Invercargill	.. 138
1931	.. 2	Carr, Thomas H., C.F., 336 Selwyn St. Addington, Christchurch, S.W.1.	.. 109
1931	.. 6	Carr, W. E. Allon, 5 Paice Avenue, Mt. Eden, Auckland S.1	3
1951	.. 6	Carter, George, M.A., Dip.Ed., Methodist Mission, Kekesuhohana, Bougainville, Terr. of New Guinea	.. [9]
1917	.. 8	Chambers, Ernest B., 1 Seabrook Avenue, New Lynn, Auckland (1956)	.. 7
1944	.. 4	Chambers, Wesley A., M.A., 46 Radley Street, Christchurch, S.E.1.	.. 107
1933	.. 11	Chrystall, Bernard M., B.A., C.F., 28 Mt. Albert Road, Auckland, S.W.2.	.. H.M.
1937	.. 1	Churchill, John, 30 Church St., Te Aroha	.. 35
1950	.. 4	Clark, Colin D., B.A., 67 Brougham Street, Sydenham, Christchurch, S.1.	.. 108
1942	.. 4	Clement, R. Frederick, M.A., C.F., 48 Lincoln Road, Masterton	.. 89
1947	.. 1	Clements, Leslie C., C/o Mt. Crawford P.B., Kilbirnie Post Office, Wellington	.. 81
1951	.. 2	Clucas, Ivan J. Silverdale, Northland	.. 18
1939	.. 4	Cochrane, Herbert A., 60 Lawrence St. Morningson, Dunedin, W. 1.	.. 133
1942	.. 3	Collins, Alan F., 24 Eden Street, Oamaru	.. 127
1915	.. 8	Cooke, Percy I, Te Atatu Rd., Te Atatu, Auckland (1952)	7
1905	.. 8	Copeland, Fred, 19 Linwood Avenue, Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2., (1947)	.. 6
1949	.. 8	Cornwell, Gordon A.R., Methodist Mission, Skotolan, Buka Passage, Bougainville, Terr. of New Guinea	[10]
1918	.. 8	Costain, Alfred M., Dip.Soc.Sci., South Tee., Picton (1955)	98
1909	.. 8	Cottom, Harry, Springston R/D., Canterbury (1949)	.. 113
1953	.. 2	Craig, Hughan M., Taitua St., Taumarunui	.. 50
1943	.. 3	Cramond, George W., 81 Johnston St., Milton	.. 136
1933	.. 1	Daglish, J. Ainsley, Otorohanga	.. 48
1941	.. 12	Darvill, Harold A., 1060 Heaphy Tee., Claudelands, Hamilton	.. H.M.
1940	.. 5	Dawson, John B., B.A., 37 Nelson Street, Petone, Wellington, C.F.	.. 86
1943	.. 3	Dawson, W. Selwyn, M.A., 1 Tennyson Ave., Takapuna, Auckland, N.2., C.F.	.. 9
1932	.. 2	Day, Reginald, 274 High Street, Carterton	.. 88
1917	.. 8	Dennis, John, 28 Rothesay Bay Rd., Rothesay Bay, Auckland (1954)	.. 9
1929	.. 6	Dickens, Charles E., 162 King Street, Rangiora	.. 116
1954	.. 1	Dickie, Arthur W., 83 King St., Whakatane	.. 45
1947	.. 1	Divers, W. Lloyd, 12 Wesley St., Pukekohe	.. 15

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1940	.. 5	Dixon, Haddon C., M.A., B.D., 14 St. Vincent Ave, Remuera, Auckland, S.E.2.	.. 5
1944	.. 2	Dorrian, A. Peter, 67 Shearman Road, Waimate	.. 122
1930	.. 2	Draper, Joseph C., C.F., 42 Melanesia Road, Kohimarama Auckland, E.1	.. 5
1935	.. 3	Duder, Clifford L., 162 Sutherland Rd., Wellington, E.3.	81
1931	.. 3	Dudley, Raymond, M.A., D.D., F.R.E.S., 56 Royal Terrace Dunedin, C.2.	.. 128
1954	.. 3	Eastwood, Eric R., Otautau, Southland	.. 141
1948	.. 6	Eisner, Wilf. G., B.A., 112 Derby Street, Westport	.. 100
1952	.. 2	Edmonds, David W., 56 Foyle Street, Bluff	.. 144
1911	.. S	Enticott, Walter J., Nahum Street, Paeroa (1948)	.. 33
1943	.. 6	Falkingham, Wilfred E., Central Mission, P. O. Box 1449, Christchurch, C.1.	.. 104
1956	.. 1	Falla, H. Rabey, 95 Sullivan Ave., Opawa, Christchurch, S.E.1.	.. 113
1924	.. 11	Fiebig, Herbert L., B.A., P.O. Box 931, Christchurch, C.1.	C.S.
1919	.. S	Ford, Herbert, 24 Denman Street, Sumner, Christchurch (1948)	.. 103
1948	.. 3	Ford, Wilfred F., B.A., 31 Huanui St., Porirua, Wellington	83
1916	.. 2	Fordyce, Robert E., Eketahuna	.. 90
1911	.. S	Fowles, Albert H., 18 Lionel Street, Avonside, Chritschurch, N.E.1., (1941)	.. 105
1937	.. 3	Francis, William R., B.A., B.D., 24 Liverpool Street, Hamilton, C.F.	.. 38
1949	.. 1	Garner, William M., 38 Sealey Street, Thames	.. 31
1919	.. S	Gatman, William, 80 Beach Road, Castor Bay, Auckland (1947)	.. 9
1952	.. 2	George, R. Leslie, 22 Mersey St., Island Bay, Wellington	80
1952	.. 2	Gibson, Loyal J., Greendale No. 1 R/D., Christchurch	.. 120
1952	.. 1	Gilbert, Geoffrey T., C.F.—10 Coy, R.N.Z.A.S.C., N.Z.A.P.O. 444, "K" Force	.. 53
1940	.. 3	Gilmore, Leslie R.M., B.A., 12 Poronui St., Mt. Eden, Auckland	.. 5
1934	.. 9	Goodman, George H., 18 Matai Rd., Hataitai, Wellington, E.2.	.. 81
1950	.. 2	Gordon, D. Bruce, M.A., 12 Marsden Road, Greymouth	.. 101
1956	.. 1	Grant, Ian D., 19 Schofield Street, Grey Lynn	.. 1
1945	.. 1	Green, Warren, 12 Barr Street, Balclutha	.. 146
1940	.. 5	Greenslade, Lawrence, 111 Wood St., Palmerston North	.. 73
1931	.. 10	Greenslade, William W. H., 38 McFarlane St., Wellington C.4., C.F.	.. 78
1897	.. S	Greenwood, Fred, 37 Charlotte Ave., Brooklyn, Wellington, S.W.1., (1934)	.. 78
1945	.. 3	Gregory, William H., Gloucester St., Taradale, Napier	.. 65
1939	.. 6	Grice, Reginald, 18 Orari St., Ngaio, Wellington	.. 82
1928	.. 1	Grocott, John D., B.A., 15 Nelson Street, Riccarton, Christchurch, W.1.	.. 110
1943	.. 5	Grounds, Edmund D., 138 Somme Parade, Aramoho, Wanganui	.. 61
1954	.. 2	Grundy, John, M.A., 18 Willow Avenue, Stoke, Nelson	.. 95
1928	.. 5	Hailwood, Charlie O., 320 Hardy Street, Nelson	.. 94
1947	.. 10	Hall, Allen H., M.A., Methodist Mission, Roviana, Gizo, British Solomon Islands	.. [5]
1926	.. 1	Hall, James H., 9 Paynters Ave., New Plymouth	.. 53
1952	.. 1	Hall, John R., Geraldine	.. 124
1923	.. 18	Hames, Eric W., M.A., "Richmond House" Trinity College, Grafton, Auckland, C.3.	Th.C.

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1928	.. 1	Handy, Francis J., 64 Station Road, Otahuhu, Auckland, S.E.7. . . . .	.. 12
1952	.. 3	Handyside, Allan J., 27 Cambrai Ave., Mt. Roskill, Auckland, S.2. . . . .	.. 3
1935	.. 2	Hanna, L. Gordon, 17 Pukehana Ave., Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3. . . . .	.. 5
1916	.. S	Harkness, Edwin S., 14 Atanga Avenue, Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.I., (1947) . . . . .	.. 5
1938	.. 3	Harkness, Howard E., M.A., B.D., 45 High Street, Blenheim . . . . .	.. 98
1910	.. S	Harris, Archer O., 44 Redruth Ave., Spreydon, Christchurch, S.W.1 (1951) . . . . .	.. 103
1926	.. 1	Harris, G. Raymond, 17 Church St., Devonport, Auckland, N.1. . . . .	.. 8
1900	.. S	Haslam, Jonathan H., 26 Rhodes Street, Waimate, (1940)	122
1939	.. 3	Hayman, Leslie A. D., B.Agric.Sc., Middleton St., Johnsonville, Wellington . . . . .	.. 82
1954	.. 2	Heppelthwaite, Ernest, Cromwell . . . . .	.. 145
1932	.. 6	Hickman, D. J. Donald, 119 Burnett St., Ashburton . . . . .	.. 125
1948	.. 4	Hilder, Basil J., Oxford . . . . .	.. 118
1912	.. S	Hinton, George B., 28 Carrington Street, Christchurch, N.1. (1949) . . . . .	.. 111
1938	.. 1	Hoddinott, Ernest S., 235 Karori Road, Wellington W.3.	79
1911	.. S	Hopper, Arthur, 416 Massey Rd., Hastings (1935) . . . . .	.. 66
1936	.. 3	Hopper, H. Ian K., B.A., Selwyn Street, Leeston . . . . .	.. 115
1929	.. 2	Horwood, Leonard C., 801E, Queen St., Hastings . . . . .	.. 66
1900	.. S	Hunt, George P., 116 Peary Road, Mt. Eden, Auckland, (1940) . . . . .	.. 3
1942	.. 2	Ivory, Arthur H., LL.B., B.Com., 39 Strathavon Street, Miramar, Wellington, E.4. . . . .	.. 81
1922	.. S	Jack, J. Francis, 15 Northboro Rd., Takapuna, Auckland, N.2. (1956) . . . . .	.. 9
1932	.. 10	Jamieson, V. Roy, M.B.E., E.D., 170 Fitzgerald Avenue, Christchurch, C.I., C.F. . . . .	.. 105
1919	.. S	Jefferson, Alfred E., 49 Gray Ave., Papatoetoe (1954) . . . . .	.. 11
1932	.. 4	Jenkin, William C., Springston No. 4 R.M.D., Christchurch	113
1934	.. 4	Johnston, Andrew J., 298 Adelaide Rd., Wellington, S.1.	80
1943	.. 4	Jolly, Albert, 77 Grey St. East, Onehunga, Auckland, S.E.5	11
1940	.. 3	Jones, Allan O., 98 North Street, Timaru . . . . .	.. 122
1899	.. S	Keall, R. Purcell, 14 Green Street, Lower Hutt, (1940)	84
1949	.. 3	Keightley, Clifford J., Methodist Mission, Tari, via Goroka, Territory of New Guinea . . . . .	.. F.M.
1916	.. S	Kendon, Charles H., 99 Avondale Road, Greenmeadows, Napier, (1954) . . . . .	.. 65
1929	.. 1	Kent, Arthur T., C.F., 149 Kamo Road, Whangarei . . . . .	.. 23
1924	.. S	Kings, Harry S., Levin (1956) . . . . .	.. 91
1956	.. 1	Kitchingman, Owen, 39 Washington Ave., Brooklyn Wellington . . . . .	.. 78
1927	.. 3	Larsen, Norman P., 15 Verran Place, Bryndwr, Christchurch, N.W.1, . . . . .	.. 111
1927	.. 18	Laurenson, Geo. I., Kakariki Ave., Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.1. . . . .	.. H.M.
1912	.. S	Lawrence, Frederick B., Sadlier St., Stoke, Nelson (1949)	95
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	.. 5	Laws, William R. M.A., B.D., 524 Church Street, Palmerston North . . . . .	.. 72
1930	.. 4	Leadley, E. Clarence, 463 Gladstone Road, Gisborne . . . . .	.. 67

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1900	.. S	Leadley, Frank E., 7 Fowlers Ave., Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.E.2. (1940)	6
1953	.. 1	LeCouteur, E. Raymond, 8 King Edward Street, Eltham	56
1942	.. 4	Lewis, John J., M.A., B.D., Trinity College, Grafton, Auckland, C.3.	.. Th.C.
1939	.. 4	Lucas, Campbell P., L.Th., 112 Cambridge St., Levin	.. 91
1935	.. 3	Luxton, Clarence T. J., Queen Street, Waiuku	.. 17
1948	.. 9	Marshall, Edward M., B.A., Dip. Ed., Wesley College, Paerata, Auckland	.. 15
1934	.. 3	Matthews, Howard C., B.A., C.F., 8 Madeira Steps, Napier	65
1909	.. S	McArthur, John D., 47 Rogers St., Blenheim (1949)	.. 98
1946	.. 4	McDonald, D. I. Alister, Methodist Mission, Choiseul, British Solomon Islands	.. [7]
1930	.. 6	McDowell, M. Alexander, 77 Pretoria St., Lower Hutt	.. 84
1924	.. 2	McGregor, Robert, Arney Street, Paeroa	.. 33
1953	.. 3	McKay, Archibald W., Auckland Street, Picton	.. 98
1916	.. 37	Metcalfe, John R., Methodist Mission, Roviana, Gizo, British Solomon Islands	.. [5]
1946	.. 2	Moore, Harry, 105 Queen Street, Richmond, Nelson	.. 95
1931	.. 2	Moore, William E., 19 Exeter St., Lyttelton	.. 107
1942	.. 6	Morrison, William J., M.A., 142 North St., Timaru	.. 120
1918	.. S	Neal, Wallace S., 61 Mathiesons Rd., Linwood, Christchurch E.1. (1953)	.. 105
1911	.. S	Neale, Leslie B., M.B.E., B.A., F.R.G.S., 39 Allendale Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland (1952)	.. 2
1953	.. 4	Newman, Alan, Main Road, Greytown	.. 87
1954	.. 2	Newton, Alan H.V., Wesley Tce., Te Kuiti	.. 49
1949	.. 1	Nuttall, A. Roger, B.A., 64 Albert Road, Pahiatua	.. 71
1937	.. 4	Norwell, Leslie T., 100 Waiwhetu Road, Lower Hutt	.. 84
1915	.. S	Odell, Henry J., C/o 75 Taranaki St., Wellington, C.3. (1953)	78
1939	.. 5	Oldfield, Charles B., 68 Firth Street, Hamilton East	.. 39
1910	.. S	Olds, Charles H., B.A., 21 Alpha Street, Cambridge (1951)	37
1915	.. 7	Olds, E. Thomas, 92 Liardet Street, New Plymouth	.. 53
1949	.. 1	Olds, J. Stanley, 216 Earn St., Invercargill	.. 139
1946	.. 1	Olds, Norman W., Normanby St., Dargaville	.. 21
1951	.. 3	Olds, O. McLennan, 46 Beresford St., Roslyn, Dunedin	.. 134
1920	.. S	Orchard, Hector C., 8 Seddon Street, Timaru (1947)	.. 119
1933	.. 24	Orr, A. Everil, M.B.E., C.F., Box 5104, Auckland C.1.	.. 2
1953	.. 1	Osborne, John H., Mowatt St., Waitara	.. 54
1902	.. S	Oxbrow, Walter J., C/o 17 Pukehana Ave, Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3. (1938)	.. 5
1947	.. 5	Parker, Francis H., 100 West Street, Fielding	.. 75
1917	.. S	Parker, Frederick J., C/o 17 Pukehana Ave., Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3. (1952)	.. 5
1931	.. 1	Parker, Gordon, M.A., Ph.D., 80 Wesley St., Dunedin, S.I.	131
1918	.. S	Parker, James W., 143 St. John's Road, Meadowbank, Auckland, S.E.3. (1950)	.. 5
1929	.. 5	Parker, Walter, 261 Manukau Rd., Epsom, Auckland S.E.3.	3
1930	.. 4	Parker, Wesley, M.A., B.D., C.F., 10 New Bond Street, Kingsland, Auckland	.. 1
1902	.. S	Patchett, Ernest D., 36 Orakau Ave., Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3. (1945)	.. 5
1933	.. 2	Patchett, Ralph E., 19 Regent Street, Hawera	.. 57
1931	.. 1	Payne, Herbert W., 35 Wood Street, Papakura, Auckland	14
1955	.. 2	Peart, Cuthbert F., Marchant Street, Putaruru	.. 42
1952	.. 2	Penman, John A., 107 Dyers Pass Road, Cashmere, Christchurch, S.2.	.. 103
1927	.. 1	Penn, Athol R., 994 New North Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland S.W.2.	.. 6
1938	.. 5	Petch, Ashleigh K., B.A., 54 Chester St. Christchurch, C.1	103

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1925	.. 6	Peterson, Gordon R. H., 52 Queen's Drive, Musselburgh, Dunedin, S.2.	.. 132
1949	.. 1	Pratt, R. Hori, B.A., Box 41, Kaeo, Northland	.. 25
1943	.. S	Prosser, Frederick O., 34 Stoke Street, Sumner, Christchurch, S. E. 3. (1948)	.. 107
1897	.. S	Pybus, T. Arthur, 269 Main Road, Ravensbourne, Dunedin (1939)	.. 132
1954	.. 3	Rakena, Ruawai P., Waima, Hokianga	.. [1]
1949	.. 3	Ramage, Ian C.E., M.A., 30 Matai Street, Hamilton	.. 38
1950	.. 7	Ramsay, Phillip D., R.N.Z.A.F. Station, Woodbourne, Blenheim	.. 98
1901	.. S	Ranston, Harry, M.A., Litt.D., Fellow Trinity College, 34 Alexis Ave., Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2. (1941)	.. 6
1951	.. 2	Raynor, Charles H., Ashhurst	.. 74
1927	.. 6	Raynor, Ivo M., 43 Queen Street, Cambridge	.. 37
1952	.. 3	Reid, Ian W., 24 Passmore Crescent, Maori Hill, Dunedin, N.E.1.	.. 130
1911	.. S	Richards, H. Leslie, Leeston (1948)	.. 114
1910	.. S	Richards, James, 59 Quinn's Road, Shirley, Christchurch, N.1, (1951)	.. 105
1906	.. S	Roberts, Charles M., 286 South Road, New Plymouth (1945)	.. 53
1955	.. 2	Rigg, Frank S., 3 Delta Street, Roslyn, Dunedin	.. 128
1947	.. 3	Riseley, Benjamin H., 53 Fuller Street, Kaiapoi	.. 115
1942	.. 3	Rogers, Ranginohora, 519 Mt. Albert Road, Auckland, S.1.	.. [1]
1911	.. S	Rowe, William, 5 Cavendish Square, Strathmore, Wellington E.5. (1949)	.. 81
1951	.. 3	Ruck, Idris J., Hassard Street, Manaia	.. 58
1954	.. 2	Rushton, Percy P., 43 Jellicoe Road, Manurewa	.. 14
1906	.. S	Ryan, Henry, 8 Burns Road, Napier (1943)	.. 65
1916	.. S	Sage, Ernest E., 1 Willis Street, Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2, (1955)	.. 6
1956	.. 1	Scammell, Bruce, Kaukapakapa, Auckland	.. 18
1950	.. 4	Schroeder, Leonard P., B.A., B.D., 811 George St., Dunedin, N.1.	.. 129
1912	.. S	Scrivin, Arthur H., "Roviana" 16 Empire Road, Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3. (1952)	.. 5
1903	.. S	Seamer, Arthur J., C.M.G., Box 400, Hamilton (1939)	.. 2
1945	.. 1	Shapcott, Leonard, 95 Fitzroy St., Dunedin, S.W.1	.. 131
1910	.. S	Sharp, Harold A., C/o 336 Selwyn Street, Addington, Christchurch, S.W.1. (1947)	.. 109
1952	.. 4	Shaw, Harry I., Fraser Crescent, Upper Hutt	.. 85
1946	.. 10	Shepherd, Trevor, Methodist Mission, Bilua, Vella Lavella, British Solomon Islands	.. [6]
1944	.. 3	Sherson, Donald G., B.A., 170 West Coast Road, Glen Eden, Auckland	.. 7
1927	.. 3	Silvester, A. Wharton E., (M.M.), Box 12, Ruawai Northland	.. 22
1938	.. 3	Silvester, John, M.A., 83 Kolmar Street, Papatoetoe	.. 13
1918	.. S	Skuse, Thomas, Waimarie Rd, Whenuapai, Kumeu, Auckland, (1956)	.. 7
1915	.. 4	Slade, William G., M.A., D.D. 198 Clyde Road, Fendalton Christchurch, N.W.1	.. 111
1923	.. S	Spencer, Herbert, 24 Hipango Terrace Ext., Durie Hill, Wanganui (1949)	.. 60
1952	.. 1	Spindler Sydney J., 230 High St., Dannevirke	.. 69
1951	.. 4	Stead, Peter A., B.A., 38 Cranford St., Christchurch, N.1	.. 111
1947	.. 4	Stewart, Edmund S., De Merle St., Kaikohe	.. 27
1953	.. 1	Stubbs, David G., Port Albert, Wellsford R/D...	.. 26
1955	.. 2	Tauroa, Lane M., B.A., Kawhia, King Country	..

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1954	.. 3	Tahere, Te Awha W., 37 Breakwater Road, New Plymouth	[4]
1924	.. S	Taylor, Cecil R., 23 Garreg Rd., Fendalton, Christchurch N.W.1 (1955)	.. 111
1911	.. S	Te Tuhi Eruera, O.B.E., Oturei, Aratapu, Nth. Wairoa (1954)	H.M
1941	.. 3	Thomas, Gordon V., B.A., 42 Malfroy Road, Rotorua	.. 43
1946	.. 5	Thompson, George R., E.D., 33 Wicksteed St., Wanganui	60
1951	.. 1	Thompson, John H., 8 Cambridge St., Gonville, Wanganui	62
1955	.. 2	Thornicroft, Neville, Bombay, Auckland	.. 16
1935	.. 7	Thornley, Robert, M.A., 130 Grafton Road, Auckland C.3.	1
1908	.. S	Tinsley, Robert B., 77 Fox Street, Hamilton (1949)	.. 38
1951	.. 5	Toothill, Harry W., Paraparaumu	.. 93
1954	.. 3	Trebilco, David L., 12 Freyberg St, Wairoa, Hawkes Bay	68
1952	.. 2	Trebilco, George R., Neville St., Warkworth, Northland	.. 19
1927	.. 1	Utting, Harry V., 23 Ansley Terrace, Christchurch, S.E.2	107
1926	.. 31	Voyce, A. Harry, 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., Methodist Mission, Roviana, Gizo, British Solomon Islands	.. [5]
1956	.. 1	Watson, Brian M., M.Sc., C/o 37 Nelson Street, Petone	.. 86
1939	.. 3	Watson, John K., M.C., B.A., C.F., Box 34, Sanson Manawatu	.. 7
1914	.. S	Werren, Samuel J., 8 Murray Street, Maesoa, Hamilton	.. 38
1938	.. 10	Whitfield, Harris, C.F. 229a Ponsonby Rd, Auckland, W.2,	4
1931	.. 10	Williams, David O., M.A., Litt.D., "Leigh House", Trinity College, Grafton Road, Auckland, C.3.	.. Th.C.
1943	.. 3	Williams, J. C. Aldwyn, 88 Linwood Ave., Christchurch, E.1.	105
1942	.. 2	Willing, Leonard V., 77 Shirley Road, Shirley, Christchurch N.E.1.	.. 105
1935	.. 7	Witheyford, Arthur R., B.A., C.F., 5 Chapman Street, Invercargill,	.. 138
1953	.. S	Woodnutt, Alfred G., Waipawa, Hawkes Bay	..
1950	.. 2	Woodfield, Frank H., 63 Tukapa Street, Westown, New Plymouth	.. 53
1950	.. 3	Woodfield, Owen T., Willowby R.D., Ashburton	.. 129
1941	.. 1	Woolford, J. Henry, M.A., 60a Morris St., Tauranga	.. 44
1955	.. 1	Wood, Ronald H., 10 Onslow Street, Huntly	.. 40

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1914	.. 13	Rakena, Rakena P., 107 Waihi Road, Hawera	.. [4]
1920	.. S	Tauroa, Matarae, Pupuke, Kaeo, Northland (1954)	.. [1]
1941	.. S	Kukutai, Ngatete Kerei, Gibson's Rd., Tuakau (1954)	.. [1]
1944	.. 10	Taufa, John, Kieta, South Bougainville, New Guinea	.. [8]
1944	.. 9	Palavi, Daniel, Tearaka, Private Bag, Keesu, Bougainville	[9]
1944	.. 2	Piani, Timothy, Senga, Choiseul, British Solomon Islands	[7]
1949	.. 2	Pita, Kemueli, Tonu, Siwai, South Bougainville, New Guinea	[8]
1953	.. 3	Vula, Aisake, Honiara, British Solomon Islands	.. [5]
1955	.. 1	Bitibule, John Veo, Skolotan, Buka Passage, Bougainville, Terr. of New Guinea	.. [10]
1956	.. 1	Maka, Ahofitu, Roviana, Gizo, British Solomon Islands	.. [5]

HOME MISSIONARIES

Ent.	Name and Address	Years
1909	T. W. Featherstone (Retired) 2 Roy Tce., New Plymouth	.. 19
1917	A. L. Whitheford, (Retired) 14 Claude St., Claudelands, Hamilton	.. 22
1919	J. W. Bayliss (Retired). Awaroa Rd. Henderson, Auckland	.. 18
1922	H. Ashworth, (Retired) 571 South Rd. New Plymouth	.. 20
1922	C. Robinson (Retired), 108 McGrath St. Napier.	.. 5
1924	R. T. Alexander (Retired), Pah Rd. Motueka.	.. 5
1924	W. H. Wilson (Retired), 19 Rangitoto Tce. Takapuna, Auckland, N.2.	.. 18
1925	W. J. Henderson, 78 Church Street, Mosgiel	.. 2
1926	W. Sussex (Retired), Bayswater, Auckland, N.2.	.. 18
1928	R. Coombridge (Retired), Stanmore Bay, Silverdale, North Auckland	.. 6
1939	H. R. Wright, Okato, Taranaki	.. 2
1940	W. J. Bryant, (Retired) Waipawa, Hawkes Bay	.. 1
1941	T. Steele, Mace Street, Reefton.	.. 3
1944	C. E. Roke, Westgate Street, Ngauruawahia, Waikato	.. 2
1946	O. L. Christian, Inglewood, Taranaki.	.. 1
1946	W. E. Sleep (Retired), Raetihi (Supply 9th year).	.. 11
1947	F. J. Climo, Belvedere Street, Te Puke.	.. 5
1948	H. Prowse, P. O. Box 6, Halcombe.	.. 5
1948	F. D. Peterson, Robinson Street, Foxton.	.. 2
1952	F. L. Johnson, P.O. Box 11, Kohukohu, Hokianga.	.. 1
1956	F. E. Trim, 77 Grey Street, Woodville	.. 1.

HOME MISSIONARY PROBATIONERS

1953	A. G. Reid, Ngatea, Hauraki Plains.	.. 4
1955	L. H. Major, C/o 15 Nelson Street, Riccarton	.. 1
1955	J. F. Walls, Methodist Church, Hikurangi, Northland	.. 2
1956	Maurice Gilbert, Waikouaiti	.. 1
1956	G. K. Greening, Woodend	.. 1
1956	G. H. J. Yearbury, C/o 119 Burnett Street, Ashburton	.. 1

HOME MISSIONARY "SUPPLIES"

Evan R. Lewis, M.Sc., (Non-Resident Student of Trinity College) C/o 170 West Coast Road, Glen Eden, Auckland	
Thomas Walker, Coromandel.	
Rev. W. M. Isitt, Ford Street, Opotiki.	
D. I. Robertson, Queen Street, Northcote, Auckland, N.4.	
Mrs. F. M. Robertson, 99 Marua Road, Ellerslie, Auckland.	
Rev. J. W. Reddihough, Methodist Church, Port Chalmers.	

MAORI HOME MISSIONARIES

1922	Te Hira Ratete, Punakitere, Hokianga, Northland	.. 29
1930	Paahi Moke, Te Kuiti	.. 3
1932	Rameka Eru, Victoria Valley, Northland	.. 7
1932	Tuteao Manihera, Raglan	.. 9
1932	Paikaea H Toka., 5 Miro Street, Kelston, New Lynn, Auckland	.. 7
1934	Huru Wiperi, 2a Cleveland Road, Parnell, Auckland	.. 11
1934	Heemi Rihimona, Methodist Maori Parsonage, Ngauruawahia	.. 16
1936	Ngaweke Tuhimata, Tuakau, Waikato	.. 11
1937	Roi Moke, Aotea Harbour, Kawhia	.. 5
1938	Piripi Livingstone, Pokere, Bay of Islands	.. 19
1938	Wiremu Paki Ihaka, 15 Ropata Avenue, Tamaki, Auckland.	.. 3
1939	John Harris, Pakiri, North Auckland	.. 18
1939	Nehana Pu, Opuawhanga, R.D., Hikurangi	.. 18
1940	Wiremu Tonga, Box 400, Hamilton	.. 17
1942	Tawhi Te Riri Kaw iti, Waiomio, Bay of Islands	.. 15
1944	Te Urunga Pura Wetera, Atawa Settlement, Waihou, R.D., Te Aroha	.. 13

Ent.	Name and Address	Years
1944	Paki Manga, Main South Road, Otorohanga	13
1944	Rangi Katipa, Ngutunui, Te Awamutu	13
1945	Tame Ponui, P.O. Kopaki, King Country	8
1946	Waiwera Rangawhenua, Maketu Pa, Kawhia, King Country	11
1946	Tumu Te Huia, Makomako, via Kawhia, King Country	11
1946	Waaka Kukutai, Tauranganui, via Tuakau	11
1946	Henare Kapa, Rangitane, Pouto, Kaipara Heads	11
1947	Whaterau Ira Wharehoka, Pungarehu, Taranaki	10
1947	Mu Maihi, Waikaretu, Waikato Coast	10
1948	Nguru Winikerei, Marakopa, King Country	9
1950	Maharaja Winiata, Ph.D., Cleek Road, Mangere, Auckland	7
1950	Enoka Marumaru, Aramiro, Waikato	7
1950	Houtai Mita Hohepa, P.O. Box 169, Kaikohe	6
1950	Te Iwikau Waaka, Otaramarae, P.O. Rotorua	7
1951	Pukerau Rangitutia, C/o Oliver Bros., Arohena, Te Awamutu	6
1952	Matene Hori de Thierry, Rangiriri, Waikato	5
1952	Ngerungeru Tame Pihama, Whatawhata, Waikato	5
1952	Hone Wilcox, 81 Premier Ave., Pt. Chevalier, Auckland	5
1952	J. Hatoitoti Pihama, Higgins Road, Frankton Junction	5
1952	Hohepa Hemara, Carter's Road, Hikurangi	5
1952	Tutu Keepa, Thomas Street, Ngaruawahia, Waikato	5
1953	Hohepa Timohu Hona, Pureora, King Country	4
1954	Alexander Grahame Kahui, Thomas Street, Ngaruawahia, Waikato	3
1954	Te Akonga Pihama, P.O. Box 400, Hamilton	3
1955	Wera Couch, Rapaki, Lyttelton	2

DEACONESSES

1921	Sister Eleanor Dobby, 409 Main Road, Papanui, Christchurch, N.W.2
1921	Sister Margaret Nicholls, 17 Owairaka Avenue, Auckland, S.W.2.
1928	Sister Rita Snowden, "West Hills" Titirangi Road, Titirangi Auckland
1929	Sister Airini Hobbs, Methodist Maori Parsonage, Ngaruawahia.
1928	Sister Ivy Jones, Box 5023, Auckland
1933	Sister Olive Bott, Paihia, Bay of Islands.
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' Hostel, South Road, New Plymouth
1939	Sister Dorothy Pointon, 11 Pacific Ave., Mount Maunganui, Tauranga
1943	Sister Anne Wilson, 51 Victoria Street, Hawera
1944	Sister Ruth Hilder, "Seamer House," 515 Remuera Rd., Auckland
1945	Sister Jean Miller, 861 New North Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland
1946	Sister Lucy Money, Methodist Mission, Choiseul, British Solomon Islands
1947	Sister Margaret Taylor, 431 Queen Street, Masterton.
1947	Sister Mavis Dickie, C/o Post Office, Otorohanga.
1947	Sister Margaret Taylor, 57 Essex Street, Masterton.
1948	Sister Rona Collins, Methodist Children's Home, Papanui, Christchurch
1948	Sister Grace Clement, P.O. Box 102, Te Kuiti
1949	Sister Betty Yearbury, Longfellow Street, Opunake
1949	Sister Frances Smith, Box 400, Hamilton
1949	Sister Fiona Summerell, C/o Methodist Parsonage, Picton.
1950	Sister Evelyn Taylor, Auckland (leave of absence).
1954	Sister Winnifred Bennett, Box 400, Hamilton.
1954	Sister Joyce Gribble, C/o Pitt Street Methodist Church, Auckland.
1954	Sister Mary Whitlow, Auckland (leave of absence).

- 1955—Sister Doreen Bulford, C/o 111 Wood Street, Palmerston North.
 1955—Sister Kathleen Rogers, 8 Airedale Street, Auckland
 1955—Sister Gwenda Kennedy, Methodist Central Mission, Box 5104,
 Auckland.
 1956—Probationer Lorraine Flowers, C/o 524 Church St., Palmerston North
 1956—Probationer Joyce Foster, Central Church and Mission, 35 Octagon,
 Dunedin.
 1956—Probationer June Peters, Box 400, Hamilton.

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 Merle Carter, Methodist Mission, Tonu, Siwai, South Bougainville,
 Terr. of New Guinea
 Sister Lucy Money, Methodist Mission, Choiseul, British Solomon Islands.
 Sister Davinia Clark, Methodist Mission, Bilua, Vella Lavella, British
 Solomon Islands.
 Sister Jessie Grant, Methodist Mission, Choiseul, British Solomon
 Islands.
 Sister Myra Fraser, Methodist Mission, Bilua, Vella Lavella, British Solomon
 Islands.
 Sister Pamela Beaumont, Methodist Mission, Tonu, Siwai, South
 Bougainville, Terr. of New Guinea.
 Sister Nancy Ball, Methodist Mission, Choiseul, British Solomon Islands.
 Sister Thelma Duthie, Kekesu, Teop, Bougainville, Terr. of New Guinea.
 Sister June Hilder, Skotolan, Sohana, Bougainville, Terr. of New Guinea.
 Sister Rewa Williamson, Kekesu, Sohana, Bougainville, Terr. of New Guinea.
 Sister Norma Graves, Skotolan, Sohana, Bougainville, Terr. of New Guinea.
 Sister Olive Money, Methodist Mission, Roviana, Gizo, British Solomon Islands
 Sister Edith James, Tari, Via Goroka, Territory of New Guinea.
 Sister Joy Thompson, Vella Lavella, British Solomon Islands.
 Sister Norma Neutze, Roviana, Gizo, British Solomon Islands.
 Sister Audrey Grice, Roviana, Gizo, British Solomon Islands.
 Sister Mary Addison, Roviana, Gizo, British Solomon Islands.

RETIRED

(a) Deaconesses

- 1909—Sister Ruth Fawcett, 10 Littlebourne Road, Dunedin.
 1913—Mrs. W. J. Williams, C/o Mrs. A. J. Hill, Atkins, Enroa, Victoria.
 1913—Sister May Barnett, Tai Tapu, No. 2 R.D., Christchurch.
 1914—Sister Annie Tocker, 36 McFarlane Street, Wellington.
 1918—Sister Winifred Beaumont, 7 Braswell Street, Lower Hutt
 1919—Sister May Ralph, 248 Broadway, Palmerston North.
 1920—Sister Mildred West, 133 Aitken Street, Ashburton.
 1923—Sister Lily White, 303 Jervois Road, Auckland, W.1.
 1927—Mrs. C. B. Jones, 11 Mt. Albert Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland.
 1928—Sister Olive Coleman.
 1935—Mrs. H. Breed, R.D. No. 4., Cambridge.
 1945—Mrs. Roland Venis.

(b) MISSIONARY SISTERS

- 1924—Sister Lina Jones, 56 Nottingham Street, Westmere, Auckland.
 1927—Sister Grace McDonald, 10 Ormiston Drive, Knock, Belfast.
 1936—Sister Edna White, Methodist Mission, Baakoma, Airfield, Vella
 Lavella, British Solomon Islands.
 1938—Sister Merle Farland, Government Hospital, Apia, Western Samoa.

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	Fawkner, Melbourne
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
Allen, James Henry	Normanby, New Zealand	1891	1922	6th December, 1955	Whangarei
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
Avery, William W.	Blenheim	1878	1906	15th March, 1954	Christchurch
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
Bathey, Percy	Yorkshire, England	1886	1913	12th July, 1923	New Plymouth
Baumber, William	Lincolnshire, England	1852	1876	8th September, 1932	Christchurch
Bavin, Rainsford	Lincolnshire, England	1845	1866	2nd August, 1905	Gore Hill, N.S.W.
Baxter, Matthew				1st May, 1893	
Beck, William Henry	Sussex, England	1837	1869	20th November, 1922	Blenheim
Beecroft, Charles E.	Lowestoft, Suffolk	1844	1870	17th November, 1913	Auckland
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

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Bowie, William S.	Scarsdale, Victoria	1865	1896	19th December, 1914	Victoria
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
Bumby, John Hewgill	Thirsk, England	1808	1829	26th June, 1840	Dr'wed, Hauraki Gulf
Bunn, Robert S.	Dublin, Ireland	1835	1860	22nd June, 1907	Sydney, N.S.W.
Buttle, George	Yorkshire, England	1810	1838	10th July, 1874	Auckland
Buttle, Joseph Newman	Waipa, N.Z.	1850	1878	23rd December, 1914	Christchurch
Cannell, William	Manchester, England	1836	1861	8th September, 1921	New Plymouth
Carr, Thomas Goodwill	Eastwood, Notts, England	1846	1871	2nd August, 1935	Auckland
Chappell, Albert B., M.A.	Southsea, England	1872	1896	28th August, 1942	Auckland
Chapman, John G.	London, England	1865	1889	30th December, 1925	Wellington
Clark, James R.	Maysbury, Bucks, England	1854	1906	1st August, 1928	Christchurch
Clement, George	Yorkshire, England	1860	1887	4th October, 1948	Dunedin
Clover, James	Suffolk, England	1850	1874	7th December, 1919	Hamilton
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
Cosum, 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

Name of Minister	Birthplace	Year of Birth	Entered the Ministry	Date of Death	Place of Burial
Ellis, Henry	Bundoran, Ireland	1828	1877	17th June, 1879	Woodend
Emmitt, Ernest S., M.C.	Hull, England	1879	1903	4th June, 1944	Auckland
Evans, Matthew Joseph	Thames, New Zealand	1882	1912	3rd May, 1920	Auckland
Fairclough, Paul W.	South Australia	1852	1874	17th April, 1917	Christchurch
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
Goldie, John F.	Hobart	1870	1897	29th June, 1954	Melbourne.
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

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Harrison, Colin C.	Allendale, England	1867	1893	22nd November, 1943	Wellington
Haylock, Donald C.	Bradford, England	1913	1946	30th July, 1954	Auckland
Henderson, Samuel	Armagh, Ireland	1865	1894	28th April, 1942	New Plymouth
Heretini, Te Tuhi	Whirinaki	1857	1896	9th October, 1933	Whirinaki
Hobbs, John	Kent, England	1800	1824	24th June, 1883	Auckland
Hosking, James Alfred	Coromandel, New Zealand	1872	1896	1st October, 1924	Otahuhu
Hounsell, George	Sussex, England	—	1879	3rd March, 1906	Gisborne, N.Z.
Hudson, Lewis	London	1855	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
James, Benjamin, J.	Victoria	1874	1903	20th July, 1955	Christchurch
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.,	Motueka, New Zealand	1880	1908	19th Octber, 1953	Stoke, Nelson
Jory, John D. F.R.E.S.	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

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Luke, James Henry	St. Just, Cornwall, England	1860	1920	22nd November, 1884	Wellington
Luxford, John A., C.M.G.	Hutt, New Zealand	1854	1881	28th January, 1921	Auckland
Lyth, Richard Burdsall, M.R.C.S.	Yorkshire, England	1810	1876	27th February, 1887	York, England
Macfarlane, Samuel	Liverpool, England	1828	1852	25th June, 1898	Christchurch
Mann, George, Henry	Yorkshire, England	1868	1894	26th October, 1918	Gore
Marshall, George T.	Warwickshire, England	1853	1883	2nd August, 1938	Auckland
Marten, William Benjamin	Essex, England	1847	1871	15th February, 1907	Hutt
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
Ngaropi, Hamiora	Waikato	1809	1856	1887	Whatawhata
Nelson, John R.	Cumberland, England	1883	1917	22nd February, 1951	Auckland
Newbold, Thomas Walter	Auckland	1862	1886	19th October, 1930	Dunedin
Nixon, John	Scotland	1852	1875	2nd March, 1947	New Plymouth
Oliver, William C.	Sutherlandshire, Scotland	1842	1867	14th April, 1922	Christchurch
Olphert, John	Auckland	1866	1888	5th March, 1950	Auckland
Orchard, John	Devonshire, England	1838	1861	6th January, 1907	Christchurch, N.Z.
Paris, Percy R.	Dunedin, N.Z.	1882	1906	29th March, 1942	Wellington
Parsons, John Ernest	Birmingham, England	1885	1912	8th April, 1932	Palmerston North
Parsonson, William George	Lerwick, Shetland Islands	1854	1881	8th September, 1903	Christchurch
Patene, Wiremu	Waikato	1810	1859	December, 1884	Karakariki
Paul, Hauraki	Orakei	—	1882	1910	Kaipara
Peat, Harold T.	Thames	1885	1913	24th August, 1948	Auckland
Pendray, John J.	Camborne, Cornwall, England	1845	1870	2nd July, 1914	Taumarunui
Penney, Charles	Camborne, Cornwall, England	1851	1875	17th March, 1917	Reefton
Peryman, Samuel H. D.	Tai Tapu, N.Z.	1867	1892	16th August, 1945	Wellington
Peters, Alfred	Truro, Cornwall, England	1850	1877	8th November, 1939	Christchurch
Pewa, Wiremu Warena	Waima	1852	1879	31st July, 1907	Waikato

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Pickering, William B.	Staffordshire, England	1881	1920	1st November, 1948	Rotorua
Pinfold, James Thomas, D.D.	Manchester, England	1855	1876	30th July, 1933	Wellington
Potter, William Smith	London, England	1854	1896	30th January, 1929	Auckland
Pratt, M.A., Rugby	Gisborne	1875	1902	6th March, 1946	Christchurch
Prior, Samuel F.	Bedford, England	1851	1875	1919	Masterton, N.Z.
Purchon, Samuel R.	Leeds, England	1851	1875	24th January, 1878	Motueka
Raine, Robert	Durham, England	1868	1892	17th March, 1942	Wellington
Rakena, Piripi	—	—	1882	25th March, 1934	Mangamuka
Rands, Frederick	Methven, New Zealand	1883	1908	14th February, 1919	Germany
Ratou, W. Te Kote Te	Wairarapa	1820	1859	4th May, 1895	Lower Wairarapa
Read, Frederick T.	Sleaford, Lincolnshire, Eng.	1867	1889	29th July, 1937	Christchurch
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
Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A.	Napier	1875	1900	8th October, 1955	Christchurch
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

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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
Speer, William H.	Bergalia, N.S.W.	1874	1908	18th February, 1954	Rotorua
Spence, George W. J.	Dromore, Ireland	1852	1879	20th May, 1917	Auckland
Standage, Charles Henry	Campbell Town, Tasmania	1847	1875	8th June, 1936	Dunedin
Stannard, George	Yorkshire, England	1803	1844	8th December, 1888	Wanganui
Stockwell, George F.	Leicestershire, England	1876	1904	20th December, 1945	Auckland
Suckling, Joseph B.	Chelmsford, England	1880	1909	7th December, 1918	Nadroga, Fiji
Taylor, Robert	Rochdale, Lancashire, England	1839	1866	28th May, 1918	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
Warihi, Heteraka	Te Kuiti	1826	1865	10th July, 1898	Blenheim
Warren, John	Norfolk, England	1814	1836	23rd November, 1883	Auckland
Watkin, James	Manchester, England	1805	1830	14th May, 1886	Rookwood, N.S.W.
Watkin, William James	Tonga	1833	1857	28th September, 1909	Auckland
Whewell, John	Hadfield, England	1825	1854	11th December, 1886	Remuera
Whiteley, John	Nottinghamshire, England	1806	1832	13th February, 1869	New Plymouth
White, Hedley	Silchester, England	1883	1906	14th December, 1950	Wellington
Whittaker, J. D.	Lancashire, England	1822	1845	3rd October, 1862	Wellington
Wilcox, Davis Pou	Hokianga	—	1911	January, 1937	Waikare

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Williams, William James	Redruth, Cornwall, England	1847	1870	11th May, 1936	Auckland
Wils, Peter	Staffordshire, England	1853	1879	29th September, 1884	Springston
Wills, William	Cornwell, England	1872	1899	3rd September, 1950	Auckland
Woodward, C. William	Auckland	1868	1890	27th September, 1901	At Sea
Woolloxall, Thomas R. B.	Liverpool, England	1873	1901	29th January, 1946	Auckland
Woon, William	Cornwall, England	1804	1830	22nd September, 1858	Wanganui
Worboys, John Wesley	London, England	1843	1874	10th July, 1908	Wellington
Worker, William	Cornwall, England	1817	1841	2nd February, 1900	Wellsford
Wrigley, James	Yorkshire, England	1857	1887	3rd June, 1937	Auckland

N.Z. METHODISTS LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Benevolent Fund Account

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Credit Balance, 30-6-54	71	12	7	Donations—Two of £25 each	50	0	0
Interest on Government Stock	30	0	0	Balance	51	12	7
	<u>£101</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>7</u>		<u>£101</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>7</u>
Credit Balance, 30-6-55	£51	12	7				

Food Parcels Account

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Credit Balance, 30-6-54	3	17	8	Bank Fees and Exchange	1	0	6
Donations	41	0	0	48 Parcels	36	12	0
	<u>£44</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>8</u>	Balance	7	5	2
Credit Balance, 30-6-55	£7	5	2		<u>£44</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>8</u>

General Account

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Credit Balance, 30-6-54	87	19	4	Book Orders	40	0	0
Interest on Government Stock	12	0	0	Bank Fees and Exchange	1	11	8
Donation	9	0	0	Book Purchases—			
Book Orders	16	11	11	Presbyterian Bookroom	17	7	
	<u>£117</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	C.S.S.M. Bookroom	1	18	9
Credit Balance, 30-6-55	£43	15	5	Epworth Bookroom	2	7	3
				Printing Newsletters and Letterheads	12	15	0
				Secretarial Expenses, Postages and Sundries	13	14	7
				Balance	43	15	5
					<u>£117</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1955

LIABILITIES.	ASSETS.
General Account	Bank Deposits—N.B.N.Z.
Benevolent Fund Account	Balance at Credit General A/c
	Balance at Benevolent Fd. A/c
	95 8 0
	Government Securities—
	N.Z. Government Stock 3%—
	General Account
	Benevolent Fund A/c
	1,400 0 0
<u>£1,495 8 0</u>	<u>£1,495 8 0</u>

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND — YOUTH DEPARTMENT

Income and Expenditure Account

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
To	Directors' Salaries				1,128	8	9	By	Circuit Contributions	3,646	17	2
"	Christchurch Property Expenses				154	16	5	"	Interest	4	6	3
"	Wellington Property Expenses				94	19	7	"	Holiday Tour	82	17	3
"	Connexional Charges				152	17	6	"	Conference Youth Demonstration	21	7	6
"	Travelling Expenses				549	6	0	"	Trading Profit	1,057	14	7
"	Grants—											
	District Youth Councils	80	0	0								
	Nat. Comte. Church-Home	10	0	0								
					90	0	0					
"	Home Sun. School and Bible Class				89	15	9					
"	Depreciation				232	0	8					
"	Christian Education				106	8	10					
"	Film Expenses				12	6						
"	National Leadership Committee				41	15	0					
"	Policy Conference				67	6	4					
"	Youth Conference				11	3	0					
"	Proportion Administrative Costs				1,139	14	9					
"	Excess Income over Expenditure				953	17	8					
					£4,813	2	9			£4,813	2	9

Appropriation Account

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To	New Ventures Reserve				104	4	9
"	Special Purposes Reserve				450	0	0
"	Accumulated Fund				399	12	11
					£953	17	8
By	Excess Income over Expenditure				953	17	8
					£953	17	8

Trading Account

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To	Purchases				3,239	16	9
"	Sales in Advance 1955				1,849	10	4
"	Administrative Costs Transferred				759	16	6
"	Surplus—Profit Transf. I. & E. A/c.				1,057	14	7
					£6,906	18	2
By	Sales in Advance 1954				1,655	2	8
"	Sales				5,224	3	11
"	Film Hire				27	11	7
					£6,906	18	2

Administrative and General Expenses

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To	Office Salaries				999	12	1
"	Postages, Printing and Stationery and General Expenses				1,120	5	2
					£2,119	17	3
By	Duplicating Services				220	6	0
"	Allocation of Admin. & Gen. Exps.— Income and Expenditure A/c. 3/5 Trading Account				1,139	14	9
					759	16	6
					£2,119	17	3

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND — YOUTH DEPARTMENT

Balance Sheet as at June 30th, 1955

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sundry Creditors	—	—	—	785	5	2	P.O.S.B.—		
Loans—							Special Appeal Fund	—	248 13 8
Home Mission Board secured by:							Car Fund	—	101 14 9
Mortgage Christchurch Property	1,273	13	11				New Ventures Fund	—	114 12 1
Mortgage Wellington Property	1,122	11	7				Parsonage Extension Fund	—	148 9 0
				2,396	5	6	Parsonage Furniture Fund	—	782 2 3
Special Reserves —							General Fund	—	29 3 2
Special Appeal	1,509	18	8				Special Purposes Fund	—	477 16 1
Motor Car	376	14	9				Sundry Debtors	—	4,499 0 11
Special Purposes	927	16	1				Less Sales in Advance	—	1,849 10 4
Temperance Education	23	11	9					2,649 10 7	
Missions	109	12	9				Car Advance—Senior Director	—	275 0 0
New Ventures	218	16	10				Stock on Hand—Stationery	—	150 0 0
Parsonage Extension	148	9	0				Ch.Ch. Property—Cost Less Depcn.	—	-1,637 10 0
Parsonage Furniture	782	2	3				Ch.Ch. Furniture	—	470 16 6
				4,097	2	1	Wellington Property	—	3,078 6 8
Accumulated Fund—							Wellington Furniture	—	118 14 3
Balance at 30-6-54	4,726	0	5				Equipment	—	604 8 9
Trading Reserve Transferred	700	0	0				Films	—	110 18 11
	5,426	0	5				Loan to Transport Trust Board	—	750 0 0
Transferred Epworth B'room	1,230	16	7				Accrued Interest	—	11 5 0
	4,195	3	10					761 5 0	
Appropriation Account	399	12	11				Cash in Hand	—	4 8
				4,594	16	9	National Bank of New Zealand Ltd.	—	114 3 2
				£11,873	9	6			£11,873 9 6

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, 1955, 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 30-6-55, according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Department.

WELLINGTON,
2nd December, 1955.

PATRICK, FEIST, JACK AND MIDDLEBROOK,
Public Accountants and Auditors.

EPWORTH BOOKROOM (WELLINGTON)

Balance Sheet as at June 30th, 1955

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Sundry Creditors (Includes £630/19/10 due to Youth Dept. for Salaries and Postages)				831	6	2	Sundry Debtors
Capital Fund—							Stock on Hand
Transferred from Youth Dept. 1-7-54	1,230	16	7				National Bank of N.Z. Ltd.
Net Profit for Year	212	4	5				
				1,443	1	0	
				£2,274	7	2	
							£2,274
							7
							2

Trading Account

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Purchases				2,489	16	11	By Stock on Hand 30-6-55
" Stock on Hand 30-6-54				1,083	10	0	" Sales
" Gross Profit				901	14	5	
				£4,475	1	4	
							£4,475
							1
							4

Profit and Loss Account

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Salaries	550	0	0	By Gross Profit	901	14	5
" Postages, Printing & Stationery & General Exps.	139	10	0				
" Net Profit	212	4	5				
	£901	14	5		£901	14	5

We report that we have audited the Books and Accounts of the Epworth Bookroom Branch of the Youth Department of the Methodist Church of New Zealand for the twelve months ended 30th June, 1955, 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 Branch affairs as at 30-6-55 according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Department.

WELLINGTON,
2nd December, 1955.

PATRICK, FEIST, JACK AND MIDDLEBROOK,
Public Accountants and Auditors.

METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND

Revenue Account for year ended 31st May, 1955

EXPENDITURE				INCOME					
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
To Amount of Loans as at 31st May, 1954	..	23,482	12	4	By Loans Repaid	..	4,757	7	11
New Loans Advanced	.. ..	5,050	0	0	Amonut of Loans as at 31/5/55	.. ..	23,775	4	5
		£28,532	12	4			£28,532	12	4

SITES FUND ACCOUNT

<p>Grants for Sites—</p> <p>Richardsons Road 50 0 0</p> <p>Upper Hutt 50 0 0</p> <p>Waimairi Road 100 0 0</p> <p>Wairoa 100 0 0</p> <p>Springston 75 0 0</p> <p style="text-align: right; border-top: 1px solid black;">375 0 0</p> <p style="text-align: right; border-top: 1px solid black;">£375 0 0</p>	<p>Donations—</p> <p>Home Mission Board 100 0 0</p> <p>Interest on Deposits 28 5 8</p> <p>Transfer from Capital Account 246 14 4</p> <p style="text-align: right; border-top: 1px solid black;">£375 0 0</p>
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ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT

<p>Authorised Appropriation 425 0 0</p> <p>Stationery and General Expenses 133 14 4</p> <p>Rates (Seddon) 2 1 6</p> <p style="text-align: right; border-top: 1px solid black;">£560 15 10</p>	<p>Hymn Book Commission 77 9 2</p> <p>Working Expenses Repaid 186 13 9</p> <p>Trust Contributions 225 17 7</p> <p>Deficit to Reserve Appropriation Account 70 15 4</p> <p style="text-align: right; border-top: 1px solid black;">£560 15 10</p>
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METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND—Balance Sheet—Continued.

Administration Account—			
Administration Capital Fund, as			
per Contra			300 0 0
Bank of New Zealand	216 19 0		
Hymn Book Commission	98 11 1		
	118 7 11		
		£29,607 19 6	£29,607 19 6

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. 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, 1955.

H. L. FIEBIG,
H. de R. FLESHER,
Treasurers.

R. H. SHERRIS,
H. F. ARNOLD,
Auditors.

CHRISTCHURCH,
29th June, 1955.

THE PROBERT TRUST BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year ended 30th June, 1955

RECEIPTS			£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1954—						1954—								
June 30	To	Balance at credit of Bank of N.Z.	178	5	1	June 30	By	General Expenses—						
	"	Balance at Credit P.O. Savings Bank	28	9	8			Repairs, Maintenance and Renovations ..	912	7	7			
	"	Balance at credit National Savings ..	2,620	16	5			Rates	202	14	9			
1955—								Insurance Premiums ..	205	16	7			
June 30	"	Rent and Interest Collected ..	5,775	13	2			Audit Fee	10	10	0			
								Land Tax	96	7	1			
								Secretary's Salary ..	100	0	0			
								Commission on Rents & Int. Collected ..	144	9	10			
								Sundries and Legal Expenses	65	1	5			
								Valuation Fees	82	19	0			
												1,820	6	3
								" Theological College Trustees				1,500	0	0
								" Deposit in Nat. Savings Accounts				4,096	12	0
								" Deposit in P.O. Savings Account				502	15	0
								" Balance at Credit Bank New Zealand				499	18	5
								" Cash in Hand				183	12	8
												£8,603	4	4
												£8,603	4	4

Examined and found correct.

A. R. MARTIN,
L. KNIGHT, Auditors.

J. H. BLACKWELL, Chairman.
M. IZZARD, Secretary.

THE PROBERT TRUST BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
Income and Expenditure Account for Year ended 30th June, 1955

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Repairs, Maintenance & Renovations—									
No. 1 Block	87	11	6				5,676	6	2
No. 2 Block	92	1	8				99	7	0
No. 3 Block	100	3	3						
Cottages, etc.	632	11	2						
				912	7	7			
Depreciation on Buildings				600	0	0			
Insurance Premiums				205	16	7			
Rates				202	14	9			
Sundries—									
Audit Fee	10	10	0						
Land Tax	96	7	1						
Bank Charges	1	0	0						
Sundries and Legal Charges	64	1	5						
Secretary's Salary	100	0	0						
Commission on Rents and Interest Collected	144	9	10						
Valuation Fees Re Rents	82	19	10						
				499	7	4			
Surplus for the Year				3,355	6	11			
				£5,775	13	2			
Paid to Theological College				1,500	0	0			
Balance—30th June, 1955				16,772	16	3			
				£18,272	16	3			
							£5,775	13	2
							14,917	9	4
							3,355	6	11
							£18,272	16	3

Examined and found correct.

A. R. MARTIN,
L. KNIGHT, 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, 1955

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.										
		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Capital Account	---	---	---	---	Freehold Properties (Great North Road)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Income Account	---	---	---	---	Land	---	---	---	17,580	0	0	---	---	---
Balance as at 30th June, 1955	---	---	---	---	Buildings	---	---	---	37,040	7	3	---	---	---
					Less Depreciation	---	---	---	600	0	0	---	---	---
									<u>36,440</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>	54,020	7	3
					Post Office Savings Bank—									
					Deposit							502	15	0
					National Savings A/c									
					No. 1/9552							2,880	17	0
					National Savings A/c									
					No. 1/10143									
					(Capital Renewal Fund)							1,215	15	0
					Bank of New Zealand—									
					Current Account							499	18	5
					Cash in Hand							183	12	8
												<u>£59,303</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>
												<u>£59,303</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>

We have examined the Books and Accounts of the Probert Trust Board for the year ended 30th June, 1955, and certify that all our requirements as Auditors have been complied with. We report that the foregoing Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a correct view of the Board's position on the 30th June, 1955, as shown by the books.

A. R. MARTIN,
L. KNIGHT, Auditors.

J. H. BLACKWELL, Chairman.
M. IZZARD, Secretary.

THE JAMES AND MARTHA TROUNSON BENEVOLENT TRUST FUND BOARD
Income and Expenditure Account from 1st July, 1954 to 30th June, 1955

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.				
To Bank Charges, Stamps, etc.	4	0	0				By Interest Inscribed Stock	356	7	8
„ Secretary's Allowance	15	0	0				„ Interest Auckland Savings Bank	6	2	4
„ Office Rent	5	0	0				„ Interest National Savings	9	13	4
				24	0	0	„ Excess Expenditure over Income	61	16	9
„ Grants				410	0	0				
				<u>£434</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>				
										<u>£434</u>
										<u>0</u>
										<u>0</u>

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1955

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Trust Fund Account	11,400	0	0	N.Z. Govt. Inscribed Stock, 3½%, '60	5,755	0	0
Income Account	670	8	10	N.Z. Govt. Inscribed Stock, 3%, '62	5,645	0	0
				Cash Balances—			
				Auckland Savings Bank	194	8	8
				National Savings Account	381	16	10
				Bank of New Zealand	94	3	4
					<u>670</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>
	<u>£12,070</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>		<u>£12,070</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>

THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS
Revenue Account for year ended 31st December, 1954

				£	s.	d.					£	s.	d.	
To	Rates and Land Tax	----	----	136	10	2								
	General Expenses	----	----	141	7	0						1,154	7	4
	Insurance	----	----	29	13	11						685	0	0
	Expenses re New Leases	----	----	16	9	0								
	Balance Carried Down	----	----	1,515	7	3								
				£1,839	7	4						£1,839	7	4
To	Masterton Maintenance	----	----	124	14	10								
	Rangiatea Maori College	----	----	600	0	0						1,515	7	3
	Excess of Income over Expenditure	----	----	790	12	5								
				£1,515	7	3						£1,515	7	3

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MASTERTON MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT

				£	s.	d.					£	s.	d.	
To	Cash Remittances	----	----	600	0	0								
	Depreciation	----	----	150	0	0						625	5	2
				£750	0	0						124	14	10
												£750	0	0

EMSLY TRUST
Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ended 30th June, 1955

1955—				1955—			
June 30	To Interest from National Savings			£	s.	d.	
June 30	To Balance in Hand			£57	0	0	£ s. d.
				57	0	0	June 30 By Balance
							£57 0 0

Investment Account

				1955—			
				£	s.	d.	
June 30	To Capital			1,900	0	0	£ s. d.
							June 30 By Deposit at National Savings Invest- ment Account No. 1/9553
							£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, 1955

EXPENDITURE.				£	s.	d.					£	s.	d.	
To Remittances—							By Balance as at 30-6-54							
Home Mission Dept.	---	---	---	100	0	0	Rent	---	---	---	---	311	1	6
Rangiatea College Trust	---	---	---	100	0	0								
Land Tax	---	---	---	4	11	0								
Valuer's Fee	---	---	---	10	10	6								
Plans, etc., of New House	---	---	---	12	0	0								
Instalment on New House	---	---	---	50	0	0								
Sundries	---	---	---	6	1	3								
Balance at Bank N.S.W.	---	---	---	32	9	4								
				£315 12 1								£315 12 1		

Kai Iwi Farm House Replacement Account

To Instalment on New House	---	---	---	£	s.	d.	By Balance in National Savings A/c. (30-6-54)	---	---	---	£	s.	d.
Amount Credited in National Savings A/c. 174291 (30-6-55)	---	---	---	950	0	0	Interest to 30-6-55	---	---	---	968	6	11
				35	4	0					16	17	1
				£985 4 0							£985 4 0		

We have examined the Cash Book, Vouchers, and Bank Statements and certify that the above statement is correct.

G. R. THOMPSON, Chairman.

E. L. F. BUXTON, Secretary.

D. R. SMART, A.R.A.N.Z.

J. DRAKE

GREY INSTITUTE TRUST
Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ending 30th June, 1955

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.							
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
To Balance, 1-7-54	---	---	---	679	3	4	By City Rates	70	12	11	
" Rentals	1,551	19	0				" Advertising, Printing & Stationery	11	0	6	
" Noting Fees	7	7	0				" Renovations to Mission House	574	5	6	
" Rent of Dwelling	125	0	0				" Interest on Loans	216	12	1	
				1,684	6	0	" Bank Fees and Exchange	1	6	6	
							" Land Tax	132	14	10	
							" Postages and Petties	10	9	6	
							" Secretary	125	0	0	
							" Insurances	7	8	9	
							" Balance at Bank of N.S.W.				
									1,149	10	7
									1,213	18	9
				<u>£2,363</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>4</u>			<u>£2,363</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>4</u>

LOAN ACCOUNT

Advances from Home Mission Board	7,850	0	0
Less Repayments to Date	1,727	14	7
Balance due as at 30-6-55	£6,122	5	5

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 30th June, 1955. 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 Lessees' Accounts and found these in order.

W. P. OKEY, Secretary.
 New Plymouth,
 30th August, 1955

DUFF AND DUFF, Auditors.

ROBERT GIBSON ESTATE

**Statement of Account of the Public Trustee's Administration
for year ended 30th June, 1955**

	Dr.	Cr.
Balance		11,165 3 8
Depreciation Transferred:		
Top Farm	11 5 2	
Lower Farm	<u>25 4 3</u>	
		36 9 5
Farm Accounts:		
Net Profit Transferred:		
Top Farm	1,310 3 6	
Lower Farm	<u>984 12 1</u>	
		2,294 15 7
Public Trust Office:		
Interest:		
30-6-54 to 31-12-54 at 3½%		
1-1-55 to 30-6-55 at 3½%		378 2 5
Realty Improvements Accounts:		
Lower Farm:		
Drain Digging	31 5 0	
Balance	<u>13,843 6 1</u>	
	£13,874 11 1	£13,874 11 1
Balance		£13,843 6 1

METHODIST CHURCH CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND
Revenue Account for Year ended 31st May, 1955

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
To Office Expenses—							
Authorised Appropriation	675	0	0				£ 3,052 5 11
Stationery and General Exps.	157	6	5				110 9 1
				832	6	5	10 10 0
Claims Paid				9	14	9	1,297 0 3
Balance to Profit and Loss							448 2 0
Appropriation Account				4,238	4	4	161 18 3
				£5,080	5	6	£5,080 5 6

METHODIST CHURCH CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND
Profit and Loss Appropriation Account, 31st May, 1955

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Transfer Fire Loss Reserve	2,000	0	0	By Balance as at 31-5-54 after providing for Grants	381	5	5
" Transfer Investment Contingency Reserve	200	0	0	(£1,880)	—	—	—
" Grants Recommended	2,300	0	0	" Transfer from Revenue Account	4,238	4	4
" Balance Forward	119	9	9				
	£4,619	9	9		£4,619	9	9

METHODIST CHURCH CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND

Balance Sheet as at 31st May, 1955

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.													
				£	s.	d.											
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.					
Accumulated Funds				33,500	0	0	Mortgage Investments			3,756	10	3					
Fire Loss Reserve				15,115	0	0	Mortgage Investments Int. Accrued			10	10	0					
Plus Provision				2,000	0	0						3,767	0	3			
				17,115	0	0	Debenture Investments			46,085	0	0					
Investment Contingency Reserve				1,940	15	4	Debenture Investments Int. Accrued			448	2	0					
Plus Provision				200	0	0							46,533	2	0		
				2,140	15	4	Children's Fund Loan							150	0	0	
Profit and Loss Approp. Account				119	9	9	Deposits—										
Grants Recommended				2,300	0	0	P.O. Savings Bank			1,114	1	0					
Levies Prepaid				29	2	8	Supernumerary Fund			4,724	11	4					
Bank of New Zealand Overdraft				1,414	8	5							5,838	12	4		
Home Acquisition Fund				16	0	0	Levies Due			1,116	13	11					
Maori Ministers' Fund				8	0	0	Govt. Earthquake and W.D. Due			759	1	11					
Sundry Creditors				130	14	8											
Natural Calamities' Fund—							Connexional Office Suspense Account							1,875	15	10	
Balance at 31-5-54				1,314	19	1								20	0	0	
Grants:																	
H.M. Department				25	0	0											
Contingent Fund				25	0	0											
Interest				46	0	6											
				1,410	19	7											
				£58,184	10	5								£58,184	10	5	

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, 1955.

H. L. FIEBIG,
E. R. CAYGILL,

Treasurers.

F. M. SOWDEN, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S.
H. F. ARNOLD, A.R.A.N.Z.

Auditors.

5th AUGUST, 1955.

TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

New Organ Fund

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance Fund as at 1st July, 1954				735	4	2
Add Bank Interest	10	19	2			
„ Dividends	33	0	0			
				43	19	2
Fund as at 30th June, 1955				£779	3	4

Rehabilitation Fund

Balance of Fund as at 30th June, 1955	£181	8	8
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Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1955

LIABILITIES.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	ASSETS.	£	s.	d.		
Capital				59,172	0	6	Freehold Land			8,550	0	0
Rehabilitation Fund				181	8	8	College Building			35,000	0	0
New Organ Fund				779	3	4	Collegiate Church and Sunday School			3,000	0	0
Mortgage, 134 Grafton Road	1,975	3	6				House, 134 Grafton Road			2,834	9	6
Less Repayments	772	6	7				Furniture and Fittings			5,790	7	11
				1,202	16	11	Contents of Library			4,000	0	0
Bank N.Z. Current Account				114	9	2	Church Organ			1,200	0	0
							General			114	9	2
							Shares South British Insurance Co. Ltd.			300	0	0
							Auckland Savings Bank			660	12	0
				£61,449	18	7				£61,449	18	7

I have examined the books and vouchers of the Trinity Methodist Theological College and compared them with the Bank Statement, and I am of the opinion that they give a true and correct statement of the affairs of the College at 30th June, 1955, as shown by the books.

G. S. GAPPER, A.P.A.N.Z., Auditor.

THE BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE
Annual Accounts for the Year Ended 31st December, 1954
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Loss on College	4,149	12	6				
Depreciation on Buildings and Improvements ..	1,338	17	8				
General Expenses	1,353	19	0				
Excess Income over Expenditure Transferred to Capital Account	5,322	6	10				
	£12,164 16 0						
					£	s.	d.
Profit on Farm Paerata					831	3	5
Maurice Harding Park					7,862	7	5
Rents Received Waikowhai Property	1,538	8	0				
Grafton Property	980	13	4				
	2,519 1 4						
Interest and Dividends					952	3	10
	£12,164 16 0				£12,164 16 0		

INTEREST AND DIVIDENDS ACCOUNT

Balance Transferred to Income and Expenditure Account	952	3	10				
	£952 3 10						
					£	s.	d.
Interest—							
New Zealand Govt. Stock	480	0	0				
Savings Bank Accounts	64	15	6				
Maurice Harding Park	75	0	0				
Mount Albert Property	28	13	4				
	648 8 10						
Dividends—							
New Remuera Panmure Land Co. Ltd.	120	0	0				
Marua Estates Ltd.	183	15	0				
	303 15 0						
	£952 3 10				£952 3 10		

GENERAL EXPENSES ACCOUNT

Salary	800	0	0				
Rates	199	13	6				
Repairs and Maintenance	125	15	2				
Circuit Levies	62	10	0				
Audit Fees	52	10	0				
Property Expenses	31	16	0				
Printing and Stationery	29	6	3				
Sundry Expenses	27	17	1				
Board Room Rent	13	0	0				
Legal Expenses	11	11	0				
	£1,353 19 0						
					£	s.	d.
Balance Transferred to Income and Expenditure Account					1,353	19	0
	£1,353 19 0				£1,353 19 0		

THE BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE
Annual Accounts for the Year Ended 31st December, 1954
COLLEGE WORKING ACCOUNT

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Salaries				7,234	18	3	Fees	19,885	0	0
Wages				6,216	2	8	Rent	90	6	0
Provisions—							Bad Debts Recovered	68	0	0
Bread	569	17	8				Working Loss Transferred to Income and Expenditure Account	4,149	12	6
Dairy Produce	681	18	11							
Groceries	1,044	17	6							
Meat	1,671	16	5							
Sundries	447	7	0							
				4,415	17	6				
Repairs and Maintenance				1,730	5	6				
Beneficiary Work—										
Maori	1,175	0	0							
Island Boys	100	0	0							
European	48	13	4							
				1,323	13	4				
Fuel and Light				1,186	10	7				
Depreciation				862	10	4				
Insurance				263	8	8				
Stationery and Books				234	10	1				
Sundry Expenses				196	10	5				
Sports				137	13	10				
Poultry				101	16	11				
Garden				98	12	0				
Piano Repairs				59	13	9				
Advertising				53	5	3				
Woodwork and Crafts				44	1	3				
Prizes				33	8	2				
				£24,192	18	6				
								£24,192	18	6

THE BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1954

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sunday Creditors				736	18	11									
College Organ Fund				191	19	2									
Scholarship Funds—															
Marianne Caughey Smith- Preston	2,000	0	0												
George Winstone	1,050	0	0												
Stephen James Ambury	1,003	12	0												
War Memorial Fund (Maori)	384	17	4												
				4,438	9	4									
Capital Account—															
Balance at 1/1/1954	172,930	4	6												
Profit on Shares on Dissolu- tion of Companies	653	6	8												
Excess Income over Expendi- ture	5,322	6	10												
				178,905	18	0									
Properties—															
Paerata:															
Land	16,760	0	0												
Buildings	65,955	0	0												
Improvements	13,010	0	0												
							95,725	0	0						
Maurice Harding Park:															
Land	4,290	0	0												
Buildings	6,958	0	0												
Improvements	389	0	0												
										11,637	0	0			
Grafton										19,407	19	6			
Waikowhai:															
Land	4,230	0	0												
Improvements	273	0	0												
										4,503	0	0			
Otamatea County										115	0	0			
Hobson County										10	0	0			
													131,397	19	6
Plant and Equipment—															
Farm Machinery	1,300	0	0												
Motor Vehicles	1,626	0	0												
Furniture and Equipment	7,695	0	0												
													10,621	0	0
Stock on Hand—															
Livestock	2,488	18	0												
Produce and Sun- dries	1,635	5	8												
													4,124	3	8
Loans and Investments—															
Loans on Mortgage							2,661	17	1						
New Building Investments—															
N.Z. Govt. Stock:															
4%, 1952-55	3,000	0	0												
3%, 1952-55	3,920	0	0												
3%, 1955-58	1,930	0	0												
3%, 1959-61	2,861	5	0												
3%, 1960-62	2,000	0	0												
3½%, 1962	1,970	0	0												
(Maturity Value £16,000)	15,681	5	0												
Auckland Savings Bank	543	15	0												
P.O. Savings Bank	2,633	16	5												
										18,858	16	5			
Carried Forward				184,273	5	5							146,143	3	2

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought Forward	184,273	5	5				146,143	3	2			
				Brought Forward								
				Shares—								
				Nukuroa Fruitlands Ltd. (250 shares of £1 each paid to 17s 6d — at valuation ..	43	15	0					
				Whakatane Development Co. Ltd. (100 shares of 7s each fully paid— at valuation) ..			Nil					
							43	15	0			
										21,564	8	6
				Sundry Debtors—								
				For Rent ..			124	7	6			
				For Fees ..			1,178	17	7			
				For Sundries ..			6,192	12	2			
				Less Reserve for Bad Debts ..			7,495	17	3			
							150	0	0			
										7,345	17	3
				Cash Balances—								
				Bank of N.Z. ..			4,277	11	7			
				Wool Retention Account ..			557	14	11			
										4,835	6	6
				Scholarship Investments—								
				N.Z. Govt. Stock:								
				4%, 1954-58 ..	2,000	0	0					
				3%, 1961-63 ..	1,000	0	0					
				3½%, 1957-60 ..	384	10	0					
										3,384	10	0
				F. M. Winstone (Merchants) Ltd. (1000 shares of £1 each fully pd.)			1,000	0	0			
										4,384	10	0
										£184,273	5	5
										£184,273	5	5

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, 1954, 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.

LEONARD KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z., etc.,
General Secretary.

AUCKLAND,
28th January, 1955.

HUTCHISON, ELLIFFE, CAMERON AND CO.,
Auditors.

RANGIATEA MAORI COLLEGE TRUST

Income and Expenditure Account for year ended 30th June, 1955

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	EXPENDITURE.			INCOME.				
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	
Staff Salaries	790	3	4	Fees	383	3	6	
Fuel	35	9	6	Staff Board	52	0	0	
Bread, Meat and Milk	226	10	2	Rent—Hostel	28	5	0	
Telephone Rental	10	8	4	Rent—Spotswood	275	0	0	
Books and Stationery	7	12	6	Grants	700	0	0	
Repairs and Renewals	148	5	7	Sundries		11	0	
Deaconess Retiring Fund	3	15	0	Interest on Mortgage and Investments	370	19	6	
Insurances	6	15	11	Fixed Deposit Interest	141	15	5	
Radio License	1	10	0		<hr/>	1,951	14	5
Groceries and Vegetables	383	16	8	Excess Expenditure over Income	123	16	1	
Petty Cash Imprest	60	0	0		<hr/>	£2,075	10	6
Light and Heat	34	6	7					
Labour	49	10	0					
Rates	5	7	6					
Keeping Accounts	20	0	0					
Rates (Spotswood)	104	5	0					
Sundries	24	2	2					
Secretary	75	0	0					
Depreciation	79	3	3					
Audit Fees	9	9	0					
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	£2,075	10	6					

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND — SUPERNUMERARY FUND

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1955

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Accumulated Funds—				Investments—			
Balance Forward	130,711	1	3	Mortgages		64,662	10 11
Grants and Donations	1,100	0	0	Debentures		68,370	0 0
Transfer from Revenue Account	4,513	4	0			133,032	10 11
	136,324	5	3	Less Investment Fluctuation Res.	1,271	13	5
Less Subs. and Levies Transferred or refunded	113	17	0	Plus Provision	200	0	0
	136,210	8	3		1,471	13	5
Less Annuities Commuted	1,666	0	8	Plus Premiums	461	6	9
	134,544	7	7		1,933	0	2
Deposits—				Freehold Property		48,712	8 5
Allied Funds	28,959	11	5	Less Deprec. Res.	10,250	0	0
Connexional Funds	17,415	18	8	Plus Provision	500	0	0
	46,375	10	1		10,750	0	0
Sundry Creditors and Accruals—				P.O. Sav. Bank (1)		2,087	4 8
Rates Accrued			307 16 3	P.O. Sav. Bank (2)		2,122	0 6
General Treasurers, Melbourne			56 5 0	Bank of N.Z.		2,471	17 0
Personal Subs. Paid in Advance			482 3 1			6,681	2 2
Epworth Chambers			48 7 0	Sundry Debtors, Accruals and Prepayments—			
				Annuities Prepaid		2,615	0 0
				Rents Accrued		42	2 9
				Rents Due		254	19 10
				Mortgage Interest Accrued		456	14 0
				Debenture Interest Accrued		619	8 11
				Personal Subs. in Arrear		745	2 7
				Circuit Levies Due		1,254	0 0
				Govt Earthquake Insurance		83	19 7
						6,071	7 8
						£181,814	9 0
						£181,814	9 0

We have examined the above balance sheet and revenue account and have compared them with the books of the Fund. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 30th June, 1955.

G. S. SALTER,
H. L. FIEBIG,
Treasurers.

CAYGILL, HIBBARD AND MOORE, Auditors.
October 14th, 1955.

SUPERNUMERARY FUND BENEVOLENT BRANCH
Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th June, 1955

	EXPENDITURE.				£	s.	d.		INCOME				£	s.	d.
To Appropriation	—	—	—	—	9	0	0	By Balance as at 30th June, 1954	—	—	—	1,351	0	4	
“ Stationery, etc.	—	—	—	—	6	14	3	“ Donations	—	—	—	14	17	0	
“ Grants	—	—	—	—	462	13	11	“ Interest	—	—	—	105	6	11	
“ Balance	—	—	—	—	992	16	1								
					£1,471	4	3					£1,471	4	3	

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1955

Capital Account	—	—	—	—	1,400	0	0	Deposit—Supernumerary Fund	—	—	—	2,392	16	1
Revenue Account	—	—	—	—	992	16	1							
					£2,392	16	1					£2,392	16	1

H. L. FIEBIG, Treasurers.
 G. S. SALTER,

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, 1955.

11th October, 1955.

CAYGILL, HIBBARD & MOORE,
 Auditors.

METHODIST HOME MISSIONARIES' RETIRING FUND
Contributors' Account for Year Ended 30th June, 1955

EXPENDITURE.			INCOME.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Retiring Allowances	1,186	6 7	By Balance as at 30-6-54	4,617	1 6
„ Balance as at 30-6-55	4,087	15 9	„ Contributions—		
			Personal	219	15 0
			Circuit	171	5 0
			H.M. Board	137	5 0
			„ Interest		
	£5,274	2 4		528	5 0
				128	15 10
				£5,274	2 4

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th June, 1955

	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Interest to Contributor's Accounts'			128	15 10	By Balance as at 30-6-54	333	6 10
„ Office Expenses—					„ Interest	155	5 6
Authorised Appropriation	57	0 0					
Stationery and General Exp.	15	5 10	72	5 10			
„ Balance as at 30-6-55			287	10 8			
			£488	12 4			
						£488	12 4

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1955

LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Personal Accounts	4,087	15 9	Debentures	3,110	0 0
Capital Account	184	15 0	Debenture Interest Accrued	19	2 4
Revenue Account	287	10 8	Deposit Account—Supernumerary Fund	1,430	19 1
	£4,560	1 5		£4,560	1 5

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Revenue Account and have compared them with the Books of the Fund. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 30th June, 1955.

H. L. FIEBIG,
G. S. SALTER,
Treasurers.

CAYGILL, HIBBARD & MOORE,
Auditors.

11th October, 1955.

METHODIST DEACONESS' RETIRING FUND
Contributors' Account for Year Ended 30th June, 1955

EXPENDITURE.			INCOME.							
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Retiring Allowances			445	19	6	By Balance as at 30-6-54		10,852	9	9
„ Balance as at 30-6-55			11,878	11	1	„ Contributions—				
						Personal	519	0	0	
						Circuit	153	0	0	
						Home Mission Board	304	15	0	
						Foreign Mission Board	162	10	0	
						„ Interest		1,139	5	0
								332	15	10
			<u>£12,324</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>7</u>			<u>£12,324</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>7</u>

Revenue Account

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	
To Interest to Contributors' Account				332	15	10	By Balance as at 30-6-54		1,199	1	6
„ Office Expenses—							„ Interest		576	8	1
Appropriation	57	0	0								
Stationery and General Exp.	16	12	3								
				73	12	3					
„ Balance as at 30-6-55				1,369	1	6					
				<u>£1,775</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>			<u>£1,775</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1955

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.						
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.			
Personal Accounts			11,878	11	1	Debentures	2,475	0	0	
Capital Account			2,100	0	7	Debenture Interest Accrued		21	18	3
Revenue Account			1,369	1	6	Deposit Account—Supernumerary Fund	12,850	14	11	
			<u>£15,347</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>2</u>			<u>£15,347</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>2</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, 1955.

H. L. FIEBIG,
G. S. SALTER,
Treasurers.

CAYGILL, HIBBARD & MOORE,
Auditors.

11th October, 1955.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND — HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND
Contributors' Account for Year Ended 30th June, 1955

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.									
				£	s.	d.							
To	Withdrawals	---	---	629	6	0	By	Balance as at 30-6-54	---	---	20,006	4	5
"	Benefits Surrendered and Forfeitures	---	---	42	10	0	"	Personal Subscriptions	---	---	661	7	9
"	Balance as at 30-6-55	---	---	20,966	12	7	"	Fire Insurance Subsidy	---	---	370	0	0
				20,966	12	7	"	Interest to Contributors Accounts	---	---	600	16	5
				£21,638	8	7					£21,638	8	7

Revenue Account

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.									
				£	s.	d.							
To	Interest to Contributors	---	---	600	16	5	By	Balance as at 30-6-54	---	---	314	16	5
"	Office Expenses—	---	---	137	0	0	"	Benefits Surrendered and Forfeitures	---	---	42	10	0
	Appropriation	---	---	18	18	7	"	Interest on Deposits and Investments	---	---	736	8	4
	Stationery, etc.	---	---	155	18	7							
"	Balance as at 30-6-55	---	---	336	19	9							
				£1,093	14	9					£1,093	14	9

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1955

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.									
				£	s.	d.							
Personal Accounts	---	---	---	20,966	12	7	Debentures	---	---	---	8,795	0	0
Revenue Account	---	---	---	336	19	9	Debenture Interest Accrued	---	---	---	71	1	0
				12,285	1	4	Deposit—Supernumerary Fund	---	---	---	152	10	0
				152	10	0	Subsidies in Advance	---	---	---	---	---	---
				£21,303	12	4					£21,303	12	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, 1955.

H. L. FIEBIG,
G. S. SALTER,
Treasurers.

CAYGILL, HIBBARD & MOORE,
Auditors.

11th October, 1955.

METHODIST GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD INC.

Revenue Account for Year ended 30th June, 1955

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Interest to Trust Accounts	1,849	12	11	By Commission	14	10	11
" Authorised Appropriation	250	0	0	" Interest on Deposits and Investments	2,302	1	2
" Stationery and General Expenses	73	3	11				
" Balance to Capital Account	143	15	3				
	<u>£2,316</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>£2,316</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>1</u>

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1955

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Trust Accounts—				Debentures and Govt. Stock	51,855	3	6
Connexional Funds			20,657 16 7	Debentures Interest Accrued	330	9	5
Church Trusts			31,913 4 2				
Personal			6,789 18 11		52,185	12	11
Canberra Church Trust			145 14 2	Less Investment Fluc. Res.	339	0	3
Connexional Appeal			741 16 9				51,846 12 8
T. W. Newbold Trust—				Deposits—			
Capital Account as at 30-6-54	5,318	14	7	Supernumerary Fund			9,218 4 5
Interest	79	12	11	P.O. Savings Bank (No. 1 A/c.)			70 12 5
			5,398 7 6	P. O. Savings Bank (No. 2 A/c.)			81 1 0
General Purposes Trust—				Bank of New Zealand			3,077 5 11
Capital Account	903	3	1	Freehold Property (Newbold Trust)			2,400 0 0
Transfer from Revenue A/c.	143	15	3				
			1,046 18 4				
			<u>£66,693</u>				<u>£66,693</u>
			16 5				16 5

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Revenue Account and have compared them with the Books of the Fund. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 30th June, 1955.

H. L. FIEBIG,
G. S. SALTER,
Treasurers.

CAYGILL, HIBBARD & MOORE,
Auditors.

11th October, 1955.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND — CHILDREN'S FUND
Statement of Income and Expenditure for Year Ended 30th September, 1955

		INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.				
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	To Balance as at 30th September, 1954									
	Cash at Bank N.S.W., Wellington				3					
	District Levies for Year 1955									
	Auckland	720	0	0						
	South Auckland	360	0	0						
	Taranaki-Wanganui	240	0	0						
	Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	270	0	0						
	Wellington	360	0	0						
	Nelson	150	0	0						
	North Canterbury	510	0	0						
	South Canterbury	150	0	0						
	Otago-Southland	240	0	0						
	Grant from Contingent Fund				3,000	0	0			
					25	0	0			
					£3,025	3	7			
	By Grants as per Warrants for year 1955									
	Auckland	825	0	0						
	South Auckland	220	0	0						
	Taranaki-Wanganui	255	0	0						
	Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	235	0	0						
	Wellington	510	0	0						
	Nelson	150	0	0						
	North Canterbury	462	10	0						
	South Canterbury	125	0	0						
	Otago-Southland	240	0	0						
								3,022	10	0
	Sundry Expenses									
	Bank Charges		1	0	0					
	Exchange			7	9					
	Balance as at 30th Sept., 1955									
	Cash at Bank N.S.W., Wellington							1	5	10
								£3,025	3	7

W. H. GREENSLADE,
T. M. PACEY,

Hon. Treasurers

Audited and found correct.

J. A. KELLOW, F.P.A.N.Z., Hon. Auditor.
3rd October, 1955

METHODIST CONFERENCE CONTINGENT FUND

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year Ended 30th June, 1955

RECEIPTS.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		EXPENDITURE.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
To	Balance, 1-7-54—					By	Cost of Conference				
	Bank Balance	1,603	13	7			(a) Travelling	420	0	0	
	Held by Chairmen	324	15	0	1,928	8	7	271	8	3	691
											8
											3
	Current Levies—Districts						(b) Printing & General				
	Auckland	1,356	0	0			Agendas	322	0	9	
	South Auckland	678	0	0			List of Stations	20	1	8	
	Taranaki-Wanganui	452	0	0			Minutes	420	1	6	
	Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	508	0	0			Conference Minutes for Home				
	Wellington	678	0	0			Mission Department	33	18	0	
	Nelson	283	0	0			Conference Minutes for Foreign				
	North Canterbury	960	0	0			Mission Dept., 2 years	24	13	0	
	South Canterbury	284	18	0			Half Cost Financial Statements	15	0	0	
	Otago-Southland	452	0	0	5,651	18	Secretary's Expenses	47	0	0	
							Stationery	17	17	9	
							Platform Staff	25	0	0	
	Synod Collections						Miscellaneous	2	0	0	927
	Auckland	16	4	7							12
	South Auckland	23	8	6			District Expenses				
	Taranaki-Wanganui	9	4	2			Auckland	104	0	10	
	Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	21	5	11			South Auckland	182	10	3	
	Wellington	22	2	2			Taranaki-Wanganui	70	9	11	
	Nelson	12	10	0			Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	70	15	10	
	North Canterbury	21	6	3			Wellington	89	11	0	
	South Canterbury	7	9	6			Nelson	34	5	3	
	Otago-Southland	20	0	9	153	11	North Canterbury	52	4	11	
							South Canterbury	35	12	6	
							Otago-Southland	80	15	2	720
	Miscellaneous										5
	Sale of Agendas	26	6	3			Synod Expenses				
	Sale of Minutes	100	10	9			Auckland	77	2	4	
	Sale of Law Books	54	19	4			South Auckland	71	12	3	
	Refund University Expenses	10	0	0			Taranaki-Wanganui	63	19	3	
	Collection Ordination Service	52	14	10			Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	67	14	10	
	Collection Opening Service	60	6	9	304	17	Wellington	50	4	8	
							Nelson	28	11	9	
							North Canterbury	15	4	5	
							South Canterbury	24	16	8	
							Otago-Southland	58	11	7	457
											17
											9

Ministerial Supply					
Auckland	----	----	15	0	0
South Auckland	----	----	21	1	0
			<hr/>		
					36 1 0
Connexional Payments					
President's Travel Balance 1954	----	----	32	8	5
President's Travel	----	----	170	0	0
Vice-President's Travel	----	----	20	0	0
President's Supply	----	----	25	0	0
Printing Synod Reports	----	----	119	15	0
Printing Communion Booklets	----	----	153	10	10
Printing Church Membership Rolls	----	----	64	11	9
Printing Church Membership Returns	----	----	12	9	2
Printing Statistical Returns	----	----	11	17	6
Expenses Board Examiners	----	----	30	0	0
Expenses Faith and Order Conference	----	----	85	16	6
Expenses Church Council Travel	----	----	53	2	3
Expenses Comm. Church Union	----	----	42	4	0
Expenses World Peace Comm.	----	----	23	1	0
Interchurch Council	----	----	4	0	0
President's Comm. Advice	----	----	4	9	0
Religious Film Society Sub.	----	----	4	0	0
Children's Fund—Grant to Meet Year's Deficiency	----	----	25	0	0
Survey of Building Sub. Comm. Loan	----	----	10	0	0
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Grants					
Trinity Theological College	----	----	1,400	0	0
Connexional Secretarial Dept.	----	----	325	0	0
Deaconess Institute	----	----	125	0	0
Methodist Times	----	----	150	0	0
Methodist Times Editor's Exps.	----	----	12	0	0
Natural Calamities	----	----	25	0	0
Overseas Travel Fund	----	----	50	0	0
Spiritual Advance Comm.	----	----	25	0	0
Public Questions Comm.	----	----	25	0	0
World Council of Churches	----	----	98	0	0
National Council of Churches	----	----	6	0	0
World Methodist Council	----	----	10	0	0
Ecumenical Committee	----	----	5	0	0
Wesley Historical Society	----	----	5	0	0
Industrial Conference	----	----	25	0	0
Temperance Committee	----	----	5	0	0
University Expenses	----	----	25	2	9
			<hr/>		
					2,316 2 9

METHODIST CONFERENCE CONTINGENT FUND (Continued)

	---	---		8	6	9
			Exchange & Bank Charges			
			Balances Due by Districts			
			Auckland			
			South Auckland	21	6	3
			Taranaki-Wanganui	83	6	2
			Wellington	55	11	1
			Nelson	22	4	9
			North Canterbury	72	14	1
			Otago-Southland	62	10	1
			Balance Bank of New Zealand			
					317	12
					1,672	3
					8	8
£8,038	16	4			£8,038	16
					4	4

I hereby certify that I have examined the books and vouchers of the Methodist Conference Contingent Fund together with the District Chairmen's financial statements for the year ended 30th June, 1955, and in my opinion the above account is properly drawn up to show a true and correct view of the fund at that date.

Auckland,
26th September, 1955

J. C. WIGGLESWORTH, B.Com., A.P.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S.
Auditor

REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1955.

		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
1954					1955				
July 1	To Balance at Bank	589	14	1	June 30	By Removal Expenses	2,173	12	11
1955						" Postages, Exchange & Bank Charges	6	13	0
June 30	" Levies Received	2,893	10	0		" Balance at Bank	1,340	9	11
	" Circuit Refunds	37	11	9					
		£3,520 15 10					£3,520 15 10		

REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1955.

		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
	To Removal Expenses	2,136	1	2		By Levies	2,650	0	0
	" Postages, Exchange and Bank Charges	6	13	0					
	" Excess of Income over Expenditure transferred to Capital	507	5	10					
		£2,650 0 0					£2,650 0 0		

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1955.

		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
CAPITAL ACCOUNT:									
	Balance as at 1st July, 1954	1,209	3	11		Outstanding Levies	375	19	10
	Add Excess of Income over Expenditure	507	5	10		Bank of New Zealand	1,340	9	11
		£1,716 9 9					£1,716 9 9		

B. H. RISELEY,
W. E. CLOTHIER,
Treasurers.

AUDITED AND FOUND CORRECT.
F. M. SOWDEN, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S.
8th July, 1955.

METHODIST WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF NEW ZEALAND
Statement of Receipts and Payments for Twelve Months Ended August 31, 1955

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS												
Balances in Bank 31/8/54—																
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.							
Sisters' Salaries and Executive Fund	3,153	3	11				By Home Mission Sisters' Salaries	3,100	0	0						
Gleanings	1,152	5	0				" Solomon Is. Sisters' Salaries	3,100	0	0						
Sisters' Salaries Reserve	242	17	9				" Grant Home Mission Board S/S.	450	0	0						
Kurahuna Fund	475	8	7				" Grant Foreign Mission Bd. S/S.	450	0	0						
Stamp Fund	870	13	4				" Deaconess Trainees	52	10	0						
Medical and Educational	611	15	3				" Travelling Expenses	192	7	0						
Solomon Islands Gift Boxes	420	1	2				" Executive Expenses	92	9	0						
Smethurst Estate	788	17	8				" Sister E. Dobby, Car Allowance	55	0	0						
Smethurst Estate Residue	47	19	9				" Printing and Stationery	260	0	3						
Equipment Maori Youth Centre	33	2	7				" Deaconess Uniform Allowance	60	0	0						
Legacy	48	9	0				" Typewriter	38	0	0						
Gift	300	0	0				" Sundries	14	16	3						
Home Mission Board—Loan	1,000	0	0							765	2	6				
				9,144	14	0	" Papua-New Guinea Highlands	31	0	3						
Kurahuna Emergency	1,139	14	8				" Solomon Islands Capital A/c	72	15	4						
Kurahuna Emergency Legacy	100	0	0				" Home Mission Capital Account	72	15	4						
Kurahuna Repairs and Replacements	64	5	7				" Equipment Maori Youth Centre	13	11	7			190	2	6	
Kurahuna Depreciation	947	15	8													
				2,251	15	11	" Kurahuna " Funds—									
Receipts—							General Purposes Trust Board	960	5	8						
To Affiliation Fees	27	0	0				Maintenance	960	18	7						
" Sisters' Salaries and Executive Fund	5,771	15	4				Depreciation to General Purposes Trust Board	23	6	0						
" Gleanings	1,360	12	4				Repairs and Replacements	65	1	7						
" Bank Interest, etc.	151	9	9				Debenture Interest	20	3	10						
				7,310	17	5	Emergency Expenses	107	2	9						
" Kurahuna Fund	969	2	0											2,136	18	5
" Debenture Interest	20	3	10				Medical and Educational	470	0	0						
				989	5	10	Solomon Islands Gift Boxes	395	1	2						
" Medical and Educational	592	10	9				Stamp Fund	870	13	4						
" Stamp Fund	885	18	10											1,735	14	6
" Special Objective	2,477	2	8				Smethurst Expenditure	259	16	8						
" Solomon Islands Gift Boxes	452	16	0											259	16	8
				4,408	8	3										

METHODIST DEACONESS INSTITUTION
Revenue Account for Year ended 31st May, 1955

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.					
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
To	House Expenditure—				By	Hostel Receipts			
	House Supplies	1,044	14	10		Subscriptions and Donations	2,525	3	3
	Power, Light and Fuel	162	18	8		Grants—	1	3	6
	Wages and Salaries	1,247	16	9		Home Mission Department	100	0	0
	Telephone	18	17	6		Foreign Mission Department	25	0	0
	Repairs to Property	79	2	8		Contingent Fund	125	0	0
	Rates	98	5	3			250	0	0
	Advertising	6	0	0		Interest Earned	159	16	1
	Stamps and Stationery	23	8	1					
	Insurances	48	4	10					
	Depreciation Allowances	100	0	0					
				2,829	8	7			
	Uniforms			9	6	6			
	Travelling Expenses			46	10	0			
	Excess Income over Expenditure			50	17	9			
				£2,936	2	10			
							£2,936	2	10

Furniture Renewals Account for Year ended 31st May, 1955

To	Expenditure during year			£	s.	d.	By	Balance as at 31st May, 1954	£	s.	d.
	Balance as at 31st May, 1955			249	18	1		Donations received from Guilds and F.O.D.H.	377	9	3
				266	13	1		Interest apportioned	132	1	11
									7	0	0
				£516	11	2			£516	11	2

METHODIST DEACONESS INSTITUTION

Balance Sheet as at 31st May, 1955

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Sundry Creditors			94 10 1	Freehold Property	5,000	0	0
Grants Paid in Advance			20 16 8	Less Depreciation Reserve	2,483	6	8
Furniture Renewals Account			266 13 1				2,516 13 4
Trainees Cycle Allowance			25 0 0	Furnishings	667	10	0
Trainees' Emergency Fund			5 5 0	Aga Cooker and Gas Stove	138	12	0
Property Reconstruction Account			3,041 15 0				806 2 0
Accumulated Funds—				Mortgage—E. R. Pitman & Co.	1,786	7	0
Balance as at 31st May, 1954	3,622	15	6	Post Office Savings Bank	848	9	0
Add Excess Income for Year	50	17	9	Bank of New Zealand	314	9	9
			3,673 13 3	Deposit—General Purposes Trust	721	8	8
				Cash in Hand	20	0	0
				Sundry Debtors	114	3	4
			<u>£7,127 13 1</u>				3,804 17 9
							<u>£7,127 13 1</u>

G. R. HARRIS, Chairman
J. C. A. WILLIAMS, Secretary

Audited and found correct.
F. H. BAIRD, 11th August, 1955

AUCKLAND METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE—MT. ALBERT AND EPSOM
Revenue Account for Year ended 30th June, 1955

				£	s.	d.					£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
1955, June 30th—							1955, June 30th—										
To	Wages	—	—	3,203	12	9	By	General Subscriptions	—	—	68	19	0				
"	Groceries and Provisions	—	—	1,964	1	6	"	Churches	—	—	1,400	5	11				
"	Repairs and Renewals	—	—	90	19	5	"	Sundry Schools and Young People's Societies	—	—	41	16	6				
"	Laundry	—	—	23	3	7	"	Collector Auckland Orphanages Council	—	—	47	0	4				
"	Drapery and Shoes	—	—	406	13	4					1,200	0	0				
"	Fuel and Light	—	—	296	14	11								2,758	1	9	
"	Farm and Garden	—	—	118	18	10								3,381	12	9	
"	Printing and Stationery	—	—	73	8	10								1,123	17	0	
"	Medical and Dental	—	—	25	2	6								10	8	4	
"	Telephones	—	—	67	2	5	"	Maintenance	—	—							
"	Travelling Expenses and Truck Expenses	—	—	63	6	0	"	Interest and Dividends	—	—							
"	Stamps and Petty Cash	—	—	108	17	4	"	Rent	—	—							
"	Insurance	—	—	93	1	6											
"	Rent of Office and Board Room	—	—	52	0	0											
"	Rates	—	—	219	16	1											
"	Audit Fee	—	—	8	8	0											
"	Sundry Expenses	—	—	46	2	10											
"	Depreciation—																
"	Furnishings	—	—	173	0	0											
"	Motor Van	—	—	77	0	0											
"	Capital Account	—	—	162	9	3											
				£7,273	19	1					£7,273	19	1				

AUCKLAND METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE—MT. ALBERT AND EPSOM

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1955

	LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Capital — as at 1st July, 1954						
			75,094			6 8
Add Bequests—						
M. Davis Estate	50	5	3			
E. C. Frost Estate	290	6	8			
J. H. Hannan Est.	7	0	5			
A. C. Hook Est. —	90	17	0			
J. C. Mollach Estate	30	5	2			
A. E. Powell Est.	1,369	8	10			
H. Wilson Estate	6	12	9			
			1,844			16 1
„ Bldg. Donations	5,812	3	7			
Less Expenses	129	17	4			
			5,682			6 3
„ Surplus—						
Van Sold			85			0 0
„ Revenue Account			162			9 3
			82,868			18 3
Less Loss on sale N.Z. Govt. Stk.	209	5	3			
„ Whangarei Lighting & Manufac. Co. Ltd. Shares written down	1,665	0	0			
			1,874			5 3
				80,994		13 0
Endowment Legacies—						
Eliza Gilmore Trust				1,000		0 0
M. Caughey Preston				2,000		0 0
John Rendell				200		0 0
F. E. Finlay Holiday Fund—						
Capital			2,797			14 0
Surplus for year			109			4 4
			2,906			18 4
Sundry Creditors				301		6 8
				£87,402		18 0
Contingent Liability—Building at Mt. Roskill not yet completed (approximately)				£20,000		0 0

Properties—						
Epsom Home						5,048 0 0
Wesley Home						5,399 11 10
Mt. Roskill—at cost				16,407		6 8
Add Progress Payments				33,215		14 11
						49,623 1 7
Shares—						
Whangarei Lighting & Manufac. Co. Ltd. (In Liq.)—						
1000 Ord. £1 Shares fully paid						
666 Pref. £1 Shares fully paid				1		0 0
Frank M. Winstone (Merchants) Ltd. Ordinary Shares £1 at par				8,700		0 0
E. Astley & Sons Ltd. 561 Ord. Shares 14s. at valuation				631		2 6
						9,332 2 6
National Savings Account—						
Investment of Endowment Legacies						3,200 0 0
Investments, F. E. Finlay Holiday Fund—						
40 Milford Road				1,500		0 0
Auckland City Council Debentures £700 at cost				700		0 0
Newmarket Borough Debentures £500 at cost				500		0 0
Auckland Savings Bank				206		18 4
				2,906		18 4
Furnishings and Plant				1,730		0 0
Less Depreciation				173		0 0
						1,557 0 0
Motor Van				677		0 0
Less Depreciation (7 months)				77		0 0
						600 0 0
Stock on Hand						40 0 0
Payments in Advance & Sundry Debtors						185 15 3
Bank of New Zealand						9,510 8 6
						£87,402 18 0
Trounson Bequest—with General Purposes Trust Fund						510 0 0

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, 1955, as shown by the books of the Trust.

29th JULY, 1955.

A. R. W. GREGORY, F.P.A.N.Z.,
Public Accountant

MASTERTON METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

Statement of Receipts and Payments for year ended 30th June, 1955

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance, 1/7/54	223	6	11	By Salaries	1290	4	8
.. Wellington Board Capital				.. Household Provisions	662	4	0
.. Expenditure	145	6	4	.. Drapery and Clothing	159	19	10
.. Grants	600	0	0	.. Fuel and Lighting	163	11	7
				.. Repairs and Renewals	236	18	0
.. Maintenance Fees	745	6	4	.. Printing, Stationery & School Requisites	59	2	11
.. Circuit Collections	1357	14	9	.. Farm Expenses	52	13	0
.. Donations	994	4	8	.. Medical Fees	5	10	0
.. Recreational Fund:				.. Children's Fares	14	9	10
Police Charity Donation	131	4	0	.. Telephones and Postage	21	16	9
Interest	9	17	3	.. Christmas Party Expenses	11	2	0
				.. General Expenses	22	14	9
.. Farm Account	141	1	3	.. Car Allowance	52	0	0
.. Masterton Trust Lands	35	19	3	.. Master's Imprest Account	30	0	0
.. Trust Grant	20	0	0	.. E/L Insurance	4	11	8
.. Legacies	50	0	0	.. N.Z.M.S.S.A. Subscription & Trav. Exps.	10	3	4
.. Income from Estates	53	12	4	.. Advertising and Travelling re Staff			
.. Refund Medical Fees	5	2	6	Vacancies	13	7	0
.. P.O.S.B. Withdrawals	270	8	11	.. Maintenance Children Boarded Out	48	0	0
				.. Recreational Fund P.O.S.B. Account	141	1	3
				.. Wellington Board	50	0	0
				.. Furniture and Equipment	371	11	1
				.. Paddling Pool	88	10	0
				.. Motor Mower	68	12	6
				.. Jas. Cocker Trust—Bibles	1	16	0
				223 .. Balance—Bank of New Zealand, 30/6/55	417	14	11
4520	£3,997	15	1	4250	£3,997	15	1

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME

Revenue Account for Year Ended 31st May, 1955

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
To Salaries and Wages	4,000	15	3					2	18	1
" House Supplies	1,324	13	6				1,482	16	9	
" Drapery, Clothing, etc.	795	9	4				1,890	0	0	
" Lighting and Heating	541	1	1				2,880	12	4	
" Repairs, Renewals & Maintenance	489	17	2					103	7	10
" Stationery, Stamps, General Exps.	406	5	2					77	13	6
" Insurances	61	5	5					2,523	9	0
" Board and Residence Payments	31	15	0							
" Grounds	71	19	7							
" Miscellaneous Expenses	296	8	10							
" Travelling Expenses	161	12	7							
" Rates	111	11	8							
				8,292	14	7				
" Depreciation Written Off (This includes £207-2-11 on Ford Van)										
				668	2	11				
				<u>£8,960</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>6</u>				
							<u>£8,960</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>6</u>	

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SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE INVESTMENT BOARD

Revenue Account for Year Ended 31st May, 1955

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.									
				£	s.	d.							
To Expenses and Commission Account	---	---	---	18	13	7	By Interest Earned	---	---	---	855	3	5
" Investment Fluctuation Reserve	---	---	---	50	0	0	" Legacies Received	---	---	---	1,103	18	7
" Legacies Transferred to Capital Account	---	---	---	1,103	18	7							
" Balance to Income Account	---	---	---	786	9	10							
				£1,959	2	0					£1,959	2	0

Balance Sheet as at 31st May, 1955

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.									
				£	s.	d.							
Investment Fluctuation Reserve	---	---	---	718	16	8	Mortgage Investments	---	---	---	4,898	8	3
Plus Further Provision	---	---	---	50	0	0	Debture and Government Stock	---	---	---	11,530	0	0
						768 16 8	Secured Deposit Stock—N.Z. Farmers	---	---	---	350	0	0
Capital Account	---	---	---	20,235	2	11	National Savings	---	---	---	1,531	6	1
Plus Legacies	---	---	---	1,103	18	7	Deposits:						
				21,339	1	6	Supernumerary Funds	---	---	---	3,003	7	3
Less Transfer to Super. Fund	---	---	---	700	0	0	P.O. Savings Bank	---	---	---	1,883	18	4
						20,639 1 6	Balance at Bank of New Zealand	---	---	---	376	6	11
Income Account	---	---	---	4,511	17	4							
Less Transfers	---	---	---	3,132	18	6							
				1,378	18	10							
Plus Transfers from Revenue A/c	---	---	---	786	9	10							
				2,165	8	8					£23,573	6	10
				£23,573	6	10							

We have audited the Accounts of the above Investment Board for the period ended 31st May, 1955, 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,
14th September, 1955.

CAYGILL, HIBBARD AND MOORE,
Auditors.

METHODIST TIMES

Revenue Account for year ended 30th April, 1955

EXPENDITURE				INCOME									
				£	s.	d.							
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Printing and Publishing				2152	6	3	Subscriptions			2,444	1	10	
Address Plates				20	0	5	Advertisements			488	13	6	
Process Blocks				37	15	0	Grants—						
Distributions Charges				504	17	5	Contingent Fund:						
Exchange				3	10	9	Half Editors' Honoraria	75	0	0			
Agents' Commission				102	13	7	Contingent Fund	75	0	0			
Editors' Honoraria, Expenses and Contributors' Fees				189	5	11	Editors' Expenses	12	0	0			
Office Expenses				73	2	0	Current Losses				162	0	0
Authorised Appropriation				350	0	0					338	16	0
				£3,433 11 4							£3,433 11 4		

Balance Sheet as at 30th April, 1955

LIABILITIES				ASSETS									
				£	s.	d.							
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.				
Unexpired Values—							Advertising Accounts in Arrear			100	0	6	
Advertisements	179	10	4				Subscriptions in Arrear			242	18	0	
Subscriptions	125	1	0				Sundry Debtors			162	0	0	
				304 11 4			Loss as at 30th April, 1954	296	12	1			
Agents' Commission Provision				10	9	0	Loss as at 30th April, 1955	338	16	0			
Suspense Account				8	13	10							
Sundry Creditors				227	1	1	Accumulated Loss				635	8	1
Contingent Fund Reserve Account				500	0	0							
Bank of New Zealand				89	11	4							
				£1,140 6 7							£1,140 6 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, 1955.

H. L. FIEBIG,
ERNEST H. ANDREWS,
Treasurers.

Audited and found correct.
F. M. SOWDEN, B.Com. A.R.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S.
H. F. ARNOLD, A.R.A.N.Z.
Auditors.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND TRANSPORT TRUST BOARD

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 30th June, 1955

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
To General Expenses	-----				7	12	6		
Interest Paid—									
Bank of New Zealand	-----	78	10	0					
Youth Board, Foreign Mission Board, Wellington Charitable Educational Trust, Other	-----	137	9	4					
					215	19	4		
„ Surplus of Income over Expenditure					106	9	4		
					£330	1	2		
								By Interest Received	£ 330 1 2
									£330 1 2

Balance Sheet as at the 30th June, 1955

		LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Loans at Call from—					Sundry Secured Advances	8,730	17 2
Foreign Mission Department	-----	3,000	0	0			
Youth Department	-----	750	0	0			
Wgtn. Charitable Educational Trust	-----	1,000	0	0			
				4,750	0	0	
Bank of New Zealand (Secured)	-----	3,718	15	5			
Add Accrued Interest	-----		30	12 6			
				3,749	7	11	
Accumulated Funds—							
Balance, 30th June, 1954	-----	124	19	11			
Add Excess of Income over Expenditure	-----	106	9	4			
				231	9	3	
				£8,730	17	2	
							£8,730 17 2

GEO. H. GOODMAN, Chairman.

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, 1955. 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, 1955.

WELLINGTON,
31st August, 1955.

T. M. STEPHENS, F.R.A.N.Z.,
Hon. Auditor.

SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT—STATISTICAL RETURNS, 1955.

	ROVIANA	CHOISEUL	VELLA	BUIN	TEOF	BUKA	TOTAL
Churches	37	34	26	64	34	35	230
Other preaching Places	7	2	4	17	3	5	38
European Ministers	2	1	1	1	1	1	7
Doctors	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Sisters	4	3	3	3	2	2	17
Lay Missionaries	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Native Ministers	3	1	.....	2	.....	.....	7
Native Agriculturalist .....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1
Catechists	6	5	3	9	3	4	30
Native Teachers	46	35	32	72	36	42	263
Native Medical Assistants	5	1	6	5	1	7	25
Local Preachers	100	31	34	9	12	44	230
Class Leaders	60	38	6	11	6	28	149
European Members	12	6	5	5	4	4	36
" Youth Roll	4	3	2	.....	3	3	15
" Adherents	3	.....	5	.....	.....	12	20
Native Members	2551	1633	576	1347	265	973	7345
" Youth Roll	2418	1725	1160	493	192	548	6536
" Adherents	207	285	765	1761	1285	537	4840
Sunday Schools	26	26	30	14	8	24	128
S.S. Scholars	1419	840	573	154	225	694	3905
Day Schools	42	34	30	66	21	32	225
" Scholars	2089	1066	934	946	578	672	6285
Day School Teachers	70	60	53	84	34	45	346
Members and Adherents	5194	3652	2512	3606	1749	2077	18790

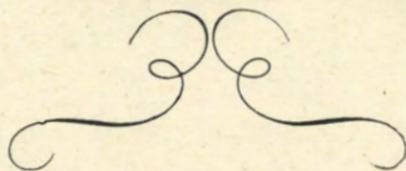
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

of the

Methodist Foreign Mission Department

for the year ended

31st AUGUST, 1955.



EXPENDITURE

£ s. d. £ s. d.
34,476 14 11

Brought Forward					
Special Funds:					
New Guinea Highlands — Solomon Islands Contributions	106	19	0		
Lepor Fund	1945	13	0		
Rehabilitation Fund	7762	8	11		
Vella Lavella Jubilee Account	3539	12	1		
Building and Equipment Fund	3076	9	3		
Don Alley Fund	742	9	11		
Elizabeth Common Fund	1306	10	5		
M.W.M.U. Special Fund — Roviana Dormitory	923	12	5		
Choiseul Dormitory	969	16	7		
				20,373	11 7
				54,850	6 6
Less Medical Income	1158	2	3		
Special Funds as above	20,373	11	7		
				21,531	13 10
				33,318	12 8
To Papua-New Guinea Highlands Mission:					
Expenses — Stipends, Allowances, Travel, etc.				1712	14 1
To New Zealand Working Expenses:					
General Administration—					
General Secretary: Stipend and Allowance	578	15	0		
House	98	2	10		
Travelling	92	13	8		
Travelling Overseas	104	17	0		
Connexional Charges	99	6	8		
Clerical Treasurer's Expenses	60	0	0		
Office Assistance	524	12	6		
Rent of Office	143	0	0		
Printing and Stationery	118	18	10		
General Office Expenses	131	10	4		
Auditor's Fee	21	0	0		
Telephones	56	5	11		
Annual Board Meeting	66	4	6		
				2095	7 3
Publicity and Deputation—					
Annual Report				134	11 4
Subsidy to Publications:					
"Open Door"	175	18	3		
"Lotu"	148	5	1		
				324	3 4
Carried Forward	458	14	8	37,126	14 0

INCOME

£ s. d. £ s. d.
11,104 10 4

Brought Forward					
New Guinea Highlands Account:					
Solomon Islands Contributions				295	13 9
Vella Lavella Jubilee Account				1256	5 7
Choiseul Jubilee Account				393	7 5
				13,049	17 1
By New Zealand Contributions:					
Circuit Income	17,123	12	3		
Native Teachers	246	2	4		
Orphans	74	19	10		
				17,444	14 5
M.W.M.U.				3550	0 0
Sundry Income				19	17 9
Interest, General Account				802	7 10
Medical Income:					
Interest				1158	2 3
Lepor Fund:					
Donations and Bequest	331	12	0		
Interest	191	12	7		
Lepers' Trust Board	3500	0	0		
				4023	4 7
Lepor Relief Vessel Account:					
Lepers' Trust Board	4000	0	0		
Interest	360	3	9		
				4360	3 9
Boat Insurance Fund:					
Interest	500	9	3		
Appropriation in lieu of premiums	253	15	3		
				754	4 8
Don Alley Memorial Fund:					
Interest				55	5 11
Rehabilitation Fund:					
Donations	12	3	0		
Interest	1243	3	11		
				1255	6 11
Building and Equipment Fund:					
Bequests				3898	3 6
M.W.M.U. Special Funds:					
Interest				170	3 6
M.W.M.U. Refrigerator Account:					
Grants				525	12 3
Carried Forward				51,067	4 3

EXPENDITURE		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought Forward		458	14	8	37,126	14	0
Folders, Handbills and Film Expenses		187	19	10			
Travelling		86	5	11			
					733	0	5
Miscellaneous Charges—							
Special Deputation Expenses		53	6	4			
Deaconess Institution		25	0	0			
Trinity College		75	0	0			
Interest on Loan		7	0	0			
National Missionary Council		48	0	0			
"Methodist Times" Grant		20	0	0			
Children's Fund		10	0	0			
Travelling re War Damage Claim		20	9	6			
Insurances		15	7	5			
Sundry Grants		52	10	0			
Amounts Recoverable		27	7	11			
Sundry Expenses		30	11	3			
					384	12	5
Motor Car Depreciation (Board's share 6 months)					36	4	11
Transfer to Special Funds—							
New Guinea Highlands — Solomon Islands Contributions Account		295	13	9			
Vella Lavella Jubilee Account		1256	5	7			
Choiseul Jubilee Account		393	7	5			
Solomon Islands Building and Equipment Fund		3898	3	6			
Elizabeth Common Bequest		59	4	6			
Lotu Church Fund		33	18	1			
Leper Fund		523	4	7			
Lepers' Trust Board		3500	0	0			
Leper Boat Fund		4360	3	9			
Rehabilitation Fund		1255	6	11			
New Guinea Highlands Appeal Fund		5857	5	4			
Don Alley Memorial Fund		55	5	11			
M.W.M.U. for Special Purposes		170	3	6			
M.W.M.U. Refrigerator Account		525	12	3			
Boat Insurance Fund		754	4	6			
Medical Income		1158	2	3			
					24,096	1	10
					£62,376	13	7

INCOME		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought Forward					51,067	4	3
Lotu Church Fund:							
Interest					33	18	1
Elizabeth Common Bequest:							
Interest					59	4	6
Papua-New Guinea Highlands Appeal:							
Donations					5857	5	4
Deficit transferred to General Reserve					5359	1	5

£62,376 13 7

METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND

Balance Sheet as at 31st August, 1955 (Excluding Solomon Island Properties)

LIABILITIES		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	ASSETS		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Solomon Islands District:								Solomon Islands District:							
Circuit Balances		1145	12	7				Cash in hand and in Bank	10,349	10	3				
Personal Balances		2369	6	5				Sundry Debtors	1585	17	3				
Sundry Creditors		7304	11	10				Stock on hand and uncompleted Buildings	17,582	16	5				
Retiring Fund Accounts		80	8	4									29,518	3	11
					10,899	19	2	Boats					12,000	0	0
Islands District Balance					10,579	13	11	Ranonga Lease					1007	19	5
Loans					200	0	0								
Special Funds:								Medical Fund Assets:							
Medical Fund					33,998	19	0	N.Z. Government Stock	19,315	7	11				
Medical Fund (for support of Native Orderly)					530	9	8	National Savings Investment	2583	14	2				
Leper Fund								Debentures—							
Balance 1954		6269	17	1				Nelson City	4300	0	0				
Added during year—								Wellington City	1600	0	0				
Interest	191	12	7					Auckland Gas Co.	2309	10	0				
Donations and Bequest	331	12	0					Shares—							
Leper's Trust Board	3500	0	0					Auckland Gas Co.	1466	10	0				
					4023	4	7	Colonial Sugar Co.	608	0	0				
								Post Office Savings Bank	1303	6	11				
					10,293	1	8	Auckland Savings Bank	512	10	0				
Less Expended					1945	13	0						33,998	19	0
							8347	8	8						
Leprosy Relief Vessel Fund:								Leprosy Relief Vessel Investment:							
Balance 1954		11,835	15	1				N.Z. Government Stock					15,995	18	10
Added during year—								Boat Insurance Fund Assets:							
Leper's Trust Board	4000	0	0					N.Z. Government Stock	10,959	5	0				
Interest	360	3	9					Post Office Savings Bank	754	2	5				
					4360	3	9	National Savings Investment	2733	0	9				
													14,446	8	2
Less Expended					16,195	18	10	Rehabilitation Fund Assets:							
					200	0	0	N.Z. Government Stock	9935	10	9				
							15,995	18	10						
Boat Insurance Fund:								National Savings Investment	18,149	13	4				
Balance 1954		13,542	3	8				Post Office Savings Bank	2682	17	2				
Added during year—								Auckland Savings Bank	512	10	0				
Interest	500	9	3					Transport Trust Board	3000	0	0				
Appropriation from Income	403	15	3										34,280	11	3
					903	4	6								
							14,446	8	2						
Carried Forward					94,998	17	5	Carried Forward					141,248	0	7

LIABILITIES

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought Forward				136,817	19	9
Technical Tool Fund				137	2	11
Refrigerator Replacement Account				62	2	8
Lotu Church Fund:						
Balance 1954	1114	7	2			
Added during year — Interest	33	18	1			
				1148	5	3
Lotu Church Window Fund				18	10	4
Elizabeth Common Bequest Account:						
Balance 1954	1945	15	8			
Added during year — Interest	59	4	6			
				2005	0	2
Less Expended	1306	10	5			
				698	9	9
Vella Lavella Boys' Hostel Account				1634	16	8
Vella Lavella Jubilee Fund:						
Balance 1954	2344	4	3			
Added during year	1256	6	3			
				3600	10	6
Less Exchange on 1954 Bal.	453	14	6			
Less Expended during year	3539	12	1			
				3993	6	7
Debit Balance (see Contra.)				392	16	1
Vella Lavella Memorial Hall Fund:						
Balance 1954	80	0	0			
Transfer from Rehabilitation Fund	361	4	7			
				441	4	7
Solomon Islands Jubilee Fund:						
Balance 1954	10,682	9	4			
Less Exchange	2067	11	4			
				8614	18	0
Choiseul Jubilee Fund				393	7	5
Carried Forward				149,966	17	4

ASSETS

Brought Forward 199,840 1 5

SUMMARY OF REHABILITATION FUND

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Receipts: 1942/54				118,312	18	4
1955				1255	6	11
				119,568	5	3
Less Payments and Transfers:						
1943/54	77,164	0	6			
1955	8123	13	6			
				85,287	14	0

£34,280 11 3

ANALYSIS OF REHABILITATION EXPENDITURE

	£	s.	d.
Buildings, Equipment and Miscel- laneous Stores	58,486	5	8
Stock Lost and Written Off	4217	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	2554	0	0
Evacuation Expenses, Premium on Inscribed Stock written off, Brokerages & Sundry Expenses ..	635	16	10
	585,287	14	0

Carried Forward 199,840 1 5

LIABILITIES	
Brought Forward	149,966 17 4
M.W.M.U. Projector Account:	
Balance 1954	10 11 8
Less Expended	10 11 8
M.W.M.U. Translation Account	100 0 0
Boat Reserve Account	12,000 0 0
General Capital Account:	
Balance 1954	24,287 1 10
Added during year	78 8 0
	<u>24,365 9 10</u>
New Guinea Highlands Appeal Account	9614 5 8
New Guinea Highlands - Solomon Islands Contribution Account:	
Balance 1954	392 2 5
Added during year	295 13 9
	<u>687 16 2</u>
Less Expended	106 19 0
	<u>580 17 2</u>
Sickness and Accident Fund	293 9 0
Printing Account: Special Appropriation	20 10 0
Sundry Creditors	1081 16 10
General Reserve Account	1816 15 7
	<u>£199,840 1 5</u>

ASSETS	
Brought Forward	199,840 1 5

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, 1955, as shown by 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
Auditors
Auckland.

Public
Accountants

A. BLAKEMORE, G. S. GAPPER — General Treasurers.

£199,840 1 5

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
HOME AND MAORI MISSION DEPARTMENT

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year ending 31st July, 1955.

Treasurers: Rev. B. M. CHRYSTALL and Mr F. PENN.

RECEIPTS		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Legacies held for Disbursement	....	1174	16	2			
CIRCUIT INCOME							
Auckland	.....	3490	15	6			
South Auckland	.....	2027	0	9			
Taranaki-Wanganui	....	1184	11	9			
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	.....	1564	8	10			
Wellington	.....	1932	2	4			
Nelson	.....	713	15	3			
North Canterbury	.....	2394	18	1			
South Canterbury	.....	893	13	8			
Otago-Southland	.....	1565	19	10			
		15,767	6	0			
1954 Appeal	.....		11,672	10	2		
1955 Appeal	.....		4094	15	10		
Sundry Donations	.....		66	17	6		
District Youth Councils	.....		150	0	6		
M.W.M.U.	.....	3100	0	0			
M.W.M.U. Special	.....	580	0	0			
			3680	0	0		
Connexional Properties:							
Mission Property							
Trustees	.....	600	0	0			
Kai Iwi	.....	100	0	0			
			700	0	0		
Interest on Investments	.....	2328	6	11			
Legacies for Disbursement	.....	943	2	1			
Duplicating and Typing	.....	53	4	3			
Refund Special Allowance (1954)	..	142	2	6			
Sundries	.....	10	2	6			
Debit Balance 31st July, 1955	.....	3644	2	5			
Carried Forward	.....	28,660	0	10			

PAYMENTS		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance 31st July, 1954			3169	9	0		
MAORI MISSION							
Stipends Cir. Expenses	11,026	5	7				
Investment Funds Board:							
Rent	.....	455	0	0			
Car Accounts	.....	1086	17	3			
Car Depreciation	.....	100	0	0			
Sunday School Materials	.....	10	0	0			
Workers' Conference	..	50	0	0			
Students	.....	15	0	0			
Maori Furniture	.....	75	0	0			
Methodist Times	.....	10	0	0			
Maori Section N.C.C.	..	22	0	0			
Contingencies	.....	100	0	0			
Subsidy "Maataapuna"	.....	100	0	0			
			13,050	2	10		
CIRCUIT GRANTS							
AUCKLAND DISTRICT							
Aided Circuits							
North Hokianga	.....	100	0	0			
North Waitemata	.....	172	10	0			
Whangaroa	.....	30	0	0			
Hokianga	.....	70	0	0			
Mahurangi	.....	90	0	0			
Kawakawa-Kaikohe	.....	100	0	0			
Port Albert	.....	25	0	0			
Papakura	.....	52	10	0			
Onehunga-Waitangi Rd.	.....	25	0	0			
Auckland East	.....	212	10	0			
			877	10	0		
SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT							
Home Mission Stations							
Coromandel	.....	25	0	0			
Kawhia	.....	32	10	0			
Ngaruawahia	.....	12	10	0			
Aided Circuits							
Taumarunui	.....	72	10	0			
Hauraki Plains	.....	37	10	0			
Waihi	.....	47	10	0			
Te Kuiti	.....	100	0	0			
Putaruru	.....	62	10	0			
Ohura	.....	55	0	0			
Whakatane	.....	25	0	0			
Rotorua - Taupo	.....					
Travelling	.....	10	0	0			
Huntly	.....	37	10	0			
Kawarau	.....	220	16	2			
Tauranga	.....	95	0	0			
			833	6	2		
TARANAKI - WANGANUI DISTRICT							
Home Mission Stations							
Inglewood	.....	30	0	0			
Aided Circuits							
Marton	.....	22	10	0			
Taihape	.....	50	0	0			
Wanganui West	.....	60	0	0			
Waitara	.....	25	0	0			
			187	10	0		

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
HOME AND MAORI MISSION DEPARTMENT
Statement of Receipts and Payments — Continued

Brought Forward 28,660 0 10

HAWKES BAY - MANAWATU DISTRICT —

Home Mission Station		
Apti	33 2 6	
Aided Circuits		
Wairoa	65 0 0	
	98 2 6	

WELLINGTON DISTRICT —

Aided Circuit		
Paraparaumu	85 0 0	
Wellington East	47 10 0	
Porirua	17 10 0	
Eketahuna	47 10 0	
Upper Hutt	50 0 0	
Taita Union	52 10 0	
	300 0 0	

NELSON DISTRICT —

Aided Circuits		
Westport	32 10 0	
Reefton	45 0 0	
Hokitika	85 0 0	
	162 10 0	

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT —

Aided Circuits		
Riccarton	60 0 0	
Lytelton	52 10 0	
Central Mission—Hostel	100 0 0	
Oxford	25 0 0	
	237 10 0	

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT —

Aided Circuit		
Marchwiell Union	103 2 6	
	103 2 6	

OTAGO - SOUTHLAND DISTRICT —

Home Mission Station		
Waikouaiti - Palmerston	57 10 0	
Aided Circuits		
Mosgiel	37 10 0	
Cromwell - Alexandra	57 10 0	
Bluff	47 10 0	
St. Kilda	35 0 0	
Dunedin South	15 0 0	
Milton	60 0 0	
Roxburgh	90 0 0	
Port Chalmers	120 0 0	
Dunedin North	35 0 0	
Corstorphine Union	40 0 0	
	595 0 0	

LEGACY DISBURSEMENT GRANTS —

Waipukurau	50 0 0
Auck. West - Parsonage	25 0 0
St. John's Church	25 0 0
Ngaruawahia	50 0 0
Manly Hall Loan (I.F.B.)	12 15 5
Hokitika Loan (I.F.B.)	25 0 0
Coromandel (I.F.B.)	25 0 0
Russell Parsonage Loan (I.F.B.)	40 0 0
Wairoa Parsonage Loan (I.F.B.)	50 0 0
Arthur's Pass Chapel	50 0 0

Carried Forward 28,660 0 10

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
HOME AND MAORI MISSION DEPARTMENT
Statement of Receipts and Payments — Continued

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The above statement of Receipts and Payments does not include further Receipts and Payments made through the Maori Mission Account, nor does it show that at the 31st July, 1955, the Maori Mission Account was over-drawn £817/10/0 and had a liability of £282/10/0 for an advance received during the year. Otherwise the Receipts and Payments as shown are in my opinion correct.

W. A. SMITH, F.P.A.N.Z.
Auditor.

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METHODIST HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD

Statement of Receipts and Payments for year ended 31st July, 1955.

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance at Bank of New Zealand, 31/7/54—									
On Account:									
Capital awaiting investment	1258	3	3						
E. W. Blackwell Trust	49	14	11						
Deposit Account	60	0	0						
T. G. Brooke Memorial Gift	250	0	0						
				1617	18	2			
Cash on Account of Capital:									
Estate late W. A. Boniface	50	0	0						
" T. J. Hurrell	25	0	0						
" Matthew Dixon	446	0	0						
" Sarah Jane Hetherington	480	0	0						
" Agnes Freddy	239	0	0						
" C. Aker	193	2	9						
" W. M. Denton	50	0	0						
" Maria Davis	228	1	6						
" "Lover of Missions"	250	0	0						
				1961	4	3			
Less Proportion available for Disbursement	818	2	1						
				1143	2	2			
Legacies, Proportion for Disbursement	818	2	1						
Transfer from Mission Property Trustees	250	0	0						
Premium on Inscribed Stock	47	10	0						
Repayment of Special Loans	718	5	1						
Repayment of Mortgages	134	10	2						
Loans at Call	6000	0	0						
New Capital:									
Sinking Funds	508	9	4						
Auckland Maori Girls' Hostel	3237	8	3						
Dargaville Maori Centre	110	0	0						
Kawakawa Maori Centre	35	0	0						
				3890	17	7			
Interest and Rents, Net	2318	6	11						
Inscribed Stock matured	340	0	0						
Rev. and Mrs. T. G. Brooke Memorial Fund	20	0	0						
Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust Income	760	15	0						
Sales of Property:									
10 Selkirk Street	3382	19	4						
Te Kuiti Mission House	2081	7	0						
				5464	6	4			
Transfer Post Office Savings Bank	240	0	0						
				£30,226	13	6			
Interest Transferred to Home Mission Fund:									
Through Mornington	3	10	0						
Through Invercargill	8	15	0						
Direct to Home Mission Fund	2317	1	11						
				2328	6	11			
Legacies for Disbursement transferred to Home Mission Fund				818	2	1			
Capital Invested:									
N.Z. Government Inscribed Stock	45	0	0						
Shares	480	0	0						
Post Office Savings Bank	6	10	0						
New Special Loans	6550	10	0						
Properties—									
Auckland Maori Girls' Hostel	9474	13	0						
Opunake Deaconess Centre	205	14	0						
Otorohanga Maori Centre	500	12	6						
Te Kuiti Maori Centre	143	11	5						
Auckland Maori Parsonage	66	0	0						
10 Heaphy Terrace, Hamilton	3894	1	8						
11 Kakariki Avenue, Auckland	46	17	6						
Te Kuiti Mission House (new)	376	5	5						
Waimea	38	19	3						
				14,746	14	9			
Repayment of Loan:									
Auckland Maori Girls' Hostel	260	0	0						
Loan at Call	40	0	0						
				300	0	0			
Deposit Account Repaid	60	0	0						
Net Expenditure, Maintenance Accounts	291	16	6						
Balance Bank of New Zealand:									
Cash on Account Capital	3519	3	4						
" E. W. Blackwell Trust	49	14	11						
" E. W. Blackwell Trust Income	760	15	0						
" T. G. Brooke Memorial Fund	270	0	0						
				4599	13	3			
				£30,226	13	6			

Statement of Capital as at 31st July, 1955.

LIABILITIES		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Capital as at 31st July, 1954					74,659	1	5
(Legacies and Memorial Gifts)							
Add New Capital during year:							
Legacies (see Receipts and Payments Account)	1961	4	3				
Less Available for Disbursement	818	2	1				
					1143	2	2
Add Premium on Inscribed Stock	47	10	0				
Transfer from Mission Property Trustees	250	0	0				
					1440	12	2
					76,099	13	7
T. Buddle Memorial Gift					90	5	0
G. Buttle Memorial Gift					266	0	0
T. G. and Mrs Brooke Memorial Gift, at 31/7/54	250	0	0				
Add Further Gift	20	0	0				
Add Interest	8	15	0				
					278	15	0
Sinking Funds at 31/7/54	5393	14	7				
New Capital during year	508	9	4				
	5902	3	11				
Less Transfer	676	10	9				
					5225	13	2
Auckland Maori Girls' Hostel	7333	3	9				
New Capital during year	3237	8	3				
Mortgage, Maori Affairs Dept.	5980	0	0				
					16,550	12	0
Dargaville Maori Centre	564	17	3				
New Capital during year	110	0	0				
					674	17	3
Hamilton Maori Boys' Hostel	6312	3	7				
Bank Advance	3969	10	8				
Temporary Loan	1607	11	1				
					11,889	5	4
Hamilton Maori Girls' Hostel	7436	1	1				
Hawera Maori Centre	1602	3	8				
Kawakawa Maori Centre	1516	13	9				
New Capital during year	35	0	0				
					1551	13	9
Te Kuiti Maori Centre	823	15	7				
Less Transfer	823	15	7				
E. W. Blackwell Trust for Distribution					49	14	11
Investment Reserve Account					400	0	0
Foreign Mission Fund: Loan at Call					8000	0	0
Auckland Central Mission: Loan at Call					3000	0	0
Sundry Loans at Call					6761	17	6
Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust Income A/c.					760	15	0
					£140,637	7	3

ASSETS		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Loans on Mortgage					1548	10	1
Debentures					4900	0	0
Inscribed Stock					16,545	0	0
Shares					1751	14	0
Post Office Savings Bank					27	12	8
Special Loans					48,539	19	2
Properties					14,042	7	9
Auckland Maori Girls' Hostel	21,333	8	3				
Dargaville Maori Centre	2057	16	10				
Hamilton Maori Girls' Hostel	7436	1	1				
Hamilton Maori Boys' Hostel	11,889	5	4				
Hawera Maori Centre	2172	1	7				
Kawakawa Maori Centre	468	0	10				
Opunake Deaconess Centre	330	17	9				
Otorohanga Maori Centre	500	12	6				
Te Kuiti Maori Centre	699	15	1				
					46,887	19	3
T. Buddle Memorial Gift					90	5	0
G. Buttle Memorial Gift					266	0	0
Sundry Debtors					18	15	0
Net Debits, Maintenance Accounts					1419	11	1
Balance Bank of New Zealand:							
Cash on Account Capital	3519	3	4				
T. G. Brooke Memorial Gift	270	0	0				
E. W. Blackwell Trust Account	49	14	11				
E. W. Blackwell Trust Income Account	760	15	0				
					4599	13	3

I have audited the Books and Accounts of the Methodist Home Mission and Church Extension Investment Funds Board for the year ended 31st July, 1955.

The item shown amongst the Assets as Net Debits Maintenance Accounts £1,419/11/1 represents actual losses and in my opinion should be written off against available Sinking Funds or Capital. Subject to this being done, the above Balance Sheet shows the position of the Board's affairs according to the best of my information, and the explanations given to me, and as shown by the Books of the Board.

W. A. SMITH, F.P.A.N.Z.
Auditor.

METHODIST HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD

SPECIAL LOANS ACCOUNT, 31st JULY, 1955.

	Loans Current			New Loans	Repaid			Current		
	31/7/54				31/7/55					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Auckland Youth Camps	420	0	0				120	0	0	
Campbells Bay Church (2)	946	0	5				37	2	11	
Castlecliff Hall	155	10	6				54	4	2	
Christchurch Central Mission Parsonage	400	0	0				50	0	0	
Christchurch Maori Hostel	2052	16	3				103	19	2	
Claudlands Church	861	9	2				40	2	6	
Claudlands Youth Centre	1973	16	3				71	8	9	
Coromandel Church	1063	11	1				44	17	4	
Coromandel Parsonage	65	3	4				25	0	0	
Corstorphine Section	390	0	0							
Dominion Road Parsonage	603	1	11				69	0	0	
Dublin Street Church	124	14	0				56	4	3	
Dunedin Methodist Hostel	2129	1	3				232	18	4	
Epsom Church	826	15	0				114	12	6	
Epworth Bookroom Alterations	2336	10	6	684	1	0				
Fairfield Section (Dunedin)	175	0	0							
Gisborne Hall	973	15	10				36	6	8	
Gisborne, Mangapapa Section	350	0	0				151	1	6	
Glen Eden Church	60	0	0				20	0	0	
Glen Eden Parsonage	60	0	0				20	0	0	
Glen Innes Hall (Auckland East)				500	0	0				
Grey Institute	6122	5	5				500	0	0	
Hamilton Maori Girls' Hostel	1342	3	10							
Hastings Youth Centre	1911	8	4				643	1	8	
Helensville Church	489	8	9				42	18	4	
Helensville Section				130	0	0	130	0	0	
Hokitika Church	619	16	9				86	9	6	
Invercargill North Church	1447	2	0				261	18	3	
Kaitiaki Section	96	3	3				14	13	5	
Kaitoke Church (Wanganui)	104	14	10				19	4	3	
Kohukohu Parsonage	217	2	8				7	13	0	
Lyall Bay Parsonage	1000	0	0				29	6	2	
Manly Church Hall	315	0	2				25	14	11	
Mt. Maunganui Church Hall	982	10	10				111	8	4	
North Brighton Section	88	0	6				8	18	7	
North Canterbury District Youth Council	1378	5	0				57	2	1	
Orewa Church Hall	980	0	0				41	8	0	
Otago - Southland Youth Camp	810	18	4				31	7	6	
Otaki Youth Hall	506	8	5				38	10	8	
Paeroa Parsonage	26	5	3				26	5	3	
Papanui Parsonage	978	17	6				85	16	8	
Paraparaumu Parsonage	297	2	7				31	12	11	
Pinehaven Section (Upper Hutt)	340	0	0							
Pukerua Bay Hall	350	0	0							
Rata Street Section (Hutt)				384	2	6				
Raunui South Section	250	0	0							

Religious Film Society	200	0	0				200	0	0						
Richardson Road (now White Swan Road)															
Riselaw Road Section (Dunedin)	60	0	0				60	0	0						
Roskill Church (2)	1045	7	0			47	15	0	997	12	0				
Roskill Sunday School	1137	7	6			65	13	9	1071	13	9				
Russell Parsonage	927	12	0			46	19	9	880	12	3				
South Auckland Permanent Camp Site	450	0	0			19	7	6	430	12	6				
Stokes Valley Section (Upper Hutt)	313	10	4			11	17	6	301	12	10				
Tahuna Hall (Morrinsville)				300	0	0			300	0	0				
Taita Union Parsonage	384	2	6				384	2	6						
Taupo Section				500	0	0			500	0	0				
Tawa Flat Section	700	0	0						700	0	0				
Trentham — Cottle Block Section	250	0	0						250	0	0				
Trinity College	1975	3	6				772	6	7	1202	16	11			
Wairakei Road Sections (St. Albans)				940	0	0			940	0	0				
Waimairi Road Sections (St. Albans)				262	6	6			262	6	6				
Wairoa Parsonage				2850	0	0			1144	8	10				
Waitangi Road (Onehunga)	80	8	0				49	12	9	30	15	3			
Waverley Section (St. Kilda)	215	0	0						215	0	0				
Western Springs (Auckland)	632	13	6				50	0	0	582	13	6			
White Swan Road	580	0	0				15	6	1	564	13	11			
Youth Director's House, Christchurch	1359	16	7				86	2	8	1273	13	11			
Youth Director's House, Wellington	1196	5	9				98	17	6	1097	8	3			
Home and Maori Mission Transport	785	13	3				147	15	0	637	18	3			
Putaruru Circuit Transport	188	3	9				188	3	9						
Private Car Loan	68	10	8				51	6	0	17	4	8			
	£49,170	14	3		£6550	10	0		£7181	5	1		£48,539	19	2

REV. THOMAS AND MRS BUDDLE CENTENNIAL GIFT

To Balance 31st July, 1954	£	s.	d.	By Interest Disbursed to Rangiatea Library Fund	2	5	4		
.. Interest	90	5	0	.. Balance 31st July, 1955, at Auckland Savings Bank	90	5	0		
	2	5	4						
	£92	10	4				£92	10	4

REV. GEORGE AND MRS BUTTLE CENTENNIAL GIFT

To Balance 31st July, 1954	£	s.	d.	By Interest Disbursed to Kurahuna	£	s.	d.
.. Interest	266	0	0	.. Balance 31st July, 1955, at Auckland Savings Bank	266	0	0
	6	14	6				
	£272	14	6		£272	14	6

REV. AND MRS T. G. BROOKE MEMORIAL FUND

To Balance 31st July, 1954	£	s.	d.	By Balance 31st July, 1955	£	s.	d.
.. Additional Gift	250	0	0		278	15	0
.. Interest	20	0	0				
	8	15	0				
	£278	15	0		£278	15	0

METHODIST MISSION PROPERTY TRUSTEES

Statement of Receipts and Payments for year ended 31st July, 1955.

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance Bank of N.Z., 31/7/54:				By Rates and Insurance			
Capital Account	11	0	10	Repairs and Sundries			56 4 1
Income Account	601	0	7	Capital Expenditure: Mt. Wesley	59	16	6
				Kinross Street	94	12	2
Rents:			612 1 5	Transfer of Capital to Investment Funds Board	250	0	0
Mt. Wesley, Mangawhare	74	2	0				404 8 8
Mt. Wesley, Old Parsonage	80	0	0	Transfer of Surplus Income to Home Mission Fund			600 0 0
Kaeo	60	0	0	Balance 31st July, 1955:			
Newark	1	0	0	Income Account	226	12	4
Mangungu	6	0	0	Less Overdrawn Capital Account	10	0	1
Opononi (Rent and Interest)	59	0	7				216 12 3
Te Poinga	7	0	0				
			287 2 7				
Repayments: Opononi			93 7 9				
Sales of Property: Kaeo			290 0 0				
			£1282 11 9				£1282 11 9

Balance Sheet as at 31st July, 1955.

LIABILITIES			ASSETS		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Accumulated Funds	5732	14 9	Properties		5551 2 6
Held for Special Purposes		35 0 0	Cash: Income Account	226	12 4
			Less Overdrawn Capital Account ..	10	0 1
					216 12 3
					£5767 14 9
		£5767 14 9			

METHODIST LITERATURE AND COLPORTEUR SOCIETY

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Stock, 1/8/54	4798	6	5	By Sales	8325	8	1
" Purchases	5332	9	10				
	10,130	16	3				
Less Stock, 31/7/55	4862	2	11				
Cost Price of Goods Sold	5268	13	4				
" Gross Profit	3056	14	9				
	£8325	8	1		£8325	8	1

Profit and Loss Account for Year ended 31st July, 1955.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Accountancy and Audit	77	0	0	By Gross Profit	3056	14	9
" Advertising	37	15	0	" Interest Received	12	10	0
" Commission	44	0	1	" Grant for rent from Home Mis-			
" General Expenses	33	11	2	sion Department	100	0	0
" Insurance	9	19	4				
" Interest	139	8	11				
" Light and Power	42	18	3				
" Postages and Stamps	126	7	5				
" Printing and Stationery	59	8	6				
" Rent	487	15	6				
" Repairs and Maintenance	4	12	5				
" Salaries	1164	12	0				
" Telephone and Tolls	31	6	5				
Depreciation:							
" Fittings & Equipment 26 15 7							
Renovations	214	7	10				
	241	3	5				
" Net Profit	669	6	6				
	£3169	4	9		£3169	4	9

METHODIST LITERATURE AND COLPORTEUR SOCIETY

Balance Sheet as at 31st July, 1955.

LIABILITIES				ASSETS								
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			
Sundry Creditors	474	10	9				10	16	0			
Bills Payable	428	9	9				775	16	11			
Subscriptions in Advance	28	10	0									
				931	10	6			786	12	11	
Home Mission Dept. Loan Account				3020	11	6			570	8	10	
Van Replacement Reserve				1271	4	6						
Capital:							541	7	0			
Balance, 1/8/54	3832	16	7				50	0	0	491	7	0
Plus Net Profit	669	6	6							4862	2	11
				4502	3	1				256	14	3
							283	9	10			
							26	15	7			
										2758	3	8
							2972	11	6			
							214	7	10			
										2758	3	8
										£9725	9	7
				£9725	9	7						

Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

I certify that I have examined the Books and Accounts of the Methodist Literature and Colporteur Society for the year ended 31st July, 1955, and that in my opinion the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Society's affairs, according to the best of my information and the explanations given to me and as shown in the Books of the Society. I have accepted the Manager's Certificate as to quantities and values of stock on hand.

R. N. COOKE, A.P.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S., A.C.A.I.,
Auditor.

AUCKLAND, 23rd September, 1955.

Methodist Home Mission Department

Estimates, Income & Expenditure

— FOR —

1956

INCOME

1 CIRCUITS, HOME MISSION STATIONS and MAORI CIRCUITS —
(Average Income based on last three years of Ordinary Income.)

Districts:

AUCKLAND	3183	9	6
SOUTH AUCKLAND	1910	18	2
TARANAKI - WANGANUI	1137	11	5
HAWKES BAY - MANAWATU	1527	9	3
WELLINGTON	1711	8	0
NELSON	931	7	7
NORTH CANTERBURY	2142	8	11
SOUTH CANTERBURY	907	14	0
OTAGO - SOUTHLAND	1452	12	8
	<hr/>	14,905	0 0
2 PROPERTIES and INVESTMENTS		2500	0 0
3 M.W.M.U.: OBJECTIVE FOR MAORI WORK		3100	0 0
SMETHURST INTEREST		130	0 0
SPECIAL		250	0 0
4 MISCELLANEOUS		250	0 0
TOTAL ESTIMATED INCOME FROM ALL SOURCES		<hr/>	£21,135 0 0

EXPENDITURE

AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Maori Work

	£	s.	d.
Acting Senior Maori Superintendent—			
Honorarium	52	0	0
Travelling	100	0	0
Special Travelling	25	0	0
Minister—			
Stipend	565	0	0
Travelling	75	0	0
Minister—			
Stipend	565	0	0
Travelling	100	0	0
Supernumerary Minister—			
Honorarium	52	0	0
Travelling	100	0	0
Supernumerary Minister—			
Travelling	100	0	0
Home Missionary Part Time—			
Honorarium	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	425	0	0
Travelling	25	0	0
Deaconess—			
Stipend	425	0	0
Provision for Car	70	0	0
Deaconess—			
Stipend	366	0	0
Provision for Car	70	0	0
Deaconess—			
Stipend	425	0	0
Provision for Car	70	0	0
Deaconess—			
Stipend	425	0	0
Provision for Car	70	0	0
Deaconess—			
Stipend	341	0	0
Provision for Car	70	0	0
Connexional Charges (2 Ministers)	48	0	0
Investment Funds Board for Parsonages—			
Auckland	150	0	0
Waikato	60	0	0
Tuakau	75	0	0
	£1185	0	0

European Work

Aided Circuits

Henderson (if 2 M.O.M.)	200	0	0
Auckland East	150	0	0
Whangaroa (if M.O.M.)	50	0	0
Kawakawa — Kaikohe	125	0	0
Special	25	0	0
Mahurangi	35	0	0
Hokianga (Rawene) M.O.M.	100	0	0
North Waitemata (if M.O.M. & M.P.)	200	0	0
North Hokianga M.H.M.	100	0	0
Port Albert, Wellsford	100	0	0
If additional Agent in Kerikeri	150	0	0
	£1235	0	0

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Maori Work — Waikato Circuit

	£	s.	d.
Home Missionary Supply—			
Honorarium	78	0	0
Travelling	80	0	0
Home Missionary Supply—			
Honorarium	325	0	0
Rent	25	0	0
Travelling	80	0	0
Home Missionary—			
Honorarium	325	0	0
Travelling	80	0	0
If new appointment made	65	0	0
Home Missionary (Part Time)—			
Honorarium	100	0	0
Travelling	50	0	0
Home Missionary (Part Time)—			
Honorarium	162	10	0
Rent	52	0	0
Travelling	52	0	0
Hon. Supt., Hon. H.M.'s and General Circuit Expenses	393	10	0
Deaconess—			
Stipend	425	0	0
Provision for Car	70	0	0
Deaconess—			
Stipend	425	0	0
Provision for Car	70	0	0
Deaconess—			
Stipend	425	0	0
Provision for Car	70	0	0
Deaconess—			
Stipend	366	0	0
Provision for Car	70	0	0
Deaconess Supply—			
Stipend	341	0	0
Travelling	70	0	0
Hon. S.S. Teacher—			
Travelling	36	0	0
Investment Funds Board—			
Rent for Ngaruawahia	52	0	0
	£4288	0	0

Maori Work — King Country Circuit

Home Missionary—			
Stipend	325	0	0
Rent	25	0	0
Travelling	75	0	0
Home Missionary Supply—			
Honorarium	39	0	0
Provision for Car	60	0	0
Travelling	75	0	0
Home Missionary Supply—			
Honorarium	78	0	0
Travelling	75	0	0
Home Missionary Supply—			
Honorarium	78	0	0
Travelling	75	10	0
Kawhia Circuit—			
Travelling	60	0	0
Grants for Travelling—Hon. H.M.'s & General Circuit Expenses	260	0	0
Special Travelling	10	0	0
Deaconess—			
Stipend	425	0	0
Provision for Car	70	0	0
Deaconess—			
Stipend	425	0	0
Provision for Car	70	0	0

Deaconess Supply (Half Time)—			
Stipend	170	10	0
Travelling	35	0	0
Investment Funds Board for Rent—			
Kawhia	75	0	0
Te Kuiti	52	0	0
	£2558	0	0

European Work — Home Mission Stations

Ngaruawahia (if M.H.M.)	20	0	0
Kawhia (if S.P.)	40	0	0

Aided Circuits

Ohura (if S.P.)	45	0	0
Ohura Travelling	25	0	0
Kawerau (if M.O.M.)	500	0	0
Waihi (if M.O.M.)	40	0	0
Hauraki Plains (if M.H.M.F.)	40	0	0
Putaruru (if M.P.)	55	0	0
(if 2nd Agent Tokoroa addn.)	180	0	0
Special	25	0	0
Tauranga for 3rd Agent	80	0	0
Huntly M.O.M.	80	0	0
Taumarunui (if M.P.)	70	0	0
Te Kuiti (if M.P.)	30	0	0
Te Kuiti Travelling	70	0	0
Opotiki (if M.O.M.)	75	0	0
	£1375	0	0

TARANAKI - WANGANUI DISTRICT

Maori Work

Minister—			
Stipend	565	0	0
Travelling	75	0	0
Special Travelling	25	0	0
Minister—			
Stipend	424	0	0
Travelling	100	0	0
Rent	50	0	0
Hon. H.M.'s Grant for Travelling and General Circuit Expenses	120	0	0
Connexional Charges	24	0	0
Deaconess—			
Stipend	425	0	0
Provision for Car	70	0	0
Deaconess—			
Stipend	425	0	0
Provision for Car	70	0	0
Deaconess (New Plymouth Appt.)—			
Half Stipend	170	10	0
Travelling	35	0	0
Investment Funds Board Rent—			
Hawera	75	0	0
	£2653	10	0

European Work — Home Mission Stations

Inglewood, M.H.M.P.	35	0	0
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Aided Circuits

Waitara (Travelling)	60	0	0
Wanganui West, M.O.M.	55	0	0
Marion, S.P.	25	0	0
Taihape, S.F.	50	0	0
	£225	0	0

HAWKES BAY - MANAWATU DISTRICT

Home Mission Stations

Waipawa-Waipukurau (if M.H.M.)	30	0	0
Aided Circuits			
Palmerston North (Trinity), if Deaconess	50	0	0
Apiti (if M.H.M.)	20	0	0
Travelling	10	0	0
Wairoa (if M.P.)	40	0	0
Travelling	40	0	0
	£190	0	0

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

Aided Circuits

Paraparaumu	70	0	0
Travelling	20	0	0
Porirua (if 2nd Agent) (otherwise nil)	100	0	0
Taita Union Parish	25	0	0
Otaki — Special for Stipend	25	0	0
Wellington East (3rd M.O.M.)	40	0	0
Eketahuna M.O.M.	50	0	0
Upper Hutt M.O.M.	60	0	0
Wainui-o-Mata Union Parish (if S.P.)	60	0	0
	£453	0	0

NELSON DISTRICT

Aided Circuits

Hokitiki, S.H.M. or S.P.	35	0	0
Murchison (if S.P.)	40	0	0
	£75	0	0

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Aided Circuits

Woolston - Lyttelton	150	0	0
Riccarton	55	0	0
	£205	0	0

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Aided Circuits

Marchwiell Union Parish	95	0	0
	£95	0	0

OTAGO - SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

Home Mission Station

Waikouaiti - Palmerston	60	0	0
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Aided Circuits

Dunedin South (if S.P.)	100	0	0
Port Chalmers, M.O.M.	100	0	0
Travelling	25	0	0
Roxburgh	65	0	0
Travelling	25	0	0
Bluff	30	0	0
Travelling	15	0	0
Mosgiel (if M.H.M.)	40	0	0
Cromwell-Alexandra (if M.P.)	60	0	0
Travelling	25	0	0
Milton	50	0	0
Dunedin North	80	0	0
Corstorphine Union Parish	40	0	0
Balclutha (if M.O.M.)	75	0	0
	£790	0	0

GENERAL EXPENDITURE

Maori Work		
Sunday School Materials	10	0 0
Printing & Subsidy "Maataapuna"	100	0 0
Special South Island Travelling	50	0 0
Maori Workers' Conference	50	0 0
Maori Furniture	100	0 0
Deaconess Car A/c. —		
Subsidy for Deputation	100	0 0
Methodist Times	10	0 0
South Island Deaconess—		
Honorarium	52	0 0
Sundry Expenses	10	0 0
Maori Contingencies	100	0 0
National Council of Churches —		
Maori Section	24	0 0
Maori Minister's Home Acquisition Fund	12	0 0
Sundry Auckland Maori Hostel	200	0 0
	£818	0 0

MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS

Home Mission Retiring Fd. (estimate)	200	0 0
Deaconess Retiring Fund (estimate)	350	0 0
Home Mission Deputation Expenses	350	0 0
Use of Picture Plant	75	0 0
Board of Publications	55	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 Supplies for Deputation Work	50	0 0
Methodist World Conference Travel Fund	25	0 0
Methodist Social Services Assn.	5	0 0
Methodist Times Advertising Space	12	10 0
Printing and Stationery	300	0 0
Interest and Bank Charges	100	0 0
Home Missionaries' Study Confnce. Colportage Society of Otago—		
Southland	12	10 0
Workers' Compensation Insurance	40	0 0
Contingencies and Sundries	400	0 0
Share of Lotu Printing	50	0 0
	£2660	0 0

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

Stipend	590	0 0
Travelling	150	0 0
General Allowance	50	0 0
	£790	0 0

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

Stipend	565	0 0
Travelling	150	0 0
General Allowance	50	0 0
	£765	0 0

MISSIONARY IN MAORI WORK

Stipend	565	0 0
Travelling	125	0 0
	£690	0 0

CONNEXIONAL CHARGES FOR THE ABOVE

	225	0 0
	£225	0 0

GENERAL TREASURERS

Bookkeeping	180	0 0
General Expenses	20	0 0
	£200	0 0

OFFICE EXPENSES

Secretarial	350	0 0
Rent	220	0 0
Light and Power	10	0 0
Postages and Telegrams	125	0 0
Telephones, etc.	100	0 0
	£805	0 0

INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD —

RENT FOR PARSONAGES

Rent for 3 Parsonages	450	0 0
	£450	0 0

GRAND TOTAL OF ESTIMATED

EXPENDITURE —	£26,727	10 0
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Summary of Home Mission Department Estimates

INCOME			EXPENDITURE		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Circuits and H.M. Stations	14,905	0 0	Maori Work	16,342	10 0
Properties and Investments	2500	0 0	European and General	10,385	0 0
Special M.W.M.U.	3230	0 0			
Miscellaneous	250	0 0			
Deficit on Year's Working	5592	10 0			
	£26,727	10 0		£26,727	10 0

NOTE:

- (1) Debit Balance at 31st July, 1955: £3644/2/5.
- (2) Stipends adjusted in accordance with 1955 Conference Resolutions.

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30th, 1955

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Church Membership										Church Membership							
	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Number Recd. during Year			Number Removed from the Roll				Communi-cants		
									Members on Roll	New Members	Transfers from other Churches	By Death	Transfers to Other Circuits	Ceased to Attend	Net Increase		Net Decrease	On Probation	No. of Baptisms
Auckland Central	6	-	6	3	2	1	9	562	29	33	5	38	49	-	30	-	94	383
Auckland Central Mission	1	1	1	2	3	-	6	214	13	1	6	6	-	2	-	15	237	
Auckland South	4	2	3	2	4	-	8	399	28	36	4	46	9	5	-	90	397	
Auckland West	2	-	3	2	1	-	1	116	12	9	3	14	4	-	-	32	140	
Auckland East	12	-	4	7	14	1	31	963	31	68	18	53	9	19	-	63	850	
Avondale	4	3	3	2	6	-	13	430	32	26	14	37	2	5	-	35	374	
Henderson	4	4	1	1	2	1	3	187	10	26	4	6	5	21	-	46	173	
Devonport	3	-	2	1	2	-	5	185	1	2	5	6	-	8	-	12	165	
Takapuna	2	4	2	1	4	2	10	364	31	17	5	16	7	20	-	32	280	
Birkenhead	4	1	3	1	1	-	7	231	16	13	4	14	8	3	-	15	263	
Onehunga	5	-	4	1	1	-	11	269	22	12	1	26	6	1	-	31	250	
Otahuhu	2	-	1	1	1	-	3	159	9	-	4	12	-	7	-	24	150	
Papatoetoe	2	-	2	1	2	-	7	225	3	8	3	16	6	-	14	-	20	150
Papakura	3	2	2	1	2	-	4	182	7	8	1	8	5	1	-	48	130	
Pukekohe	5	3	2	1	2	-	8	157	2	6	2	6	-	-	-	8	130	
Bombay-Tuakau	2	3	-	1	1	-	5	99	2	10	-	7	-	5	-	8	78	
Waiuku	1	5	2	1	1	-	3	119	9	-	-	1	1	7	-	6	90	
Mahurangi	2	9	2	1	1	-	5	101	-	3	1	7	1	6	-	5	100	
North Waitemata	5	13	3	2	1	1	10	137	5	12	-	7	-	10	-	12	95	
Paparoa	4	4	1	1	1	-	3	89	6	1	3	-	1	3	-	8	70	
Dargaville	3	7	3	1	1	-	8	244	23	10	4	14	7	8	-	35	225	
Ruawai	3	1	-	1	1	-	4	110	6	6	2	15	-	5	-	10	110	
Whangarei	4	5	2	1	1	-	12	262	19	9	4	23	1	-	-	32	200	
Hikurangi	1	5	1	-	-	1	1	64	1	1	1	2	1	2	-	17	25	
Whangaroa	2	3	1	1	1	-	4	64	12	6	1	-	11	6	-	10	30	
Port Albert	7	4	4	1	1	1	4	141	13	5	1	6	-	11	-	27	150	
Kawakawa-Kaikohu	2	8	-	1	1	-	1	70	6	6	1	4	2	5	-	26	150	
Mangonui	4	3	3	1	1	-	3	82	2	4	-	4	3	-	1	23	50	
Hokianga	3	3	3	1	1	-	2	47	4	2	-	5	1	-	-	12	60	
Bay of Islands	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	28	
North Hokianga	3	7	2	1	-	1	2	69	-	-	2	9	2	-	13	10	72	
TOTALS	106	101	67	43	60	9	2193	6360	354	340	99	408	140	132	86	-	811	5605

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Thames	3	-	1	1	2	-	-	116	-	4	1	11	18	-	26	-	16	70
Hauraki Plains	2	4	-	1	1	1	-	61	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	11	35
Paeroa	1	1	1	1	2	-	-	54	1	1	-	-	-	2	-	4	50	
Waihi	1	5	1	1	1	-	2	85	-	5	4	3	1	3	-	9	66	
Te Aroha	4	1	3	1	1	-	2	198	11	2	1	4	3	5	-	15	187	
Morrinsville	3	4	3	2	1	-	4	255	14	6	3	16	-	1	-	41	260	
Cambridge	3	1	2	1	2	-	5	170	9	5	2	13	-	1	-	6	142	
Hamilton	5	2	4	3	3	2	-	534	10	40	5	53	12	-	21	48	495	
Hamilton East	3	3	3	1	1	-	9	250	31	24	2	9	3	41	-	27	300	
Huntly	1	7	-	1	1	-	2	88	11	2	1	8	1	3	-	23	50	
Matamata	3	5	1	1	1	-	3	169	18	8	2	6	10	8	-	22	155	
Putaruru	1	3	1	1	1	-	1	74	-	9	1	5	2	1	-	19	39	
Rotorua	2	3	2	1	1	-	9	173	-	16	-	7	-	9	-	12	110	
Tauranga	4	8	1	2	2	1	10	355	11	27	8	21	10	-	1	52	325	
Whakatane	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	62	-	-	-	2	2	-	4	-	12	35
Opotoki	2	2	2	1	-	1	-	51	-	2	1	1	2	-	2	-	12	70
Te Awamutu	2	3	2	1	2	-	1	205	17	10	3	12	1	11	-	15	200	
Otorohanga	1	10	1	1	1	-	2	101	1	5	1	3	4	-	2	-	12	91
Te Kuiti	1	4	-	1	1	-	2	67	4	12	2	6	-	8	-	14	40	
Taumarunui	1	4	-	1	1	-	2	67	1	8	-	11	-	2	-	9	40	
Ohura	3	7	1	-	1	-	3	50	5	3	-	2	-	6	-	13	61	
Kawerau	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	4	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ngaruawahia	3	-	1	1	-	1	-	54	6	5	-	4	-	7	-	22	30	
Kawhia	1	6	-	1	1	-	-	28	-	-	-	2	1	-	3	-	26	11
Coromandel	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	26	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	15	
Raglan Union	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	47	-	-	2	6	-	8	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	52	83	32	27	27	8	174	3344	151	198	41	205	70	102	74	-	470	2877

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

New Plymouth	7	3	5	3	6	2	17	621	10	10	6	14	-	-	-	-	70	480
Waitara	3	4	1	1	1	-	5	112	4	3	2	5	2	-	2	-	22	125
Stratford	7	1	1	1	1	-	4	175	-	5	4	1	6	-	6	-	24	110
Eltham-Kaponga	2	3	2	1	1	-	7	126	8	4	1	4	-	7	-	14	90	
Hawera	5	-	1	1	1	-	12	237	-	9	4	3	7	-	5	-	12	160
Mania	2	4	-	1	1	-	2	109	19	2	-	3	1	17	-	13	85	
Opunake	5	6	5	3	1	1	6	188	23	-	1	10	2	10	-	35	155	
Wanganui Central	2	1	1	1	2	-	4	230	11	10	3	18	2	-	2	-	13	250
Wanganui North	3	2	3	2	1	-	9	158	11	11	5	23	4	-	10	-	12	172
Wanganui West	3	-	1	1	1	-	2	102	2	7	-	3	-	6	-	8	80	
Taihape	1	2	1	-	1	-	-	37	2	4	-	6	2	-	2	-	10	18
Marton	1	1	1	2	1	-	2	70	1	2	1	6	1	-	5	-	11	57
Inglewood	2	2	1	1	-	1	-	91	2	4	2	6	-	-	2	-	6	35
Raetihi-Ohakune	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	37	12	3	-	1	1	13	-	12	20	
TOTALS	44	29	23	18	18	5	172	2293	105	74	29	103	28	53	34	-	262	1837

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Napier	4	1	4	2	4	1	15	433	30	30	4	33	7	16	-	-	43	300
Hastings	3	1	1	1	2	-	7	289	4	9	10	24	17	-	38	-	40	220
Gisborne	2	1	1	1	1	-	4	223	17	11	5	13	5	5	-	29	240	
Wairoa	1	4	1	1	1	-	1	34	-	2	-	1	1	-	-	3	15	
Dannevirke	1	1	1	1	1	-	4	104	5	2	3	6	1	-	3	-	11	55
Woodville	-	-	1	1	-	-	3	96	-	-	1	3	-	-	4	-	3	70
Pahiatua	3	3	1	1	1	-	4	106	3	1	1	5	1	-	3	-	9	100
Palmerston N.(St.Paul's)	1	1	3	1	1	-	2	300	1	21	3	14	1	4	-	38	225	
Palmerston N. (Trinity)	2	-	3	1	1	-	5	290	12	18	5	10	3	12	-	14	200	
Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe	3	-	2	1	1	-	4	110	10	-	2	1	-	7	-	-	80	
Feilding	6	2	4	2	1	1	6	363	24	19	4	13	8	18	-	26	241	
Sanson-Rongotea	3	-	2	1	1	-	2	167	20	-	2	5	5	8	-	25	93	
Waipawa	2	3	-	1	-	1	1	51	-	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	35	
Foxton-Shannon	4	1	2	1	1	1	8	122	10	8	3	7	-	8	-	15	112	
Apiti	2	2	-	1	-	1	-	57	-	-	-	3	2	-	5	-	6	37
Norsewood	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	51	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	3	30	
TOTALS	39	20	26	17	16	5	275	2796	138	124	43	141	51	80	53	-	265	2053

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Wellington Central	3	-	3	2	5	-	5	379	4	36	7	40	3	-	10	-	25	380
Wellington West	3	1	3	2	3	-	6	314	36	10	2	26	-	18	-	13	300	
Wellington South	2	-	3	2	2	-	5	200	-	11	4	12	9	-	14	-	14	189
Wellington East	4	-	2	3	4	-	5	391	13	21	8	20	5	1	-	38	385	
Wellington North	3	-	3	2	2	-	7	193	10	16	-	10	12	4	-	18	134	
Porirua	4	1	-	1	1	-	7	139	8	5	-	7	1	5	-	40	138	

**GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30th, 1955
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			On Probation	No. of Baptisms	Communi- cants	
										New Members	Transfers from other Churches	By Death	Transfers to Other Circuits	Ceased to Attend	Net Increase				Net Decrease
Nelson	2	1	4	1	3	-	-	9	343	-	26	4	21	2	-	1	-	16	260
Waimea	7	-	4	1	3	-	-	10	243	10	16	1	16	4	5	-	-	21	180
Motueka	1	3	3	1	1	1	-	7	110	1	3	1	1	2	-	-	-	3	94
Murchison	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	3	20	4	-	-	3	-	1	-	-	9	20
Blenheim	8	9	4	4	5	1	1	13	420	6	14	6	14	-	-	-	-	42	295
Reefton	2	2	1	1	-	1	-	3	71	-	2	1	4	-	-	3	-	10	65
Westport	2	-	1	1	1	-	-	1	88	-	3	2	2	-	-	1	-	3	63
Greymouth	2	4	1	1	1	-	-	2	204	1	8	2	11	4	-	8	-	5	170
Hokitika	1	1	1	1	-	1	-	2	55	1	2	-	3	1	-	1	-	2	53
TOTALS	26	24	19	11	14	4	1	50	1554	23	74	17	75	13	6	14	-	111	1200

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Durham Street	2	1	3	2	7	-	-	11	532	31	33	8	34	4	18	-	-	35	580
Central Mission	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	50	2	3	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	50
Christchurch East	8	1	7	4	9	-	1	5	651	5	43	13	65	10	-	40	-	73	550
Cambridge Terrace	3	-	3	2	1	-	-	3	99	-	8	-	6	2	-	-	-	12	85
Woolston	5	-	5	2	4	-	-	5	318	15	19	8	31	10	-	15	-	43	300
Sydenham	2	1	3	3	1	-	-	5	201	4	4	3	7	1	-	3	-	17	190
Addington	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	1	162	10	9	3	8	1	7	-	-	6	100
Riccarton	4	2	4	1	2	-	-	4	218	8	12	2	10	-	8	-	-	20	200
St. Albans	3	-	3	2	4	-	-	7	543	22	35	7	32	1	17	-	-	33	460
Papanui	3	-	1	2	1	-	-	4	190	4	13	3	8	3	3	-	-	19	170
Lyttelton	1	3	1	1	1	-	-	-	36	-	-	5	5	-	-	10	1	1	30
Springston	7	1	3	2	2	-	-	8	123	1	7	3	8	9	-	12	-	14	120
Leeston	4	-	1	1	2	-	-	5	200	14	4	3	5	-	10	-	-	11	120
Kaiapoi	2	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	115	4	4	-	2	6	-	-	-	24	60
Okoka	4	-	2	1	1	-	-	4	91	3	-	-	8	-	-	5	-	3	75
Rangiora	2	-	1	1	1	-	-	3	190	2	4	7	8	-	-	9	-	15	134
Woodend-Sefton	4	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	84	-	1	1	6	-	-	6	-	7	50
Greendale	2	5	-	1	1	-	-	5	87	5	4	1	8	2	-	2	-	5	77
Oxford	4	-	2	2	1	-	-	2	97	3	6	4	6	-	-	1	-	3	72
Harwarden	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	36	1	3	-	3	-	1	-	-	2	8
TOTALS	62	15	42	31	40	-	1	72	4023	134	212	71	100	49	69	103	-	343	3431

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Timaru (Banks Street)	1	2	2	1	2	-	-	2	199	2	7	3	9	20	-	23	-	15	175
Timaru Woodlands St.	1	-	2	1	1	-	-	1	214	2	8	6	6	-	-	2	-	21	225
Marchweil Union	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	39	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-
Timaru South	3	1	-	-	1	-	-	2	71	-	3	-	-	2	-	5	-	6	56
Waimate	2	-	2	1	2	-	-	1	187	4	3	2	7	2	-	4	-	8	131
Temuka	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	72	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	4	56
Geraldine	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	67	2	2	1	4	4	-	5	-	3	60
Ashburton	4	5	3	1	2	-	-	17	380	5	20	5	12	9	-	1	-	18	296
Willowby	6	4	3	2	1	-	-	6	128	1	7	1	10	2	-	4	-	10	97
Oamaru	3	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	157	9	11	2	19	6	-	7	-	7	121
TOTALS	23	14	16	9	12	-	1	29	1514	25	58	23	68	45	-	52	-	98	1217

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Central Church and Mission (Dunedin)	2	1	2	3	2	-	-	14	269	11	20	8	12	4	7	-	-	13	360
Dunedin (Dundas St.)	2	-	1	1	1	-	-	1	113	7	4	2	6	-	3	-	-	23	90
Dunedin North	3	-	3	1	1	-	-	-	131	-	5	2	6	-	-	3	-	-	109
Dunedin South	4	-	4	2	3	-	-	8	267	21	17	5	20	13	-	-	-	28	255
Corstorphine Union	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	3	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	3	10
Dunedin (St. Kilda)	3	-	1	1	2	-	-	2	166	3	8	2	15	1	-	7	-	11	141
Dunedin (Mornington)	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	4	158	7	12	4	4	8	3	-	-	12	135
Dunedin (Roslyn)	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	2	93	-	9	-	1	-	8	-	-	9	58
Port Chalmers	3	-	1	1	1	-	-	2	60	-	4	1	-	-	3	-	-	12	40
Milton	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	1	48	4	1	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	30
Roxburgh	3	-	1	1	1	-	-	2	56	-	4	1	6	-	3	-	-	4	52
Invercargill (Central)	2	2	2	1	2	-	-	5	292	20	7	5	15	5	2	-	-	34	150
Invercargill (St. Peter's)	3	-	1	2	1	-	-	4	221	28	11	3	10	2	24	-	-	21	200
Gore	2	-	1	2	1	-	-	1	105	7	-	2	5	3	-	3	-	6	55
Western Southland	7	2	1	1	1	-	-	4	123	-	6	2	6	1	-	3	-	24	103
Edendale	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	54	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	30
Mosgiel	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	60	-	4	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	56
Bluff	2	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	60	1	1	4	2	1	-	5	-	20	50
Cromwell-Alexandra	2	2	1	1	1	-	-	-	57	-	5	-	6	2	-	3	-	5	58
Waikouaiti	2	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	43	10	-	-	1	-	9	-	-	-	42
Balclutha	2	2	1	1	-	1	-	3	98	5	1	1	6	-	-	1	-	8	45
Lawrence	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	29	4	1	2	-	-	3	-	-	-	26
TOTALS	49	14	24	25	21	3	1	56	2513	133	120	44	124	41	72	28	-	233	2095

GENERAL FINANCIAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30th, 1955

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Stipends, etc.					State of Finances at 30th June			
	Annual Stipend (if 2 or more Ministers specify separately)	Bonus and/or Allowances (other than travelling) additional to Annual Stipend	Travelling (or Car) Allowance	Ownership of Car C. Circuit M. Minister	Circuit		Trust Account Totals		
					Cr. Balance	Dr. Balance	Total Credit Balances (excluding balances held for special purposes)	Total Debit Balances	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Auckland Central ..	580 0 0		All expenses	C	281 10 11		821 2 10	3080 13 5	
	510 0 0		50 0 0	M					
	440 0 0		50 0 0	M					
Auckland Central Mission	510 0 0		All expenses	M		112 3 9		89 19 4	
Auckland South ..	510 0 0		74 0 0	C	111 3 7		145 17 5		
	510 0 0		24 0 0	M					
	255 0 0		24 0 0	M					
Auckland West ..	510 0 0	20 0 0	102 0 0	M	69 11 9			3385 4 7	
Auckland East ..	520 0 0	5 0 0	62 0 0	M	413 12 10		1359 18 10	214 12 9	
	510 0 0	5 0 0	54 0 0	M					
	510 0 0	5 0 0	60 0 0	M					
	510 0 0	5 0 0	60 0 0	M					
	375 0 0	5 0 0	32 0 0	C					
	350 0 0	5 0 0							
Avondale ..	520 0 0		80 0 0	M		27 7 11	616 9 6	1323 13 8	
	510 0 0		36 0 0	M					
Henderson ..	510 0 0		150 0 0	M	25 12 8		70 3 6		
Devonport ..	510 0 0		40 0 0	M	43 4 1		212 12 7		
Takapuna ..	510 0 0		156 0 0	M	84 1 3		970 4 1	8 7 5	
Birkenhead ..	510 0 0		90 0 0	M	19 10 7		1043 16 6		
Onehunga ..	510 0 0		All expenses	C	7 2 9		60 11 10		
Otahuhu ..	510 0 0		50 0 0	M	21 6 3		103 1 5		
Papatoetoe ..	510 0 0				36 19 9			470 13 5	
Papakura ..	510 0 0		120 0	M	71 12 4		1310 17 0		
Pukekohe ..	498 0 0		All expenses	M	10 8 6		322 5 8		
Bombay-Tuakau ..	427 10 0	15 0 0	160 0 0	M	8 11 2		161 4 4		
Waiuku ..	510 0 0		80 0 0	C		15 5			
Mahurangi ..	510 0 0		137 10 0	M		30 18 5	9 0 4	576 3 8	
North Waitemata ..	510 0 0	20 0 0	135 0 0	M		107 14 2	343 18 5		
	440 0 0	20 0 0	135 0 0	M					
Paparoa ..	510 0 0		150 0 0	M	30 14 2		250 4 5		
Dargaville ..	501 15 0		186 0 0	M	165 18 2		361 1 11		
Ruawai ..	495 5 0		180 0 0	M	72 11 6		33 9 0		
Whangarei ..	535 0 0		105 0 0	M	2 8 3		123 9 2		
Hikurangi ..	314 0 0				6 17 0				
Whangaroa ..	510 0 0		All expenses	C	51 12 10		102 0 1		
Port Albert ..	510 0 0		200 0 0	M	1 0 0		135 8 6		
	330 0 0			M					
Kawakawa-Kaikohe ..	510 0 0		247 0 0	M		64 18 0	14 10 1		
Mangonui ..	510 0 0		All expenses	C	25 17 3		71 17 2	9 12 9	
Hokianga ..	426 0 0		153 0 0	C		9 10 2	131 16 2		
Bay of Islands ..					129 9 1		539 12 11		
North Hokianga ..	440 0 0		257 0 0	M		129 10 2		98 5 5	
TOTALS ..					1590 7 8	482 17 0	9214 13 8	9257 6 5	

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Thames ..	510 0 0		54 0 0	M		60 19 0	132 18 6	
Hauraki Plains ..	404 8 4		102 17 11	M	9 15 6		647 4 6	
Paeroa ..	510 0 0		17 16 0	M	37 4 2			11 14 4
Waihi ..	500 0 0		123 12 9	M	24 6 2		11 13 7	
Te Aroha ..	495 0 0		150 0 0	M	197 9 8		430 6 6	
Morrinsville ..	535 0 0	50 0 0	150 0 0	M	373 13 0		294 0 11	2073 5 7
Cambridge ..	510 0 0		84 0 0	M	145 6 2		45 19 10	
Hamilton ..	510 0 0	10 0 0	9d. per mile	M	531 19 2		1299 18 2	
	510 0 0	10 0 0		C				
	350 0 0	10 0 0						
Hamilton East ..	528 0 0	10 0 0		C	10 14 1		289 2 0	
Huntly ..	423 0 0			C	9 12 11		34 16 2	257 9 4
Matamata ..	550 0 0		150 0 0	M	114 0 6		154 4 1	
Putaruru ..	382 0 0	12 10 0	100 0 0	M		217 0 3	14 14 9	
Rotorua ..	502 10 0		168 0 0	M	12 12 2		1895 7 4	5687 6 3
Tauranga ..	510 0 0	20 0 0	99 12 8	M	45 12 3		134 2 0	969 18 4
	460 0 0	10 0 0	99 12 8	M				
	307 0 0		4 10 0					
Whakatane ..	435 0 0		55 0 0	M	42 5 9		66 2 10	
Opotiki ..			100 0 0	M	402 12 6		44 2 8	
Te Awamutu ..	510 0 0		177 5 3	M	111 19 7		253 10 8	
Otorohanga ..	501 5 0		73 4 9	C	38 8 1		99 7 2	
Te Kuiti ..	388 6 11		104 10 3	M		37 7 5		181 9 11
Taumarunui ..	440 0 0		100 0 0	M		116 8 2	146 8 7	
Ohura ..	380 0 0		107 7 0	C		66 17 0	15 7 1	
Kawerau ..					28 6 9			
Ngaruawahia ..	460 0 0		60 0 0	M	209 2 2		215 14 11	
Kawhia ..	427 0 0			C		22 0 11		
Coromandel ..	52 0 0				15 5 4		70 10 8	
TOTALS ..	12090 10 3	132 10 0	2081 9 3		2370 5 11	520 12 9	6295 12 11	9181 3 9

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

New Plymouth ..	572 0 0		50 0 0	M	17 15 1		541 19 4	264 17 7
	510 0 0		50 0 0	M				
	510 0 0		50 0 0	M				
Waitara ..	510 0 0		150 0 0	M		3 4 5	229 3 0	
Stratford ..	510 0 0		162 0 0	M	53 12 6		76 2 10	223 17 9
Eltham-Kaponga ..	510 0 0		All expenses	C	76 7 8		107 12 9	
Hawera ..	516 0 0		102 0 0	M	56 17 8		177 17 1	
Manai ..	510 0 0		108 0 0	M	195 18 0		10 17 4	
Opunake ..	510 0 0		175 0 0	C		214 15 0	188 8 10	
	460 0 0		175 0 0	C				
Wanganui Central ..	568 0 0		78 0 0	M	79 12 0		383 5 3	
Wanganui North ..	510 0 0		35 0 0	M	85 8 2		345 18 7	
Wanganui West ..	510 0 0		4 0 0		55 18 5		108 15 3	
Taihape ..	382 0 0		37 8 7	M/Cy.	45 2 4		211 2 8	
Marton ..	382 0 0		20 0 0		7 3 0		63 5 10	
Inglewood ..	440 0 0		All expenses	C	13 18 5		32 4 3	
Raetihi-Ohakune ..	81 0 0	33 1 6			152 7 6		470 7 2	
TOTALS ..	7991 0 0	33 1 6	1196 8 7		840 0 9	217 19 5	2947 0 2	488 15 4

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Napier ..	535 0 0		80 0 0	M	222 16 9		194 19 9	
	510 0 0		70 0 0	M				
Hastings ..	510 0 0		80 0 0	M	49 2 6		388 13 8	
Gisborne ..	510 0 0		104 0 0	M	150 9 3		195 7 6	3641 1 11
Wairoa ..	399 17 11	3 3 0	78 6 4	M	11 7 8		39 12 2	
Dannevirke ..	510 0 0	5 0 0		C		47 7 6	63 5 9	
Woodville ..	292 0 0		46 17 2		109 10 8		34 11 2	
Pahiatua ..	510 0 0		97 16 0	M	79 1 1		181 0 9	
Palmerston N.(St.Paul's)	542 10 0		80 0 0	M	385 8 1		194 16 10	409 10 9
	330 0 0							
Palmerston N. (Trinity)	540 0 0		100 0 0	M	40 12 2			99 10 6
Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe	510 0 0	10 0 0	80 0 0	M	76 7 8		292 5 10	
Feilding ..	510 0 0		111 10 0	M	82 6 10		294 13 8	
	432 14 2		102 10 0	M				
Sanson-Rongotea ..	510 0 0		200 0 0	M	50 14 6			368 7 11
Waipawa ..	330 0 0	25 0 0	80 0 0	M	28 15 2		198 11 9	
Foxton-Shannon ..	440 0 0		104 0 0	M	16 1 7		76 0 7	66 14 11
Apiti ..	405 0 0	12 0 0	197 10 0	M	41 3 4			20 11 6
Norsewood ..						65 0 0		
TOTALS ..	8327 2 1	55 3 0	1612 9 6		1343 17 3	112 7 6	2453 19 4	4605 17 6

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Wellington Central ..	609 13 10		144 0 0	M	539 5 10		2638 13 10	
	501 5 0		18 0 0					
Wellington West ..	542 10 0		20 0 0		35 2 5		409 19 9	
	507 10 0		30 0 0	M				
Wellington South ..	497 10 0	25 0 0	40 0 0	M	91 13 8		432 8 0	
	387 10 0		20 0 0	M				
Wellington East ..	530 0 0		55 0 0	M		91 15 11	285 0 3	2988 7 6
	500 0 0		45 0 0	M				
	500 0 0		20 0 0					
Wellington North ..	501 5 0		54 0 0	M		59 9 1	700 9 8	
	501 5 0		29 0 0	M				
Porirua ..	501 0 0		204 0 0	M	38 13 2		430 1 0	
Hutt ..	550 0 0		150 0 0	M	86 17 0		3778 0 7	
	520 0 0		150 0 0	M				
	382 10 0		15 0 0					
Upper Hutt ..	461 11 8	16 0 0	50 0 0	M		34 16 2	72 16 6	211 2 3
Petone ..	505 8 4		60 0 0	M	85 6 1		13 18 11	
Greytown-Featherston	432 8 4			C	24 9 5		572 0 6	
Carterton ..	501 5 0			C	36 1 9		103 17 8	9 12 1
Masterton ..	515 0 0	12 10 0	90 0 0	M	48 2 10		87 11 3	
	377 0 0		12 0 0					
Eketahuna ..	461 11 8		124 16 6	C	38 8 1		134 14 8	
Levin ..	504 3 4							

GENERAL FINANCIAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30th, 1955
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.	£ s. d.	
Nelson	510 0 0		100 0 0	M	96 18 1		385 10 3		
Waimea	382 0 0								
Motueka	510 0 0		144 0 0	M	35 18 4		428 2 3	29 19 5	
Murchison	382 0 0								
Blenheim	468 0 0	7 0 0	52 0 0	M	16 10 4		34 13 10	18 1 7	
	507 10 0		93 8 5	C	235 16 3	45 13 0	12 11 7		
Reefton	452 13 3		146 7 8	C			2684 6 7		
Westport	147 1 8								
Greymouth	440 0 0		Nil	M	120 15 9		343 3 5		
Hokitika	510 0 0		54 0 9	M	125 18 3		28 5 0		
	510 0 0		70 0 0	M		16 6	257 10 1	1040 5 11	
	353 0 0		8 0 0			30 4 4	19 18 8		
TOTALS	5172 4 11	7 0 0	667 16 10		641 17 0	76 13 10	4194 1 8	1088 6 11	

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Durham Street	545 0 0	25 0 0	100 0 0	M	294 4 3		461 0 7	
Central Mission	510 0 0	10 0 0	50 0 0	M				
Christchurch East	550 0 0		All expenses	M				
	522 0 0	2 0 0	40 0 0	M	47 10 1		826 16 5	69 10 6
	497 0 0		25 0 0	M				
	497 0 0		42 0 0	M				
	497 0 0		40 0 0	M				
Cambridge Terrace	406 9 2		43 5 2	M	20 14 0		684 0 10	
Woolston	510 0 0	2 0 0	40 0 0	M	59 19 2		453 8 11	
	510 0 0		30 0 0	M				
	100 0 0		10 0 0	M				
Sydenham	510 0 0		78 0 0	M	146 10 11		121 3 2	15 8
Addington	510 0 0		26 0 0	M		19 10 10	70 0 0	2040 0 0
Riccarton	501 5 0		40 0 0	M	3 19 0		442 7 10	
	375 11 8		15 0 0	Cycle				
St. Albans	520 0 0		46 0 0	M	32 1 4		1038 4 0	
	510 0 0		46 13 4	M				
	510 0 0		50 0 0	M				
Papanui	510 0 0		30 0 0	M	32 13 5		194 4 10	
Lyttelton	400 0 0		12 0 0	M	232 13 7		360 0 11	
Springston	501 5 0		177 2 0	M			262 13 8	5 6 5
Leeston	510 0 0		120 0 0	M	388 17 0		377 5 9	
Kaiapoi	510 0 0		60 0 0	M	52 15 8		48 16 3	
Ohoka	156 0 0		100 0 0	M	254 12 1		164 5 11	
Rangiora	501 5 0		72 0 0	M	85 18 2		172 17 4	
Woodend-Sefton			150 0 0	M	100 0 0		504 16 9	
Greendale	422 6 8		150 0 0	M	73 5 7		1057 14 11	
Oxford	510 0 0		100 0 0	M		39 6 3	290 8 1	
Harwarden			55 0 0	M	65 17 0		2 18 0	
TOTALS	12602 2 6	39 0 0	1748 0 6		1891 11 3	58 17 1	7533 4 2	2115 12 7

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Timaru (Banks Street)	520 0 0		78 0 0	M	13 7 7		38 19 6	
Timaru (Woodlands Street)	510 0 0			M				
Marchweil Union	550 0 0		52 0 0	M	142 18 2		66 14 6	
Timatu South	382 0 0				3 1 6			
Waimate	510 0 0		96 0 0	M	187 18 5			187 14 11
Temuka			100 0 0	M	24 8 9		34 15 6	
Geraldine	510 0 0				37 14 4		29 9 6	
Ashburton	524 19 0		175 0 0	M	985 10 2		559 15 4	904 3 5
	440 0 0		72 18 0	M				
Willowby	510 0 0		200 0 0	M	31 6 8		190 7 4	
Oamaru	510 0 0		40 0 0	M		2 16 11	77 13 11	
TOTALS	4966 19 0		813 18 0		1426 5 7	2 16 11	997 15 7	1091 18 4

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Central Church and Mission (Dunedin)	640 0 0		100 0 0	M	8 10 9		607 1 1	
	382 0 0		15 0 0	C				
	312 0 0		15 0 0					
Dunedin (Dundas St.)	510 0 0		50 0 0	M	50 5 9		18 10 7	238 0 0
Dunedin North	439 5 0		64 0 0	M		82 4 4	43 0 2	115 8 6
Dunedin South	510 0 0		20 0 0	M		5 14 3	48 18 4	816 2 7
	510 0 0							
	230 0 0		25 0 0					
Dunedin (St. Kilda)	510 0 0		60 1 8	M	35 7 11		53 1 2	
Dunedin (Mornington)	510 0 0		40 0 0	M	93 11 1		20 8 3	
Dunedin (Roslyn)	478 11 8		20 0 0	M			11 10 11	80 6 11
Port Chalmers	438 15 0		38 10 0	M		51 0 8	134 2 10	
Milton	510 0 0		17 8 6	M	67 4 7		56 18 3	
Roxburgh	428 2 6		85 0 0	M		5 19 1	64 5 6	
Invercargill (Central)	510 0 0	40 0 0	95 0 0	M	43 18 9		367 5 7	
	382 0 0	20 0 0	6 0 0					
Invercargill (St. Peters)	501 0 0	45 0 0	75 0 0	M	112 10 5		372 7 8	
Gore	470 0 0		90 16 0	M	71 12 4		110 4 6	54 8 7
Western Southland	440 0 0		200 0 0	M	28 10 7		136 7 5	
Edendale	82 0 0		56 0 0		62 16 0		54 3 2	
Mosgiel	460 0 0		10 0 0	M		9 9 4	836 15 9	
Bluff	377 10 0		34 2 8	M	85 2 10		43 3 0	
Cromwell-Alexandra	427 16 8		107 19 10	M		9 0 7	20 3 10	
Waikouaiti	427 0 0		10 0 0		50 8 2		24 1 11	
Balclutha	440 0 0		30 0 0	M	37 2 7		120 6 10	
Lawrence			96 19 0	M	43 5 0		35 19 10	
TOTALS	10926 0 10	105 0 0	1361 17 8		790 6 9	163 8 3	3178 16 7	1304 6 7

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